

**HLC Fact of the Day:**  
**“Peer Reviewers Visiting Lindenwood”**  
(October 27, 2017)

HLC will be sending a team of six peer reviewers to conduct Lindenwood’s on-site visit. The reviewers are faculty, staff, and administrators from the 19-state HLC region. They have been chosen by HLC based on their expertise and match with the Lindenwood visit. These are the team members - their titles, institutional affiliations, educational backgrounds, and areas of expertise relating to HLC visits:

**1. Dr. Heidi Ries (team chair)**

- Dean for Research and Professor of Physics
- Air Force Institute of Technology – Dayton, OH
- PhD in Applied Physics, Old Dominion University
- Expertise: graduate education; partnerships; grants; research; budgeting and finance; assessment of student learning

**2. Dr. Nelson Soto**

- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Union Institute & University – Cincinnati, OH
- PhD in Educational Policy Studies, Indiana University
- Expertise: graduate education; diversity programs; adult degree completion; continuing education

**3. Dr. Hannah Clayborne**

- Vice President of Student Affairs
- Ashland University – Ashland, OH
- PhD in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, Iowa State University
- Expertise: student conduct/complaint; international students; student housing/facilities; career services; diversity programs

**4. Dr. Joseph Kreitzer**

- Dean, College of Education, Leadership and Counseling
- University of St. Thomas – St. Paul, MN
- PhD in Economics, University of Iowa
- Expertise: business/finance; faculty evaluation, development, promotion/personnel; planning

**5. Dr. Rachel Appelgate**

- Associate Professor, Library and Information Science, School of Informatics and Computing
- Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)

- PhD in Library Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Expertise: religious activities; continuing education; program review/evaluation; library/learning resources; distance education (online)

**6. Dr. Sharron Ronco**

- Assessment Director
- Marquette University – Milwaukee, WI
- PhD in Educational Research and Statistics, University of North Texas
- Expertise: program review/evaluation; benchmarking; assessment of student learning; institutional research/data collection

The team chair, Dr. Ries, will be conducting the visit to the Belleville campus on Thursday afternoon, November 2 (meeting with students) and Friday morning, November 3. The entire team will be on the St. Charles campus on Monday, November 6 and Tuesday morning, November 7.

To learn more about accreditation and Lindenwood's comprehensive evaluation and site visit scheduled for November 6-7, 2017 (November 3 in Belleville), and to see the countdown clock to the visit, go to the HLC page on the Lindenwood website here: <http://www.lindenwood.edu/about/higher-learning-commission/>.

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