



The Center for Healthy Relationships



ENDOWED CHAIR SEARCH

Opportunity Profile



JOHN BROWN
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ABOUT THE CHR

The Center for Healthy Relationships operates as an endowed center within John Brown University (JBU). The CHR provides practical resources that encourage and empower the growth of healthy, resilient relationships in personal, collegiate, and professional settings.

The CHR serves a diverse community including JBU students, faculty, and staff, as well as churches, mental health clinicians, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and the general population of Northwest Arkansas (NWA) and surrounding areas.

HISTORY

The CHR opened in 1998 as the Center for Marriage and Family Studies on the JBU campus through a generous gift from the Windgate Foundation. From the beginning, under the leadership of Dr. Gary J. Oliver, the CHR has been dedicated to helping individuals and couples lay a foundation for healthy relationships, strong marriages, and vital families.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In September 2022, Rosemary Flaaten began as the Executive Director. Her vision is to lead the CHR in substantial growth by building on the foundation and reputation of the Center and meeting the increasing need for current and innovative relational resources.



WHY WE NEED YOU.

The Center for Healthy Relationships (CHR) seeks to fill the position of the Dr. Gary J. Oliver Endowed Chair with an **esteemed relational leader and educator**.

The CHR has conducted a large-scale research project to identify the **contemporary needs for marriages** in Northwest Arkansas.

The preliminary findings reveal that marriages are struggling in a variety of ways and that there is a **void of curated resources** for prevention and intervention readily available to couples.

Ministry leaders and counselors have expressed a strong desire to work more closely on **providing resources to strengthen marriages**, and are articulating a desire for the CHR to be central in this collaboration.

The Chair position will be **instrumental in networking** between diverse communities to provide a clearing-house approach for access to resources, as well as researching and creating new innovative resources.

The CHR provides scholarships and Grad Fellowships to Grad Counseling students and is committed to creating a **positive work culture** that values collaboration, innovation, and the integration of psychology, theology, and spiritual formation practices.



RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT

CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

TEACHING



THE ENDOWED CHAIR ROLE

In support of the Executive Director, the Chair will bring:

- relational acumen within diverse networks
- content expertise concerning relationships and marriage
- educational proficiency
- strategic thought

The position will begin summer of 2024. The CHR will work with the successful candidate on a mutually agreeable starting date.

THE CHAIR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT



- Build networks among ministerial leaders, the therapeutic community, businesses, non-profit organizations, and the NWA community at large.
- In collaboration with the Executive Director, develop and implement a strategic plan for servicing these networks with resources for resilient, healthy relationships

CONTENT DEVELOPMENT



- Serve as a content expert, by incorporating psychological and theological-based approaches into resources for healthy relationships and marriage.
- Review, select, organize, and curate relational materials for the network to access.
- Analyze research to ensure resources developed by CHR are current and data-informed.

TEACHING



- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses in Counseling, Psychology, and Family and Human Services (12 credits per year)
- Deliver resources through professional development seminars, workshops, and training.





ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES/ QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrated ability to develop strong relationships and build networks in a community and engage collaboratively with a diversity of viewpoints and/or populations.
- Demonstrated competency in designing, implementing, and disseminating original content on relational topics and marriage.
- Masters level degree in Counseling, Psychology, Christian ministry leadership, or another relevant field.
- Demonstrated proficiency in teaching at the graduate or undergraduate level in one of the potential disciplines.
- A committed follower of Jesus Christ.

PREFERRED ATTRIBUTES/ QUALIFICATIONS:

- A terminal degree in Counseling, Psychology, Christian ministry leadership, or another relevant field.
- Professional Licensure in Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Psychology, or Social Work with competency in a variety of therapeutic approaches.
- Success in securing internal or external grant funding.
- Demonstrated experience in either a business setting or a pastoral position.
- Demonstrated record of scholarly and/or trade publications.
- Demonstrated ability as an effective and engaging communicator.



JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1919, JBU is a **Christ-centered, Biblically-faithful, interdenominational university** that represents the best of Protestant evangelicalism in our commitment to the following theological principles:

- the fundamental human need for conversion and lifelong discipleship
- the centrality of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection for the redemption of human beings; high regard for, and obedience to
- the Bible as our authority
- active involvement in a local church, in missions and in ministries that work for Biblical justice and serve people in need.

At JBU, we seek to **integrate faith and learning**, foster holistic Christian formation, promote pragmatic liberal arts education, and prepare people to follow Christ's call to serve others in all areas of life.



THE MISSION

To provide Christ-centered education that prepares people to honor God and serve others by developing their intellectual, spiritual, and professional lives.

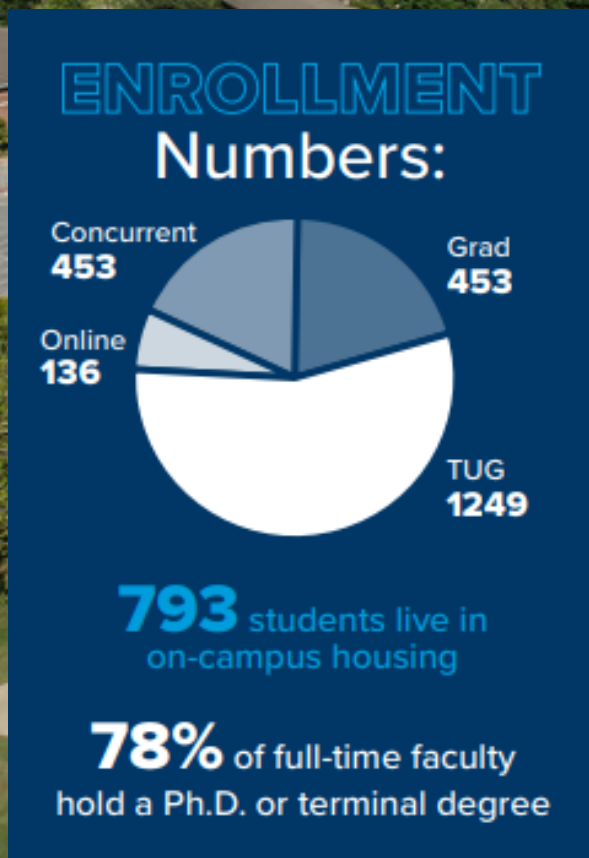


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JBU has experienced a season of God’s favor and blessing, for which we are grateful. JBU’s financial strength has enabled us to retain excellent faculty and staff with consistent compensation increases and funds for faculty and staff development.

JBU has received national recognition from many national newspapers and industry journals. For instance, in eight out of the last nine years, the Chronicle of Higher Education has named JBU on its “high honor roll” in its “Great Place to Work” survey.

The Wall Street Journal has named JBU to its Best Colleges list since 2019, ranking us the **top private school in Arkansas** (2020) and **top Arkansas university overall** (2022, 2024). We are typically in the top 10% in our category (master’s level universities in the South) in U.S. News and World Report rankings.



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

JBU is located in Northwest Arkansas, a region predicted to have the **third fastest job growth** rate in the country behind only Austin, TX and Charlotte, NC.

Three of the **largest corporations in the world** are located here—Walmart, Tyson Foods, and JB Hunt—and there is a growing technology, entrepreneurial, and art ecosystem in the region.

The **quality of life** is enhanced with a world-class art museum, Crystal Bridges, 25 miles from campus, over 400 miles of mountain biking trails, several state and national historic sites, parks, and large lakes, and a new whitewater rafting park just five miles south of campus.

Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) is serviced by **all the major Airlines** as well as a number of discount airlines with an average of 50 flights a day to 26 destinations across the country.

SILOAM SPRINGS

Siloam Springs has approximately 18,350 people with affordable housing and good private and public schools.

- **4 hour** drive to Kansas City, MO
- **1.5 hour** drive to Tulsa, OK
- **5.5 hour** drive to Dallas, TX
- **2 hour** flight to Denver, CO
- **9 hour** drive to Nashville, TN





DIVERSITY

JBU desires to increase the diversity of its faculty, staff, and students to honor how all humans are created in the image of God, to **reflect better the diversity of the Kingdom of God**, to further our Christian commitment to justice, and to increase the quality of our educational experience. JBU is pursuing the goal of teaching and working in a multicultural environment and strongly encourages applications from ethnic minorities and women.

SALARY

A competitive salary will be commensurate with training and experience. In addition, JBU offers a comprehensive benefits package, including a 403(b) retirement plan, medical and dental insurance, tuition remission, leave related to the birth of a child, adoption leave, and moving expenses.

JOIN OUR TEAM.

APPLY TODAY



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