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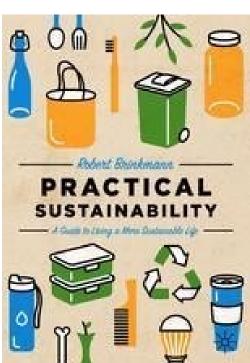
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CLAS By The Numbers



- 19 departments
- 3 research centers
- 5 interdisciplinary research and teaching programs
- 34 baccalaureate degree programs
- 33 graduate programs
- 12 doctoral level programs

- Nearly \$4M in total fundraising activity and nearly \$1.1M in cash gifts in FY20
- More than \$10.5M in external funding in the third quarter

Building Skills For Today's World





Velchamy Sankarlingam



Amy Fahey

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Michael Vazquez



William Tate IV

Diversity and Inclusion



- Convene the College Diversity Committee
 - Inventory diversity and antiracism assets across the college.
 - Provide specific recommendations on college wide actions that can be taken to promote the president's goals and the college's antiracism and diversity agenda.
 - Extensive work in departments on everything from curriculum to evaluation processes

Giving Priorities

- Leveraging the liberal arts to impact an equitable and just society
- Research and STEM education
- Student Support
- Community-based research and engagement



Project Finish Line

- Provides financial assistance to seniors at risk dueto financial holds and family emergencies
- 2017-2019: 39 students assisted
 - 95% graduation rate
- 2020-21: 14 students assisted totaling \$53,100 in funding







Powering NIU Through Research

Research:

- Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Physics/Northern Illinois Center for Accelerator and Detector Development (NICADD)
- Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault

Instructional funding:

- Psychology
- Center for Southeast Asian Studies

Contracts:

Psychology

Scholarship and Service





Emma Kuby



Jeff Einboden



Leila Porter



David Gunkel

Recognition





Chris Goodman



Xueying Lu



Tao Xu

Community Engagement



- NNGO's nonprofit studies with DeKalb and McHenry County
- Pick Museum of Anthropology
- Task force set up to explore opportunities for greater engagement with Illinois communities



Rebuilding Democracy Series





Eugene Robinson



Sen. Tammy Duckworth



Rep. Adam Kinzinger

A Leader in Interdisciplinary Studies



Six interdisciplinary centers:

- Latino and Latin American
 Studies
- Nonprofit and NGO Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies
- Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy (Environmental Studies)
- The Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality
- Black Studies (academic minor and certificate)



Training Future Educators



- Secondary education licensure available in nine areas:
 - English
 - History and Social Science
 - Math
 - Science (Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Spac Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Physics)
 - Foreign Language (₭2)



Harper University Center



- Two out of the three programs are from CLAS
 - Computer Science
 - Psychology
- 40 student enrolled in CSCI and 65 in PSYC
- 18 students graduated in May from these programs (9 CSCI, 9 PSYC)

Faculty Excellence





Giovanni Bennardo



Anne Hanley



Melissa Lenczewski

Faculty Excellence





David Gunkel



Walker Ashley



Lisa Finkelstein



Mary Lynn Henningsen

Questions



Anthropology • Biological Sciences • Chemistry and Biochemistry • Communication • Computer Science • Economics • English • Environmental Studies • Geographic and Atmospheric Sciences • Geology and Environmental Geosciences • History • Latino and Latin-American Studies • Mathematical Sciences • Nonprofit and NGO Studies • Philosophy • Physics • Political Science • Psychology • Public Administration • Sociology • Southeast Asian Studies • Statistics and Actuarial Science • Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies • World Languages and Cultures