



# Mary Funk, Ph.D.

HCD Ph.D. Alumna - Class of 2015

## DISSERTATION TITLE:

Assessing Nontraditional Student Dropouts on a Commuter Campus

Chair: Dr. Heather Annulis

## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

### Bachelor's Degree

Professional Aeronautics  
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

### Master's Degree

Business Administration  
William Carey University

### Doctoral Degree

Human Capital Development  
The University of Southern Mississippi, 2015

## RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Student Success in Higher Education
- The Military Student
- Workforce Training and Development
- Online Learning with Nontraditional Students
- Student Engagement

Dr. Mary Funk came to The University of Southern Mississippi after being employed as a military air traffic controller for 25 years. Since earning a doctorate in Human Capital Development, with an emphasis in Economic Development, she has served in many roles which significantly add to her experience in assisting students to achieve their education goals. Dr. Funk maintains a faculty appointment in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Professional Development and serves as the program coordinator for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies on the USM Gulf Park campus, as well as mediator and Title IX investigator.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

- Awarded a fellowship with the Association of College and University Educators and holds the title of ACUE Distinguished Teaching Scholar.
- Awarded the Aubrey Keith Lucas and Ella Ginn Lucas Faculty Excellence Award for her work in Project Management.