

The University of Kansas Department of Special Education

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Don Deshler	Professor, Director of Center for Research on Learning	ddeshler@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 0543	Adolescent literacy, instructional interventions for at-risk learners, and learning strategies.
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Juliet Hart	Visiting Assistant Professor	harthawk@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 0547	Linguistic and multicultural issues in special education, emotional and behavioral disorders, and instructional strategies for students at-risk and who struggle to learn in inclusive settings.
Eva Horn	Professor	evahorn@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 0615	Early education for infants, toddlers, and young children at risk for developmental delays and those with identified disabilities.
Earle Knowlton	Associate Professor	eknow@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 0544	Research on and development of technological tools and innovations in the preparation of teachers and roles of computer and telecommunications technology in cognition and learning.
Keith Lenz	Associate Professor	klenz@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 0620	Adolescents with learning and behavior problems; adolescent literacy, literacy-centered secondary school reform, teacher planning for academically diverse classes; strategic instruction for teaching diverse groups of learners; high incidence disabilities.
Edward Meyen	Professor	meyen@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 0675	Instructional design, web-based instruction, curriculum development, and the alignment of large-scale assessment with instruction.
Mary Morningstar	Associate Professor	mmorningstar@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 0682	Secondary special education and transition to adulthood, online instruction and professional development, and education of students with significant disabilities.
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Barbara Thompson	Associate Professor	bthomps@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 0692	Early childhood special education, inclusive early childhood program models, and significant disabilities.
Ann Turnbull	Professor, Co-Director of Beach Center on Disability	turnbull@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 7608	Family quality of life, family-professional partnerships, community inclusion, and knowledge translation.
H. Rutherford Turnbull III	Professor, former Courtesy Professor of Law. Co-Founder, Co-Director of Beach Center on Disability	rud@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 7610	Special education law, disability law, and public policy analysis.
Chriss Walther-Thomas	Department Chair. Professor	chrisswt@ku.edu	(785) 864 - 0545	Leadership development and school reform, teacher education, collaborative teaching, and program evaluation.
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