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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 can reference this information for subject-matter experts who can serve as speakers for meetings and events or as resources to answer questions on many topics.

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

The Office of University Relations can assist you in making contacts or answer any related questions about this service. For assistance, please contact us by telephone at 731-881-7615 or by email at univerlail@utm.edu.



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- Writing
- Writing across the curriculum
- Developing drafts
- Composition
- Rhetoric
- Creative writing



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- Atomic, molecular and optical physics (including biophysics applications)
- Lasers; optics (applied and fundamental problems)
- Physics education research
- Applied physics or history of technology-related topics



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- Business management
- Consumer behavior
- Corporate social responsibility
- Customer service
- Educator preparation
- International business/culture
- Manufacturing
- Marketing strategies; issues in marketing
- Operational efficiency
- Product development
- Purchasing



Patrick Baker

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- Current legal issues
- State and federal law
- Constitutional law
- Energy and natural resources law
- Environmental law



David Barber

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- Civil rights
- Racial relations
- Civil rights history
- History of the 1960s
- African American history
- Black Lives Matter



Amanda Batts

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- Instructional leadership
- Trauma-informed practices of both students and teachers
- Cultural competency in education
- Leading for equity
- The power of connection students, educators and community members



Chris Baxter

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- Government and politics; courts
- Law school (pre-law advising)
- Tennessee politics



Erica Bell

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Programs

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- Off-campus educational sites/branch campus administration
- Distance and online education
- Dual enrollment and early post-secondary opportunities
- Career and technical education
- Hyflex—distance learning classrooms



Will Bird

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- Agriculture education
- Youth organizations
- Positive youth development
- Teaching methods
- Leadership education
- History of American agriculture



William Bishop

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- European/Near Eastern/East Asian history
- English (early Medieval-Modern)/German (late Medievalearly Modern) literature
- Business/professional communication
- Business administration
- German/Old English (Anglo-Saxon)/Latin language
- Educational pedagogy/course design/classroom management
- Brand creation/technology usage/social media promotion



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- Choral and general music education
- Christian hymnology
- History and philosophy of music education



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- Community corrections
- Correctional training
- Lynching in West Tennessee
- Memorializing victims of lynching
- Leadership and management



Christopher Brown

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- Philosophy
- History of philosophy
- Catholic philosophy and theology



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- Health promotion
- Holistic nursing
- Leadership and management in nursing
- Population health nursing
- Nursing education



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- Breastfeeding
- Contraceptive options
- Critical care
- Nursing history
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Women's health promotion



Trisha Capansky

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- Technical communications
- Resume writing; career building
- Urban planning
- Declaration of Independence



David Carithers

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- Essay writing
- Songwriting
- Topics in American literature from beginnings to present
- Coordinating community reading programs/book clubs



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- General topics in nutrition
- Nutrition per age (infant, child, elderly)
- Sports nutrition
- Illness/disease and nutrition (diabetes, heart disease)
- Weight loss, weight management



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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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- Enrollment in four-year institutions
- Academic program development
- Higher education in Tennessee
- Student success at four-year institutions



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- Supply chain management
- Operational efficiency
- Health-care management
- Data science
- International business/culture



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- American history; Civil War
- Latin American and Mexican history; current events and culture
- Military history and related issues
- Politics and international relations
- Esophageal cancer
- Member of "The House Band" available to play campus and community events



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- Financial markets; investments
- Corporate bonds; municipal bonds
- Student-managed investment funds
- Financial literacy



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- General astronomy
- Astrophotography
- Photometry of variable stars
- Star and planet formation
- Astronomical observatories
- General physics
- Cosmic and stellar evolution



Dexter Davis

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- The business of sport
- Internships and experiential education
- Mega events (Super Bowl, Final Four, etc.)
- International sport business



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- Business communication
- Professional presence
- Professional attire
- Career paths
- Resume and job interview tips and techniques
- Teaching students writing skills
- Business grammar
- Presentation skills
- Networking
- Community service
- Experiential learning
- Writing and AI (artificial intelligence)



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Sciences

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- Adult education; degree completion
- Forensics
- Law enforcement/police: operations, training, policy



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- Child development
- Parenting
- Successful aging
- Gerontology
- Family caregiving
- Elder mistreatment
- Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
- Childhood resilience



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- Leadership
- Team Building
- Veteran and dependent student support
- Military-to-civilian transition support
- Physical fitness programs



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- Chaos theory applied to economics
- Gifted education
- Heart rate variability analysis using nonlinear dynamics
- Elementary particle physics
- Nonlinear dynamics and chaos
- Physics education
- Robotics and autonomous driving



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- Consumer behavior
- Advertising
- Brand management
- Ethical consumption



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- The Federal Reserve System
- Alexander Hamilton, father of the U.S. economy
- Economics of good and evil
- Ethics and the U.S. economy and financial system
- The unique role of philanthropy in the U.S.
- Community banks and rural U.S. economies



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- Females in athletics
- Coaching females
- Pitching at the collegiate level
- Fast-pitch pitching
- Healthy habits and body image



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- Mental health and illness
- Health assessment and care
- Acoustic neuroma



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- Television production
- Directing and editing
- Photojournalism (video and still)
- Digital media production
- Sports production



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- Enrollment management
- Post-secondary student success
- Higher education funding formula



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- Spanish and Galician literature, language, and linguistics
- History, cinema, music, and popular culture of Spain
- Literary theory and writing
- History of jazz and American roots music



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- Speech and language development and disorders
- Hearing science
- Face processing and vision
- Development and the brain
- Neurological diseases and disorders



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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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Entomology

• Freshwater ecology

Mammalogy



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- Financial planning; investment and portfolio management; security markets; project financing; hedging and risk management
- Option and futures markets
- 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)



Elaine Harriss

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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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- Ancient Greece, ancient Rome, late antiquity, Medieval, Renaissance
- World history
- Gender in the Ancient World and early Christianity
- Early Christianity; church history
- History of Christian/Muslim relations



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- International organizations such as the EU and UN
- European politics, elections and parties
- Comparative immigration politics
- Niche political parties



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- Social psychology
- Human relations
- Industrial-organizational psychology (psych and work)
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- Social psychology and the law



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



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- SACS accreditation
- Assessment
- Academic programs and policies
- Math education



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- Information literacy
- Media literacy
- Mass media and society
- Propaganda
- Imperialism



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- Visual art
- Graphic design
- Computer/media arts
- Artificial intelligence art



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- Management
- Leadership
- Small-business management
- Human resource management



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- Irish literature and culture (especially James Joyce)
- Film studies
- 19th and 20th Century British literature (emphasis on Modernist and Romantic periods)



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- Singing; opera; musical theatre; vocal music
- Effective/dynamic use of the speaking voice
- Care and maintenance of the voice
- History and usage of music in movies



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- Resume and cover letter writing
- Personal branding/building a LinkedIn profile
- Networking, job search and interview strategies



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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
- American Revolution; Lincoln and the Civil War;
 Declaration of Independence; United States
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- Current politics; politics in Chicago and Boston



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- Agriculture policy issues
- Agricultural management and marketing issues
- International agriculture
- Entrepreneurship



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- Print and online journalism
- Community journalism
- Mass media and society
- First Amendment law; freedom of the press



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- History and phonetics of the Spanish language
- Mexican history, literature and cinema
- Latin American history and literature
- Studies in Spanish and Latin American popular culture



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- Library and information resources
- History of libraries at UT Martin
- Industrial history
- History of clay mining in West Tennessee



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- Criminal justice/law enforcement
- Military issues
- Leadership and followership
- Organizational change



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- Marriage and family relationships
- Sex education



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- Wildlife
- Natural resources management
- Sustainability issues



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- Livestock and poultry marketing and policy
- Agricultural commodity markets
- Farm management and marketing
- Agricultural price analysis
- Agricultural marketing



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- Nursing education
- Physical examination
- Health topics



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- International relations
- Asian politics
- China (U.S.-China trade war)
- South Asia (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan)
- U.S. foreign policy
- International trade
- Regional development



Richard Robinson

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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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- Maps; cartography; geographic information systems
- "Gas-food-and lodging"



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- Neuroimaging and brain mapping
- Pediatric concussion and traumatic brain injury
- Virtual reality
- Artificial intelligence



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- Habitat for Humanity
- History of mathematics
- Point-set topology
- Catholicism



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- Severe weather
- Winter weather, tropical weather
- Climate change
- Storm chasing
- Numerical weather prediction models



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- Social class
- Multiculturalism
- Social class pedagogical practices in counseling



Terry Silver

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- Service-learning implementation
- Lions Quest curriculum training
- Classroom organization and management program
- Social and emotional learning (adults and students)
- Mindfulness training in education
- Trauma-informed instruction



Philip Smartt

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- Drone technology
- State parks and national parks
- Forestry
- Natural resources
- Heritage interpretation
- Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences



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- Special education
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Applied behavior analysis
- Classroom management
- Social skills



Anderson Starling

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- Local, state or federal elections
- Federal government and institutions
- National and regional American politics



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- Public speaking
- Rhetoric
- Political communication
- Conspiracy theories
- Multicultural communication
- Debate



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- Business management
- Mediation
- Conflict resolution
- Human resources
- Discrimination
- Workplace bullying
- Organizational behavior
- Government mandates in the workplace



Tim Wallace

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- Severe weather and storm chasing
- Winter weather
- Other weather- and climate-related topics



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- Animal health
- Animal husbandry
- Animal science
- Veterinary sciences



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- Transitioning from high school to college
- Navigating the college scene
- Study skills
- Time management/organization
- College readiness
- Leadership
- Athletic training career preparation



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- Ecotourism/avitourism and conservation biology
- Various topics related to birds
- Ecology of cavity-nesting birds in Tennessee



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- African American history
- World War I American perspective
- Online learning/education



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- Nursing history
- Leadership and management in nursing
- Cultural competency in nursing
- Simulation in nursing



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- Classical vocal training
- International Phonetic Alphabets (IPA)
- Kinesthetic approach to vocal techniques
- Vocal "yoga," literature and health
- Women composers