



**Mississippi State University
College of Education
Research Committee
2025-2026**

Members	Department	Term Expiration
Dr. Daniel Gadke, Chair	Associate Dean for Research	
Dr. Ryan Ross	Music	2026
Dr. Jason Baker	Music	2027
Dr. Meme Staggers	Counseling, Higher Education Leadership, Educational Psychology, & Foundations	2027
Dr. Kayla Bates-Brantley	Counseling, Higher Education Leadership, Educational Psychology, & Foundations	2026
Dr. Katie Oswalt	Industrial Technology, Instructional Design, & Community College Leadership	2026
Dr. Greg Francom	Industrial Technology, Instructional Design, & Community College Leadership	2026
Dr. Megan Holmes	Kinesiology	2027
Dr. Gregg Twietmeyer	Kinesiology	2026
Dr. Kim Smith	Teacher Education and Leadership	2027
Dr. Leigh Ann McMullan	Teacher Education and Leadership	2026
Dr. Chase McCullum	Meridian Division of Education	2027
Dr. Alisha Milam	Meridian Division of Education	2026

Ex-Officio	
Dr. Michele McDonnall	Director, NRTC
Dr. Kasee Stratton-Gadke	Executive Director, MIOD
Mr. Kyle Baggerly	Contract & Grant Specialist

Purposes and Procedures

The College of Education Research Committee provides guidance to the Dean and Associate Dean for Research on promoting short-range and long-range goals related to increasing research collaboration with other colleges and increasing sponsored and non-sponsored research. The committee helps plan and organize research events, helps increase professional development activities in the area of research, develops collaborative research teams centered around established

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“niche” areas, promotes individual faculty research and collaborative research projects within the College, and otherwise fosters or promotes COE research activities, including the development and upkeep of a research webpage.

Membership

Membership of the Research Committee is comprised of two appointed representatives from each academic department, including the Division of Education (Meridian), and the Associate Dean for Research. Members from the academic departments must hold the rank of assistant professor/assistant clinical/teaching professor or above.

Each member of the Research Committee serves a period of two years. A member is appointed for no more than two consecutive terms. Members are appointed by the Dean and Associate Dean for Research in consultation with each respective department head as appropriate. The appointments are made during the spring semester with membership to become official in August of the forthcoming academic year.