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DEAR COLLEAGUES,

On behalf of the entire Tulane community, I extend you hearty and warm greetings!

You have joined an institution that has just completed 175 years of service to the community in which it subsists. Originally founded in 1834 as the Medical College of Louisiana, tasked to improve the public health of the New Orleans region, Tulane University has emerged today as a national and world leader in public service and social engagement. We are indeed internationally and nationally known; at the same time, we proudly remain New Orleans' own. Of Tulane's venerable legacy and exemplary reputation, you have now become an integral part.

Our university is recognized as a leader in scholarship, research and art-making. We are celebrated for being innovative, trend-setting and student-centered. Our schools and our undergraduate college offer an impressively wide array of degrees in architecture, business, law, liberal arts, medicine, public health and tropical medicine, science and engineering, and social work.

Insofar as Tulane now more than ever connects its values and mission to the needs of the city of New Orleans, the state of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region—as well as to those of the nation and the world—the profile and impact of the research, scholarship and artistic endeavors in which our faculty and students engage are being transformed. More and more Tulane faculty and staff members focus their expertise on the pursuit of a wide array of public service efforts (citywide, regionwide, nationwide and worldwide). At the same time, our students gain practical experience, putting their rapidly maturing skills to use.

Excellence in research and art-making, outstanding teaching and mentorship, and the striking diversity of the degree programs we offer help attract to Tulane the very best faculty and students from across our nation and from around the world. Given the opportunity to be involved in one of the largest urban renewal projects in history, it is also the case that our students ultimately have a truly unique educational experience found only in New Orleans, only at Tulane.

In the final analysis, it is you and all of the faculty and staff members of our university who make Tulane the truly extraordinary place that it is today. It is your excellence and your skills that inspire our students and that will always enlighten, sustain, strengthen and improve the wider communities we serve.

I hope that your years at Tulane are productive and fulfilling. I wish you every success in all your endeavors. Welcome!

MICHAEL A. BERNSTEIN

Professor of History and Economics

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

KATIE ACOSTA, PhD

Assistant Professor, Sociology

School of Liberal Arts

Stone Center for Latin American Studies

Katie Acosta received her doctorate in sociology from the University of Connecticut in 2009, where she taught a variety of interdisciplinary and international courses. Her areas of interest and expertise include Latina/Latino sexuality, gender, immigration and race and ethnicity. She currently is working on a project that explores how lesbian, bisexual and queer Latinas negotiate familial relationships, build communities and preserve partnership ties. This work captures the experiences of immigrant and second-generation Latinas who struggle to adopt racial and sexual identities that will promote belonging in their divergent communities. She is from the Dominican Republic and her future research projects include exploring women's sexual autonomy, same sex intimacy and single motherhood on the island. In addition to working with students in the Department of Sociology and the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, she looks forward to contributing to the university's growing Gender and Sexuality Studies Program.



Dr. Jim Korndorffer, left, instructs surgery residents in the new Tulane Center for Advanced Medical Simulation.

THOMAS ADAMS, PhD

Mellon Foundation

Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities, History

School of Liberal Arts

Thomas Jessen Adams received his PhD in history from the University of Chicago in 2009 where he has taught since 2005. A Tulane alumnus, his research centers around the history of political economy and capitalism, labor, urban life, gender, immigration, social theory and globalization. He has published articles on subjects ranging from Wal-Mart, to deindustrialization, to immigration and has served as the historical adviser on public history projects such as a forthcoming theater production on immigration, "America, Amerique." He currently is at work on two book-length projects. The first, "The Servicing of America," examines the political, cultural, and economic history of the transition of the United States to a service economy and the growth of service work as the most common work experience for an increasing number of Americans. The second project, tentatively entitled "Lubricating Modern Capitalism," looks at the commodity of oil in order to examine the interlocking social, political, economic and environmental histories of the modern United States. At Tulane he will teach courses on the history of globalization, market culture, urban society, immigration and economic crises. His areas of expertise include immigration, the service economy, Wal-Mart, urban redevelopment, economic crises, the labor movement, and gender and sexuality.

JONATHAN ANOMALY, PhD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy

School of Liberal Arts

Jonny Anomaly received his BA from the University of California–Berkeley and his PhD from Tulane University in 2006. His current research interests are at the intersection of ethics, economics and public policy.

ASIF ANWAR, MD

Associate Professor of Cardiology, Internal Medicine

School of Medicine

Heart and Vascular Institute

Asif H. Anwar received his doctorate in internal medicine at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, in 1984. After completing his cardiology fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta, he returned to Geneva until 2009. His research interest is the role of insulin-like growth factor in cardiovascular diseases. He trained in interventional cardiology in Bern, Switzerland, with Dr. B. Meier. His area of expertise is in intensive care and coronary care units.

REBECCA ATENCIO, PhD

Assistant Professor, Spanish and Portuguese

School of Liberal Arts

Rebecca J. Atencio specializes in Luso-Brazilian literary and cultural studies, with an emphasis on the intersection of human rights activism and cultural production in contemporary Brazil. Her current book project focuses on how the Brazilian military dictatorship (1964–1985) is remembered in literature, television, film, and public memorials and museums. Rebecca received a BA in Latin American studies from Johns Hopkins University in 2000 and a PhD in Portuguese from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2006. Before coming to Tulane she was an assistant professor of Portuguese at the University of North Carolina–Charlotte.

MIA BAGNERIS, PhD CANDIDATE

Visiting Assistant Professor, Art

School of Liberal Arts

Mia L. Bagneris studies the construction of race in Western art and visual culture, specializing in British and American art of the 18th and 19th centuries. She is particularly interested in the place of images in the history of slavery, colonialism, empire and the construction of national identities and in images of interracial contact and the mixed-race body. Her current project, “Coloring the Caribbean: Agostino Brunias and the Painting of Race in the British West Indies, c. 1765–1800,” examines how the artist’s images reflected and refracted ideas about race commonly



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held by Britons in the colonial Caribbean during the late 18th century and challenges conventional designations of Brunias’s paintings as uncomplicated planocratic propaganda that functioned as visual field guides for determining racial identity and social status. She earned her AB and AM degrees from Harvard University in 1999 and 2009 respectively; her PhD, also from Harvard, is expected in November 2009. She is the winner of several prestigious fellowships including research fellowships at the Yale Center for British Art and the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African American Research and a Mellon Dissertation Fellowship. A proud New Orleans native, she is thrilled to be home.

OSCAR BARBARIN, PhD

Professor, Psychology, and the Lila L. and

Douglas J. Hertz Endowed Chair

School of Science and Engineering

Oscar Barbarin received his BA in philosophy from St. Joseph’s Seminary College, an MA from New York University in counseling psychology, and an MS in psychology and PhD in clinical psychology from Rutgers University. He was a postdoctoral fellow in social psychology at Stanford University. Before joining the Tulane faculty he was a professor at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and at the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor where he directed the South African Initiative Office and the University Center for the Child and Family. As a fellow of the Frank Porter

Graham Child Development Institute, he directed a national project addressing the socio-emotional and academic development of boys of color. His research has focused on early childhood mental health, and ethnic and gender-based achievement gaps. In addition, he collaborated on a longitudinal study of child development in South Africa, including publishing a book in 2001, *Mandela's Children: Child Development in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. He chairs the U.S. National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Sciences at the National Academy of Sciences. He is editor of the *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. His most recent publications include the *Handbook of Child Development and Early Education*, an edited volume of translating developmental research into educational practice. His research has focused on early childhood mental health, ethnic and gender-based achievement gaps.

MARIANNE BARNHILL, MD

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Internal Medicine
School of Medicine*

Marianne Barnhill received her medical degree from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center–San Antonio in 1987. She completed both her residency training in internal medicine and her fellowship training in hematology-oncology at Washington Hospital Center, an affiliate of Georgetown University, in



David Rice, left, associate professor of biomedical engineering, works with one of his students on a class project.

Washington, D.C. She joined the faculty of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center–Shreveport in 1992. The following year, she opened a solo private practice in the specialty of hematology-oncology and continued in private practice in the Shreveport area for 12 years. During those years she also participated in a number of short-term volunteer overseas medical mission projects in underserved regions across six continents. In 2007, she joined the faculty of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center–New Orleans. There she served as medical director of the LSU Hematology-Oncology Ambulatory Care Services and helped reestablish local care for uninsured cancer patients after Hurricane Katrina. Her particular area of interest is in the treatment of lung cancer. She is the principal investigator of several clinical studies involving new therapies for treatment of advanced non-small cell lung cancer. She has served as a member of the Southwest Oncology Group Lung Committee, Breast Committee, Cancer Control Research Committee and Committee on Women's Health.

JANE BERTRAND, PhD

*Professor and Chair,
Department of Health Systems Management
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Jane T. Bertrand, PhD, MBA, assumed the position of professor and chair in the Department of Health Systems Management on Aug. 1, 2009. Many know her from her 22 years on the faculty at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine from 1979 to 2001, and as a former chair of international health and development. From 2001 to 2008 she directed the Center for Communication Programs at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her professional interests include management of international and domestic health systems, behavior change and program evaluation with a particular focus on HIV and reproductive health.

DYLAN BLOY, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Classical Studies
School of Liberal Arts*

Dylan Bloy received his doctorate in classical archaeology from Bryn Mawr College. He specializes in the

history and material culture of the Greek and Roman worlds, especially interactions between Republican Rome and Hellenistic Greece during the second century B.C. He has excavated at several sites in both Greece and Italy.

LINCOLN BLUMELL, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Classical Studies
School of Liberal Arts*

Lincoln Blumell received his PhD in religious studies (ancient Christianity) from the University of Toronto in 2009, his MSt in Jewish Studies from the University of Oxford–Christ Church in 2004, his MA in religious studies (early Christianity) from the University of Calgary in 2003 and his BA in classical and early Christian studies from the University of Calgary in 2001. Within the broad area of Christianity in late antiquity, his research focuses primarily on Christianity in Roman and Byzantine Egypt. As part of his research he has also work extensively with documentary papyri.

RAJESAMBHAJI S. BORADE, MD

*Instructor of Clinical Medicine
School of Medicine*

CAROLINE ANNE CAMPION, MD

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
School of Medicine*

MARCELLO A. CANUTO, PhD

*Associate Professor, Anthropology, and
Director of the Middle American Research Institute
School of Liberal Arts*

Marcello A. Canuto is an archaeologist specializing in the ancient Maya civilization of southern Mexico and Central America. He received his AB in anthropology from Harvard College in 1991. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania and received his PhD in anthropology in 2002. He comes to Tulane as director of the Middle American Research Institute (MARI) and associate professor of anthropology. He is currently co-directing a multidisciplinary research project in the northwestern part of Guatemala's tropical Petén centered at the classic Maya center of La Corona (once known only as "Site Q"). This project—Proyecto



Laptop computers help students take notes during a lecture on the uptown campus.

Regional Arqueológico La Corona (PRALC)—explores the development and collapse of the lowland Maya civilization through an interdisciplinary approach that includes paleo-climatology, paleo-ecology, household archaeology, remote sensing analysis, regional reconnaissance, survey, epigraphy and excavation of monumental architecture. His academic interests include household and community dynamics, socio-political organization of the pre-Hispanic Maya, the definition of identity through material culture and the modern social contexts of archaeology in Mesoamerica. He is also finishing work on a book derived from his dissertation research: "Communities of Family and State: The Rise of Classic Maya Socio-political Complexity." His areas of expertise are anthropology, Mexican and Central American history and prehistory, archaeology and social and environmental issues in Mexico and Central America.

COLEMAN COKER, MFA

*Professor of Practice
School of Architecture*

Coleman Coker is a fellow of the American Academy in Rome and a Loeb Fellow in Advanced Environmental Studies at Harvard University Graduate School of Design. He holds an MFA and an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from the Memphis College of Art. He is a former director of the Memphis Center of Architecture, a collaborative program of design open to advanced



Students pair up to identify minerals in a physical geology lab on the uptown campus.

architecture students in the region. He has been the visiting Favrot Chair at Tulane and has held the E. Fay Jones Chair in architecture at the University of Arkansas. He is co-founder of “buildingstudio,” a collaborative firm focusing on inventive and imaginative work. It is regularly acknowledged for its design excellence and has received numerous honors and awards. He seeks to blur the boundaries between art, architecture, craft and thinking. His works puts a strong emphasis on the phenomenological quality of presence and being in the world through the things we make, as one small part of that interconnected whole.

CHARLTON COPELAND, JD

*Visiting Associate Professor
School of Law*

Charlton Copeland is visiting the Tulane Law School for the fall 2009 semester. He is an associate professor of law at the University of Miami. He is a graduate of Yale Law School, Yale Divinity School, and Amherst College. His research interests are constitutional law and public law, primarily federalism, administrative law and comparative constitutionalism; and law and humanities, primarily law and theology and law and literature. Prior to entering teaching, he was an associate at Hogan & Hartson in Washington, D.C. He also served as a law clerk on the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the Constitutional

Court of South Africa. He is a native New Orleanian. His areas of expertise are judicial and legislative federalism and administrative law.

SAMSON DASS, PHD

*Assistant Professor of Medicine, Anesthesiology
School of Medicine*

Samson Dass received his PhD in experimental biology from Saurashtra University in India. He worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor and as an instructor at Harvard Medical School in Boston. Before coming to Tulane, he worked as an assistant professor at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center–New Orleans. He has published extensively, received honors and awards and authored books and book chapters on the subject matter of autoimmune, viral and inflammatory diseases. His current research interests include understanding the immunobiology of a new subclass of B lymphocyte that he identified in systemic lupus erythematosus. His area of expertise is immunology.

NATHALIE DAJKO, PHD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology
School of Liberal Arts*

Nathalie Dajko received her PhD from Tulane University in May 2009. Her research focuses on French in Louisiana; her dissertation was an examination of French as it is spoken by Indians and Cajuns in the Lafourche basin. She continues to conduct fieldwork with the Francophone communities near New Orleans and is currently collaborating on a video documentary of the effect of coastal erosion on these communities.

ROXANNE M. DAVILA, PHD

*Visiting Research Professor,
Stone Center for Latin American Studies
School of Liberal Arts*

Roxanne Davila received her PhD in Spanish and Portuguese from Yale University. Before coming to Tulane she was an assistant professor of Hispanic studies at Brandeis University. Prior to that she taught at Yale University and at the University of Pennsylvania as a lecturer. Her area of specialization is 19th- and

early-20th-century intellectual history and literature of Mexico and Central America. She is currently finishing a book, “Inventing the Ancient Maya: Travelers, Explorers, and Scholars (1822–1852).”

STEPHANIE DAWSON, MFA

*Professor of Practice, Theatre and Dance
School of Liberal Arts*

Stevie Dawson received her MFA in technical direction from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and has worked professionally in theaters across the country including the Virginia Stage Company, the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, the Utah Shakespearean Festival, the East Carolina Summer Theatre, the Alliance Theatre Company, and the Arkansas Repertory Theatre, among others. She has taught at Old Dominion University, Louisiana State University, and at her alma mater, NCSA. Her areas of special professional interest include automation, engineering and the production of new works for the stage.

BRIAN JAMES DEMARE, PHD

*Assistant Professor, History
School of Liberal Arts*

Brian DeMare completed his doctoral work in history in 2007 at the University of California–Los Angeles.

His dissertation, “Turning Bodies and Turning Minds: Land Reform and Chinese Political Culture, 1946–1952,” was supported by a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship as well as an NSEP grant. He is currently revising his dissertation for publication.

ANDREI V. DERBENEV, PHD

*Assistant Professor, Physiology
School of Medicine*

DEBRA DESROCHERS, PHD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Behavior/Marketing
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Debra Desrochers conducts research in the area of marketing and society, with particular focus in food marketing and obesity. Her interest in the domain has expanded greatly over the last five years while serving as a consultant to the Federal Trade Commission, where she co-authored the report “Children’s Exposure to TV Advertising in 1977 and 2004: Information for the Obesity Debate,” which was released June 1, 2007. Her work has been published in the *Journal of Public Policy & Marketing* (she also serves on its Editorial Review Board), and the *Journal of Retailing*. Prior to joining Tulane she was assistant professor of marketing at the University of Notre Dame.



In Goldring/Woldenberg Hall II, business students learn in a state-of-the-art classroom that mimics a trading floor.



School of Medicine students practice making stitches at the health sciences campus.

ANNABELLA ESPAÑA-NÁJERA, PhD

Zemurray Stone Postdoctoral Fellow

School of Liberal Arts

Stone Center for Latin American Studies

Annabella España-Nájera received her doctorate in political science from the University of Notre Dame in 2009. Her research and teaching interests include democratization, issues of quality of democracy and institutions. Her work focuses on Latin America. Her dissertation research examined party system formation in the postconflict cases of Central America. She has taught on Latin American democracies and U.S.-Latin American relations at St. Lawrence University in New York as a Jeffrey Campbell Fellow.

ADAM FEIBELMAN, JD

Visiting Professor

School of Law

Adam Feibelman received his law degree from Yale Law School. After law school, he clerked for Judge Gilbert S. Merritt of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He was then a Bigelow Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School and an assistant professor at the University of Cincinnati College Of Law. He currently is on the faculty at the University of North Carolina School of Law and will be visiting at Tulane in spring 2010. His primary teaching and research interests include contracts, consumer financial transactions, banking law, bankruptcy law and development and sovereign debt.

AZIZ FELLAH, PhD

Professor of Practice, Mathematics

School of Science and Engineering

Center for Computational Science

Aziz Fellah received his BSc, MS and PhD degrees in computer science, respectively from the University of Constantine in Algeria, Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and Kent State University in Ohio. He has extensive teaching experience in computer science. His research interests and areas span both practical and theoretical computer science, including automata, formal and programming languages, parallel/distributed systems, high performance applications, and algorithm analysis and design. In addition, he has contributed to several research areas and cross-disciplines of computer science as well.

ILAN FUCHS, PhD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies

School of Liberal Arts

Ilan Fuchs finished his dissertation in the law school of Bar-Ilan University in Israel. He also holds a BA in Jewish history from the Open University, an MA in Jewish history from Bar-Ilan and an LLB and LLM from Bar-Ilan. He finished his Rabbinical ordination in summer 2009 and comes to Tulane as a Schusterman visiting professor. He wrote his dissertation on the role of women in the Jewish legal system. His research interests are Israeli legal history, Jewish legal history and family law.

GIUSEPPE GAGLIARDI, MD

Instructor, Surgery

School of Medicine

Giuseppe Gagliardi received his MD degree from the University of Naples in Italy. He obtained a surgery specialty degree from the European Community and has graduated from a surgery residency at the University of Florida and from a colorectal surgery fellowship at the University of Texas–Houston. He has extensive clinical and research experience in the field of colorectal surgery, serving as honorary assistant at St. Marks Hospital in London, colorectal research fellow at Washington University in St. Louis, and lecturer in the Department of Pathology at Yale University for

research in the field of colorectal cancer. He is co-editor of *Techniques in Coloproctology*. His main areas of clinical expertise are laproscopic colorectal surgery and functional colorectal disease.

LUPE GARCIA, PHD

*Assistant Professor, History
School of Liberal Arts
Stone Center for Latin American Studies*

Lupe Garcia received her doctorate in history from the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill in 2006. She specializes in Latin America with an emphasis on Cuba and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. Her research interests include race and ethnicity in urban spaces, border identities in Latin America and social revolution. She is currently working on her first book project tentatively titled “Beyond the Walled City: Race and Exclusion in Colonial Havana.” The manuscript offers a comprehensive analysis of urbanization in colonial Havana and explores the ways in which racial ideology and black colonial subjects shaped and reshaped the city. Before coming to Tulane, she was associate professor of history at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla. Her areas of expertise are Cuba and the Cuban Revolution.

ROLAND GAU, PHD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Behavior/Marketing
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Roland Gau received his doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign in 2009, where he has been teaching for the past two years. His research interests and areas of expertise are rooted in the problem-solving aspects of consumer behavior. He is particularly interested in low-literate and low-income consumer decision making.

COREY K. GOLDMAN, MD

*Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
School of Medicine*

Corey Goldman is a cardiovascular specialist with special emphasis on peripheral arterial and venous disease. He has a particular interest in tissue regeneration and has participated in several peripheral arterial disease gene therapy clinical trials. His areas

of expertise are vascular imaging, venous disease, PAD, limb ulcers and pain, venous thrombosis and hypercoagulable conditions and scleroderma.

ADI GORDON, PHD

*Visiting Professor, Jewish Studies
School of Liberal Arts*

Adi Gordon received his doctorate in history from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He specializes in the history of Central European Jewry in the 19th and 20th centuries and modern intellectual history. He is the author of “*In Palestine. In a Foreign Land: The Orient. A German-Language Weekly Between German Exile and Aliyah* (Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 2004 [Hebrew]) and recently edited *Brith Shalom and Bi-National Zionism: The Arab Question as a Jewish Question* (Jerusalem: Carmel Publishing House, 2008 [Hebrew]). He currently is working on a biography of Hans Kohn.

MONICA GOSWAMI, MD

*Assistant Professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
School of Medicine*

Monica Goswami completed medical school at Gauhati Medical College. She completed residency from Evanston Hospital (Northwestern University) in 2007 and a fellowship in cytopathology at the Medical



Friends enjoy a reunion at the start of the semester.

College of Wisconsin in 2008. Her area of interest is women's health with an emphasis on breast pathology and cytopathology.

CORDULA ROSER GRAY, DIPLOM ENGINEER

*Professor of Practice
School of Architecture*

Cordula Roser Gray is an established architect and the owner of "crgarchitecture." She has been practicing architecture in the United States since she moved from her native Germany to New York, where she worked as a designer and project architect for various large and small-scale firms involved in nationally and internationally recognized commercial and residential projects. She has been teaching design in various forms at the School of Architecture since 2003.

LAURA HEFFERNAN, PHD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, English
School of Liberal Arts*

Laura Heffernan received her PhD in English from the University of Pennsylvania in 2007. From 2007 to 2009 she held a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania and taught courses on modernism, 20th-century British literature and critical theory. She is at work on a book about how and why modernist critics stopped evaluating literary texts and started investigating their forms. An article drawn from the book, on Rebecca West's *The Strange Necessity* (1928), appears in the current issue of *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*. In 2008,

she was awarded a fellowship at the Harry Ransom Humanities Center where she conducted research on modernist poet, critic and publisher John Rodker. Part of this research will appear in "Joyce's Disciples Disciplined," a collection of essays about the reception of early drafts of James Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*.

JAMES (MAC) HYMAN, PHD

*Visiting Professor, Mathematics
School of Science and Engineering*

Mac Hyman received his BS in mathematics and physics from Tulane before going on to study applied mathematics, modeling, and computer science at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences. He is returning to teach at Tulane after leading the Los Alamos National Laboratory Mathematical Modeling and Analysis Group. In Los Alamos, his research ranged from designing experiments in inertial fusion to modeling the spread of infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS and influenza. His areas of interest are mathematical modeling and analysis, numerical methods for partial differential equations, computational fluid dynamics, mathematical biology, playing (at) the piano and Afro-Haitian dancing.

ELIZABETH JAMES, PHD

*Clinical Assistant Professor, Environmental Health Sciences
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*



FRANK JONES, PhD

*Associate Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology
School of Science and Engineering*

Frank Jones received his doctorate degree in medical sciences from McMaster University in 1995. After postdoctoral training at Yale University, he joined the Tulane School of Medicine as an assistant professor in 2001, where he was promoted to associate professor in 2004. After recovering from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina at the University of Colorado-Denver, he was recruited back to Tulane in 2009. He received the prestigious Best Professor Award in 2007 while teaching cell and molecular biology at the Tulane University School of Medicine. He is partially supported by two NIH R01's from the National Cancer Institute to study emerging oncogenes and tumor suppressors in breast cancer. He is thrilled and proud to be part of the Tulane family and a citizen of New Orleans once again.

ALLAN KALUEFF, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Pharmacology
School of Medicine*

Tulane Neuroscience Program, Tulane Center of Aging

Allan Kalueff graduated from Moscow State University in 1994, received a PhD degree in physiology from RUDN University in Russia in 2003 and a PhD in anatomy from Tampere University in Finland in 2005. Between 1997 and 2003, he worked in several research centers worldwide, developing animal models for high-throughput behavioral phenotyping research. Following postdoctoral research at the National Institutes of Health from 2005 to 2008, and a visiting professorship at Georgetown University Medical School in 2008, he joined Tulane University School of Medicine in 2009. His areas of expertise are neuroscience, physiology, pharmacology and biological psychiatry.

JULIE KANTER (WASHKO), MD

*Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
School of Medicine*

Julie Kanter received her MD from Tulane University School of Medicine. She then completed her pediatric residency at the University of Colorado and her



Works by faculty members of the Newcomb Department of Art are featured in this exhibit in the Carroll Gallery.

pediatric hematology-oncology fellowship at Washington University. While at Washington University, she studied the relationship between platelet activation and nitric oxide. At Tulane, she will be focusing on clinical research in sickle cell disease. In addition, she will see pediatric patients with oncologic or hematologic problems. Her areas of expertise include pediatric sickle cell disease, pediatric oncology, platelet storage, platelet activation and nitric oxide.

JORDAN KARUBIAN, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
School of Science and Engineering*

Jordan Karubian earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California-San Diego and his doctorate from the University of Chicago. He was a postdoctoral fellow and associate researcher at the University of California-Los Angeles. His research interests concern the behavior, ecology and evolution of tropical birds. He conducts field work in Australia and Ecuador. With his wife, Renata Dures, he also directs a multifaceted conservation program that combines research with training and education for local residents in the threatened Chocó rainforests of Ecuador. His areas of expertise include tropical rainforest ecology, conservation and birds.

TANIKA KELLY, MPH, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Epidemiology
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Tanika N. Kelly received her PhD in epidemiology from Tulane University in 2008. At Tulane, she is conducting research to identify genes that predict blood pressure and obesity-related phenotypes in a Han Chinese population. In addition to genetic research, she has been involved in traditional epidemiologic research of cardiovascular disease. She has done work to estimate the global prevalence of obesity. Her research also has examined the association and population impact of risk factors including cigarette smoking and blood pressure on conditions such as coronary heart disease, stroke and total cardiovascular disease in a nationally representative sample of the Chinese population. She has a strong publication record and has been an author or co-author on many publications, including manuscripts in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, *Annals of Internal Medicine* and *Circulation*. Her areas of interest are cardiovascular disease epidemiology and genetic epidemiology.

RAFAL KOMENDARCZYK, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Mathematics
School of Science and Engineering*

Rafal Komendarczyk received his doctorate from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2006 in the area of

differential geometry. He was a postdoctoral instructor at the University of Pennsylvania from 2006 to 2009. His research interests include geometric analysis, contact geometry and topological hydrodynamics.

BYOUNG S. KWON, DDS, PhD

*Research Professor, Medicine
School of Medicine*

Byoung Kwon received his PhD in cell and molecular biology from the Medical College of Georgia in 1981, had postdoctoral training at Yale University, was a section head at the Guthrie Research Institute and was an associate and full professor of the Indiana University School of Medicine. He currently is a distinguished investigator and director of cancer therapeutics at the National Cancer Center in Korea. His research interests and areas of expertise are in T cell costimulation-based immunotherapy. He has developed a new method of cytotoxic T cell therapy against solid tumors, and a novel target called 4-1BB, mAb that is now in clinical trials against cancers.

TIFFANY LIN, MARCH II

*Assistant Professor
School of Architecture*

Tiffany Lin received her MArch II degree from Harvard University in 2004, where she was the recipient of the Faculty Design Award and the Clifford Wong Prize for Housing Design. She completed her first professional degree in architecture from Cornell University in 2000 and has practiced in the offices of Machado and Silvetti Associates and Leers Weinzapfel Associates in Boston. She is the co-founder of LinOldham-Office, an emerging design collaborative engaged in professional and speculative projects. Her philosophy of exploration has led to work ranging from domestic projects, institutional speculations and catalogs of vernacular architecture. In 2005, LOO's project for an 8 Container Farmhouse was awarded a Progressive Architecture Citation and selected by the Architectural League of New York for inclusion in the Young Architects Forum. She joins Tulane from Northeastern University, where she has taught for the past four years, focusing on urban housing design in the greater Boston area.



Talking with students is Nick Alterio, right, dean of the School of Science and Engineering.



SALLY KENNEY, PhD

*Professor, Political Science,
and Executive Director of
the H. Sophie Newcomb
Memorial College Institute
School of Liberal Arts*

Sally Kenney, an award-winning tenured professor at the University of Minnesota, will serve as the first permanent executive

director of the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College Institute. Arriving at Tulane in January 2010, Kenney also will hold the Newcomb College Endowed Chair and will become a faculty member in the Tulane Department of Political Science.

As the first permanent executive director, Kenney will play a vital role in establishing the trajectory of the institute well into the next decade. She will take over at a crucial time in the institute's history, one rich with opportunity and inspiring challenges, said Michael Bernstein, Tulane senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

"A superb scholar and teacher, a fine academic leader, and a wonderful university citizen, Sally Kenney is an ideal choice for leadership in the Newcomb Memorial College Institute," Bernstein said. "Sally brings great vision, a deep concern for the learning and welfare of students and an excellent set of administrative skills to the campus."

Kenney said she looks forward to leading the institute as it continues to enrich the education of undergraduate women at Tulane.

She added, "Tulane University seized the opportunity to build on the historic strength and reputation of Newcomb College to create something truly great, innovative, and distinctive. Just as Newcomb College was the cutting edge of women's education at its creation, so, too, the Newcomb College Institute aspires to be the leader of women's education, women's equality, and women's empowerment in 21st-century higher education. I am thrilled to be a part of it."

In addition to her professorship at the University of Minnesota, Kenney is the director of the Center on Women and Public Policy at the university's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. She joined the Humphrey Institute faculty in 1995 after holding joint appointments in political science, women's studies and law at the University of Iowa.

Her areas of expertise include gender and the judiciary, judicial selection, feminist social movements, the European Court of Justice, exclusionary employment policies and pregnancy discrimination. She also has served as a consultant to the Congressional House Education and Labor Committee on discrimination resulting from fetal protection policies.

Kenney earned her master's and doctorate degrees in politics from Princeton University; a bachelor's and master's in politics, philosophy and economics from Oxford University's Magdalen College; and a bachelor's in political science from the University of Iowa.

She received the Mullen/Spector/Truax Women's Leadership Award given annually by the University of Minnesota to the faculty or staff member who has made outstanding contributions to women's leadership development. She also was voted "Teacher of the Year" by the Public Affairs Student Association. In addition, she recently won the University of Minnesota's Graduate Teaching Award.

Tulane President Scott Cowen said that "Sally's education, research interests, expertise, achievements and passion make her the perfect fit to lead the Newcomb Memorial College Institute as it continues to enhance the education, leadership and research opportunities for undergraduate women at Tulane University."

Molly Abel Travis, who has led the Institute since July 1, 2008, as interim executive director, will remain in that role until Kenney arrives in January.

NORA LUSTIG, PHD

*Professor, Economics, and
Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics
School of Liberal Arts
Stone Center for Latin American Studies*

Nora Lustig received her doctorate in economics from the University of California–Berkeley in 1979. In addition to her position at Tulane, she is a nonresident fellow of the Center for Global Development, Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Tulane she was Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, George Washington University; president and professor of economics, Universidad de las Americas, Puebla; senior fellow, Brookings Institution; and professor of economics, Colegio de Mexico. She also held positions at the Inter-American Development Bank and United Nations Development Programme. Her research, publications and teaching focus on economic development, poverty and inequality, and social policies, with particular emphasis on Latin America. She currently is working on a book on the new dynamics of inequality in Latin America and a social report card for Latin America. She was president of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association and

co-director of the 2000–2001 World Development Report *Attacking Poverty*. She is a member of the advisory boards of the Center for Global Development, the Earth Institute, the Institute for Development Studies and the Inter-American Dialogue, and of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Latin American Research Review* and *Feminist Economics*. She is also the co-director of the Latin American Economies Roundtable in Washington, D.C. Her areas of expertise are Latin American economies (especially Mexico), global economic crisis, poverty and inequality in Latin America, and anti-poverty programs.

Ky Luu, JD

*Professor of Practice
Payson Center for International Development and
Technology Transfer*

Ky Luu recently left his post as the director of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), where he led the U.S. government office responsible for providing humanitarian assistance in response to international crises and disasters. With a worldwide staff of 256 professionals and a total budget of \$700 million, OFDA in 2008 responded to 81 disasters



The temperate climate of New Orleans allows outdoor classes on the quads almost year-round.

benefiting more than 193 million people in 57 countries. Prior to joining OFDA, he served for three years as vice president for International Medical Corps in Washington, D.C., where he played a key role in strategic planning, policy and program development, and emergency global response. He has extensive experience working with nongovernmental organizations, including serving as director of government relations for the International Research and Exchanges Board in Washington, D.C.; resettlement officer for the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Office in Croatia; and government relations officer for the International Rescue Committee in Washington, D.C. He also worked for White & Case LLP in New York as a corporate associate in mergers and acquisitions. He holds a JD from George Washington University School of Law and a BA from the University of Michigan. In addition, he has completed course work for an MPH at George Washington University School of Public Health. He is an expert in the field of disaster management and has extensive experience in handling all aspects of humanitarian relief and development programs related with the U.S. government, United Nations, international bilateral donors, nongovernmental organizations and international organizations.

MICHAEL J. MADARY, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy
School of Liberal Arts*

Michael Madary received his doctorate from Tulane University in 2007. For the past two years he has been at the University of Bristol as part of an international research grant on perception and action. He is a native of New Orleans and his areas of expertise are phenomenology and visual perception.

KATHERINE MATTES, JD

*Professor of Practice and Interim Director, Criminal Clinic
School of Law*

Following her graduation from law school, Katherine Mattes served for four years as a deputy public defender in San Diego. After moving to New Orleans, she became assistant special counsel in the Office of Special Counsel for the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana. Since joining the Tulane Law School faculty in

2002, she has worked in the Criminal Clinic supervising both trial and appellate litigation. She was lead counsel in *State v. Denson*, a landmark case that resulted in statewide changes to the treatment of mentally ill criminal defendants who are incompetent to stand trial. Continuing her work in this area, she has testified before a state legislative committee; taught and lectured on issues relating to incompetent criminal defendants; and participated in related litigation. After Hurricane Katrina, she accepted, on behalf of the Tulane Criminal Clinic, the Clinical Legal Education Association Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Project. The award was for work done in identifying, locating and representing Orleans Parish inmates who had been displaced by the evacuation. She also led a film crew into the flooded evidence rooms both in the criminal courthouse and the police department. She is a member of the ASPIRES Strategic Working Group, designing and implementing new protocols for the preservation of evidence in criminal cases. She also is active in the Orleans Parish Forensic Mental Health Council, a group of stakeholders working towards developing solutions to the influx of mentally ill in the criminal justice system.

RALPH MAURER, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Management
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Ralph Maurer received his PhD in 2008 from Stanford University in the Department of Management Science and Engineering. He comes to Tulane from the Stephenson Entrepreneurship Institute at Louisiana State University. His research interests include innovation, institutional entrepreneurship and the cultural industries. His areas of expertise are entrepreneurship and innovation in high technology and cultural industries.

ADAM MCKEOWN, PhD

*Assistant Professor, English
School of Liberal Arts*

Adam McKeown received his PhD from New York University in 2000. Before coming to Tulane he was a lecturer in writing at Princeton University and an assistant professor of English at Adelphi University. He



Professor Kevin Krane, standing, leads a class of students at the Tulane School of Medicine.

has published articles in *Studies in English Literature*, *The Sidney Journal*, and *Exemplaria*, among others. His book *English Mercuries: Soldier Poets in the Age of Shakespeares* (which came out in August 2009) reconsiders Elizabethan militarism through the writings of war veterans who came home to pursue literary careers. His areas of expertise are early modern literature and culture.

MARNIN A. MERRICK, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Radiation Oncology School of Medicine

CARMELO MESA-LAGO, DPHIL

Visiting Professor and Greenleaf Chair in Latin American Studies School of Liberal Arts Stone Center for Latin American Studies

Carmelo Mesa-Lago is Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh and has been a visiting professor or researcher in Argentina, Germany, Mexico, Spain, Uruguay, the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as a lecturer in 39 countries. The founder and editor for 18 years of *Cuban Studies*, he is the author of 78 books and 270 articles or

chapters published in seven languages in 33 countries on social security, the Cuban economy and comparative economic systems. His most recent books are *Market, Socialist and Mixed Economies: Comparative Policy and Performance* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002), *Cuba's Aborted Reform: Socioeconomic Effects, International Comparisons and Transition Policies* (with J. Perez-Lopez, University of Press of Florida, 2005), and *Reassembling Social Security* (Oxford University Press, 2008). He has worked throughout Latin America as regional adviser for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, as a consultant with international financial organizations and with several United Nations branches and national and foreign foundations. He was president of the Latin American Studies Association and is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. Among his awards are the ILO International Research Prize on Decent Work, the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung Senior Prize, two senior Fulbrights, Arthur Whitaker and Hoover Institution prizes, the Annual Distinction of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy and the Bicentennial Medallion of the University of Pittsburgh, as well as other awards for his life work on social security and the Cuban economy. He was finalist in Spain's Prince of Asturias Prize on Social

Sciences in 2008. His areas of expertise are economics of social security (pensions, health care and social assistance) in Latin America, comparative economic systems and the Cuban economy.

JAMES MORRIS, MD

*Instructor of Clinical Medicine, Internal Medicine
School of Medicine*

James Morris earned a BS in animal science and a BS in microbiology from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College where he was named LSU's Outstanding Senior for 1999. He obtained his doctor of medicine degree at LSU Health Sciences Center School of Medicine–Shreveport and completed an internal medicine residency at Baton Rouge/Earl K. Long Medical Center, followed by a fellowship in gastroenterology at the LSU Health Sciences Center–New Orleans. He is a previous recipient of the inaugural Arcus Group Humanitarian in Medicine Award in 2006. In addition, he completed the Crohns and Colitis Foundation of America visiting fellow program. He is a diplomate in internal medicine from the American Board of Internal Medicine. He also will be involved in clinical activities at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System and the LSU Interim Public Hospital. He is currently engaged in training in advanced therapeutic endoscopy and fellow/resident education and clinical activities in gastroenterology.

MARGUERITE NGUYEN, PhD

*Mellon Foundation
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities, English
School of Liberal Arts*

Marguerite Nguyen received her BA from Duke University in 1997 and her PhD from the University of California–Berkeley in 2008. Her areas of concentration are American literature, Asian American literature, Vietnamese diasporic literature and translation. More specifically, she is interested in the politics of literary form and how notions of genre, race and regionalism help to define the “new” in local and global literatures. She has done translation work for various documentaries, including *A Village Called Versailles*, a film about Hurricane Katrina's impact on Vietnamese refugees in New Orleans. She has taught at UC

Berkeley, Stanford University and California College of the Arts and currently is working on a book project derived from her dissertation, “Vietnamese-American Encounters: Race, Power, and Literary Innovation.” Originally from Virginia, she is excited about experiencing the cultures of New Orleans and looks forward to learning more about the city's Vietnamese American communities. Her areas of expertise are Asian American culture, Vietnam War culture, Vietnamese American culture and history and the Vietnamese refugee experience.

SHU-YI OEI, JD

*Associate Professor
School of Law*

Shu-Yi Oei received her AB from Brown University in 1999, her MTS from Harvard Divinity School in 2003, and her JD from Harvard Law School in 2003. Her research interests lie in the areas of taxation, bankruptcy and commercial law. Before coming to Tulane, she practiced law for more than five years with the Boston law firm of Bingham McCutchen LLP, specializing in taxation. She is originally from Singapore. Her areas of expertise are taxation, comparative law, bankruptcy and commercial law.



Tulane students frequently volunteer for service projects such as tutoring.

STEPHEN OSTERTAG, PhD

*Professor of Practice, Sociology
School of Liberal Arts*

Stephen Ostertag earned his PhD in sociology at the University of Connecticut in 2008. Before coming to Tulane, he was at the State University of New York–Oneonta. His scholarship focuses largely on media. His current work is at the intersections of media consumption/use, cultural cognition and social reality. He also is interested in radical and alternative media organizations and how they adapt to and resist pressures from corporate media organizations and other dominant institutions. In addition to media scholarship, he is interested in criminology, particularly that branch of critical criminology that examines the construction of laws, distribution of law enforcement and incarceration practices as mechanisms of social control. His areas of expertise are media (mainstream media, PBS, alternative/radical media), crime, deviance, social control, and ideology and hegemony.

MICHAEL PAPPAS, JD

*Forrester Fellow and Instructor in Legal Writing
School of Law*

After his graduation from Stanford Law School, Michael Pappas served for two years as law clerk to Judge James Dennis of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. While in law school, he served as co-editor-in-chief of the *Stanford Environmental Law Journal* and also participated in Stanford's environmental law clinic. He is a member of the California bar and has published two law review articles since his graduation from law school. As an undergraduate, he majored in English literature, in which he also received a master's degree.

KATHARINE PARRISH, PhD, MD

*Professor of Practice, Cell and Molecular Biology
School of Science and Engineering
Center for Anatomical and Movement Sciences*

Katharine Parrish began teaching human anatomy and physiology II with cadaver dissection lab as an adjunct faculty member at Tulane University in 2003. Prior to receiving her MD from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans in

1984, she completed her PhD in pharmacology at the University of Louisiana–Monroe. She developed an objective animal model for evaluation of tardive dyskinesia, using integrated electromyography of the masseter muscle in rats in 1978. She then was a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow with the Kresge Laboratory of the South at LSUHSC. She worked in the auditory pharmacology labs at Tulane University School of Medicine, helping to isolate the afferent transmitter from the cochlea to the VIII nerve. As a professor of practice in cell and molecular biology, she teaches Foundations of Pharmacology, Pathophysiology, Head and Neck Anatomy, and Human Anatomy and Physiology II.

RAMESH PRABHU, PhD

*Research Instructor, Microbiology and Immunology
School of Medicine*

Ramesh Prabhu received his doctorate from the Post Graduate institute of Medical Education and Research in Chandigarh, India, in 2000. After postdoctoral training at Tulane University, he was promoted to research instructor in 2009. His research interests are developing antiviral therapies and vaccines against flavivirus and orthomyxovirus. He developed a peptide-based antiviral therapy against the influenza virus that is effective against most flu strains.

ZACHARY PURSELL, PhD

*Assistant Professor of Biochemistry
School of Medicine
Tulane Cancer Center*

Zachary Pursell received his BS in biological chemistry from Tulane University in 1997. He then received his PhD in molecular and cell biology from the University of California–Berkeley in 2003. He subsequently was a postdoctoral fellow in the Laboratory of Molecular Genetics at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a part of the National Institutes of Health, in Research Triangle Park, N.C. He joined Tulane University as an assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry in January 2009. His research interests include dissecting the roles of human DNA polymerases in DNA replication and the repair of damaged DNA and understanding how these

roles may both protect from and contribute to human diseases including cancer. His areas of expertise are DNA replication, DNA damage and repair, and molecular mechanisms of carcinogenesis.

BRAD RAPER, MD

*Instructor of Clinical Medicine, Internal Medicine
School of Medicine*

CORINNE RICHARDS-ZAWACKI, PHD

*Assistant Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
School of Science and Engineering*

Cori Richards-Zawacki received her PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Michigan in 2007. Afterward, she spent two years as a post-doctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama and at the University of California–Berkeley. Her research interests focus on the ecology and evolution of amphibians. In particular, her research focuses on speciation and the evolution of morphological variation; the effects of climate change on amphibian disease dynamics and conservation, and applications of paleodistributional and ecological niche models to ecology and evolution.

SCOTT RUFF, MARCH II

*Associate Professor
School of Architecture*

Scott Ruff received his bachelor of architecture and master of architecture II from Cornell University. He has previously taught at Syracuse University, Hampton University, State University of New York–Buffalo and Cornell University. His areas of expertise are cultural studies in architecture, theory and criticism of architecture, and urban design.

RONALD SCALISE, LL.M.

*Associate Professor and
A. B. Freeman Professorship in Civil Law
School of Law*

Prior to arriving at Tulane, Ronald Scalise served on the faculty of the Louisiana State University Law Center where he was the McGlinchey Stafford Associate Professor of Law. During spring 2009 he served as acting vice chancellor for academic affairs. After his graduation from Tulane Law School, where he was an articles editor of the Tulane Law Review, he clerked for Judge James L. Dennis of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and obtained his LL.M. at Trinity College, Cambridge University, on a Gates Fellowship. He then worked as an associate attorney in the corporate and business section of the New Orleans law firm of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLC. He is active in both Louisiana legal reform and research and in comparative law in general. Recently, he was a visitor at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, and he is involved in a number of European comparative law projects, such as the Common Core of European Private Law, an international working group on succession law, and a project comparing the private law of Scotland and Louisiana. In addition to serving as a council member of the Louisiana State Law Institute, he is the reporter for the Counterletter Committee and a member of its executive committee and as well as committees on successions and donations, trust, coordinating and semantics, and security devices. He has written extensively on civil law topics, particularly in the area of successions and inheritance. His areas of expertise are civil law, including successions, property and contracts.



Music professor John Baron uses the piano to teach a lesson to students on the uptown campus.



A decorative relief on Gibson Hall, built in 1894 on the uptown campus, is indicative of its history.

JOHN SCOTT, MD, PHD

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology,
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
School of Medicine*

John Scott completed his PhD in microbiology and immunology at Oregon Health Sciences University–Portland, and did his fellowship in clinical microbiology at the University of Washington. After teaching microbiology at Loma Linda University he returned to school and obtained his MD from the University of L'Aquila in Italy and did his residency in internal medicine and fellowship in rheumatology. In 1995 he joined Tulane and established rheumatology clinics at Tulane Hospital, the Veterans Administration hospital and the Hutchinson Clinic. In 2003, he returned to his laboratory interests and completed his training in clinical pathology and fellowship in transfusion medicine at Methodist Hospital in Houston and his fellowship in hematopathology at the Tulane School of Medicine. In 2009, he rejoined the faculty at Tulane and currently is serving as the medical director for special pathology (microbiology, chemistry and molecular pathology) and assistant director in transfusion medicine. His area of expertise is clinical pathology (microbiology, transfusion medicine and medical informatics).

JAIDEEP SHENOY, PHD

*Assistant Professor, Finance
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Jaideep Shenoy received his PhD from Georgia State University in 2009 and prior to that his MBA from

Virginia Tech in 2003. His research focuses on the intersection of corporate finance and industrial organization with an emphasis on corporate restructuring activities, internal capital markets and product markets. He has presented his research at meetings of the American Finance Association, Western Finance Association and the Financial Management Association.

DAVID SHOEMAKER, PHD

*Associate Professor, Philosophy
School of Liberal Arts
Murphy Institute*

David Shoemaker received his PhD in philosophy from the University of California–Irvine in 1996. He has since taught in the philosophy departments at Arkansas State University, University of Memphis, University of California–Riverside, California State University–Northridge, and Bowling Green State University, where he was department chair. His research is primarily on moral responsibility, especially as it pertains to various sorts of mental disorders, and the relation between personal identity and ethics. His areas of expertise are ethical issues as well as theism and atheism.



**STEVEN M.
SHEFFRIN, PHD**

*Professor, Economics
School of Liberal Arts
Executive Director,
Murphy Institute*

When he arrives at Tulane University in January, Steven M. Sheffrin is looking forward to leading “a true interdisciplinary program

at the Murphy Institute and its affiliates.” He will assume the directorship of the institute that long-time Tulane faculty member Rick Teichgraeber has held since 1984.

Sheffrin, professor of economics at the University of California–Davis and the founder and director of its Center for State and Local Taxation, believes that the training and research opportunities that the Murphy Institute provides to students and faculty is invaluable.

“While many in academia talk about crossing intellectual boundaries, few actually do, and Tulane has established a strong reputation in interdisciplinary teaching and research,” he said.

In addition to earning a PhD in economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sheffrin received a bachelor’s degree from Wesleyan University, through an interdisciplinary program similar in philosophy to the Murphy Institute’s program in political economy.

He has remained engaged with this program over the years and dedicated to an interdisciplinary approach in his own research, which has evolved from macroeconomic theory and policy to public policy and public finance. Currently, he is pursuing an interdisciplinary project on tax fairness.

Sheffrin, who joined UC–Davis in 1976, served as department chair of economics for seven years and dean of the Division of Social Sciences for 10 years.

He has been a visiting professor at Princeton University, the London School of Economics,

Nuffield College in Oxford and Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

His areas of research include public finance, tax policy and macroeconomics. Sheffrin has published 10 books and more than 100 articles in these and related fields. His most well-known books include *Rational Expectations and Property Taxes* and *Tax Revolts: The Legacy of Proposition 13*. He also is the co-author of a successful principles of economics text, *Economics: Principles, Applications, and Tools*.

Looking ahead, he would like to expand the Murphy Institute to include research and teaching in public policy.

“This means working with a variety of different groups,” Sheffrin added, “starting with interested parties in the broader Tulane community and reaching out locally to New Orleans and Louisiana and to national organizations to develop public policy connections. I will be looking for opportunities to make these connections.”

Two other things also helped draw Sheffrin to Tulane and New Orleans—his “great respect for the strong administrative leadership on the campus and its willingness to make difficult choices when necessary” and his interest in the “vibrant culture of New Orleans and the new challenges that the city and region face.”

PHILIP SKELDING, MD

*Instructor of Clinical Medicine
School of Medicine*

Philip Skelding is a clinical instructor in medicine at the Tulane University School of Medicine. He also is an associate program director for the internal medicine residency program and a faculty adviser for the medical student-run Fleur de Vie Clinic. He received his BA from Columbia University with a major in chemistry. As a Rhodes Scholar he received a BA in politics, philosophy and economics from Oxford University, as well as MPH from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He completed his MD at Harvard Medical School, completing his residency training in internal medicine at Tulane before joining the faculty. He oversees the ambulatory training of the internal medicine residents. He has an outpatient practice at the Tulane University Community Health Center at Covenant House. In addition, he works as a hospitalist at the Medical Center of Louisiana–New Orleans.

BERETTA E. SMITH-SHOMADE, PHD, MFA

*Associate Professor, Communication
School of Liberal Arts
African and African Diaspora Studies*

Beretta E. Smith-Shomade received her PhD in film and television critical studies from the University of California–Los Angeles and an MFA in television production from Brooklyn College, City University of New York. Her research and teaching focus on the media's intersections with race, gender, class and generation. Her books, *Shaded Lives: African-American Women and Television* and *Pimpin Ain't Easy: Selling Black Entertainment Television*, explore the socio-cultural, political-economic contexts in which representations of African Americans collide with notions of promise, progress, pride and privilege. Beyond this work, she has produced video documentaries and is heavily invested in media literacy efforts. She has expertise in representations of African Americans (especially on television), media literacy, Black Entertainment Television and mediated race and gender.

AUBREY SPRIGGS, PHD

*Assistant Professor, Community Health Sciences
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Aubrey Spriggs completed her PhD in maternal and child health, minoring in epidemiology, at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill in 2009. Focused on adolescent health, her research incorporates a developmental perspective and social epidemiology methods. Her past research projects include an examination of the relationship between sexual debut timing and adult well-being; investigating social-contextual contributors to dating violence; and a cross-national comparative analysis of the problematization of adolescent sexual behavior. Her current research interests include examining the relationship between neighborhood change and adolescent health behaviors, as well as the impact of Hurricane Katrina on adolescent health. She has published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, and *Social Science and Medicine*.

REBECCA STARR, PHD

*Visiting Lecturer, Anthropology
School of Liberal Arts*

CAZ TAYLOR, PHD

*Assistant Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
School of Science and Engineering
Center for Computational Science*

Caz Taylor received her PhD from the University of California–Davis in 2004. Her dissertation examined the population dynamics and management of an invasive estuarine plant species. She was subsequently awarded a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowship in biological informatics that she took to Simon Fraser University in British Columbia to study the population dynamics of migratory shorebirds. Her research interests are the ecology of wetland-dependent species and the use of mathematical population models in ecology.

RED TREMMEL, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, History
School of Liberal Arts*

MICAH TRUE, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, French and Italian
School of Liberal Arts*

Micah True received his PhD in French Studies at Duke University in May 2009. He specializes in 17th-century French literature, with particular emphasis on travel writing, ethnography and colonial Canada.

KENTARO TSUBAKI, MARCH II

*Assistant Professor
School of Architecture*

Kentaro Tsubaki joins the School of Architecture faculty in fall 2009 from Texas Tech University, where he was an assistant professor. He holds a BS in physics from Kyoto University, a first professional MArch from the University of Colorado–Denver, and a post-professional MArch from Cranbrook Academy of Art. Prior to pursuing his academic career, he honed his architectural practice as an associate at Pasanella + Klein, Stolzman + Berg Architects, P.C. His primary areas of interest are the subject of materiality and logic of construction. He is partial to what he calls an “indeterminate extension” of architectural elements, an unorthodox approach to current trends where precision in planning and construction is valued. As a

design educator, his primary concern is to raise the spatial and material awareness of students in the early stages of design education. His research explores theories and methods to encourage hands-on, trial-and-error experience through phenomenological explorations and to consciously integrate them into the decision-making process.

KOJI TSUMAGARI, MD

*Research Assistant Professor, Biochemistry
School of Medicine*

Koji Tsumagari received his MD from Miyazaki University in Japan in 1994 and PhD in molecular biology from Miyazaki University in Japan in 2004. He joined Tulane University School of Medicine from 2004 and currently is research assistant professor in biochemistry. His research interests and areas of expertise are epigenetics and molecular biology for muscular dystrophy.

CAROLE VIERS-ANDRONICO, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, French and Italian
School of Liberal Arts*

Carole Viers-Andronico received her PhD in June 2008 from the University of California–Los Angeles, where she was a teaching assistant and instructor of comparative literature, as well as instructor of French for the University of California Education Abroad Paris Center from 2002 to 2008. During her doctoral studies, she was awarded a Lenart Travel Fellowship that enabled her to pursue research on the Paris-based literary group OULIPO for her dissertation, “The OULIPO and Art as Retrieval: Copyists and Translators in the Novels of Raymond Queneau, Italo Calvino, Harry Mathews, and Georges Perec.” In 2008–2009, she taught as a lecturer of comparative literature at UCLA and California State University–Long Beach. Her research and teaching interests include French and Italian language and literature of the 20th century as well as the practice and theory of translation. In addition to revising her dissertation for publication, she is currently working on English translations of Italian writers Paolo Nori and Carmelo Bene.



Students listen attentively to a lecture at the School of Medicine on the downtown health sciences campus.

LINGLING WANG, PHD

*Assistant Professor, Finance
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Lingling Wang received her PhD degree in finance from Georgia State University in 2009. Her research interests include the relation between manager characteristics and firm policies, the impact of outside employment opportunities on the effectiveness of disciplining mechanisms in a firm, international sourcing and corporate capital structure decisions, corporate governance and investments.

JEFFREY WICKLIFFE, MS, PHD

*Assistant Professor, Environmental Health Sciences
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Jeffrey Wickliffe completed his dissertation in biology in 2002, examining mutagenesis and population genetic changes in rodents exposed to ionizing radiation that resulted from the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster in the former Soviet Union. He studies the negative public health impacts caused by environmental and occupational exposures to carcinogens, mutagens and nanoparticles, interactions among environmental chemicals and lifestyle factors, cumulative risk assessment and the biological mechanisms of disease development with a focus on prevention. His areas of expertise are genetics, toxicology, environmental health, community-based research and mutagenesis.

MICHAEL WIEDORN, PHD

*Mellon Foundation
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities, French and Italian
School of Liberal Arts*

Michael Weidorn received his PhD from the Program in Comparative Literature and Literary Theory at the University of Pennsylvania. His interests include late 20th-century French and Francophone philosophy and literature, the Francophone Caribbean, postcolonial theory and cinema. He is returning from a summer spent in Cameroon and Morocco. His areas of expertise are French-speaking cultures outside of France, French philosophy, Paris and the unrest in its suburbs, and the Francophone Caribbean.

SONG-GUI YANG, MD

*Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
School of Medicine*

Song-Gui Yang is an associate professor of clinical pediatrics. He obtained his medical degree from Hunan Medical University and a PhD in pharmacology from the University of Calgary. He then completed pediatric residency training at the Royal University Hospital, the University of Saskatchewan. At the Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia, he completed fellowships in pediatric cardiology and pediatric echocardiography. He is interested in congenital heart diseases and echocardiography for fetuses, infants, children and adolescents. His areas of expertise are fetal cardiology and pediatric cardiology.

FERRUH YILMAZ, PHD

*Assistant Professor, Communication
School of Liberal Arts*

Ferruh Yilmaz received his MA from Goldsmith College in London and doctorate from the University of California–San Diego. His research interests include discourse analysis and rhetorical criticism, culturalization of discourse, rhetorical interventions in discourse, the relationship between the ontological and the political, and the production of Islam/West distinction. He is currently working on a book project that explores the role of immigration debate in shaping the political discourse in Europe. He previously taught at the University of California–San Diego and the University of Pennsylvania.

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