TO: The Trinity Community

FROM: Tim Cresswell
       Dean of the Faculty and
       Vice President for Academic Affairs

It is a pleasure to forward biographical information on new members of the Trinity College Faculty with full-time, multi-year positions:

CHRIS ARMEN – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Ph.D., Dartmouth College (1996)
M.S., Dartmouth College (1993)
B.S., University of Hartford (1990)


YOULANDA BABAPOOR – VISITING LECTURER IN THE AETNA QUANTITATIVE CENTER AND MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

M.A., Central Connecticut State University (2013)
B.A., Central Connecticut State University (2009)


ARIANNE BAZILIO – ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND CHEMISTRY

Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Amherst (2017)
M.S., University of Massachusetts Amherst (2013)
B.S., New York University (2009)

Positions Held: Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2017-2018. Visiting Instructor, Department of Chemistry, Bates College,


**EL HACHEMI BOUALI – THOMAS MCKENNA MEREDITH ’48 POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Ph.D., Michigan Technological University (2018)
M.S., Western Michigan University (2013)
B.S., Western Michigan University (2011)


Awards/Honors: USSD Scholarship 1st Place Finalist, U.S. Society on Dams, 2018. Dean’s Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Michigan Technological University, 2018. NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2016-2018.


**CLAYTON BYERS – ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING**

Ph.D., Princeton University (2018)
B.S., Washington State University (2009)


HASAN CÖMERT – ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Amherst (2011)
M.S., Middle East Technical University (2005)
B.S., Middle East Technical University (2002)

Positions Held: Assistant Professor Dr., Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, November 2011-June 2018. Dr. Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, January-November 2011. Teaching and Research Assistant, Department of Economics and PERI, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2009-2010.


DANIEL DOUGLAS – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS

Ph.D., The Graduate Center, CUNY (2017)
M.A., St. John’s University (2008)
B.A., St. John’s University (2005)


KYLE EVANS – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS

Ph.D., University of Connecticut (2018)
M.S., University of Connecticut (2013)
B.S., Sacred Heart University (2011)

Awards/Honors: Louis J. DeLuca Memorial Award for excellence in teaching, Mathematics Department, University of Connecticut, 2018.

JULIE C. GAMBLE – ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF URBAN STUDIES

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley (2015)
M.C.P., University of California, Berkeley (2010)
B.A., Northwestern University (2006)

IAN K. HARNARINE – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FILM STUDIES

M.F.A., NYU Tisch School of the Arts (2011)
M.S., University of Illinois at Chicago (2005)
B.S., York University (2002)

Positions Held: Head of Sound Department & Adjunct Instructor, Kanbar Institute of Film and Television, Graduate Division, NYU Tisch School of the Arts, 2007-2018. Adjunct Instructor, Department of Physics, New York University, College of Arts & Sciences, 2005-2018.


KYLE KNICKERBOCKER – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

MSRA, University of Colorado Denver (2016)
B.S., University of California, San Diego (2008)

Positions Held: Visiting Assistant Professor, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, 2017-2018. Adjunct Professor, College of Arts and Media, CU Denver, 2015-2017. Adjunct Professor, Front Range Community College, 2017.

PETER KYLE – ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEATER AND DANCE

M.F.A., University of Washington (1996)
B.A., Kenyon College (1990)


DANIEL MARTIN – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS

Ph.D., University of Connecticut (2018)
M.A., Rhode Island College (2013)
B.A., Rhode Island College (2010)


JEFFREY NAFTZINGER – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ALLAN K. SMITH CENTER FOR WRITING AND RHETORIC

Ph.D., Florida State University (Expected 2018)
M.A., Florida State University (2014)
B.A., Florida State University (2012)

Positions Held: Graduate Assistant Instructor, Florida State University, 2012-2018. Assistant Director, Williams Digital Studio, Florida State University, 2015-2016. Assistant Director, Johnston Digital Studio, Florida State University, 2013-2014.

PATRICK O’BRIEN – POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW IN THE PUBLIC POLICY GRADUATE PROGRAM

Ph.D., Yale University (2018)
M.Phil., Yale University (2013)
M.A., Yale University (2012)
M.A., University of Illinois at Chicago (2011)
B.S., DePaul University (2004)

REBECCA PAPPAS – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEATER AND DANCE

M.F.A., University of California-Los Angeles (2009)  
B.A., Connecticut College (2001)

Positions Held: Guest Faculty, University of Indianapolis, Summer 2017-present. Assistant Professor of Dance, Ball State University, Fall 2014-Summer 2018. Adjunct Professor, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA, Fall 2011-Spring 2014.  

GERARDO RUIZ SÁNCHEZ – ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

Ph.D., Yale University (2018)  
M.Phil., Yale University (2014)  
M.A., Yale University (2013)  
M.A., Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (2010)  
B.S., Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (2008)


GABRIELLA SOTO – POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW IN THE AMERICAN STUDIES GRADUATE PROGRAM

Ph.D., University of Arizona (2018)  
M.A., University of Bristol (2011)  

Positions Held: Graduate Research Assistant, Drachman Institute, University of Arizona, Fall 2015-Spring 2017. Co-Editor-in-Chief, Arizona Anthropologist graduate student journal, University of Arizona, Fall 2013-Spring 2016. Graduate Research Assistant, Binational Migration Institute, University of Arizona, Fall 2012-present.  
BENJAMIN J. TOSCANO – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

Ph.D., University of South Carolina (2014)
B.S., University of Connecticut (2008)

Positions Held: Arnold O. Beckman Postdoctoral Fellow, BioSciences, Rice University, September 2015-June 2018. Postdoctoral Research Associate, BioSciences, Rice University, January 2015-September 2015. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, Department of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina, September 2011-September 2014.


SHUNYUAN ZHANG – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY

Ph.D., Emory University (2016)
M.A., Chinese University of Hong Kong (2008)
M.A., Shanghai International Studies University (2002)
B.A., Shanghai International Studies University (1999)

Positions Held: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Emory University, 2017-2018. Researcher, Shunde Zhongdao Reform Research Institute, Foshan, Guangdong Province, P. R. China, 2016-2017.


It is a pleasure to forward biographical information on new visiting members of the Trinity College Faculty with full-time or part-time positions:

RIYAD ABUBAKER – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

Ph.D., University of California, Riverside (2016)
M.A., University of California, Riverside (2014)
B.A., Birzeit University (2002)

Positions Held: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University of Kuwait, 2016-2018. Lecturer/Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside, 2012-2016.

Awards/Honors: Graduate Dissertation Award, Graduate Division, University of California, Riverside, 2015-2016. Ph.D. Dean Fellowship, University of California, Riverside, 2011-2013. Full Ph.D. Scholarship, University of California, Riverside, 2014-2016.


ELIZABETH ALLEN – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Ph.D., University of Connecticut (2017)
M.S.W., University of Connecticut (1998)
B.A., Central Connecticut State University (1992)


YAELE DAI – VISITING LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY

M.S., University of Connecticut (2017)
B.A., Brandeis University (2013)


KAIDI CHEN – VISITING LECTURER IN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDIES

M.A., University of Macau (2016)
B.A., Lanzhou University, China (2013)

Positions Held: Chinese Faculty, Intensive Summer Program, Middlebury Chinese School, Middlebury College, June-August 2018. Instructor of Chinese, Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Allegheny College, August 2016-May 2018. Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Macau, September 2013-May 2016.


LORI D. DIBELLA – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW

J.D., Western New England College School of Law (1996)
B.A., Mount Holyoke College (1993)


KAREN BUENAVISTA HANNA – ANN PLATO FELLOW IN AMERICAN STUDIES

Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara (Expected 2018)
M.A., University of California, Santa Barbara (2013)
M.S., Mercy College (2005)


SEAN M. FITZPATRICK – PROFESSOR OF THE PRACTICE IN PUBLIC POLICY

J.D., Harvard Law School (1985)
B.A., Amherst College (1981)


ANNE KOHLER - VISITING LECTURER IN ANTHROPOLOGY

M.A., University of Connecticut (2015)
B.A., Hampshire College (2012)


AILEEN YOUNG LIU – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley (2018)

Awards/Honors: Digital Humanities Summer Institute at the University of Victoria Tuition Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, 2018 (deferred). Grant-in-Aid, Early Modern Manuscripts Online: New Directions in Research Symposium, Folger Institute, Folger Shakespeare Library, 2017. Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2016.


JACQUELINE METHENY – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FINE ARTS

M.F.A., Hunter College (1991)


BRADLEY W. MILLS – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

Ph.D., University of Missouri (2018)
M.S., University of Missouri (2014)
B.S., Missouri Southern State University (2012)


SERGIO PINTO-HANDLER – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Ph.D., SUNY Stony Brook (2018)
M.A., SUNY Stony Brook (2015)
M.I.D., University of Pittsburgh (2011)
B.A., University of Pittsburgh (2008)


CHRISTOPHER PLATTS – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FINE ARTS

Ph.D., Yale University (Expected 2018)
M.Phil., Yale University (2011)
M.A., Yale University (2010)
M.A., Courtauld Institute of Art (2007)

AARON PRICE – VISITING LECTURER IN MUSIC

M.M., The Hartt School, University of Hartford (2016)
B.M., University of Connecticut (2013)

Positions Held: Artistic Director and Co-Founder, Connecticut Summerfest, 2015-present. Director of Woodwind Studies, MusicMakers International Academy, Manchester, CT, 2016-present.

JAUME SUBIRANA – VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE STUDIES

Ph.D., Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (1999)
B.A., Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (1987)

Awards/Honors: Vice-president of the Catalan PEN Center, 2018-present. Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, University of Chicago, 2017. Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación grant for a research stay at the Unit of Culture Research, University of Tel Aviv, 2010.

YICHAO TU – THOMAS VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE CENTER FOR URBAN AND GLOBAL STUDIES

Ph.D., Fudan University (2007)
M.A., Shanghai University (2004)
B.A., Nanchang University (1998)

**LIVIA ARNDAL WOODS – VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH**

Ph.D., The Graduate Center, CUNY (2016)
M.A., Uppsala University (2009)
B.A., Sarah Lawrence College (2006)

Positions Held: Lecturer, University of Michigan, 2017-2018. Teaching Fellow, Queens College (CUNY), 2014-2016.

Awards/Honors: Award for Excellence in Teaching (part-time faculty), Queens College (CUNY), 2016. Prize, Best Dissertation in Victorian Studies, English Department, CUNY Graduate Center, 2016.


**EMILY YEN – POSTDOCTORALFELLOW IN URBAN STUDIES**

Ph.D., Univ. California-Los Angeles (Expected 2018)
B.A., Smith College (2009)
