



## Expert Sources from Minnesota's Private Colleges

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Athletics – Baseball			
Professor and Institution	Expertise	Background	Contact
<b>Mark McKenzie</b> <i>Head Baseball Coach</i> Concordia University, St. Paul	McKenzie is Concordia University's head baseball coach and coach for Olympic Development Program USA Baseball. He and his coaching staff will select and train the top 18 kids in the nation that are 18 or under to compete in this year's World Championships in Edmonton, Alberta in July.	This will be McKenzie's 10 <sup>th</sup> year working with the Olympic Development Program for USA Baseball – the national governing body for the sport of baseball. Since his first year with USA Baseball he has been a part of three Gold Medals for World Championships (1998, 2002, 2003) and one Gold Medal for a Pan American Championship in 2001.	Jill Johnson Director of University Marketing & Communications Concordia University, St. Paul 651-641-8755 <a href="mailto:jjohnson@csp.edu">jjohnson@csp.edu</a>
Chemistry			
Professor and Institution	Expertise	Background	Contact
<b>Henry Jakubowski</b> <i>Professor of Chemistry</i> College of Saint Benedict / Saint John's University	Jakubowski is professor of chemistry and founder of the CSB/SJU Chinese Summer Research Exchange Program. Students from CSB and SJU are spending six weeks doing research in China with Chinese professors and Chinese student partners. At the end of June, the CSB, SJU and Chinese students will return to Minnesota with their eight Chinese partners for six weeks of research here.	Jakubowski has been a chemistry professor at CSB/SJU since 1988. He was the recipient of the first Tom Creed Memorial Award for Effective Electronic Pedagogy in 2001 -- recognizing CSB/SJU faculty who excel in applying technology to teaching and learning.	Diane Hageman Director of Media Relations College of Saint Benedict 363-5874 <a href="mailto:dhageman@csbsju.edu">dhageman@csbsju.edu</a>

Education			
Professor and Institution	Expertise	Background	Contact
<b>Timothy Wright</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> <i>M.A. in Education</i> Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Graduate School of Education	Wright's areas of expertise include child development, counseling and psychology and aggression.	Wright holds a Doctor of Psychology and Masters in Counseling Psychology from the University of St. Thomas. He is the clinical director of Child and Adolescent Services at Project Pathfinder, Inc. He has over 20 years of clinical experience and has been a guest speaker at multiple universities across the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area.	Clayton Tenquist Executive Director of External Affairs - Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs Saint Mary's University of Minnesota 612-728-5199 <a href="mailto:tenquist@smumn.edu">tenquist@smumn.edu</a>
English			
Professor and Institution	Expertise	Background	Contact
<b>Wang Ping</b> <i>Associate Professor, English</i> Macalester College	Ping is the acclaimed author of the short story collection <i>American Visa</i> , the novel <i>Foreign Devil</i> , two poetry collections <i>Of Flesh &amp; Spirit</i> and <i>The Magic Whip</i> , the cultural study <i>Aching for Beauty: Footbinding in China</i> , and most recently <i>Emperor Dragon</i> , a traditional Chinese folk tale, and <i>The Last Communist Virgin</i> , a second collection of stories. She is also the editor and co-translator of the anthology <i>New Generation: Poetry from China Today</i> .	Ping was born in Shanghai and grew up on a small island in the East China Sea. After three years of farming in a mountain village, she attended Beijing University. In 1985 she left China to study in the U.S., earning her Ph.D. from New York University. She has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York Foundation for the Arts and the New York State Council for the Arts for poetry, and the Minnesota State Arts Board for fiction.	Barbara K. Laskin Media Relations Manager Macalester College 651.696.6451 <a href="mailto:laskin@macalester.edu">laskin@macalester.edu</a>
Ethics			
Professor and Institution	Expertise	Background	Contact
<b>Ron James</b> <i>President and CEO</i> Center for Ethical Business Cultures Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas (651) 962-4123 and <a href="mailto:rjames@stthomas.edu">rjames@stthomas.edu</a>	James assumed leadership of the CEBC in 2000. The center assists business leaders in creating ethical and profitable business cultures at the organizational, community and global levels.	Before joining the CEBC, James was president and CEO of the Human Resources Group at Ceridian Corp. and corporate vice president and CEO for Minnesota at USWest.	Contact James directly, or call: Jim Winterer St. Thomas News Service (651) 962-6404 <a href="mailto:jcwinterer@stthomas.edu">jcwinterer@stthomas.edu</a>

Ethics (continued)			
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Management			
Professor and Institution	Expertise	Background	Contact
<p><b>Tammy Watson-Schram</b>  <i>Adjunct Faculty</i>  <i>M.S. in Project Management and</i>  <i>Master of Business</i>  <i>Administration</i>            Saint Mary's University of            Minnesota            Graduate School of Business and            Technology</p>	<p>Watson-Schram's area of expertise is project management. She is the Executive Project Manager at IBM and she has been a speaker for the company at IBM's Premiere Technical Conference for the past four years.</p>	<p>Watson-Schram obtained a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University before working on her Master's in Project Management at Stanford University. She holds a M.B.A. from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.</p>	<p>Clayton Tenquist            Executive Director of External            Affairs - Schools of Graduate            and Professional Programs            Saint Mary's University of            Minnesota            612-728-5199  <a href="mailto:tenquist@smumn.edu">tenquist@smumn.edu</a></p>
Psychology			
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<p><b>Jaine Strauss</b>  <i>Professor and Chair, Psychology</i>            Macalester College</p>	<p>Strauss, a clinical psychologist, is an expert on gender and mental health. Her research focuses on body image, eating disorders, mood and conceptions of self. Her study on the effect watching diet TV commercials has on dieters was published nationally.</p>	<p>Strauss is interested in feminist approaches to clinical psychology. She teaches courses on personality, behavior disorders, community psychology, clinical and counseling psychology and gender and mental health. She received the Minnesota Psychological Association Walter D.Mink Award for outstanding teaching in undergraduate psychology in 1999 and Macalester's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2001.</p>	<p>Barbara K. Laskin            Media Relations Manager            Macalester College            651.696.6451  <a href="mailto:laskin@macalester.edu">laskin@macalester.edu</a></p>

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

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<p><b>Yvonne Ng</b>  <i>Center Coordinator</i>                      College of St. Catherine's Center for Women, Science and Technology  <a href="mailto:ysng@stkate.edu">ysng@stkate.edu</a>                      (651) 690-6859</p>	<p>A mechanical–aerospace engineer, computer science professor and CWST Center Coordinator, Ng is a campus leader refining St. Kate's approach to increasing women's participation in science, technology, engineering and math fields. She also teaches an "engineering for everyone" course—one of the first college courses of its kind in Minnesota.</p>	<p>Working with colleagues across departments, her efforts have resulted in foundation and corporate support to recruit and retain women in science and engineering, scholarships to underwrite students' study in STEM fields and to pilot new programs to encourage K-12 girls in these areas of study and career choice.</p>	<p>Julie Michener                      Media Relations Manager                      College of St. Catherine  <a href="http://www.stkate.edu">www.stkate.edu</a>                      651-690-6521                      651-253-8931  <a href="mailto:jmichener@stkate.edu">jmichener@stkate.edu</a></p>

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