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# New Seidman Faculty



Dennis Gaffney



Maureen Smith-Gaffney



James Wise



Paul Sicilian



Bill Bavinger



William Lewis

Bill Bavinger has joined the Seidman School of Business as an Associate Professor of Facilities Management. He has a background in both business and academia and comes to Grand Valley State from Houston, Texas. For the past ten years he has been president of his own computer-mapping and data base management consulting firm, while also serving as an assistant professor at Rice University. In addition to teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels, he also served as Director of the Rice Architecture Computer Lab.

Bavinger received his academic degrees from Rice University, including a bachelor of arts, a bachelor of architecture, and a master's of architecture in urban design. He has served as an invited speaker for many professional conferences and has published articles in several professional publications. An avid researcher, he has published four major architectural research reports during the course of his work at Rice University.

Dennis Gaffney has been hired as Professor of Taxation and Director of the Graduate Taxation Program. He earned his B.S.B.A. in accounting from Marquette University and an M.A.S. and Ph.D. in accountancy from the University of Illinois. Most recently he has served as Professor in Taxation for the Center of Excellence at Memphis State University. He has also taught at Michigan State University, Northern Illinois University, Florida Atlantic University, and the University of Illinois. He has also served as a Professor in Residence for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C.

Gaffney has provided litigation support and has served as an expert witness

in several civil tax cases. He is the author of numerous articles. For the past two years he has served as lead author for an annual volume on federal income taxation. He has also co-authored a book on that subject and has served as a speaker and presenter at many professional conferences.

William C. Lewis, Jr., has joined the Seidman School of Business and Grand Valley State's Science and Mathematics Division as an Associate Professor. He will teach courses that are available to both business and engineering students. Lewis will also work with the Center for Integrated Facilities Research in developing grant requests to be funded by NASA for research on the maintenance, repair, and logistics of space-based facilities. Lewis most recently worked as a Research Assistant Professor of Industrial Engineering at the University of Washington. He has also taught at Clemson University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Purdue University. He earned his B.S. degree from Rensselaer, his master's in computer science from Texas A & M University, and his Ph.D. from Purdue University.

Paul Sicilian has joined the Seidman School of Business as an Assistant Professor of Economics. He earned his B.A. in economics and history from Tulane University, and his M.S. in economics from the University of Illinois, where he is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in labor economics, econometrics, and industrial organizations. He served as a research assistant and teaching assistant at the University of Illinois.

Maureen Honora Smith-Gaffney has been appointed Professor of Accounting. She is the wife of Dennis Gaffney and taught with him at Memphis State University as a professor in the School of Accountancy. She has also taught accounting at Oakland University and the University of Minnesota. She earned her B.S.B.A. in accounting from Kent State University where she graduated with highest honors. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in accounting from Ohio State University.

James Wise has been hired as Professor of Facilities Management and Director of the Center for Integrated Facilities Research. Wise has an extensive background in research, including work as a visiting research scientist for Battelle's Human Affairs Research Center in Seattle and as a member of NASA's summer faculty program through Stanford University. His teaching experience includes a position as Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Washington-Seattle, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology and Professor in the Institute for Environmental Studies at that institution. He has also taught at two West German universities, Ohio State University, and the University of Leiden, in the Netherlands. He has a B.S. and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Washington.

Wise has served as a consultant for a variety of businesses and agencies, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a city attorney, a public school superintendent, and a condominium developer. He has presented dozens of papers and been published in many professional as well as popular journals.