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A Guide to Speakers and Sources

The UT Martin Guide to Speakers and Sources features the wide range of talent and expertise found among the university’s faculty and staff. News media and other organizations are encouraged to reference this information for subject-matter experts who can serve as speakers for meetings and events or as resources to answer questions on a range of topics.

Speakers are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry contains contact information and topics. This list is searchable by name or keyword.

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- Rhetoric
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- Atomic, molecular and optical physics (including biophysics applications)
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- Physics education research
- Applied physics or history of technology-related topics

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- Humanities
- Importance of humanities studies
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- Women/gender studies
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- Engaging English-language learners
- Motivating students
- Building an engaging learning environment
- Learning through music
- Classroom management

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- Current legal issues
- State and federal law
- Constitutional law

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- Racial relations
- Civil rights history
- History of the 1960s
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- Agriculture education
- Youth organizations
- Positive youth development
- Teaching methods
- Leadership education
- History of American agriculture
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- Correctional training
- Leadership and management
- Women’s issues in corrections
- Horse rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming in West Tennessee

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- History of philosophy
- Catholic philosophy and theology

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- Health promotion; wellness; disease prevention
- Holistic nursing
- Medical-surgical nursing
- Leadership and management in nursing
- Nursing education
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- Beef cattle production  
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- Breastfeeding support and breastmilk donation

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- Declaration of Independence

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- The Silk Road of the 21st century  
- The European Union today  
- Stalin, Hitler and the Holocaust  
- Popular culture in Europe, 19th – 20th centuries  
- The Huguenots  
- West Tennessee in World War I  
- Europe 1945-present  
- Poetry and translation  
- Memorialization and poetry: The case study of the Holocaust
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- High school athletics
- Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA)
- Refereeing high school sports
- Collegiate athletics
- Coaching
- Recruiting
- Collegiate experience

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- Goal setting for your organization

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- Entrepreneurship
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- American history; Civil War, military history and related issues
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- Military history and issues
- Politics and international relations
- Esophageal cancer

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- Leadership and interpersonal communications
- Public-speaking skills
- Self-esteem
- Conflict resolution
- Women’s issues

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- DNA technology
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- Professional presence  
- Professional attire  
- Career paths  
- Resume and job interview tips and techniques  
- Teaching students writing skills  
- Business grammar  
- Presentation skills

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- General economic events
- Financial/economic issues

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- Child development
- Parenting
- Successful aging
- Gerontology
- Family caregiving
- Elder mistreatment
- Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
- Childhood resilience
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- Chaos applied to financial markets
- Gifted education
- Heartbeat; EKG research
- Elementary particle physics
- Nonlinear dynamics and chaos
- Physics education
- Robotics

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- Understanding international students in the mainstream classroom
- Enhancing instruction to support international students in the mainstream classroom
- Immigration terminology and status expectations
- What is culture and what kind of feelings/beliefs do we have?
- International student support

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- Wetlands; land use  
- Composting  
- Environmental education  
- Agroecosystems  
- Sustainability  
- Resource and energy conservation  
- Biotechnology  
- Applications of biotechnology

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- Early intervention speech-language pathology
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- Sexually transmitted infections
- Smoking cessation; substance abuse
- Substance dependence

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- Evolution
- Fossils and earth history
- General topics in geology and paleontology
- Geology of Tennessee
- Geoscience education
- Marine geology and oceanography
- Natural disasters

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- Poetry
- Readings of original poetry
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- Human impact on freshwater ecosystems

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- Public relations planning
- UT Martin overview and update

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- Market structures, pricing, forecasting and microstructure
- International and Middle East issues

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- Construction project management
- Leadership
- Women’s issues
- Teenage/college-age issues
- Marriage and family
- Sign language (not a licensed interpreter)

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- What can music do for children?
- Music and young children
- Piano
- Flute
- Music for the trio of piano, flute and clarinet
- Time management for busy people
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• Being an effective communicator
• Conflict prevention and management
• Diversity training
• Grief issues
• Suicide prevention and awareness; QPR training
• Alcohol and drug topics
• Emotional health and wellness
• Mental health topics
• Positive living
• Relationships
• Positive parenting
• Decision-making skills
• Test/performance anxiety
• Stress management
• Time management

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- History of Christian/Muslim relations

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- Employee motivation
- Goal setting
- Customer service
- Business communication
- Business management

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- U. S. foreign policy
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- Computer/media arts
- 3D printing technology

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- Leadership
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- Human resource management
- Organizational effectiveness and environmental sustainability
- Business ethics; power and politics in organizations
- Leadership
- Organizational communication; employee motivation; teams; industrial psychology
- Stress management
- Time management
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- History of Ireland
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- Experiential learning activities for team building, leadership and communication skills

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- Agriculture policy issues
- Agricultural management and marketing issues
- International agriculture
- Biofuels
- Energy economics
- Teaching technology
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- Sustainability issues

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- Operation of local, state or federal governments
- Leadership and motivational topics
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- Livestock marketing
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- Farm management and marketing
- Agricultural price analysis
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- Nursing education  
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- Health topics

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- Radio broadcasting  
- College radio – WUTM  
- Mass media changes and trends  
- Mass media history  
- Broadcast news media  
- Propaganda efforts; political media campaigns

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- International conflicts  
- Maps; cartography; geographic information systems (GIS)  
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- Habitat for Humanity
- History of mathematics
- Point-set topology
- Catholicism

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- Breast cancer issues
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- Service-learning implementation
- Lions Quest curriculum training
- Classroom organization and management program
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• Special education
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• Applied behavior analysis
• Classroom management
• Social skills

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• Enhancing self-esteem
• STEM activities
• Creating summer camp opportunities
• Teacher computer training
• Community computer training
• Higher-education leadership
• Teacher efficacy
• How to apply for grant funds
• Grant writing for non-profits
• Motivating leaders through mentoring
• Servant leadership
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- Public speaking
- Rhetoric
- Political communication
- Conspiracy theories
- Multicultural communication
- Debate

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- Motivational or inspirational talks

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- Conflict resolution
- Human resources
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- Workplace bullying
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- College readiness
- Leadership
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- Ecotourism/avitourism and conservation biology
- Various topics related to birds
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- African American history
- World War I – American perspective
- Online learning/education

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- International Phonetic Alphabets (IPA)
- Kinesthetic approach to vocal techniques
- Vocal “yoga,” literature and health