



Dr. Stephen Bismarck is a dedicated educator and administrator with a passion for shaping future teachers and supporting the faculty he serves. Dr. Bismarck has been in the teaching profession for the last 24 years, serving in administrative roles for the last 7 years. He has had the pleasure of teaching mathematics in middle school, high school, and higher education. Dr. Bismarck holds a Bachelor of Science degree in applied mathematics and a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Coastal Carolina University and a Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Georgia. He currently serves as interim Associate Dean

and professor of middle/secondary mathematics education in the College of Education, Human Performance, and Health at the University of South Carolina Upstate. Dr. Bismarck also serves as the chair of the academic chairs council. He teaches courses in the middle/secondary education program, along with a graduate course focused on effective mathematics strategies for PK–grade 6 classrooms. Prior to his current role as interim Associate Dean, Dr. Bismarck served as the chair of the education department at USC Upstate for six and half years. Dr. Bismarck led multiple initiatives, such as the development of the Union County fast track to teaching pathway for high school students, Reach Up pathway for teaching assistants and paraprofessionals, TEACHSpartanburg collaboration between USC Upstate, Spartanburg Community College, and Spartanburg District 3, and strategically targeting barriers to students' completion of their degree (i.e. Praxis Core). Dr. Bismarck has collaborated with faculty, university leaders, and community stakeholders by serving on the USC Upstate Biology program review team (2023), director of the Piedmont Region III Science Fair (2013 – 2023), principal investigator for the NSF Robert Noyce Bridging Pathways grant, advisory board member for the Spartanburg Community College School of Education, member of the school improvement council for Fairforest Elementary School, and EduCarer of the year award committee member. Through his leadership, Dr. Bismarck has made significant contributions to education, mentoring future teachers and expanding access to high-quality instruction.

Dr. Bismarck currently lives in Inman, SC with his wife, Tiffany, and six-year-old son, August. The Bismarck family enjoys spending time with family & friends, traveling, attending sporting events, and various outdoor activities. In his spare time, Dr. Bismarck enjoys working on cars, home improvement projects, and running.