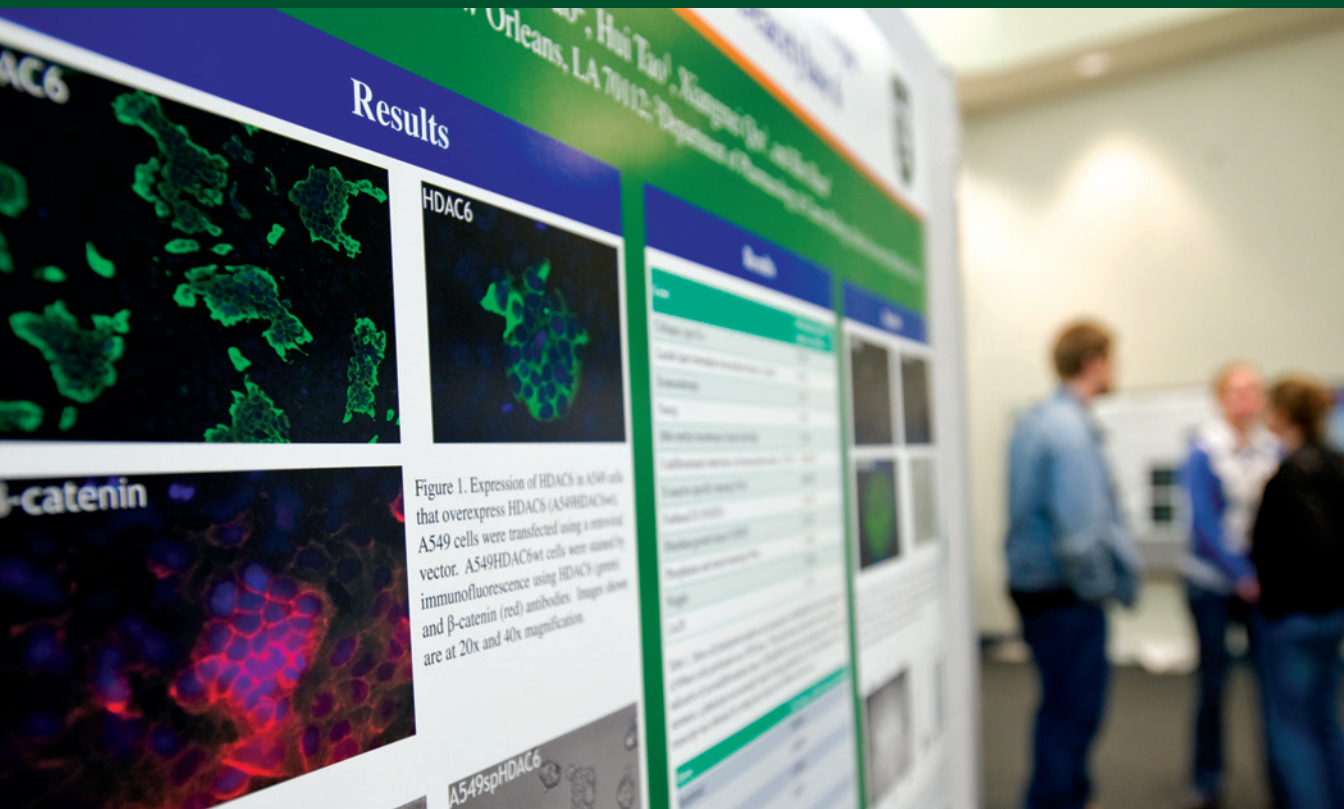


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# NEW FACULTY





*Dear Colleagues,*

On behalf of the entire Tulane community, welcome! You have joined an institution that has provided more than 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. Our university is also 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. Indeed, the university has demonstrated a profound commitment to a superior learning environment by fostering outstanding scholarship, research, and artistic accomplishment among its faculty. Tulane professors have been awarded the most prestigious honors in the academic world along with being elected to membership in the National Academies and in the American Academy for Arts and Sciences. In the past 35 years alone, Tulane colleagues have received 25 Fulbright Fellowships, 11 National Science Foundation CAREER Awards, 9 Guggenheim Foundation Fellowships, 8 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships, 4 Alfred P. Sloan Fellowships and 2 Nobel Prizes in Medicine.

Of Tulane's venerable legacy and exemplary reputation, you have now become an integral part. Insofar as the university 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. We are very proud that our students have a truly unique educational experience found only in New Orleans, only at Tulane. And we know that our 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. In the final analysis, it is you and all of your faculty and staff colleagues 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.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**MICHAEL A. BERNSTEIN**

*Professor of History and Economics*

*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*

**JEFF AGNEW, Ph.D.**

*Professor of Practice,  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
School of Science and Engineering*

Jeff Agnew received his doctorate from Louisiana State University in 2008. He has been teaching at Centenary College of Louisiana for the past three years. His research deals primarily with predator-prey interactions in the fossil record. He is also involved with several programs that help K-12 teachers increase their content knowledge and implement inquiry based activities in their classrooms. Expertise: Fossil crabs and shark teeth.

**GONZALO AGUIAR, D.PHIL.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Spanish and Portuguese  
School of Liberal Arts*

Gonzalo Aguiar received his doctorate from Washington University–St. Louis in 2010, where he also taught Spanish for seven years. His research interests and areas of expertise are centered around Latin American intellectual history. He has published several articles focused on cultural as well as political practices as modernity developed in the region.

**JAMES ALM, Ph.D.**

*Professor and Chair, Economics  
School of Liberal Arts*

James Alm is chair of the Department of Economics. Previously, he was Regents Professor in the Department of Economics at the Andrew Young School of

Policy Studies at Georgia State University–Atlanta, where he served as chair of the department and dean of the School. He has also taught at Syracuse University and at the University of Colorado–Boulder. He earned his masters degree in economics at the University of Chicago and his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He teaches and conducts research in the area of public economics. Much of his research has examined the responses of individuals and firms to taxation, in such areas as tax compliance, the tax treatment of the family, tax reform, the line item veto, Social Security, housing, indexation, and tax and expenditure limitations. His work has been published in leading economics journals, and he is the author of nine books. He has also worked extensively on fiscal and decentralization reforms overseas, including projects in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Jamaica, Grenada, Turkey, Egypt, Hungary, China, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Uganda, Nigeria, India, Colombia, Nepal, Ukraine, Pakistan, and South Africa. He is currently editor of *Public Finance Review* and an associate editor of *Review of Economics of the Household*. Expertise: public economics, tax policy and government expenditure policy.

**PHILIP ANGLEWICZ, Ph.D.**

*Research Assistant Professor,  
International Health and Development  
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Philip Anglewicz received his Ph.D. in demography from the University of Pennsylvania in 2007, and was a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Pennsylvania until 2010. Since 2003, he has been working on a longitudinal study in Malawi that examines the effect of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on the lives of rural residents, and how individuals are changing their behavior to adapt to the epidemic. Expertise: Migration, HIV/AIDS infection, aging, sub-Saharan Africa, biomarker measures of health, survey methodology, research methods and quantitative data analysis.



*One of the Tulane community health mobile clinics works with patients in a New Orleans neighborhood.*

**NIKOLAY ANTOV, Ph.D. CANDIDATE***Visiting Assistant Professor, History**School of Liberal Arts*

Nikolay Antov will receive his Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago in 2010. He specializes in Ottoman history (1300–1923).

**JACKI ARMIT, M.F.A.***Professor of Practice, Theater and Dance**School of Liberal Arts*

Jacki Armit received her M.F.A. in costume technology from the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill in 2009.

**SHADABA ASAD, M.D.***Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine**School of Medicine***LESLIE BARNES, Ph.D.***Visiting Assistant Professor, French and Italian**School of Liberal Arts*

Leslie Barnes received her doctorate in French and Francophone Studies from the University of California–Los Angeles in 2010. She specializes in the 20th- and 21st-century French and Francophone novel, with particular emphasis on Vietnam. Her other research interests include the relationship between form and content in literature and cinema, immigrant writers and minority discourse, and conceptions of “francophonie” as a literary and political category. She recently completed a doctoral dissertation titled, “Vietnam and the Colonial Condition of French Literature: André Malraux, Marguerite Duras, Linda Lê,” and has begun research for a second project on narrative constructions of the Southeast Asian sex-trafficking industry.

**SOPHIA BEAL, Ph.D.***Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in the Humanities, Spanish and Portuguese**School of Liberal Arts*

Sophia Beal’s research focuses primarily on urban literature, both from Brazil and Portuguese-speaking Africa. Her publications on literature from the Portuguese-speaking world have centered on contemporary authors and have been included in anthologies and



James “Mac” Hyman is the new holder of the Evelyn and John G. Phillips Distinguished Chair in Mathematics.

scholarly journals, such as *Hispania* and the *Luso-Brazilian Review*. She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies at Brown University in May 2010. At Brown, she was a graduate fellow at the Cogut Center for the Humanities. Prior to graduate school, she had a Fulbright grant to conduct research on Mozambican literature in Maputo. She has obtained several grants to travel to Brazil to do research and to teach.

**ROGER BELLIN, Ph.D.***Visiting Assistant Professor, English**School of Liberal Arts*

Roger Bellin received a Ph.D. in English from Princeton in 2009, specializing in American literature and literary theory. His dissertation discussed the American Transcendentalists in a Continental philosophical context, contending that Emerson, Alcott and Thoreau were forerunners of Nietzsche in mounting a sustained critique of dispute as a mode of thought. His publications have discussed Descartes, T.S. Eliot, and André Breton; and his other fields of interest include the essay, poetry, Modernism, science fiction, literary theory and Continental philosophy, Marxism, film, psychoanalysis, video-game studies, computers and literature.

**LINNIE BENEZECH, J.D., L.L.M.**

*Visiting Associate Professor  
School of Law*

**RAVI BIRLA, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering  
School of Science and Engineering*

Expertise: Cardiovascular tissue engineering, bio-reactors and stem cell differentiation.

**JANET BRADLEY, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry  
School of Medicine*

**RACHEL BURK, Ph.D CANDIDATE**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Spanish and Portuguese  
School of Liberal Arts*

Rachel L. Burk specializes in early modern Spanish literary and cultural studies with additional interests in transatlantic studies and the history of the body. She holds an A.B. from Columbia in English and will defend her dissertation in Hispanic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania at the beginning of this academic year. Her current project explores representations of blood as the doctrine of blood purity (*limpieza de sangre*)

emerges to differentiate converted Jews and Muslims from so-called Old Christians in the Iberian Peninsula.

**KAI-MAN CHANG, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Communication, with a joint  
appointment in Asian Studies  
School of Liberal Arts*

Kai-man Chang received his doctorate in Comparative Literature from the University of Texas at Austin in 2008. Before coming to Tulane, he was an assistant professor of Chinese at the University of Tulsa. His research interests include Contemporary Chinese Cinema, East Asian Cinema, Chinese Literature, Cultural Studies, Feminism and Queer Theory. His current book project focuses on queer diasporic memory and otherness in the cinema of Tsai Ming-liang.

**KUKHEE CHOO, Ph.D.**

*Professor of Practice, Communication, with a joint  
appointment in Asian Studies  
School of Liberal Arts*

Kukhee Choo received her doctorate from the Information Media Studies Department at the University of Tokyo in 2009. Following her graduation, she taught at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies as a visiting professor and moved to Singapore as a postdoctoral research fellow at the National University of Singapore. Her research interest lies in transnational media flow, gender and popular culture, and cultural policies in Asia. Expertise: Japanese popular culture, anime, East Asian cultural and media policies, Korean Wave and Trans-Asian media flow.

**MICHAEL COHEN, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, German & Slavic Studies  
Director, Jewish Studies  
School of Liberal Arts*

Michael Cohen is the director of Jewish Studies. He earned his Ph.D. in American Jewish history from Brandeis University, and his current project, "The Birth of Conservative Judaism: Solomon Schechters Disciples and the Creation of an American Religious Movement" (forthcoming, Columbia University Press) argues that Conservative rabbis were the ones who were largely responsible for creating the movement.



*Dr. Maureen Lichtveld holds the Freeport McMoRan Chair of Environmental Policy at the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.*

Cohen also specializes in regional Jewish history, having worked both on New England and the American South. Cohen received his A.B. with honors from Brown University. Expertise: American Judaism and Modern Jewish history.

**SEAN CONNOLLY, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

Sean Connolly received his Ph.D. in comparative literature from Cornell University in 2010.

**COLIN CRAWFORD, J.D.**

*Professor, Executive Director,  
Payson Center for International Development  
School of Law*

Colin Crawford specializes in environmental and land use law, with a comparative and international development focus. Most of his comparative work focuses on Latin America, primarily Brazil, Colombia, Central America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. He directs a HED/US AID environmental law capacity-building project in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Nicaragua through 2012. Prior to joining Tulane and the Law School's Payson Center, he taught at Georgia State University College of Law, in Atlanta, where he founded and co-directed the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth. He has also taught at the National School of Public Health, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Rio de Janeiro) and the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic, as a Fulbright scholar.) He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and has history degrees from Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University and Columbia University. Expertise: comparative and international environmental and land use law; Latin American environmental law; and Brazil.

**HONG-WEN DENG, Ph.D.**

*Professor and Chair of Biostatistics  
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Hong-Wen Deng received his Ph.D. degree from University of Oregon in 1995. He was a professor, Franklin D. Dickson/Missouri Endowed Chair, director of orthopedic research and director of the Human Genetics/



*Professors Don Gaver, left, biomedical engineering, and Larry Powell, history, got awards for graduate and professional teaching excellence at Commencement 2010.*

Genomics Program at the University of Missouri–Kansas City from 2005 to 2010. His research interests and areas of expertise are statistical and computational genetics, bioinformatics, and genetic/genomic epidemiology and proteomics of human complex diseases, such as osteoporosis, obesity and sarcopenia. He is the principal investigator of several ongoing NIH grants on genetics studies of osteoporosis and sarcopenia, and the PI or Co-PI of several other completed projects supported by NIH, US Department of Energy, and the state of Nebraska. In particular, he is the program director of an NIH SCOR (specialized center of research) P50 grant.

**CYNTHIA DEVERS, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor, Management  
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Cynthia E. Devers received her Ph.D. in business administration from the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University in 2003. Her research draws on behavioral decision and social psychological perspectives to explore the effects of executive compensation and governance mechanisms on individual and group risk perceptions, behaviors and organizational outcomes. Her work has been published in strategy and management journals, including *Academy of Management Journal*, *Strategic Management Journal*, *Organization Science*, *Organizational Behavior* and *Human Decision Processes*, and *Journal of Management*. Her research has also recently been cited in media outlets



*Crystal Le, right, receives her white coat from Dr. Ernest J. Sneed in a ceremony for first-year medical students.*

including *The Wall Street Journal*, *CFA Magazine*, and *The Business Journal of Milwaukee*. She presently serves on the editorial review boards of the *Academy of Management Journal* and *Academy of Management Review*. Prior to joining the Freeman School, she was an assistant professor of management and human resources at the Wisconsin School of Business at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

### **ANNE DUNLOP, Ph.D.**

***Associate Professor, Art  
School of Liberal Arts***

Anne Dunlop's research focuses on medieval and early-modern Italian art. She comes to Tulane from Yale University, and has spent the last year as Hanna Kiel Fellow at Harvard's Villa I Tatti Center for Renaissance Studies in Florence. She is the author of *Painted Palaces: The Rise of Secular Art in Early Renaissance Italy*, and she co-edited *Art and the Augustinian Order in Early Renaissance Italy*. She is currently researching the Florentine painter Andrea del Castagno, and on the impact of the Mongol conquests on the development of early European art. Expertise: Italian Renaissance art and culture, and on living and travelling in Italy.

### **PATRICK EGAN, Ph.D. CANDIDATE**

***Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science  
School of Liberal Arts***

Expertise: Comparative politics, international relations, international political economy, Latin American politics and development.

### **JESSICA FEINBERG, J.D.**

***Forrester Fellow, Legal Research and Writing  
School of Law***

Prior to becoming a Forrester Fellow at Tulane Law School in 2010, Jessica Feinberg was a visiting assistant clinical professor at DePaul University College of Law, where she taught in the Criminal Appeals and Death Penalty Clinics. She also taught a course in Women and the Law. After her graduation from law school, she clerked for Judge Michael R. Murphy of the 10th US Circuit Court of Appeals in Salt Lake City. She has an article forthcoming in the *Nevada Law Journal* and she has also published articles in the *University of San Francisco Law Review* and the *Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy*. She is a member of the Michigan state bar.

### **YUMEI FENG, M.D., Ph.D.**

***Assistant Professor, Physiology  
School of Medicine***

### **AMY GAJDA, J.D.**

***Associate Professor, Law  
School of Law***

Amy Gajda's primary research interests relate to privacy, freedom of expression and the First Amendment. Among other matters, her work explores the tensions between social regulation and protected expression in contexts ranging from academic speech to news reporting. Her recent book, *The Trials of Academe*, published by Harvard University Press, explores the growing resort to litigation in academic controversies and its implications for academic freedom and university autonomy. She joins Tulane from the University of Illinois in Champaign–Urbana. Her B.A. is from the University of Michigan and she earned a J.D. from Wayne State University, completing her legal studies at Georgetown University Law Center.

**MICHAEL GRIFFIN, M.S.P.H.**

*Lecturer, Department of Medicine  
School of Medicine*

**FRANCOISE GROSSMAN-KENDALL, M.P.H.**

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

Expertise: Women's health, obstetrics and asynchronous Internet learning.

**HANS GRUENIG, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy  
School of Liberal Arts*

Hans W. Gruenig received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Tulane University in 2009 after completing an M.A. in philosophy and religion at the California Institute of Integral Studies. His research interests include Heidegger, Buddhism and comparative philosophy. He wrote his dissertation on the roles of ontological death, personal transformation, and nonduality in the philosophy of Martin Heidegger.

**WEDSLY TURENNE GUERRIER, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor  
Stone Center for Latin American Studies*

Wedsly Guerrier received his Ph.D. from the University of Florida in spring 2010. Expertise: Haitian Creole and French.

**YEHUDA HALPER, Ph.D.**

*Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Philosophy  
School of Liberal Arts*

Yehuda Halper received his doctorate in Jewish Philosophy from Bar-Ilan University in Israel. He has a master's degree in philosophy from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a bachelor's degree in mathematics and classical studies from the University of Chicago. His research examines the intersections of philosophy and religion and of Judaism and Islam in the Middle Ages. His approach focuses on the history of philosophical concepts and their use in mainstream religious texts of the Middle Ages. He is particularly interested in the transmission of Greek philosophic concepts into Islamic philosophy and mysticism and



*A group of undergraduate students discuss their research project with Gary Talarchek in the Center for Research-Education Activities at Tulane (CREATE).*





Toxicologist LuAnn White prepares for a National Guard flight over the Deepwater Horizon oil rig disaster site.

from there, in turn, to a Medieval Jewish mystical and philosophical context. He has been a research fellow at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and the Shalem Center in Jerusalem. Expertise: Medieval philosophy, Jewish philosophy and thought and Islamic philosophy and thought.

### **ERIC HAMERMAN, Ph.D.**

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

Eric Hamerman received his Ph.D. in marketing from Columbia University in 2010. He conducts research in consumer psychology, and his dissertation focused on how the perception of control impacts purchase behavior. Eric also has an M.B.A. from the University of North Carolina and a B.A. from American University. Prior to entering academia, Eric was a manager for pricing strategy at American Airlines.

### **CHANG HAN, M.D.**

*Associate Professor  
Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
School of Medicine*

Dr. Chang Han's research is focused on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of hepatobiliary carcinogenesis. A variety of cell culture and animal models are being utilized to study the biological role of several key

enzymes in the prostaglandin biosynthetic pathway, including cytosolic phospholipase A2 (cPLA2), cyclooxygenase-2 and 15-hydroxyprostaglandin dehydrogenase (15-PGDH), in liver carcinogenesis and their interactions with other key molecules pivotal for hepatobiliary cell growth and carcinogenesis.

### **LAURI HENGL, DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE CANDIDATE**

*Clinical Instructor of Medicine, Gastroenterology  
School of Medicine*

Lauri Hengl received her M.S.N. from Loyola University–New Orleans, where she is currently a candidate in the first Doctor of Nursing Practice program in Louisiana. Before joining Tulane University's Department of Medicine, she was a nurse at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and at Tulane Hospital, treating medical, surgical and critical care patients. She was Tulane's first Certified Clinical Transplant Nurse. Her doctoral focus is on the impact of continuing education on job satisfaction for nurses, and her research interests include the development of innovative treatments for Hepatitis C. She is a sub-investigator in numerous drug trials. She specializes in hepatology and gastroenterology.

### **ORLANDO HERNANDEZ YING, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Art  
School of Liberal Arts*

Orlando Hernandez Ying holds a Ph.D. in art history from the Graduate Center CUNY. He is interested in all eras of Latin American art, especially in the fusion of Pre-Columbian and Western elements that started with the European conquest. He has been teaching in New York for six years and is also interested in the contextualization of works of art in the museum environment. Expertise: Latin American colonial art, religious art, Latin American culture and museum studies.

**AARON HOFFMAN, Ph.D.**

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

Aaron E. Hoffman earned his doctorate in epidemiology from Yale University in 2009, followed by an additional year of training as a postdoctoral associate. His research focuses on the molecular epidemiology of cancer, with a particular interest in the influence of genetic and epigenetic mechanisms of circadian disruption on cancer susceptibility. He is also interested in more broad analyses of the inter-individual variability in gene expression, and the extent to which epigenetic mechanisms such as post-transcriptional gene regulation by small non-coding RNA species and other non-traditional regulatory instruments such as alternative polyadenylation, influence cancer-relevant processes and contribute to the complex risk structure that is observable at the population level. In each case, the goal of his research is to generate insights with translational implications which may be useful for the treatment and prevention of cancer. Expertise: Circadian genetics and circadian rhythm in cancer.

**ANA IGLESIAS, Ph.D.**

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

Ana Iglesias holds a Ph.D. in business administration from Georgia State University. Her research interests include competitive dynamics and strategic decision making under conditions of ambiguity. Prior to beginning her academic career, Iglesias held management positions in consulting and banking for 10 years.

**XIAOYUE JIANG, Ph.D.**

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

Xiaoyue Jiang, assistant professor of information management, earned an M.S. in operations research from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and an M.Eng. in communications engineering and a Ph.D. in industrial engineering from the University of Toronto. His dissertation focused on modeling and optimization for maintenance systems. Jiang has served as a visiting assistant professor information management at the

Freeman School since 2008. Prior to joining the Freeman School, Jiang served as an assistant professor in the Department of Construction Management and Industrial Engineering at Louisiana State University, where he taught courses including Probability Theory in Engineering, Advanced Reliability Engineering, Information Systems Engineering, Supply Chain Systems and Logistics, and Introduction to Operations Research.

**MARGIE KAHN, M.D.**

*Associate Professor OBGYN  
Adjunct Associate Professor,  
Urology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Urology  
School of Medicine*

Dr. Margie Kahn became director of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery and associate clinical professor in the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Urology in November of 2009. She received her M.D. from Tulane University in 1984, completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at New York Downtown Hospital in 1990, and her fellowship in urogynecology at St. George's Hospital in London in 1997. After achieving tenure at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, she worked two years at Southern California Permanente Medical Group before coming home to New Orleans.



*Nghana Lewis, left, English, and Constance Balides, communication, won 2010 Weiss awards for undergraduate teaching.*



*Dr. Elizabeth Bellino, a clinical instructor of pediatric infectious diseases, cares for a wounded child in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.*

She has authored numerous publications, presented at international meetings and is a member of the editorial board of *Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery*, the official journal of the American Urogynecologic Society. Her primary research interest is in posterior pelvic floor disorders. Expertise: urogynecology, pelvic organ prolapse, and urinary and fecal incontinence.

### **JORDAN KARUBIAN, Ph.D.**

**Assistant Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
Stone Center for Latin American Studies**

Jordan Karubian's research focuses on behavior, conservation and ecology of birds in tropical forests of Australia and Ecuador. He was drawn to this field by his deep fascination with animal social behavior and his love of the outdoors. He combines data from a natural population with field and aviary experiments and molecular work to address the evolutionary causes and consequences of this intra-sexual variation. He also heads a multi-faceted project based in the highly endangered Chocó rain forests in Ecuador. The main thrust of the research in Ecuador concerns how social biology and habitat fragmentation affects seed dispersal by the Long-wattled Umbrellabird, a large fruit-eating bird. This work is complemented by studying baseline ecological processes in these poorly known forests and documenting the conservation requirements of several poorly known and endangered

species of bird. His work in Ecuador also has a strong applied component including training, education, and involvement of local residents and university students. At Tulane, he expects to teach courses in behavioral ecology, plant-animal interactions and eventually a field course that will take Tulane undergrads to get a first-hand experience with tropical rainforests.

### **ROGER KELLEY, M.D.**

**Professor, Department of Neurology  
School of Medicine**

Roger E. Kelley received his M.D. degree from Tulane in 1976. He was named professor and chair of neurology at Tulane, as of January 1, 2010. He has been actively involved in stroke research as well as residency education in neurology throughout his academic career. He was previously professor and chairman of neurology at LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport. Prior to that, he was professor of neurology and director of the Clinical Stroke Service at University of Miami School of Medicine.

### **RACHEL KIDMAN, Ph.D.**

**Research Assistant Professor,  
International Health and Development  
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

Rachel Kidman's research focus is on the development of appropriate social interventions to help protect the welfare of children affected by AIDS. Her work is currently focused on longitudinal evaluations of community-based programs for orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa. Her past work includes investigation of health and educational disparities among children affected by AIDS in Malawi, case studies of community programming for orphans in Botswana, and research on best-practices for programs serving vulnerable children and their families for UNICEF.

### **MYOUNG-SHIK (MASON) KIM, Ph.D. CANDIDATE**

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science  
School of Liberal Arts**

Myoung-Shik (Mason) Kim expects to receive his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Pittsburgh in November 2010. His research interest is in the

influence of economic globalization on the welfare state in East Asia. At Tulane, he will be teaching Chinese Politics and East Asian Political Economy.

**TODD KRULAK, Ph.D.**

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

Todd Krulak received his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania in 2009. His research interests and area of expertise are in religions of late antiquity. In particular, he focuses on the study of the New Testament and early Christianity, Greek and Roman ritual expertise (“magic”), and Iamblichian and post-Iamblichian Platonism. Expertise: Aspects of the New Testament and Early Christianity and in Greco-Roman religion and philosophy.

**NIRBHAY KUMAR, Ph.D.**

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

Nirbhay Kumar’s studies focus on the biochemistry, molecular biology and immunology of antigens expressed in the sexual stages of malaria parasite and host-parasite interaction. Some of the major projects currently include: (i) molecular mechanisms of sexual differentiation in Plasmodium, (ii) the development of a malaria transmission-blocking vaccine, (iii) molecular characterization of malarial ‘recombinosome’ and

role of Rad51 and dmc1, (iv) immune- and molecular epidemiology of malaria studies in Zimbabwe and Zambia, (v) malaria and helminth co-infections in mouse models and in humans, (vi) sporozoite–salivary gland interactions, (vii) determinants of malaria transmission success, (viii) K<sup>+</sup> channels and malaria transmission, (ix) malaria specific memory B cell responses, and (x) development of transgenic murine malaria parasites as tools to investigate transmission blocking vaccines.

**MEREDITH LAKEY, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Pathology  
School of Medicine*

**LUCIENNE DA SILVA LARA, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology  
School of Medicine*

The goal of Lucienne Lara’s research is to test the novel hypothesis that the sodium sensor (Nax), well characterized in the third ventricle of the brain, is the biochemical entity responsible for translating the subtle changes in extracellular Na<sup>+</sup> concentration to specific signaling pathways that contribute the normal regulation of Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption to the development and progression of kidney injury. Her expertise is in biochemistry and molecular signaling. She is trained in immunohistochemistry and immunofluorescence.



*At the piano, Michael Howard, associate professor of music, leads a student in a voice lesson on the Tulane uptown campus.*

**JIAN LI, Ph.D.****Assistant Professor, Biostatistics****School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

Jian Li received his doctorate from North Carolina State University in 2005 with a major in genetics and minor in bioinformatics. His research interests and areas of expertise are in statistical genetics and biostatistics for studying human complex traits. Currently, he is studying human DNA variation using sequencing data and is helping in identifying genes potentially affecting complex traits.

**PENGYUAN LIU, Ph.D.****Associate Professor, Biostatistics****School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

Pengyuan Liu received his Ph.D. from Zhejiang University in China in 2002. He finished his postdoctoral research training at the Osteoporosis Research Center of Creighton University and at the Department of Surgery and Siteman Cancer Center of Washington University–St. Louis. His research interests include cancer genetics, statistical genetics, bioinformatics, genome sequence analysis and complex trait analysis. Collaborating with Ming You and Haris Vikis at Medical College of Wisconsin, he is currently working in the identification of lung genetic susceptibility genes

through genome-wide SNP association studies and next-generation sequencing. He is the PI of two NIH R01 grants and a leading author of a *Nature Genetics* paper on genetic research of lung cancer.

**YAO-ZHONG LIU, M.D., Ph.D.****Associate Professor, Biostatistics****School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

Yao-Zhong Liu received his M.D. degree from Capital University of Medical Sciences, Beijing, China, in 1993 and his Ph.D. degree from Creighton University in 2005. His research interests are on functional genomics, osteoporosis and genetic epidemiological study of health-related traits in women, such as age at menarche. He is also interested in genetics and genomics study of dental health problems, such as periodontitis. He is the PI of an NIH RC2 grant on genetics study of periodontitis and the PI of a component project of an NIH P50 grant on genetics, genomics and proteomics study of osteoporosis.

**YONGJUN LIU, M.D., Ph.D.****Associate Professor, Biostatistics****School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

Yongjun Liu earned his M.D. in 1993 at Capital University of Medical Sciences. He earned his Ph.D. at Creighton University in 2005. His research interests are gene identification for complex human diseases (with specific focus on obesity, osteoporosis and sarcopenia) using statistical genetics, epidemiology, bioinformatics and molecular genetics approaches.

**YAN LU, Ph.D.****Assistant Professor, Biostatistics****School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

Yan Lu received her Ph.D. from Zhejiang University in China in 2003. She finished her postdoctoral research training at the Osteoporosis Research Center of Creighton University and at the Department of Surgery and Siteman Cancer Center of Washington University–St. Louis. Her research interests include cancer microarrays and biomarkers, survival analysis, chemoprevention, expression QTL analysis and network analysis, and bioinformatics. Most recently, she was involved in the development of genomic strategies to



*Helping New Orleans schoolchildren with reading is one of many service projects that involve Tulane students.*

improve prognosis and treatment of lung cancer and the identification of biomarkers in several chemopreventive and therapeutic agents (eg. Iressa, Lapatinib, NO-naproxen, Tarceva and Zileuton). Another research focus she has is to identify eQTLs and transcript isoforms associated with lung cancer susceptibility.

**DANIEL MANGIAVELLANO, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

Daniel Mangiavellano received his doctorate from Louisiana State University in 2010. His research interests include British Romantic and Victorian poetry and prose. Specifically, his research focuses on connections between literary creativity, originality and habituation in 19th-century British literature. An article drawn from his dissertation is forthcoming in *Nineteenth-Century Prose*. He also has published in *Pedagogy and Persuasions: The Jane Austen Journal On-Line*.

**SHERYL MARTIN-SCHILD, M.D., Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Psychiatry/Neurology  
School of Medicine*

**KATHRYN L. MASKOWITZ, M.S.W.**

*Instructor of Clinical Psychiatry  
School of Medicine*

**SARUDZAYI MATAMBANADZO, D.PHIL., J.D.**

*Associate Professor  
School of Law*

Professor Matambanadzo joined the Tulane Law School faculty in 2010. While in law school, she served as an editor for the *Harvard Women's Law Journal*. Since her graduation from law school, she has worked as a senior researcher on real estate and securities litigation matters at a law firm in Los Angeles while working toward her Ph.D. in women's studies at UCLA. Her dissertation title is "Personifying Bodies and Embodying Persons: Legal Personhood Before 1900." As a Ph.D. candidate at UCLA, she has taught at UCLA, California State University–Long Beach and at the University of Oregon. In addition, she has published articles in the *Cardozo Journal of Law and Gender* and in *Policy*

*Futures in Education*, and she has written on legal education and on sex discrimination. Her teaching interests include corporate law and gender law.

**JAMES MCLACHLAN, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Microbiology/Immunology  
School of Medicine*

**LESLEE C. MCNABB, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Radiology  
School of Medicine*

**MARTIN MENDOZA-BOTELHO, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science  
School of Liberal Arts*

Martin Mendoza-Botelho is a visiting assistant professor of political science and specializes on issues of political economy and institutional strengthening in developing countries, with emphasis on Latin America. His academic experience includes work at the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, the University of Cambridge, the Catholic University of Bolivia and The George Washington University. Prior to his scholarly work, he served at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C., and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), among others. He has a growing number of publications and is also a reviewer for several academic journals. He received a national research award in Bolivia as part of the Program for Strategic Research and also several teaching awards at Tulane. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, a master's degree in economic development (M.Phil.) from the University of Glasgow and a bachelor's degree (Licenciatura) in economics from the Catholic University of Bolivia. Expertise: Political economy in developing countries, Latin America, Andean region, Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela, development issues, comparative politics and democracy in developing countries.

**JADE MILLER, D.PHIL.**

*Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in the  
Humanities, Communication  
School of Liberal Arts*

Jade Miller received her B.A. from New York University

in art history in 2002 and her Ph.D. in communication from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication in 2010. Her work is on the political economy of creative production and cultural industry development. She is particularly interested in cultural industries in the context of urban and regional agglomeration and the development of global cities, including studies of global media flows and cultural industries policy. She is working on expanding on her dissertation, which focused on the growth of cultural industries outside of the dominant global network society through an in-depth case study of Nollywood, Nigeria's movie industry, and will be exploring the growth and industrialization of New Orleans music industries. Expertise: Locational logics for creative industries, development of creative industries, global media flows and Nollywood.

#### **KYRA MILLER HIMMELBAUM, M.F.A.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Theater and Dance School of Liberal Arts*

Kyra Miller Himmelbaum received her M.F.A from the University of Washington's Professional Actor Training Program. Her professional credits include roles at Seattle Repertory Theatre, ACT in San Francisco, the Utah Shakespearean Festival, the Pearl Theatre Company, Portland Stage Company, the Westport Country Playhouse and most recently, the Philadelphia Theater Company, in the production of "The Light in the Piazza." She has been nominated for 10 Barrymore awards. She has taught at the University of Washington and at St. John's University. A former dancer, she is also a certified Pilates instructor who has taught in New York City. Areas of interest include opera, Viewpoints (as taught by the SITI company) and Suzuki training.

#### **PATIENCE MOLL, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English School of Liberal Arts*

Patience Moll received a doctorate in comparative literature from the University of California–Irvine in 2005, and has since taught in the English Department at the University of Nevada, the philosophy program at the University of Dundee, and in the humanities

program at the University of California–Irvine. Her areas of expertise include post-structuralism, psychoanalysis and philosophy and literature in 19th-century Germany and France and in ancient Greece. She is currently writing a book entitled "Hegel and the Massivity of Modernity," which uncovers a twofold obsession with sheer "matter" and with "the world" at large that emerges in Hegel's analyses of enlightenment ideology, modern physics, 18th-century physiognomy and the 18th-century transformation of statecraft into statistics.

#### **DONALD MONK, Ph.D. CANDIDATE**

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

*A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Donald Monk, who is completing his Ph.D. at Tulane this year, spent the last two years at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. working in the Division of Risk, Strategy, and Financial Innovation. His research interests include corporate diversification, management forecasts and financial regulation. He coauthored an article with Sheri Tice (Tulane) and John Hund (Rice University) pertaining to the value of conglomerate firms that was recently published in the *Journal of Financial Economics*. Previously, he worked as a program manager for various wireless telecommunications companies in the U.S., Europe and Asia. He received his undergraduate degree in math from the University of Florida and an M.B.A from the Crummer School of Business at Rollins College.

#### **MARIANA MORA, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Anthropology*

*School of Liberal Arts*

Mariana Mora received her Ph.D. at the University of Texas–Austin in 2008. Expertise: cultural anthropology, subaltern political movements, neoliberal state formation, indigeneity and Latin America.

#### **TARA CHANDRA NARUMANCHI, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics*

*School of Medicine*



**DAVID D. MEYER, J.D.**

***Dean of Tulane Law School and Mitchell Franklin Professor of Law***

David Meyer, the new dean of Tulane Law School, scarcely had time to move into his office before hopping on a plane to deliver an address at the Korean National Assembly. Meyer, whose tenure as dean officially began on July 1, 2010, presented a paper, “Constitutional Change in the American Experience,” at a televised conference sponsored by South Korea’s legislative body on July 16 as part of that country’s observance of the 62nd anniversary of its constitution.

“There is a lively debate in Korea over whether the constitution there should be revised in a substantial way through the amendment process,” says Meyer, a scholar of both constitutional and family law.

One of three foreign scholars invited to speak to the Korean National Assembly, Meyer noted in his address his own country’s challenges in making constitutional changes.

“I pointed out that in the United States, formal amendment of the constitution is so extraordinarily difficult that the great bulk of constitutional change happens by means of interpretation—and sometimes through dramatic shifts in interpretive understanding of text—rather than through formal amendment.”

It is just that vitality in law that can be so daunting

to new law students, says Meyer. “They think they have something firm to hold onto, and then they discover that it is much more fluid and indeterminate and the product of ongoing negotiation by players in the legal system.”

Meyer, whose early memories growing up in Tallahassee, Fla., contain vivid recollections of the Civil Rights movement, says he was first inspired by the way law figured so prominently in people’s lives.

“Law offers a means through which members of a society seek to order their basic affairs and relationships and try to rationally resolve competing visions of society.”

Before coming to Tulane, Meyer was associate dean of academic affairs and professor at the University of Illinois College of Law.

A leading scholar of constitutional and family law, Meyer represented the United States as the national reporter on family law at the past three congresses of the International Academy of Comparative Law. Established by legal scholars in The Hague in 1924 to foster the study of legal systems throughout the world, the academy is the foremost organization of its kind.

Meyer also has lectured and published extensively on family law. He has been a visiting professor at George Washington University Law School and Brooklyn Law School and is a member of the American Law Institute.

“David Meyer’s appointment is the result of a national search that brought us a scholar of international renown,” Tulane President Scott Cowen said. “He also has vast experience working directly with students and external constituencies, something we felt is vital in shaping the future course of our nationally ranked law program.”

Meyer replaced Stephen M. Griffin, the Rutledge C. Clement Jr. Professor in Constitutional Law and vice dean for academic affairs, who had served as interim dean.

Meyer’s wife, Amy Gajda, became an associate professor of law at Tulane. A specialist on First Amendment law and privacy issues, she was an assistant professor of journalism and law at the University of Illinois.



**ANDREA O'LEARY, M.D.**

*Instructor of Clinical Psychiatry  
School of Medicine*

**EDUARDO PABLO-VILLIMAR, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Lecturer  
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

**MARC PERRY, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Anthropology, with a joint  
appointment in African and African Diaspora Studies  
School of Liberal Arts*

Marc D. Perry received his Ph.D. in cultural anthropology in 2004 from the University of Texas–Austin and comes to Tulane from the University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign. His research specialization centers on the current intersections of race, class and neoliberalism within the African Diaspora with a regional emphasis in Latin America and the Caribbean. His broader research and teaching interests include: black transnationalisms; comparative racial formations; Afro-Latino migrations; African American cultural history; and black music and performative culture. He is currently completing a book project, “Revolutionizing Blackness,” with Duke University Press examining race and social transformation in Cuba through the

ethnographic lens of Cuban hip–hop, and is in the early stages of research exploring questions of citizenship vis-a-vis the shifting social landscape of post-Katrina New Orleans.

**ROBERTO PESCE, Ph.D.**

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

Roberto Pesce received his doctorate in classical and medieval philology from the Università Ca Foscari Venezia in 2008 and he is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the Italian Department of Rutgers University. His interests and areas of expertise are the representations of the self in the Middle Ages, medieval chronicles in Latin and vernacular, and the movements of manuscripts in medieval libraries. As a research fellow of the Centro di studi medievali e rinascimentali “E.A. Cicogna,” he is tracking manuscripts belonging to the lost library of Marin Sanudo in the U.S.

**FLEUR PRADE, Ph.D. CANDIDATE**

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

Fleur Prade is a Ph.D. candidate in 21st-century French and Francophone Studies with a concentration in French politics. She received a master’s in French from Middlebury College and a B.A. in French and Italian studies from the University of Delaware. Her specialized research field is the feminization of professional titles in France, Belgium and Canada. Expertise: Translation from French into English and English into French of academic documents and legal documents.

**ANNE E. PRICE, M.D.**

*Instructor of Clinical Medicine  
School of Medicine*

**J. EMMANUEL RAYMUNDO, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Communication  
School of Liberal Arts*

J. Emmanuel Raymundo holds a joint Ph.D. in African American studies and American studies from Yale University. Prior to arriving at Tulane, he was an inaugural postdoctoral research associate at the Center



*In the Newcomb Art Department's glass studio, a student learns the techniques of glassblowing.*



*Monique Cola, assistant professor of neurology in the School of Medicine, teaches a class of medical students.*

for African American Studies and a lecturer in the Program in American Studies at Princeton University. He is working on a manuscript on leprosy in the U.S.-occupied Philippines in the first half of the 20th century. He is also researching the global cultural politics of tennis. Expertise: 20th century US cultural history, African American history, Filipino history, critical race theory and postcolonial studies.

**KATHRYN SCHILD, PH.D CANDIDATE**

*Visiting Assistant Professor,  
Germanic and Slavic Studies  
School of Liberal Arts*

Kathryn D. Schild is receiving her doctorate in Slavic languages and literatures from the University of California–Berkeley, where she focused on the intersections between literature, politics and nationality. She works on 19th- and 20th-century Russian literature, Soviet multinational literature and cross-cultural encounters between Slavic and Turkic peoples, from the Balkans through Central Asia. Since 2005, she has taught courses at Berkeley on the last millennium of Slavic culture, Russian language and murder in Russian literature. Expertise: National conflicts in post-Soviet states (especially Russia, Moldova and Azerbaijan), former Yugoslavia and Turkey (especially in relation to Europe and European Union membership).

**MICHAEL SEROU, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Radiology  
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**JEFFREY SHAFFER, Ph.D.**

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**HUI SHEN, Ph.D.**

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

Hui Shen received his doctorate from Creighton University in 2005. After completing his postdoctoral training at Yale University, he joined the University of Missouri–Kansas City as an assistant professor in 2009. His research interests are mainly focused on identifying and characterizing genetic and epigenetic variations that affect susceptibility to complex human disorders, such as osteoporosis and sarcopenia.

**JEFFREY SIGLER, Ph.D.**

*Professor of Practice,  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
School of Science and Engineering*

Jeff Sigler received his Ph.D. in atmospheric science from Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in 2006. A native of Virginia, he previously completed graduate work in environmental science at the University of Virginia, where he participated in NASA-sponsored meteorological field experiments in Brazil and the Marshall Islands. Upon completing his Ph.D., he served as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of New Hampshire, where he helped establish a regional monitoring network for atmospheric mercury (Hg). His research generally focuses on the behavior and transport of Hg in the atmosphere and quantifying its emission from both natural and anthropogenic sources. He also explores the dynamics of ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) in the Earth's lower atmosphere. Expertise: atmospheric science, air pollution and mercury pollution.

**EDUARDO SILVA, Ph.D.**

*Professor, Lydian Chair in Political Science  
School of Liberal Arts*

Eduardo Silva received his doctorate from the University of California–San Diego in 1991. Before joining the Tulane faculty he was professor of Political Science at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, where he also served as department chair and graduate director. His research focuses on Latin American politics, and he has published extensively on the political economy of state-society relations, sustainable development with a focus on forest policy, and mass mobilization. He has conducted extensive field research in Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico and Venezuela. He also has expertise in the Andean countries and Argentina. His most recent publications include *Challenging Neoliberalism in Latin America* (2009). He has been a consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank, the U.S. State Department and the Center for International Forestry Research in Bangor, Indonesia.

**AMY STEIN, J.D.**

*Associate Professor  
School of Law*

Amy Stein joined the faculty of the Tulane University Law School in 2010. Previously, she taught at The George Washington University as an adjunct professor in the environmental studies program and as visiting associate professor of legal research and writing, Acting associate director of the Legal Research and Writing Program, and co-director of the Scholarly Writing Program at The George Washington University Law School. After her graduation from law school, she worked for a number of years as an associate for Latham & Watkins LLP in Washington, D.C., and in the firm's Silicon Valley office. She practiced in Latham's environmental and litigation departments. She is a member of the District of Columbia, Illinois and California state bars. She has published and given presentations on environmental and energy law topics, including recent publications in the *University of Colorado Law Review* and the *Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum*. Her primary teaching and research interests are in the areas of environmental law, energy law and administrative law.

**CHIE SUGIMOTO, Ph.D.**

*Research Instructor of Microbiology and Immunology  
School of Medicine  
Tulane National Primate Research Center*

Chie Sugimoto received her Ph.D. in virology from University of Tokyo in 1999. She was a research fellow at Tsukuba Primate Research Center, the National Institute of Biomedical Innovation and AIDS Research Center, and the National Institute of Infectious Diseases in Japan. She joined Tulane National Primate Center in 2008. Her research interests are pathogenesis of AIDS, infectious diseases and pediatric and aging immunology using nonhuman primate models.

**CHRIS SURPRENANT, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy  
School of Liberal Arts*

Chris Surprenant received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston University in 2009. He has published numerous articles on topics in moral philosophy, political

philosophy and the philosophy of education, with particular focus on the philosophical theory of Immanuel Kant. His first book, *Kant and Education: Interpretations and Commentary* (co-edited with Klas Roth), is forthcoming from Routledge and will appear in print in 2011. For the past two years, he has been a lecturer in the philosophy department at Tulane, teaching courses in symbolic logic and educational philosophy. Expertise: educational philosophy.

### **BURCU TAN, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor,*

*A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Burcu Tan Erciyas received a B.S. and an M.S. in industrial engineering from Bogazici University in Turkey in 2005 and a Ph.D. in supply chain and operations management from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas in 2010. Her research focuses mainly on the interface of operations and risk management and on platform economics.

### **TRAVIS TANNER, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English*

*School of Liberal Arts*

Travis Tanner received his Ph.D. in comparative literature at the University of California–Irvine in 2010.



*Classes are under way at the newest School of Continuing Studies campus in Madison, Miss. City officials rolled out a highway-sized Tulane welcome.*

### **KATHERINE THEALL, Ph.D.**

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

Katherine P. Theall received her M.P.H. in epidemiology from Emory University School of Public Health in 2000 and her Ph.D. in epidemiology from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in 2005. Before coming to Tulane she worked as an assistant professor of epidemiology at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Public Health. Her research and teaching interests and area span both practical and theoretical social epidemiology, including women and children’s health, community and social network influences on health outcomes, race and gender inequities, substance use and mental health, and social epidemiologic theory and methods. Her recent research has focused on neighborhood and social network contextual influences on behavioral and clinical outcomes, particularly among women, children and African Americans. She is currently directing a community-level HIV and substance use health intervention in rural Louisiana and is PI on grants investigating the impact of alcohol policy changes on crime and mortality rates, and multilevel contextual influences on children’s stress-related health outcomes and behaviors.

### **ZEB TORTORICI, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, History*

*School of Liberal Arts*

Zeb Tortorici received his Ph.D. in history from the University of California–Los Angeles in 2010. His dissertation, “*Contra Natura: Sin, Crime, and Unnatural Sexuality in Colonial Mexico, 1530–1821*,” was supported by a Mellon/ACLS dissertation completion fellowship. He had published articles in *Ethnohistory* and the *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, and is currently editing a volume entitled “Centering Animals: Writing Animals into Latin American History.”

### **MARION WIESER, Ph.D. CANDIDATE**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science*

*School of Liberal Arts*

Marion Wieser is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Innsbruck in Austria.



*Anthony Romero, left, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, flanked by Janet C. Hoeffel, vice dean of academic affairs at Tulane Law School, answers questions after his lecture at the law school.*

**YU-PING WANG, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor,  
Biostatistics and Biomedical Engineering  
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine  
School of Science and Engineering*

Yu-Ping Wang was an assistant professor at the University of Missouri–Kansas City. He got his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in applied and computational mathematics, and his Ph.D. in communication and electronic systems from Tianjin University and Xian Jiaotong University, respectively. From 1996 to 1998 he was a research fellow at the Center for Wavelets, Approximation and Information Processing at the National University of Singapore. He then had research training on cardio-vascular image analysis with tagged MRI at Washington University Medical School in St. Louis in 1999. From 2000 to 2003, he worked at Perceptive Scientific Instruments Inc. and Advanced Digital Imaging Research in Houston, where he was involved with a variety of bio-imaging and bioinformatics projects under the NIH Small Business Innovation Research support. His current research includes genetic imaging, bioinformatics, multiscale mathematical analysis and various biomedical applications. He is the PI of an NIH R15 grant, an NIH R21 grant and an NSF grant on genomic imaging research.

**TOBY WIKSTRÖM, Ph.D.**

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

Toby Wikström completed his dissertation in 2010 at Columbia University. His research focuses on the representation of conquest and slavery in French 17th-century theater. He holds a B.A. from Carleton College and an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Expertise: French literature, Early modern European conquest and slavery and law and literature.

**TONG WU, M.D., Ph.D.**

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

Tong Wu’s basic research centers on the molecular mechanisms of inflammation and carcinogenesis, with a special emphasis on the pathogenesis of liver cancer and inflammatory liver diseases. The laboratory focuses on the biological functions and molecular mechanisms of arachidonic acid/prostaglandin and related signaling pathways in cell biology, inflammation and carcinogenesis. Arachidonic acid metabolites, termed eicosanoids (including prostaglandins, leukotrienes and HETEs), are potent biologically active molecules in inflammation and carcinogenesis. They

mediate a variety of cellular physiological and pathophysiological functions through binding to their plasma membrane receptors and/or nuclear transcription factors (PPARs). Whereas the pro-inflammatory and carcinogenic eicosanoids are synthesized from arachidonic acid (an omega-6 polyunsaturated fatty acid), this process is competitively inhibited by omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids. The production of arachidonic acid metabolites is tightly controlled by a series of enzymes including cytosolic phospholipase A2 (cPLA2) and cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2). We hypothesize that the cPLA2 and COX-2-controlled eicosanoid cascade interacts with other signaling pathways (including TGF- $\beta$ , EGFR, iNOS and Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin). His laboratory uses a range of in vitro and in vivo model systems to characterize the role of eicosanoid-forming enzymes, eicosanoid receptors (G protein coupled receptors and PPARs), omega-3 fatty acids, and other key molecules (TGF- $\beta$ , receptor tyrosine kinases, iNOS and Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin) in cell biology, inflammation and carcinogenesis. The laboratory has recently developed transgenic mice with targeted expression of cPLA2 and COX-2 in the liver. These transgenic and knockout mice are currently being utilized in a number of models of liver inflammation and carcinogenesis. In addition, His research interests also include mechanisms of liver injuries and regulation of hepatobiliary epithelial cell growth. He also conducts active clinical research on transplantation pathology, primarily in liver and intestine transplantation, innately regulating inflammation and/or carcinogenesis.

### **JOSHUA YUKICH, Ph.D.**

*Research Assistant Professor,  
International Health and Development  
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Joshua Yukich has worked mainly in sub-Saharan Africa on vector control for malaria, and currently advises the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office of the World Health Organization on a set of integrated vector management projects. His expertise is in the area of intervention assessment and the economic analysis of vector control programs. He earned his Ph.D. through the Swiss Tropical Institute at the University of Basel and will work in the International Health

Department on a project to develop sentinel site surveillance for malaria in the Oromia region of Ethiopia.

### **MING ZHAO, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor, Biostatistics  
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Ming Zhao received his doctorate from the Academy of Military Medical Sciences in China in 1993 and moved to the U.S. in 1998 to start his research career in the field of bone molecular biology. As a well-established bone biologist, his research interests focus on identification of the molecular mechanisms responsible for bone formation and osteoporosis using molecular and genetic animal models.

### **CHAO ZHOU, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Economics,  
with a joint appointment in Political Economy  
School of Liberal Arts*

Chao Zhou's field is economics, especially health economics. She is currently focusing her research on racial disparity and health care reform in the United States.



*So'nia Gilkey, assistant professor of social work, conducts a survey with a man who comes to Ozanam Inn for help.*



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