

FACULTY SABBATICAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

Any tenured member of the University faculty may apply for sabbatical leave for the purpose of increasing the recipient's professional competence and usefulness to the University. Sabbatical leave may be used for research, writing or studying at a place of the recipient's choosing. University personnel holding tenured faculty rank whose duties are primarily administrative are also eligible for sabbatical leaves. A minimum of six years of academic service at the University must precede each period of sabbatical leave, although no right accrues automatically through lapse of time. Sabbatical leaves are not ordinarily available for the purpose of obtaining an advanced degree. A faculty member who fails to return to the University for at least one academic year immediately following sabbatical leave is obligated to repay the amount of compensation received from the University during the period of his or her leave.

College of Agriculture, Life Sciences & Natural Resources

Department of Ecosystem Science & Management

Murphy, Melanie Professor Academic Year 2026-2027

Dr. Melanie Murphy will use her sabbatical to lead an edited book with Dr. Lisette Waits (University of Idaho), Dr. Sam Cushman (University of Oxford), Dr. Andrew Storfer (Washington State University), and Niko Balkenhol (University of Göttinge). In addition to collaborating with co-editors, Dr. Murphy visit Dr. Stephanie Manel (University Montilier) and/or Dr. Ella Vázquez-Domíngue (University of Mexico) to work on book chapters and to gain state-of-the art metabarcoding and genomics training (funding pending). At the end of Dr. Murphy's sabbatical, she will submit a book manuscript to Wiley Publishing (to Andrew Harrison, Wiley editor) with the goal of the book being available for ECOL/REWM 5860 Landscape Genetics for Spring 2028.

Agriculture & Applied Economics

Hansen, Kristiana Professor Spring Semester 2027

Dr. Kristiana Hansen will use her sabbatical to collaborate with faculty at Cardiff University (Water Research Institute and the Economics Dept) and local water managers at Welsh Water in Wales. Dr. Hansen will compare existing policy responses to drought risk and evaluate the economic tradeoffs of different drought adaptation strategies in Wales and the western U.S. At the end of her sabbatical Dr. Hansen will prepare at least one research manuscript reporting study results for publication and a UW Extension bulletin reporting just the western U.S. results but within a global context.

Department of Botany

Shoemaker, Lauren Assoc Professor Spring & Fall 2027

Dr. Lauren Shoemaker is applying for a sabbatical in 2027 to expand her current research program examining ecological community dynamics under global change to develop new quantitative techniques, facilitate comparisons of ecological communities across systems, and to generate grant proposals for the National Science Foundation's Emerging Mathematics in Biology (eMB) call

and the joint U.S.-Switzerland International Collaboration Opportunity. Dr. Shoemaker will be hosted by Dr. Oscar Godoy at the Spanish Research Council's Estación Biológica de Doñana during spring 2027, where she will develop network approaches for quantifying the topology of species interaction networks and conduct a comparative study between annual grasslands in Europe and the United States. Dr. Shoemaker will return to Laramie for the summer field season, after which she will be hosted by Dr. Janneke Hille Ris Lambers at the University of Zurich, where she will lead a comparative study of alpine community responses to global change between the Rocky Mountains and the Swiss Alps.

Department of Botany

Weiss-Lehman, Christopher Assoc Professor Spring & Fall 2027

In my sabbatical I will work with collaborators in Spain and Switzerland to learn and develop new statistical techniques to better incorporate species interactions and genomic data into my lab's research. In particular, these techniques will allow me to extend my research program's findings from laboratory-based microcosms and theoretical models to real-world systems. This work will result in several peer-reviewed scientific publications and contribute to at least two future grant proposals to the National Science Foundation.

Department of Botany

Williams, David Professor Fall Semester 2026

My proposed Fall 2026 sabbatical leave based at the Desert Botanical Gardens in Pheonix will accomplish the following objectives: 1) I will develop an experiential field course titled Environmental Biology of North America's Deserts to be offered to undergraduates at the University of Wyoming in spring semester 2027; 2) I will collaborate with the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) to analyze data and publish a peer-reviewed journal article on leaf and soil chemical composition determined from NEON samples collected from three desert biome sites; and 3) I will collaborate with researchers at the Desert Botanical Gardens, Saguaro National Park, and Organ Pipe National Monument to investigate functional rooting distributions of giant cacti and associated ecohydrological impacts.

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Modern & Classical Languages

Checa-Garcia, Irene Assoc Professor Fall Semester 2026

I plan to use my sabbatical to finish the first draft of my third academic book with University of Wyoming, The New Design Documentary, contracted to be published in 2027. I also plan to develop a new course based on the research and exploration from it for the new Bachelor of Fine Arts, in Visual Communication Design. I submitted a Fulbright application to Egypt, upon their request to work on this project and teach in Cairo in fall 2025.

Department of History

Kelly, Alexandra Assoc Professor Academic Year 2026-2027

Intended use of sabbatical is to complete laboratory analysis of archaeological material resulting from historical archaeological investigations at Old Carbon, a 19th -century coal mining town

established along the UPRR in Wyoming. Associated archival research will be conducted at national and regional repositories including the UPRR Museum, the Wyoming State Archives, the Carbon County Museum, the Hanna Basin Museum and the American Heritage Center. The anticipated academic output of this sabbatical is two articles, a manuscript proposal, and initial progress on manuscript.

Department of Anthropology

Murphy, Melissa Professor Spring Semester 2027

I propose to study and analyze prehistoric human remains from the archaeological site of Pañamarca, North Coast of Peru. The site of Pañamarca (ca. 500–850 CE) is located at the southern end of the Moche cultural region on the north coast of Peru. My collaborators and the current team have been working at the site since 2022 and there has been little to no bioarchaeological research conducted at the site or other Moche sites in this area. I am requesting a semester-long sabbatical to 1) clean, study, analyze, and sample the human remains recovered from Pañamarca and 2) complete data entry and a report on my results. I expect to publish at least three peer-reviewed articles in some of the top journals for my field (Latin American Antiquity, Bioarchaeology International, American Journal of Physical Anthropology), as well as at least one chapter in an edited volume on the site and there will likely be multiple professional presentations at professional conferences.

Department of Anthropology

Toohy, Jason Assoc Professor Academic Year 2026-2027

I have dedicated by career (the past 22 years) to the archaeological study of the prehistoric Cajamarca Culture of northern Peru. This sabbatical will allow me to attend an 8-month residential writing fellowship at the premier research library for Latin American archaeology (Dumbarton Oaks), allowing me to dedicate full time to the research and production of a booklength scholarly monograph presenting the nature of the Cajamarca Culture through time and its place in broader world history. This will be the first book dedicated to this subject ever published.

Department of English

Kinney, Kelly Assoc Professor Spring Semester 2027

My proposed sabbatical activities are to finish two scholarly projects, including a peer-reviewed, article-length chapter, “Expanding Our Communities and Our Leadership Praxis: When an Academic Department Goes Public Humanities,” and a peer-reviewed edited collection, Programs of Distinction: Labor Reform and the CCC Writing Program Certificate of Excellence: I will serve as solo editor for the entire collection as well as write the introduction and co-author one chapter in volume one during Spring 2027. The purpose of the sabbatical is to support my continued trajectory as a nationally-recognized researcher and writing program administrator and offer curricular insights on award-winning writing programs and on UW English’s PhD in the Public Humanities, a program 1) poised to bring the University of Wyoming national attention as a trailblazer on the R1 humanities stage, 2) prepared to support our doctoral candidates for rewarding careers both inside and outside of academe, and 3) positioned to make valuable contributions to communities across the state, nation, and word. My intended measurable outcomes include publication of the chapter, “Expanding Our Communities and Leadership Praxis,” as well as the first volume of a multi-volume collection, Programs of Distinction, both with leading scholarly presses in rhetoric, composition, and writing studies.

School of Politics Public Affairs & International Studies

Crane, Nicholas Assoc Professor Spring Semester 2027

I am writing to request a one-semester sabbatical leave for the Spring 2027 semester, which would be my first sabbatical leave since arriving at UW in 2016. The sabbatical has three interrelated purposes: 1), to advance a field-based international research project (in the Aegean region of Turkey, centered on İzmir), 2), to submit a research article to one of the highest-impact journals in my discipline (Annals of the American Association of Geographers), and 3), to present at a conference in İzmir, which I have been unable to do in the context of a typical semester. This work would complement a productive, longer-standing research agenda in Mexico with field-based research in Turkey that promises to yield comparative insights and will contribute to an emerging research literature about relationships between violence and place-making. In addition to this measurable outcome, knock-on effects of my sabbatical-facilitated work will include course development for Wyoming-based students and may also include establishing international partnerships and recruiting Turkish graduate students to UW, so my sabbatical semester will dovetail with our institution’s strategic planning for cutting-edge research, the pursuit of external funding, interdisciplinarity, and enhancing student success, while also notably contributing to our internationalization efforts.

Department of Psychology

Gray, Matthew Professor Spring Semester 2027

Although I am able to conduct much of my research onsite at UW – particularly work focusing on sexual assault and gender violence – it is exceedingly difficult to access sensitive Department of Defense (DoD) or Veterans Health Administration (VHA) datasets distally and it is also difficult-to-impossible to do clinical work and research with veterans and active-duty service members from afar. My research activities that have been most widely cited, most commonly published in top-tier journals, and most referenced in popular media sources focus on these populations and their experiences with diverse combat stress injuries (e.g. moral injury and traumatic stress as opposed to PTSD). The proposed sabbatical would allow me to continue to produce widely cited and influential research in this area in ways that would not be possible otherwise. Specifically, I have been invited by Dr. Jason Nieuwsma – the Associate Director of the National VA Integrative Mental Health Division – to collaborate on the empirical study of moral injury among veterans using a large-scale, longitudinal dataset of veterans, to conduct focus groups with veterans to inform treatment adaptations based on these findings, and to pursue DoD-funded research evaluating the acceptability, feasibility, and impact of treatment adaptations for this population. Consistent with accomplished outcomes emanating from my last sabbatical in 2019, we anticipate publishing at least 2 empirical manuscripts, a revised/adapted treatment manual, and we anticipate developing and submitting a DoD grant proposal to evaluate revised and enhanced treatment (Adaptive Disclosure) for veterans.

Department of Criminal Justice

Snyder, Jamie Professor Fall Semester 2026

The two main goals of my proposed sabbatical are to 1) advance my knowledge, skills, and application of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), particularly as they relate to designing and implementing effective experiential learning opportunities, and 2) make significant advancements in my research into online fraud, contributing to the academic understanding of this consistently evolving field. Activities for this sabbatical include attending multiple SoTL

conferences/workshops to gain insights into emerging research and strategies, online fraud data collection, and manuscript preparation/submission. The outcomes from this sabbatical include multiple journal articles related to online fraud, a “best practices” document and presentation with ECTL on utilizing experiential learning, and the application of experiential learning strategies which will directly benefit students, colleagues, and the institution's commitment to enhancing the learning experience.

Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

Heise, Tammy Asst Professor Fall Semester 2026

I will begin writing a book-length history that examines the role of evangelicalism in forging religious, educational, and business networks to promote conservative politics in twentieth century America. I intend to write three book chapters, begin a fourth chapter, and produce a journal article for publication in a leading journal in my field during my sabbatical. The measurable outcomes from my leave will include a published journal article as soon as summer 2027 and significant progress toward the publication of a book in the following year.

Department of Psychology

Wilkowski, Benjamin Professor Spring Semester 2027

While the question, “What do people really want” is both fascinating and practically consequential, psychologists can surprisingly not provide a clear or consensual answer to it. In the proposed sabbatical, I would gather and construct and comprehensive pool of goal descriptive phrases and administer them as survey items to a representative sample of American adults to better understand the structure of goal-content in this cultural context. This would involve a large team of undergraduate and graduate students in a productive professional growth opportunity, directly produce in a highly influential publication, lay the groundwork for many other publications and possible external funding, and even support UW’s initiatives for freedom of expression by giving voice to different sets of values (e.g., liberal & conservative values) and helping to cement their place in the scientific literature.

Department of English

Patton, Tracey Professor Spring Semester 2027

I am writing to request sabbatical leave for Spring 2027, (my second-choice alternative is a yearlong sabbatical, Fall 2026-Spring 2027) in order to continue my research scholarship in citizenship as related to Germany’s current struggles with citizenship, immigration, the rise of anti-immigrant sentiment, racism, and identity (who can and cannot be considered German) which, I argue mirror its unresolved past and echo similar issues in the US. I am particularly interested in examining this issue through the lens of women generally, and Black women in particular, and I plan to collect archival data and conduct interviews with Black Germans and immigrants. My goal is to gather data to present at academic conferences and publish in academic journals and/or a book.

Department of Criminal Justice

Fetsco, Daniel Assoc Lecturer Spring Semester 2027

This proposed sabbatical will provide me with the time to finish my second book and promote my first book by presenting my research at each of the eight Wyoming community colleges. My books

deal with restorative justice and prisoner reentry, and my sabbatical activities align with the fourth pillar of the UW strategic plan by providing outreach and service to the state.

Department of Visual Arts

Russel, Bailey Senior Lecturer Spring Semester 2027

My proposed Professional Development Leave will focus on improving the introductory level of the photography curriculum at the Visual Arts Department at UW. Through organizing workshops, visits to other Universities facilities, and curriculum development, I plan to revamp both introductory courses we offer, Darkroom and Digital Photography. I will use my connections in the regions' photography programs and my own personal artistic and academic research to achieve these goals. The result of this Leave will be improved introductory courses and either a show at my gallery in Denver or a book project.

College of Business

Department of Accounting and Finance

Festa, Mackenzie Assoc Professor Spring Semester 2027

I am requesting sabbatical leave for Spring 2027 to examine how shifting from quarterly to semiannual financial reporting influences investor judgment and decision making. During the leave, I will collect experimental data with investor groups and collaborate with colleagues at Marshall University and Xavier University to develop manuscripts. The intended outcomes include two journal article submissions to top-tier accounting outlets, along with new teaching materials for UW students in financial statement analysis and real estate finance.

Department of Accounting and Finance

Nejadmalayeri, Ali Professor Academic Year 2026-2027

The purpose of my Fall 2026 sabbatical is to advance a research program on how geopolitical risk and tariffs affect asset prices through the lens of foreign ownership. While it is well understood that foreign holdings of Treasury debt can blunt industrial and trade policies, almost nothing is known about how foreign ownership of stocks and corporate bonds may distort these policies—an urgent gap I will address by extending theoretical models of constrained foreign investors and empirically testing them around the 2018 and 2025 tariff announcements. This work will yield one to two peer-reviewed manuscripts that rigorously document cross-border ownership as a transmission channel for policy shocks, thereby contributing to both academic scholarship and policy debates on trade and capital markets.

College of Education

Department of CLAD

Cain, William Assoc Professor Spring Semester 2027

Dr. William Cain will use his sabbatical to serve as an Academic Visitor at the University of Oxford's Institute for Ethics in AI. While at Oxford, he will collaborate with international scholars, participate in Institute seminars, and develop resources on AI awareness and ethics for rural and marginalized communities, with a special focus on Wyoming. At the end of his sabbatical, Dr. Cain will produce at least one peer-reviewed publication, create a new curricular module for UW's graduate programs and AI certificate, and develop outreach resources to strengthen AI literacy and democratic engagement in Wyoming

College of Engineering and Physical Sciences

Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering & Construction Management

Zhai, Haibo Professor Academic Year 2026-2027

This sabbatical will offer me an opportunity to advance my research and education program on low-carbon energy technologies and natural resources and to write an interdisciplinary textbook entitled Carbon Capture and Storage: Principles of Engineering and Policy Analysis.

Department of Geology & Geophysics

Parsekian, Andrew Professor Academic Year 2026-2027

The purpose of this sabbatical is to develop a new research focus related to geophysical measurement of Arctic permafrost structure and processes. The proposed activities include visiting domestic and international experts in the field at the University of Alaska and the Alfred Wegner Institute to enhance collaborations, work with existing data, and develop new methodologies. The outcomes will include two lead-author peer-reviewed papers, one submitted proposal to a federal funding agency, and development of two new classes for graduate and undergraduate students related to Arctic science.

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Naughton, Jonathan Professor Fall Semester 2026

The purpose of this sabbatical is to renew and to expand international relationships to continue and foster future collaborations, to provide time to complete unfinished scholarly activities, and to spend time on delayed business development activities. The proposed activities during the sabbatical include an extended trip to Europe to visit several academic institutions and businesses to continue and to further develop collaborative activities, to spend time on completing archival publications and patents, and to focus on business development aspects for two companies. Outcomes of these activities would include nascent collaborative projects between UW and other academic institutions and companies, several patents and archival publications, and expanded business activities.

Department of Mathematics & Statistics

McAllister, Tyrrell Assoc Professor Spring Semester 2027

The purpose of this sabbatical is to advance two research projects and to develop a course. During a one-semester visit to Cardiff University in Wales, Associate Professor Tyrrell McAllister will (1) continue a project with Professor Aliev that is relevant to modern methods in optimization, (2) collaborate with members of a group at the University of Tübingen on a project at the intersection of geometry and algebra, and (3) develop a course on optimization in consultation with experts at Cardiff. The intended measurable outcomes are peer-reviewed journal articles, applications for external funding, and a course on optimization delivered to UW students in the 2027–2028 academic year.

Department of Physics & Astronomy

Tian, Jifa Assoc Professor Fall Semester 2026

The purpose of this sabbatical leave (Fall 2026) at Tohoku University is to acquire independent expertise in low-temperature scanning tunneling microscopy (LT-STM) and millikelvin electrical transport using dilution refrigerators (DRs) to advance our research program in two-dimensional topological quantum materials and devices. At Tohoku University, I will complete hands-on training and conduct experiments that image superconducting order and conduct ≤ 10 mK electrical transport studies, while developing transferable SOPs, calibration protocols, and annotated analysis notebooks. By semester's end, I will submit one research manuscript and file one major grant proposal, and transfer the research results and learned skills into teaching materials. Furthermore, I will strive to build a strong collaboration between UW and Tohoku University

Department of Geology & Geophysics

Riebe, Clifford Professor Spring Semester 2027

Dr. Riebe will use his Spring Semester 2027 sabbatical leave to complete two main activities that, together, will benefit both the research and teaching missions of the University of Wyoming: 1) gain expertise in laboratory flume experiments and thus open new opportunities for valuable research grants to his group; and 2) develop a new course in engineering geology, thus filling a gap in the curriculum of both the civil engineering and geology and geophysics degrees. The proposed research activity, to be conducted at state-of-the-art facilities at Simon Fraser University, in British Columbia, has high professional development value, strongly complementing Dr. Riebe's current research by adding a new experimental, laboratory-based dimension to his field-based studies of chemical weathering and physical erosion in mountain landscapes. It is anticipated that this work will lead to several high-profile, peer-reviewed journal articles and at least one highly competitive proposal to the National Science Foundation, following a long line of similarly high-impact work by Dr. Riebe's group. The proposed curriculum development activity will add a highly desirable new course to the University's geotechnical engineering offerings and serve as a new bridge between the Department of Geology and Geophysics and the Department of Civil Engineering, strengthening the bond between Geology and Geophysics and the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences.

Department of Math & Statistics

Shader, Bryan Professor Fall Semester 2026

The purpose of this sabbatical is to work three book projects (one under contract, one an invited book associated with a prestigious conference, and one a textbook), and to further research on

strong properties of matrices through extend visits to Georgia State University, University of Manitoba, and SungKyunKwan University in Seoul.

Department of Geology & Geophysics

Dewey, Janet Sr. Research Scientist Fall Semester 2026

Janet Dewey will use her professional development leave in Fall 2026 to complete the final requirements for publication of the “Roadside Geology of Wyoming, 3rd edition” to be published by the Geological Society of America. Professional Development Leave will be used to assist the graphic designer with final figures, complete the index for the book and the georeferenced photo appendix, work with the publisher on the final proofs, and begin assembling an electronic, georeferenced outcrop photo database of the images not used in the book to facilitate field-based course development. The Roadside Geology of Wyoming provides a means of engagement and communication with the public and supports UW’s contributions to public education and tourism within the state.

Department of Geology & Geophysics

Minckley, Thomas Professor Spring Semester 2027

Dr. Minckley’s sabbatical request is for one term sabbatical to work on sole authored book with a working title Water is not enough. Chapters are based on research activities conducted since last sabbatical, including outcomes of the applicants successful Sesquicentennial Colorado River Exploration (2019). Goals include attending writing workshops hosted by publishers to shop the book, meet with publishers in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. The outcomes of these activities and experiences will be brought back to the University of Wyoming and enhance instruction in advanced Conservation of Natural Resources concerning water in the West (Management of Major Rivers and Western Waters).

Geology & Geophysics

Shinker, Jacqueline Professor Spring Semester 2027

Purpose: Dr. Shinker proposes to use her Spring 2027 sabbatical leave to integrate physics-based and data-driven methods to identify climate drivers of past fires and enhance fire-prediction models for the central Rocky Mountains. Proposed activities include: 1) develop data tools relevant to the climate-vegetation-fire nexus; 2) use developed data tools to analyze climate processes associated with past fires; and 3) to increase the accuracy of regional fire models. Intended measurable outcomes include: regional and local research collaborations; peer-reviewed manuscripts; development of research proposals; and incorporating research techniques and results into course materials and active-learning teaching modules for upper-division UW courses for multiple degree programs across multiple colleges and schools (CEPS, A&S, AG, ENR).

College of Health Sciences

School of Pharmacy

Sreejayan, Nair Professor Spring Semester 2027

I will use my sabbatical to deepen my expertise in global pharmaceutical formulation of specialty generics and biosimilars through immersive collaboration with leading generic drug manufacturers

in Mumbai and Hyderabad, as well as with faculty at the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) in Hyderabad. During this time, I will work directly on formulation development, quality control, and regulatory processes, and initiate joint research projects in biosimilar formulation and stability testing. Within one year of completing my sabbatical, I will develop a new graduate-level course on formulation development, advance at least two new formulation products in UW’s preformulation laboratory, and submit three major grant applications (NIH SBIR, DoD, and industry) aimed at establishing domestic capacity for high-value generic drug production.

Department Communications Disorder

Krueger, Breanna Assoc Professor Spring Semester 2027

Dr. Breanna Krueger will use her sabbatical to expand her research line by collaborating externally with Dr. Sara Benham at the University of Vermont on a novel analysis method. While on sabbatical, Dr. Krueger will learn a new analysis method for children’s speech, write two manuscripts, and prepare a collaborative external grant proposal. By the end of Dr. Krueger’s sabbatical she will submit two manuscripts to top-tier journals in her field, and will complete the research strategy for an external grant proposal for submission to the Fall 2027 October deadline at the National Institutes of Health.

College of Law

Delaney, James Professor Spring Semester 2027

The purpose of Prof. Delaney’s sabbatical request is to research and analyze the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (“OB3”), write a third edition of his book entitled Federal Income Tax, Questions & Answers (Carolina Press, 2019), and to co-write (with Dean Elaine Gagliardi, University of Montana School of Law) a fourth edition of their book entitled Federal Estate & Gift Tax: Questions & Answers (Carolina Press, 2020). By the end of his sabbatical, Prof. Delaney expects to complete his portion of the Federal Estate & Gift Tax: Questions & Answers (4th ed. 2027) and draft a substantial portion of the Federal Income Tax: Questions & Answers (3rd ed. 2027). The outcome will be two scholarly publications which will serve to educate and inform law students and lawyers within the State of Wyoming and within the various state bar associations about the changes to Federal income, estate, and gift tax laws that occurred when President Donald Trump signed OB3 into law.

Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources

Holbrook, Joseph Assoc Professor Academic Year 2026-2027

Purpose of Sabbatical: The purpose of my proposed sabbatical is to strategically focus on professional growth, scholarship, and serve the state of Wyoming by leveraging unique research opportunities to advance thought and insight in the field of ecology. Proposed Activities: My proposed activities include advancing scholarship related to human recreation and animal interactions, improving thought and insights within carnivore ecology, and finally developing novel and impactful research connections that translate into new research programs within my lab.

Intended Measurable Outcomes: My intended outcomes include (1) professional growth, (2) peer refereed manuscripts, and (3) new and novel research establishing the next phase of my research program at UW.

Bourque, Margaret	Senior Lecturer	Academic Year	2026-2027
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Maggie Bourque (Senior Lecturer in the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources) will use her first-ever professional development leave to complete an innovative, guidebook-style textbook that integrates pedagogical, scholarly, and creative content, incorporates student work, and translates high-impact placebased practices into accessible formats. While on leave she will pilot and refine activities as an invited scholar-in-residence at Teton Science Schools and in collaboration with the All We Can Save network of educators at over 70 US colleges and universities. As demonstrable outcomes of her leave, she will complete an openaccess textbook, establish at least two ongoing partnerships, and amplify UW’s national visibility in placebased and experiential education.

McCoy, Daniel	Assoc Lecturer	Spring Semester	2027
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During the Spring 2027 semester, I will conduct a multiple case study (Yin, 2018) of four nationally recognized institutes that support outdoor recreation and tourism economies: the University of Montana’s ITRR, Utah State University’s IORT, Oregon State University’s CORE, and West Virginia University’s OEDC. Through on-site visits, interviews, and comparative analysis, I will document organizational models, funding strategies, and outreach approaches that can inform the growth of the Jay Kemmerer WORTH Institute and Wyoming’s outdoor recreation economy. Anticipated outcomes include a peer-reviewed article, a comparative white paper for state and university partners, presentations, and new curricular content for UW students.

UW Libraries

Department of Education & Research Services

Kruger, David	Librarian	February-August	2027
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David Delbert Kruger will use his 2027 sabbatical to research and write six peer-reviewed articles examining the historical impact of JCPenney on the American Midwest. David’s proposed activities will involve research at the J. C. Penney Company Archives (Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas) and six state historical libraries (Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota). His intended measurable outcomes from this sabbatical are to complete the six articles in polished form, submit them to their respective academic journals of history, and present two formal talks, one covering the 2027 sabbatical for University Library faculty and staff and the other addressing the content of the research project for the University community at large.

Provost Office

Department of LeARN

King, Francesca

Assoc Lecturer

Spring Semester

2027

Francesca King will use her Spring 2027 professional development leave to (1) research best practices for supporting STEM writers in U.S. Writing Centers and apply these findings to strengthen consultant training, programming, and partnerships at the University of Wyoming, and (2) complete a substantive revision of her historical novel *The Footnote*, supported by archival research in England. By the end of the sabbatical, she will produce an updated OER training module on STEM writing support, arrange for an external WC consultant to collaborate on a post-sabbatical STEM workshop, complete and submit her novel for publication, and share craft lessons through a guest lecture and ‘Write Time at the Center’ community writing workshops.