



WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS:

Dr. Courtney Bentley	Dr. Bentley earned her Ed.D. in Curriculum and Teaching from Columbia University. She has 13 years experience working in P-12 and university settings. Dr. Bentley comes to us from the University of Central Florida where she was the Program Coordinator for the M.Ed. Teacher Leadership program. She will support our programs in both Teacher Leadership and Instructional Leadership.
Dr. Donna Burnett	Dr. Burnett earned her Ph.D. in Health Education and Health Promotion at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She has worked at various hospitals and health care clinics as a licensed dietitian. She joins us from the University of Alabama in Birmingham where she was a program manager. She will direct our dietetic program and supervise our CADE re-accreditation process.
Dr. Tammy Cook	Dr. Cook graduated from the University of Alabama in December, 2008 with a Ph.D. in Secondary Curriculum & Instruction. Prior to coming to UM, Dr. Cook worked as a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction at the University of Alabama. She has 10 years experience as a high school English teacher in North Alabama. Dr. Cook will be teaching in our Secondary Education program.
Ms. Kelli Davis	Ms. Davis is currently working on her doctorate in elementary education at the University of Alabama. She received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Montevallo. She has been teaching at Montevallo Elementary School since 2002 and is on loan to us as a Teacher-in-Residence for one year.
Dr. Donald Ratchford	Dr. Ratchford earned his Ph.D. in Reading Education at the University of Oklahoma. He has served as a teacher and administrator in various public and private schools since 1981. He comes to us from Walker Intermediate School in Kentucky where he served as principal since 2006. Dr. Ratchford will be teaching in our Elementary Education program.
Dr. Joanne Sumbry	Dr. Sumbry earned her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership in 2005. She has worked as a teacher and administrator in various school systems. She has also worked at the Alabama State Department of Education, as well as in higher education. She comes to us from Tuskegee University where she was an Assistant Professor, Assistant to the Dean, Certification Officer, and NCATE Coordinator. Dr. Sumbry will be teaching in our Instructional Leadership program.