# NEW FACULTY









Tulane University



# Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The new university faculty members we celebrate in this publication join 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 envi-

ronment 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. Over the past four decades, Tulane colleagues have received 28 Fulbright Fellowships, 12 National Science Foundation CAREER Awards, 8 Guggenheim Foundation Fellowships, 9 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships, 3 Alfred P. Sloan Fellowships and 2 Nobel Prizes in Medicine.

Tulane now resolutely connects its values and mission to the needs of the city of New Orleans, the state of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region. As a consequence, 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 thus have a truly unique educational experience. And we know that our outstanding teaching and mentorship, and the striking diversity in 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 the faculty and staff who make Tulane the truly extraordinary place that it is. It is their excellence and skill that inspires our students and that will always enlighten, sustain, strengthen and improve the wider communities we serve. Please join me in welcoming our new faculty colleagues and in wishing them every success in all their endeavors.

With all best wishes,

**MICHAEL A. BERNSTEIN** 

Professor of History and Economics
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost



Michael Cunningham is professor of psychology and associate provost for graduate studies and research.

#### **CARIAPPA ANNAIAH, MD**

# Assistant Professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine School of Medicine and Tulane National Primate Research Center

Following a successful 30-year research career in translational medicine, basic biology and teaching, Dr. Cariappa Annaiah comes to Tulane to lead mentoring and apprenticeship activities at the Tulane National Primate Research Center. Based on identified needs, his focus will begin with the junior faculty and summer student programs. Mentoring programs for graduate students and postdocs will follow.

#### **RUTH ASHTON, PhD**

Research Assistant Professor, Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences

#### School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Ruth Ashton holds an MSc in control of infectious diseases and a PhD in epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She spent the last six years conducting operational research on malaria and neglected tropical diseases with a British charity in Africa and Asia. Her main research interests are in malaria surveillance and effective data use by national disease control programs.

# **ANTHONY BAAB, MFA**

Professor of Practice, Art School of Liberal Arts

Anthony Baab is an artist and professor of practice at Tulane who studied painting and printmaking at the Kansas City Art Institute before obtaining an MFA in interdisciplinary art from Cornell University and Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture. Representing a wide range of media, his recent work consists of photographs, sculptures and large-scale models that explore notions of self-reflexivity. His work has been exhibited at Grand Arts, Haw Contemporary, The Mattress Factory and Three Walls and has been included in several permanent collections including the Nelson Atkins Museum, the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum and the Microsoft Collection.

#### **CHARAN BAGGA, PhD**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing

#### A. B. Freeman School of Business

Charan Bagga has a PhD in marketing from the Ivey Business School, Canada. He does research at the intersection of innovation, competition and brand positioning. His research has been published in the *Harvard Business Review* and the *Journal of Consumer Psychology*. He has also worked as a senior manager in sales and consulting at global corporations (CSC, Standard Chartered, HCL) in the United States and India.

#### **EMILY BAKER, MArch**

Assistant Professor School of Architecture

Emily Baker is an architect and educator whose full-scale constructed experimentation informs her creative work and teaching. Experience on job sites in architectural practice catalyzed her search for novel structural and construction systems, and her work, employing both digital and analog design and fabrication techniques, seeks to discover new aesthetic territory

rication techniques, seeks to discover new aesthetic territory embedded in the way architecture is conceived and constructed. She holds degrees in architecture from the University of Arkansas and the Cranbrook Academy of Art. She has expertise in digital fabrication.

# **CAROLYN BAYER, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering School of Science and Engineering

Carolyn L. Bayer received her PhD in biomedical engineering from the University of Texas–Austin and holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Case Western Reserve University.

She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Texas–Austin, developing multiwavelength photoacoustic imaging to monitor the development of distinctive molecular signatures involved in tumor growth and response to treatment in vivo. Prior to her academic career, she worked as an engineer in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Her current research designs in vivo ultrasound-guided photoacoustic imaging systems to improve understanding of the development of birth defects and devise treatment strategies.

#### **SHANNON BLADY, PhD**

Professor of Practice, Teacher Preparation and Certification

Newcomb-Tulane College

Shannon L. Blady has been an educator for 15 years at the elementary, middle, high school, undergraduate and graduate levels in New Orleans and in San Antonio, Texas. She earned a Master in Education with a concentration in curriculum and instruction from the University of New Orleans and a PhD in interdisciplinary learning and teaching from the University of Texas-San Antonio. She is an active member in the National Writing Project and the National Council of Teachers of English. Her research interests include multiliteracies pedagogy, literacy development, writing instruction and feedback, and critical pedagogy. She has published chapters and journal articles on literacy tools in a print-rich environment, integrating meaningful technology into writing instruction and building classroom community. Her dissertation examined the impact of multiliteracies and multimodal teaching and learning in professional development for literacy instruction.

#### **MICHAEL BOUDEWYNS, MFA**

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance School of Liberal Arts

Michael Boudewyns received his MFA in acting from the Professional Theatre Training Program at the University of Delaware after earning a BA from the University of Northern Iowa. He is co-founder of ReallyInventiveStuff.com, a theatre company dedicated to creating vaudeville-inspired orchestra concerts for young audiences. Since 2004, he has been a featured solo guest artist with The Philadelphia Orchestra. He also performs with orchestras internationally (Singapore), in Canada (Victoria and Winnipeg), and around the United States. In 2013, he was featured on PBS in Really Inventive Stuff performance of Robert Kapilowa's "Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs and Ham" with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. His regional theater credits include American Players Theatre,

Delaware Theatre Company, Resident Ensemble Players, Enchantment Theatre Company, First State Children's Theater and the Utah and Baltimore Shakespeare festivals. He has adapted several classic stories for the stage, including scripts of Treasure Island, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, and The Maltese Falcon, as well as scripts for radio theater, including The Three Musketeers, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Around the World in 80 Days and Dickens' A Christmas Carol. A member of Actors' Equity, he has expertise in entrepreneurial performing arts and classic theatre for families and young audiences.

#### **ELIZA BUHRER, PhD**

# Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English School of Liberal Arts

Eliza Buhrer received her PhD in medieval studies from Cornell University. Before coming to Tulane she spent three years as an assistant professor of history at Seton Hall University. Her research explores intersections between the histories of law, medicine and disability in pre-modern Europe, and she is currently writing a book on intellectual disability in medieval thought and culture.

#### **DANIEL BURNSTON, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Philosophy School of Liberal Arts

Daniel Burnston received his PhD from the University of California–San Diego, an MA at Georgia State University and a BA at Rutgers University. He works on a variety of topics in philosophy of mind, philosophy of science and philosophy of biology. The focus of the work is highly interdisciplinary,



Ana Lopez is professor of communication and associate provost for faculty affairs.



Mike Griffith, instructional technology specialist, briefs faculty on teaching and learning with technology.

drawing from examples in neuroscience, perceptual psychology and molecular biology. The goal is both to address philosophical questions about the mind and scientific explanation via a detailed understanding of these fields, and to analyze conceptual issues within the sciences themselves.

# STEVEN BUTTERMAN, PhD

#### Visiting Professor

#### Stone Center for Latin American Studies

Steven F. Butterman has been appointed as the Greenleaf Scholar-in-Residence and visiting professor at the Stone Center for Latin American Studies for spring 2016. He is currently associate professor of Portuguese and director of the Portuguese Language Program at the University of Miami, teaching Portuguese language courses and Brazilian literature and cultural studies in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. He also has directed the Women's and Gender Studies Program at the University of Miami. He earned a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2000. He was a recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute in 2002 and Summer Seminar in 2010 and won the Brazilian International Press Award, Provost's Excellence in Teaching Award and the 2004 University of Miami Scholarly and Creative Activity Award. Butterman has published articles on a wide range of topics, including 19th and 20th century Luso-Afro-Brazilian literature and culture, contemporary Brazilian poetry and music, and LGBTQ studies. He is the author of Perversions on Parade: Brazilian Literature of Transgression and Postmodern Anti-Aesthetics in Glauco Mattoso, published in 2005 by San Diego State University



Faculty newcomers meet campus leaders and each other during fall semester events.

Press and (In) Visibilidade Vigilante: representaoes midiáticas da maior parada gay do planeta, published by nVersos, in São Paulo, in 2012. Currently, Butterman also serves as the University of Miami's coordinator for the Interdisciplinary Studies Programs and has directed the Foreign Languages Across the Curriculum program in its Center for Latin American Studies. He is currently working on the final revisions for his third book manuscript, entitled "Brazilian Portugays: LGBT Language and Culture in Contemporary Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo." Butterman's next project will focus on identity formation of LGBT Brazilians in South Florida, a collaborative project with colleagues from the University of São Paulo and the University of Florida—Gainesville, sponsored by FAPESP and CNPq, two major government funding agencies in Brazil.

#### PATRICK BUTTON, PhD

# Assistant Professor, Economics School of Liberal Arts

Patrick Button is originally from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he attended the University of Regina and earned a BA in economics. He attended the University of Toronto (MA in economics) and recently graduated from the University of California–Irvine with a PhD in economics. Button researches in three areas. First, he researches discrimination in labor markets on the basis of age or disability. He currently is working on a field experiment to quantify how much discrimination older workers face and what factors influence the amount of discrimination. He also studies the impact of employment non-discrimination laws on older or disabled workers. Second, Button studies how tax incentives for economic development affect



More than 90 new and visiting faculty members join the Tulane University community this fall.

where firms operate, using tax incentives for the film industry as a case study. Third, Button's studies shows how researchers using statistical or econometric methods can more accurately test the effects of policy interventions by using model averaging, a strategy that incorporates uncertainty about statistical models. At the University of California–Irvine, Button was a Pedagogical Fellow where he took intensive courses on how to teach university students and taught teaching assistants how to improve their instruction. Through active learning, he has students apply course concepts in the classroom with their peers.

#### **SCOTT CEDERBURG, PhD**

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

Scott Cederburg received his PhD in finance from the University of Iowa. He is visiting Tulane University for the 2015–2016 academic year while on leave as an assistant professor at the University of Arizona.

#### **ASTHA CHICHRA, MD**

# Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine School of Medicine

Dr. Astha Chichra earned her medical degree from Katurba Medical College, Manipal University, India. After completing medical school she joined the Hofstra North Shore-Long Island Jewish School of Medicine in New York for an internship and internal medicine residency. Following residency, she completed her fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the Hofstra North Shore-Long Island Jewish School of Medicine in New York. Subsequently, she joined Tulane



Laura Wolford, assistant director of the Newcomb College Institute, greets new faculty and explains NCI's work.

School of Medicine as assistant professor of clinical medicine. She is board certified in internal medicine and pulmonary diseases. She is a member of the American College of Chest Physicians, American Thoracic Society and the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

#### SARA CLARK, PhD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology School of Science and Engineering

#### **SARAH CRAMSEY, PhD**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies School of Liberal Arts

After earning degrees in history and religious studies at the College of William & Mary in Virginia, Sarah Cramsey spent two years living in Prague with the support of a NSEP Boren Scholarship and a Fulbright Fellowship. She studied for her Masters of Studies in Jewish Studies at Oxford and completed her doctorate in modern European history at the University of California–Berkeley in 2014. She received dissertation research and writing funding from the Fulbright-Hayes DDRA, the Andrew C. Mellon Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies and the Institute for International Studies at Berkeley. Once her book is published, she really wants to learn how to make perfect gnocchi.

#### **MOUMITA DAS, PhD**

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

Moumita Das earned her PhD in marketing from HEC Paris in 2014. She holds a postgraduate diploma in communications management from Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad, India, and a Bachelor of Science degree specializing in mathematics from the University of Pune, India. Prior to joining Tulane, she was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Marketing and Entrepreneurship at the University of Houston's C.T. Bauer College of Business. Her research focuses on sales management issues, especially pertaining to luxury brands. She also is working on sales management issues in the context of innovation selling. Her other research interests include brand management, marketing strategy and training effectiveness. Prior to these academic endeavors, she worked with the L'Oréal marketing team in India.

#### **CHRISTOPHER GARNET DUCOIN, MD**

Assistant Professor, Surgery School of Medicine

#### **LAURIE EARLS, PhD**

# Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology School of Science and Engineering

Laurie Earls received a BS biochemistry from East Tennessee State University and a PhD from Vanderbilt University, where she studied age-dependent mechanisms of neurodegeneration in the nematode C. elegans. Her postdoctoral studies at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital focused on age-dependent mechanisms of neural dysfunction in mouse models associated with schizophrenia. She has expertise in neurophysiology, molecular neurobiology and genetics.

#### STEVE ELLNER, PhD

Visiting Research Professor Stone Center for Latin American Studies

Steve Ellner earned his PhD in Latin American history at the University of New Mexico. Since 1977 he has taught economic history and political science at the Universidad de Oriente in Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, and for a 10-year period taught in the graduate school of law and political science of the Universidad Central de Venezuela. He has also been a visiting professor at Georgetown University, Duke University, Universidad de los Andes (Venezuela) and Universidad de Buenos Aires. Among his book publications are: Venezuela's Movimiento al Socialismo: From Guerrilla Defeat to Electoral Politics (Duke University Press, 1988); Organized Labor in Venezuela, 1958-1991: Behavior and Concerns in a Democratic Setting (Scholarly Resources, 1993); Rethinking Venezuelan Politics: Class, Polarization and the Chávez Phenomenon (Lynne Rienner, 2008); The Latin American Left: From the Fall of Allende to Perestroika (co-editor, Westview, 1993); Venezuelan Politics in the Chávez Era: Class, Polarization and Conflict (co-editor, Lynne Rienner, 2003); Venezuela: Hugo Chávez and the Decline of an "Exceptional Democracy" (co-editor, Rowman and Littlefield, 2007); and Latin America's Radical Left: Challenges and Complexities of Political Power in the Twenty-First Century



James MacLaren is professor of physics and dean of Newcomb-Tulane College.



The Provost's Office sponsors faculty development events throughout the year.

(Rowman and Littlefield, 2014). He has also published on the op-ed page of *The New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* as well as *The Nation*, and is a regular contributor to NACLA: Report on the Americas.

#### **ALLISON EMMERSON, PhD**

# Assistant Professor, Classical Studies School of Liberal Arts

Allison Emmerson is a Roman archaeologist specializing in urbanism and funerary culture. She earned her PhD from the University of Cincinnati. Her primary research is focused at Pompeii, but her interests extend through the Roman provinces, particularly to Greece and the Danube frontier. She was previously visiting assistant professor of Roman archaeology at Indiana University—Bloomington.

#### KATHLEEN FITZGERALD, PhD

# Visiting Associate Professor, Sociology School of Liberal Arts

Kathleen Fitzgerald earned her PhD from the University of Missouri–Columbia. She was previously tenured at Columbia College before coming to New Orleans for both personal and professional reasons. She taught for five years at Loyola University–New Orleans and spent a year at the University of New Orleans. She is the author of two books, *Beyond White Ethnicity* (2007) and *Recognizing Race and Ethnicity: Power, Privilege, and Inequality* (2014), as well as numerous articles. She is working on her third book, "Sociology of Sexualities" with Sage (anticipated, 2016), co-authored with her former

Susann Lusnia, associate professor of classics, is executive director of the Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT).

student and colleague, Kandice Grossman. She currently has the honor of serving as the 2015 president of the Association for Humanist Sociology and is busy planning their 2015 conference, "Locavore Sociology: Challenging Globalization, Embracing the Local."

#### **HILA FOGEL-YAARI, PhD CANDIDATE**

Visiting Lecturer, Accounting

#### A. B. Freeman School of Business

Hila Fogel-Yaari is near completion of her PhD in accounting from the University of Toronto. She has a diverse background which includes degrees in finance and accounting, financial engineering, electrical engineering, physics and law, and practical experience in market risk management and preparing the risk section of banking financial reports.

#### **ROBERT GALAGAN, MD**

Associate Professor, Medicine School of Medicine

#### **LESLIE GEDDES, PhD**

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Art School of Liberal Arts

Leslie Geddes received her PhD in the history of art from Princeton University. An architectural historian, she specializes in Italian Renaissance and Baroque art and architecture. Her research focuses on how early modern architects and engineers studied and depicted the natural landscape, specifically attending to the use of drawing in the production of



Toni Weiss, senior professor of practice of economics, is assistant director of classroom engagement for CELT.



Michael Bernstein, professor of history and economics, is the senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

knowledge. Her book project, Watermarks: Leonardo da Vinci and the Renaissance Mastery of Nature, analyzes the subject of water in art in conjunction with the practical undertakings of hydraulic engineering.

#### **BROOKE GRANT, PhD**

# Professor of Practice, Teacher Preparation and Certification

#### Newcomb-Tulane College

Brooke Grant earned her PhD in education from the State University of New York–Buffalo. Prior to coming to Tulane, she worked in the Educational Leadership Department at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, serving as an assistant professor. Her teaching career began outside of Buffalo, New York, where she spent over 10 years teaching middle school social studies.

#### **ROBERT GRASSER, PhD**

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Accounting

#### A. B. Freeman School of Business

After earning a double degree in business and economics from the University of Kiel, Germany, Robert Grasser completed his PhD in accounting at the University of Bern, Switzerland. His dissertation explored behavioral aspects of the design and disclosure of compensation contracts. Since then, he has pursued his research interests in Bern and at Georgia State University.

#### **OLEG GREDIL, PhD**

#### Assistant Professor, Finance

#### A. B. Freeman School of Business

Oleg Gredil received his PhD in Finance from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. His research interests are in the area of empirical studies on financial intermediation with an emphasis on such forms as private equity, venture capital and hedge funds. His research has implications for both corporate finance and asset pricing. Before pursuing graduate studies, he spent six years as an investment banking professional and portfolio manager in Russia.

#### **WILLIAM GRIESER, PhD**

#### Assistant Professor, Finance

#### A. B. Freeman School of Business

William Grieser joins the Freeman School as an assistant professor of finance, coming from Michigan State University where he recently completed his PhD. Grieser's research focuses on corporate finance with a particular emphasis on intangible investments, financial constraints and corporate credit ratings. Prior to coming to the Freeman School, he spent two years as a visiting PhD student at the University of Texas—Austin. He received his bachelor degrees from Texas State University in applied mathematics (BS) and finance (BBA).

#### **ELIN GRISSOM, PhD**

# Research Assistant Professor School of Science and Engineering

Elin Grissom recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in neuroscience at Tulane with professor Jill Daniel. She graduated from Tulane in 2013 with a PhD in psychology specializing in behavioral neuroscience under the advisement of professor Gary Dohanich. Prior to that, she received her master's in experimental psychology from Indiana State University and her bachelor's in psychology from Eastern Illinois University.

#### KARIN HALVORSON, MD

# Assistant Professor, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine School of Medicine

Dr. Karin Halvorson earned her medical degree from the University of Hawaii. She completed a combined residency in internal medicine and emergency medicine at the University of Illinois—Chicago. Subsequently she attended Brown University for her pulmonary and critical care fellowship. While at Brown she was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society and earned the 2014 Fellow Teaching Award.

She comes to Tulane University as the intensive care unit director for the new Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System. Her research interests are on emergency department-to-ICU transitions and optimizing early critical care. She also is invested in medical education. In her spare time she enjoys triathlons outside the Louisiana heat. She very much enjoys any festival in any Louisiana weather and is a proud member of the Krewe of Iris.

#### MANJONG HAN, PhD

# Professor of Practice, Cell and Molecular Biology School of Science and Engineering

Manjong Han joined Tulane University in 1998 after finishing a doctorate at Sogang University, South Korea. He has studied the development and regeneration of mammalian extremities at Tulane for over 15 years as a postdoc and research professor. He is currently teaching Genetics (Heredity and Society), Embryology, Regenerative Biology and other courses in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology.

#### LAURA HARRISON, PhD

# Research Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology School of Science and Engineering

Laura Harrison received her PhD in neuroscience from Tulane University. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Oregon Health and Science University. Upon returning to New Orleans, she has been a research assistant professor, as well as adjunct instructor, at the University of New Orleans and a research assistant professor at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

#### **MICHELLE HATHAWAY, MFA**

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

Michelle Hathaway received her MFA in costume design and technology from Louisiana State University. She spent a full year interning with the Walt Disney World Creative Costuming Workroom where she participated in several exciting projects, as well as several months working in the Costume Shop at Colonial Williamsburg. She spent three years as the costume shop manager and an adjunct faculty member at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., where she helped design and produce shows ranging from *Carrie the Musical* to *The Coronation of Poppea*.

#### **FENGLEI HE, PhD**

# Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology School of Science and Engineering

Fenglei He received his PhD in 2009 from Tulane University. After five years of postdoctoral training with Phil Soriano in areas of mouse genetics and developmental biology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, he has returned to New Orleans to join the faculty in cell and molecular biology at Tulane University. He has expertise in genetics, embryo development and birth defects.

#### **HUA HE, PhD**

# Associate Professor, Epidemiology School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Hua He received her PhD in statistics from the University of Rochester in 2007. Before she joined Tulane University, she spent several years working in the Department of Biostatistics and Computational Biology at the University of Rochester. Her research interests include causal inference, longitudinal data analysis, semi-parametric and non-parametric inference, ROC analysis, social network data analysis, latent variable analysis and applications of statistical methods to medical and public health research.



Gabe Feldman, who heads the sports law program, is now the Paul and Abram B. Barron Professor of Law. He also serves as associate provost for NCAA compliance.



Agnieszka Nance, right, executive director, Center for Public Service, and Ryan McBride, administrative assistant professor, discuss the center's work.

#### **JOHN HEALEY, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Marketing

# A. B. Freeman School of Business

John Healy received his BA, MS, and MBA from the University of Florida and his PhD from the University of Maryland. His research uses econometric methods to examine the relationship between marketing strategy and firm performance in a variety of contexts, including platform markets, sponsorship agreements and social media networks. His research has been published in the *International Journal of Research in Marketing*.

#### JENNY HEIL, PhD

# Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English School of Liberal Arts

Jenny Heil received her doctorate in English from Emory University with a specialty in colonial and 19th-century American literatures. She has received awards for her teaching as well as her research and writing including grants from the American Philosophical Society, the Library Company of Philadelphia and the University of Virginia. She also earned the Best Essay prize from the Society of Early Americanists for a version of "Imperial Pedagogy: Susanna Rowson's Columbus for Young Ladies," which was published in *Early American Literature*. Among her current interests are contemplative and service-oriented teaching and learning methods that aim to engage students concerning their values and how these relate to the meaning and purpose of their lives.

#### **AMANDA HEITZ, PhD CANDIDATE**

Visiting Lecturer, Finance

# A. B. Freeman School of Business

Amanda Heitz joins the finance faculty from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management where she pursued her PhD in finance. Her research focuses on credit markets, banking and financial intermediation with a particular focus in international finance. Her dissertation explores the way varying types of lender rights across countries affect borrower decision-making. She has a BS in finance, an MS in applied mathematics, and an MS in statistics, all from University of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign.

#### **EMILY HERMANT, MFA**

Assistant Professor, Art School of Liberal Arts

Emily Hermant is an interdisciplinary artist whose large-scale sculptures and installations explore themes of communication, gender, labor and the spatial experiences of the body. She received her BFA in studio arts from Concordia University, Montréal, Canada, and her MFA as a Trustee Merit Scholar in Studio Art/Fiber and Material Studies from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her work has been exhibited in museums, galleries and festivals in Canada, the United States, South America and Europe, and has been featured in LVL3 Media, ArtSlant, Espace Sculpture, *The Washington Post*, and TimeOut Chicago, among others. Hermant has been awarded grants from the Canada Council for the Arts and the Conseil des Arts et Lettres du Québec, as well as residencies at ACRE, Ox-Bow School of Art, The Ragdale Foundation, The Nordic Artists Centre in Norway and the Vermont Studio Center.

She has taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago,

Virginia Commonwealth University and Concordia Univer-

sity in Montréal. She has expertise in sculpture and material

#### MIRYA HOLMAN, PhD

# Assistant Professor, Political Science School of Liberal Arts

practices, installation and drawing.

Mirya Holman received her PhD from Claremont Graduate University in American politics and public policy and her undergraduate degree from Loyola University—New Orleans. She comes to Tulane after several years as an assistant professor at Florida Atlantic University. She conducts research and teaches on women and politics, urban politics, research methods, political psychology and environmental politics. Her research focuses, in particular, on the causes and effects of electing

women to political office. Her book, *Women in Politics in the American City* is a comprehensive evaluation of the effect of women's representation in urban politics in the United States.

#### JIN HU, PhD

# Research Assistant Professor, Physics and Engineering Physics

# School of Science and Engineering

Jin Hu earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Science and Technology of China and received his PhD degree from Tulane University. He recently finished his two-year postdoctoral training at Tulane where his research focused on the exploration of novel exotic properties of low dimensional atomic crystals through the combination of his expertise in material science and nanotechnology.

#### **MAZHAR ISLAM, PhD**

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

Mazhar Islam received his PhD in strategic management and entrepreneurship from the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota. Prior to joining Tulane, he was an assistant professor at Drexel University in Philadelphia. His research interests focus on two primary areas: strategic choices of start-ups and their performance implications, and collaborative strategies for technological innovation and growth. He has conducted research using large scale data from the biopharmaceutical, renewable energy, software, robotics and venture capital industries. Before joining academia, he worked as a mining engineer, an international business development manager, an investment banker and a consultant in Bangladesh, Thailand, Germany and the U.S. In addition to his doctoral degree, he received a Bachelor of Technology (honors) in mining engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, an MBA from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, and an MS in management from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is a member of the Entrepreneurship Working Group of the National Bureau of Economic Research and sits on the Executive Advisory Board of the Solid Waste Institute for Sustainability at the University of Texas-Arlington.

# JAMES JACKSON, PhD

# Assistant Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology School of Medicine

James Jackson received his Bachelor of Science in zoology from the University of Texas at Austin. He completed his doctoral work on cellular senescence and breast cancer at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in the laboratory of Olivia Pereira-Smith. He was then a post-doctoral fellow at MD Anderson Cancer Center of Houston in the Genetics Department in the laboratory of Guillermina Lozano, where he studied mouse models of breast cancer and chemotherapy response.

#### **JENNIFER JACOBS, MFA**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Theater and Dance School of Liberal Arts

#### **CHARLES KANG, PhD**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing

#### A. B. Freeman School of Business

Charles Kang received his PhD in business administration (concentration: marketing) from Pennsylvania State University, an MS in statistics from University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign, and a BA in business administration from Yonsei University, Korea. His research focuses on strategic marketing issues with a special interest in sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

#### **ELIOT KAPIT, PhD**

# Assistant Professor, Physics and Engineering Physics School of Science and Engineering

Eliot Kapit received his doctorate in theoretical physics from Cornell University. From there, he worked as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Oxford and



New faculty members learn about the Center for Public Service, established at Tulane in 2006.

City University of New York. His research focuses on superconducting quantum device physics' carefully engineered microscopic quantum circuits that could one day be used to construct a quantum computer.

#### **AMITINDER KAUR, MD**

Professor, Microbiology and Immunology School of Medicine and Tulane National Primate Research Center

Dr. Amitinder Kaur moved from the New England Primate Research Center, Harvard University, to the Tulane National Primate Research Center in 2015. Her laboratory is conducting research on the immunology of herpes virus infections and AIDS pathogenesis using the nonhuman primate animal model.

#### **RAJAT KHANNA, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Management

#### A. B. Freeman School of Business

Rajat Khanna's research focuses on understanding how technological failures and search processes affect innovation within firms. He received his PhD from the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and his undergraduate degree from IIT Delhi, India.

#### **VININDER SINGH KHUNKHUN, MD**

Assistant Professor, Psychiatry School of Medicine

#### CHRISTINA KIEL, PhD

Professor of Practice, Political Science School of Liberal Arts

Christina Kiel earned her PhD in political science from the University of New Orleans. Her main research interests are in the area of conflict, mediation and transnational advocacy. A former German diplomat, she has expertise in international diplomacy and civil conflict.

#### **BENJAMIN KLAFF, PhD**

Professor of Practice, Mathematics School of Science and Engineering

#### **KYEONG HUN (KYLE) LEE, PhD**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

# A. B. Freeman School of Business

Kyle Lee received his PhD in finance and B.S. in mathematics from the University of Iowa. Prior to joining Tulane University, he was an assistant professor of finance at Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Russia. He has expertise in corporate finance, international finance and mergers and acquisitions.

#### **ANN LIPTON, JD**

Associate Professor, Law

#### School of Law and Murphy Institute

Ann Lipton received her JD from Harvard Law School. After clerking for Chief Judge Edward Becker of the Third Circuit and Associate Justice David Souter of the Supreme Court, she practiced for 11 years as a securities litigator in New York. Prior to joining Tulane, she was a visiting assistant professor at Duke Law School. Her research interests include corporate and securities law.

#### **SERENA LOFTUS, PhD**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Accounting

## A. B. Freeman School of Business

Serena Loftus recently received her PhD in accounting from the University of Washington. She is a graduate of the University of Texas–Austin, where she earned her undergraduate degrees in accounting and economics and her MPA in accounting. Her research examines the impact of managers' choice of communication channels and language on investor and employee reactions to performance news. A native of Scotland, she is thrilled to explore the rich culture of New Orleans.

#### WEI LONG, PhD

Assistant Professor, Economics School of Liberal Arts

Wei Long earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Renmin University of China, a master's degree in statistics from Columbia University and a PhD in economics from Texas A&M University. His expertise is in econometrics.

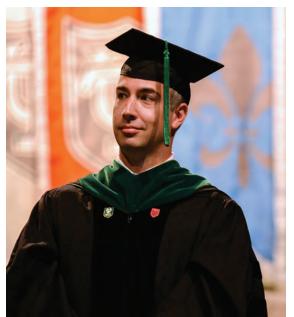
#### **MEGWEN LOVELESS, PhD**

# Senior Lecturer, Spanish and Portuguese School of Liberal Arts

Megwen Loveless completed her PhD in cultural anthropology at Harvard University. Her dissertation research explores music and dance from the Northeast of Brazil as well as regional/national migrations and the juxtaposition of modernity and tradition in Brazilian popular music. Her work in second language acquisition focuses on the use of music and new media in the language classroom, as well as innovative teaching pedagogy and expansion of the language program outside of the traditional classroom. She comes to Tulane after a decade









Stellar teachers received honors at the 2015 Tulane Commencement Ceremony. WT Godbey, top left, associate professor, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, and Rebecca Mark, top right, professor, Department of English, received Weiss Presidential Fellowships for Undergraduate Teaching. Chad Miller, MD, bottom left, associate professor-clinical, Tulane School of Medicine, and Keith Werhan, professor, Tulane Law School, received President's Awards for Graduate and Professional Teaching.



M.A. "Tonette" Krousel-Wood, right, is professor, associate provost for health sciences and senior associate dean in the School of Medicine.

teaching in the Spanish and Portuguese department of Princeton University where she played an active role in building course offerings, extracurricular opportunities and overall popularity of the Portuguese language program.

#### SHAOHUA LU, PhD

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

Shaohua Lu obtained her PhD in strategy from the Fisher College of Business at Ohio State University. Her research interests focus on investment decision-making under uncertainty, strategic interactions, resource redeployment and value appropriation in technological innovations. In particular, she studies the U.S. electric utility sector and investigates the effect of competitive forces on utility companies' renewable energy adoption. Her work has been published in the *Journal of Management*. She is a member of the Academy of Management and the Strategic Management Society and has taught undergraduate courses in Strategic Management at Fisher College of Business. She previously worked as a case writer at the Case Development Center of China Europe International Business School.

#### YUNFANG LU, PhD

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Accounting A. B. Freeman School of Business

Yvonne Lu received her PhD in accounting from Stanford University, after earning her Bachelor of Business Administration with highest honors and Master of Public Accounting from the University of Texas—Austin. She previously served on faculties at the University of Southern California and Lehigh

University. Her research focuses on managerial discretion in financial reporting. Prior to beginning her academic career, she worked as an auditor at PwC in Silicon Valley. She has expertise in earnings management, securities litigation, accounting fraud and pension accounting.

#### **DAVID MADDOX, PhD**

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology School of Liberal Arts

David Maddox grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and received his PhD in sociology from Louisiana State University. His research includes urban and community sociology as well as disaster resilience and recovery. He has expertise in neighborhood strategies for improving disaster recovery outcomes and other community level processes such as how segregation and disinvestment impact urban neighborhoods.

#### **JULIE MARKANT, PhD**

# Assistant Professor, Psychology School of Science and Engineering

Julie Markant received a BA from Cornell University and a PhD in Child Psychology from the Institute of Child Development at the University of Minnesota. She completed her post-doctoral training in the Department of Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences at Brown University. Her research focuses on the intersection between attention and memory systems across development. Specifically, she examines the hypothesis that these two systems are functionally integrated early in life and that the development of selective attention contributes to improvements in learning and memory. As a developmental cognitive neuroscientist, she incorporates multiple methods in her work, including behavioral assessments, eye tracking, functional neuroimaging and genetics.

#### **MATT MARTINEZ, MFA**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance School of Liberal Arts

#### **MICHAEL McKELVEY, DMA**

Professor of Practice, Music and Artistic Director, Summer Lyric Theatre School of Liberal Arts

Michael McKelvey comes to Tulane from the Conservatory of Performing Arts at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was head of voice and an associate professor of musical theatre. He also served at the coordinator of music and director of musical theatre at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He received his doctorate from the University of Texas and master's from Southern Methodist University. He also is the artistic director of DM Productions and cofounder of Summer Stock Austin.

# **SCOTT MCKINLEY, PhD**

# Assistant Professor, Mathematics School of Science and Engineering

Scott McKinley completed undergraduate studies at Tulane and earned his PhD in mathematics from Ohio State University. He returns to Tulane after a postdoctoral appointment at Duke University and an assistant professorship in mathematics at the University of Florida. His primary research interest is in stochastic processes and their applications to biological systems. In particular, he has studied movement patterns of biological agents both large and small with special emphasis on implications for the establishment and spread of disease.

#### SEOYEON KATIE MOON, PhD

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance A. B. Freeman School of Business

Katie Moon received her PhD at the University of Maryland. Before joining Tulane, she worked for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., as a financial economist.

# **MARGARET MOORE, MD**

# Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery School of Medicine

Dr. Margaret Moore earned her bachelor of science in music performance at Indiana University and her MD from Pennsylvania State University. Prior to starting her residency in general surgery at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown, Pennsylvania, she spent five years as a flight surgeon with the Navy. She has since completed her trauma/surgical critical care fellowship at Louisiana State University and is now part of the trauma/critical care team at University Medical Center as well as Tulane Medical Center.

# **LINA MOSES, PhD**

Research Assistant Professor, Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences

#### School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Lina Moses' research focuses on community transmission, prevention and control of viral zoonotic diseases. She has worked in communities in Sierra Leone studying Lassa fever since 2009 and was involved with Ebola surveillance for most

of 2014. Moses received her PhD and MSPH at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She has expertise in merging disease and epidemics, zoonoses, community-based epidemiological research in developing countries and informed consent in resource-poor settings.

# **DAMIAN MURRAY, PhD**

# Assistant Professor, Psychology School of Science and Engineering

Damian Murray earned his PhD in social and personality psychology from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Following graduation he undertook a postdoctoral research position at the University of California—Los Angeles in the psychology department. Multidisciplinary in nature, his central research program investigates the implications of perceived disease threat for social attitudes, for interpersonal behaviors and for cross-cultural differences. At Tulane, He is particularly excited to continue developing the growing body of work examining the links between genes, adaptive immunity and social behavior.



Immunologist Elizabeth Norton and her Tulane team are developing more effective flu vaccines through an NIH grant.



Peter Seldin of Pace University, standing at left, leads a faculty development workshop on teaching portfolios. Seldin, a distinguished professor emeritus in management at Pace, spoke at Tulane in May 2015.

#### **SHEREEN NASER, PhD**

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Psychology School of Science and Engineering

Shereen Naser received her BS in psychology from the University of Texas and her PhD in school psychology from Tulane University. Her research area of interest includes school-based mental health models that foster student resilience and empowerment. To this end, her current research is focused on exploring the utility of a universal behavioral and emotional screener that includes student voice and reduces bias in the identification of students at risk for behavioral and emotional problems. She co-authored a curriculum for mental health professionals giving them the tools to incorporate children's rights as defined by the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child into their daily practice, and she continues to explore the importance of child rights in school-based mental health work. She completed a certification in trauma leadership, participating in specialized courses, trainings and projects furthering her understanding of children's reactions to stressful events.

#### **DIGVIJAYA NAVALKELE, MD, MPH**

# Assistant Professor of Neurology School of Medicine

Dr. Digvijaya Navalkele trained in a neurology residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and a vascular neurology fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. Her research and expertise focus is on strokes.

# **ESRA ÖZCAN, PhD**

# Professor of Practice, Communication School of Liberal Arts

Esra Özcan received her PhD in communication from Jacobs University in Bremen, Germany. She published on the media representations of women in Turkey and Germany and held a faculty position as an assistant professor at Kadir Has University in Istanbul before she moved to New Orleans in 2012. She has served as an adjunct in Tulane's Communication Department, Sociology Department and Gender and Sexuality Studies Program. She has taught numerous courses on media globalization, politics of the news, feminism, Islam, gender and media. She is a contributor to the alternative news network Bianet in Turkey.

#### **DEREK POCIASK, PhD**

Research Assistant Professor School of Medicine

# LU QI, PhD

Professor, Epidemiology School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

#### **ALEKSANDRA REBEKA, PhD CANDIDATE**

Visiting Lecturer, Management

#### A. B. Freeman School of Business

Aleksandra Rebeka is a strategy scholar at the A. B. Freeman School of Business and expects to complete her PhD from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill this year. In her dissertation, she investigates how social comparisons affect the formation and application of mental models in learning from experience. A grant from the Strategy Research Foundation supports her dissertation research. She has taught Strategic Management and Corporate Strategy at UNC—Chapel Hill at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and will teach these courses at Tulane as well. In addition to her academic work in cognition and learning, she also is interested in sustainability related projects on the Tulane campus and in the greater NOLA community.

#### **HEATHER RICHTER, PhD**

Associate Professor, Global Environmental Health Sciences School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

# NAMITA ROUT, PhD

Assistant Professor, Microbiology and Immunology School of Medicine and Tulane National Primate Research Center

Namita Rout received a PhD in biology from Anna University, India. She carried out postdoctoral work at the New England Primate Research Center, Harvard University. Her research interests focus on the study of immune responses in infectious diseases and development of vaccines. She is particularly fascinated by non-conventional T-cells, such as natural killer T-cells and mucosal associated invariant T-cells that have the ability to function as innate effectors as well as play important roles in early responses against pathogens by bridging innate and adaptive immune responses.



#### SAKYA SARKAR, PhD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

A. B. Freeman School of Business

Sakya Sarkar is a financial economist. His research has straddled disparate topics in finance: mergers, bond ratings and credit risk. He obtained his PhD from the University of Southern California where he developed sophisticated quantitative models to study risk-consequences of mergers. Prior to his PhD, he obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Outside academia, his expertise is sought by financial institutions, particularly hedge funds.

#### **HOLLY SCHEIB, PhD**

Research Associate Professor, Social Work School of Social Work

Holly Scheib is a research associate professor in the Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy and a Newcomb Fellow at Tulane University. She is also a visiting scholar at the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College. Her research involves the study of community-level interventions in the lives of displaced, migrant and disadvantaged groups, specializing in participatory methods, action research, ethnography, and monitoring and evaluation. In addition to consultations with humanitarian organizations, she has participated in educational programming for universities in Europe and Asia, including co-teaching as an adjunct faculty member at the Refugee Studies Center at Oxford University and developing Master of Public Health curricula with the University of Liverpool.



Meeting in small groups, Tulane faculty members discuss teaching methods during a faculty development workshop sponsored by the Provost's Office as part of a multi-phase faculty development and mentoring initiative.



English professor Molly Rothenberg is the 2015 recipient of the Oliver Fund Award for Excellence in Faculty Mentoring.

A Tulane graduate, she holds a PhD in international health and development and master's degrees in public health and social work from the University of Michigan.

#### **REBECCA SEARS, PhD**

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Classical Studies School of Liberal Arts

Rebecca Sears, who earned her bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College, received her PhD in 2012 from the University of Michigan. She has taught previously at the University of Michigan and Wake Forest University. Her research interests include ancient music, papyrology, ancient magic and Latin epic.

#### **INNA SHTAKSER, PhD**

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies School of Liberal Arts

Inna Shtakser earned her PhD from the University of Texas—Austin in 2007. Since then she has taught at the University of Texas—Austin, at Dalhousie University in Canada, at Apeejay Stya University in India, and at Tel-Aviv University in Israel. She has published several articles dealing with cultural and emotional aspects of revolutionary affiliations in the early 20th century Russian empire. Her book titled *The Making of Jewish Revolutionaries in the Pale of Settlement: Community and Identity during the Russian Revolution and its Immediate Aftermath, 1905–07* was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2014. Her current work deals with pre-WWI working-class anarchist groups in the Russian empire.



The International Association of Geochemistry honored professor Karen Johannesson as an IAGC Fellow.

#### **ASHIKA SINGH, JD**

# Instructor in Legal Writing and Forrester Fellow School of Law

Ashika Singh received her JD, magna cum laude, from New York University School of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and was an associate editor for the NYU Law Review. She holds an AB, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Harvard University, and an MPhil in international relations from the University of Cambridge. After clerking at the International Chamber of Commerce's Court of Arbitration in Paris, France, she worked as an international arbitration and litigation associate at the law firm Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in New York City. She has also clerked for Judge Norman H. Stahl of the First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Most recently, she worked as an attorneyadviser in the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser, where she was the State Department's primary counsel on various legal issues related to the law of war and the closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, including international law issues in military commissions prosecutions and interactions with international human rights mechanisms such as the U.N. Committee Against Torture.

#### **JEFFREY SMITH, MFA**

# Visiting Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance School of Liberal Arts

Jeffrey Lloyd Smith is a choreographer, multimedia artist and dancer who is originally from Rhode Island. He received his BFA from The Boston Conservatory and his MFA from Florida State University focusing on new and emerging collaborative rela-



Mark VanLandingham, public health professor, leads an NIH study on different groups of survivors 10 years after Katrina.

tionships between dance and multimedia technology. From 2002 to 2004 he was a member of The Martha Graham Ensemble, performing classic Graham works such as "Diversion of Angels," "Acts of Light" and "El Penitente." In 2005, he became a member of The Paul Taylor Dance Company, touring internationally and performing in over 45 Taylor masterpieces. Most recently he has been a faculty member of New World School of the Arts and New World High School in Miami, Florida. His multimedia dance piece, "Rise," premiered at FSU's Nancy Smith Fichter Dance Theatre in the spring of 2014, and his most recent choreographic work will premiere this fall by The Peter London Global Dance Company.

# **DELIA SOLOMONS, PhD**

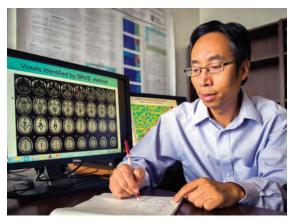
# Visiting Assistant Professor, Art School of Liberal Arts

Delia Solomons received her PhD in art history from the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University. Her work examines intersections of visual culture, globalization, exhibition practices and inter-American relations in the 20th century. She previously worked as an adjunct assistant professor at New York University and the City University of New York and cocurated an exhibition at The Drawing Center.

#### **BENJAMIN SPERISEN, PhD**

# Assistant Professor, Economics School of Liberal Arts

Ben Sperisen received his PhD in economics from the University of Texas–Austin. His research is in game theory, in particular repeated games and reputation theory.



Yu-Ping Wang, associate professor, is part of a research team studying adolescent brain development in an NSF grant.

#### **HEATHER STORER, PhD**

Assistant Professor School of Social Work

#### RAMANATHAN SUBRAMANIAM, PhD

Visiting Associate Professor, Marketing A. B. Freeman School of Business

Ramanathan Subramaniam received his PhD in marketing from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh. He was with the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India, for nearly three years and, prior to that, was at the University of Kansas. His research and teaching interests involve applied game theory, auction theory, discrete choice models and models of competitive price formation. In the past, he has offered elective classes such as Pricing, CRM and Strategic Models in Marketing.

#### **BRIAN SUMMA, PhD**

# Assistant Professor, Computer Science School of Science and Engineering

Brian Summa holds BSE and MSE degrees in computer science from the University of Pennsylvania and a PhD in computer science from the University of Utah. Before joining Tulane, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the Scientific Computing and Imaging Institute at the University of Utah. His research interests include large data processing, analysis and interaction for data visualization and computer graphics applications. His work has supported the creation of deployable, large data processing software that scales from mobile devices to supercomputers. His research in visualization is



An investiture ceremony honored Kate Adams, associate professor of English, as the inaugural holder of the Martha McCarty Kimmerling Chair in Women's Literature.

highly interdisciplinary and has allowed him to work closely with researchers in a variety of disciplines such as geology, physics and neurobiology.

#### SHUHUA SUN, PhD

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

Prior to coming to Tulane, Shuhua Sun served as an assistant professor of management at the Maastricht University School of Business and Economics, where he supervised doctoral and master thesis students. Sun's research is in organizational behavior and the psychology of entrepreneurship. His current research examines employees' and entrepreneurs' motivational self-regulation, proactive behavior and work-family conflict. He has published multiple papers in leading management journals including the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, and *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*. He received his PhD from the National University of Singapore.

#### YINLIANG TAN, PhD

# Assistant Professor, Management Science A. B. Freeman School of Business

Yinliang (Ricky) Tan recently earned his PhD in business administration from the University of Florida. He holds an MS in industrial engineering from the University of Florida and a BE in logistics engineering from Tongji University, China. His research interests include supply chain management, business analytics and the interface between operations and information systems.

#### WAN TANG, PhD

# Clinical Associate Professor, Biostatistics School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Wan Tang received his PhD in mathematics from the University of Rochester. After two and a half years of postdoc training in the Department of Biostatistics and Computational Biology at the University of Rochester, he became a research faculty member there until he joined Tulane. He has a broad interest in statistical methodological development research as well as collaborative biomedical research, with particular emphasis on study design and analysis of longitudinal data with missing values.

#### SUSAN THOMAS, PhD

#### **Visiting Professor**

#### Stone Center for Latin American Studies

Greenleaf Visiting Scholar Susan Thomas is regularly an associate professor of musicology and women's studies at the University of Georgia. She is a specialist in the music of Cuba and the Circus-Caribbean and is the author of *Cuban Zarzuela: Performing Race and Gender on Havana's Lyric Stage* as well as numerous articles and book chapters on issues related to Cuban politics and the culture sector, music and gender, transnational migration, performance and film studies, and vocality. Her current research projects focus on contemporary Cuban music and migration and the Latin American jazz ballad tradition often referred to as filin (feeling).

#### **CARMELO TURILLO, PhD**

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

Carmelo Turillo received his PhD from Tulane University. After living in Madrid, Spain, and teaching at the Instituto de Empresa for four years, he and his wife followed their dream to open an authentic Italian gelateria in New Orleans, their adopted home. In addition to teaching and making gelato, Carmelo enjoys music, cooking, and spending time with his family.

#### **GWINYAI UTETE, PhD**

#### Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

#### A. B. Freeman School of Business

Gwinyai Utete's research and teaching expertise lies in corporate finance with a specific focus on multinational issues. Prior to joining the A. B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane, he taught at the E.J. Ourso College of Business at LSU. During his time there, he was a recipient of the Tiger Athletic Foundation's



Honorary degrees went to three recipients at Tulane Commencement in 2015. They are, from left, philosopher Onora O'Neill of Northern Ireland, legal scholar Hein Kötz of Germany and U.S. author and playwright Walter Mosley.

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, as well as the Campus Federal Credit Union Teaching Enhancement Grant.

#### **CHAD VAN SCHOELANDT, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Philosophy School of Liberal Arts

Chad Van Schoelandt works on social and political philosophy, ethics, agency and responsibility, and the intersection of philosophy, politics and economics. He earned his PhD at the University of Arizona.

# **EMILIE WELTY, MArch I**

# Professor of Practice, Architecture School of Architecture

Emilie Taylor Welty is an architect, a maker and an educator who has led Tulane design/build projects in the New Orleans community for 10 years through her role at the Tulane City Center. She has led award-winning design/build projects including the LOOP pavilion and the Grow Dat Youth Farm and has played a leadership role in the early URBAN-build projects. Taylor Welty holds a BS from the University of Southern Mississippi and an MArch1 from the Tulane University School of Architecture. In addition to her work at Tulane, Emilie is an architect practicing in New Orleans with her partners at Colectivo, a firm whose recent work includes the Urban Birding Corridor at New Orleans City Park, Pagoda Café and the French Truck Roastery.

#### **JOBY WESTMORELAND, PhD**

# Research Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology School of Science and Engineering

Joby Westmoreland received his PhD from Vanderbilt University. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital performing research on mouse models of schizophrenia.

# **JAMES ZANEWICZ, JD, LLM**

# Chief Business Officer and Instructor School of Medicine and Tulane National Primate Research Center

James Zanewicz has worked in academia, nonprofits and industry, and comes to Tulane from the HHMI Janelia Research Campus. He completed his BS in chemistry at Centre College, his JD at Tulane University School of Law, and his LLM in intellectual property and media policy at the University of Illinois—Urbana Champaign. He is trained in science and technology policy by AAAS, and holds positions on the boards of the Association of University Technology Managers and the BioJudiciary project. He is passionate about optimizing the relationships between academia, industry and foundations to achieve the highest possible medical impact and benefit to society.

# **NEW FACULTY FOR 2015-2016—LISTED BY SCHOOL**

#### **SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**

Emily Baker, Assistant Professor Emilie Welty, Professor of Practice

#### A. B. FREEMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Charan Bagga, Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing

Scott Cederburg, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

Moumita Das, Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing

Hila Fogel-Yaari, Visiting Lecturer, Accounting

Robert Grasser, Visiting Assistant Professor, Accounting

Oleg Gredil, Assistant Professor, Finance

William Grieser, Assistant Professor, Finance

John Healey, Assistant Professor, Marketing

Amanda Heitz, Visiting Lecturer, Finance

Mazhar Islam, Visiting Assistant Professor, Management

Charles Kang, Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing

Rajat Khanna, Assistant Professor, Management

Kyeong Hun (Kyle) Lee, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

Serena Loftus, Visiting Assistant Professor, Accounting

Shaohua Lu, Visiting Assistant Professor, Management

Yunfang Lu, Visiting Assistant Professor, Accounting

Seoyeon Katie Moon, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

Aleksandra Rebeka, Visiting Lecturer, Management

Sakya Sarkar, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

Ramanathan Subramaniam, Visiting Associate Professor, Marketing

Shuhua Sun, Assistant Professor, Management

Yinliang Tan, Assistant Professor, Management Science

Carmelo Turillo, Visiting Assistant Professor, Management

Gwinyai Utete, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

#### **NEWCOMB-TULANE COLLEGE**

**Shannon Blady**, Professor of Practice, Teacher Preparation and Certification **Brooke Grant**, Professor of Practice, Teacher Preparation and Certification

#### **SCHOOL OF LAW**

Ann Lipton, Associate Professor

Ashika Singh, Instructor in Legal Writing and Forrester Fellow

#### **SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS**

Anthony Baab, Professor of Practice, Art

Michael Boudewyns, Visiting Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance

Eliza Buhrer, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English

Daniel Burnston, Assistant Professor, Philosophy

Patrick Button, Assistant Professor, Economics

Sarah Cramsey, Visiting Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies

Allison Emmerson, Assistant Professor, Classical Studies

Kathleen Fitzgerald, Visiting Associate Professor, Sociology

Leslie Geddes, Visiting Assistant Professor, Art

Michelle Hathaway, Professor of Practice, Theatre and Dance

Jenny Heil, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English

Emily Hermant, Assistant Professor, Art

Mirya Holman, Assistant Professor, Political Science

Jennifer Jacobs, Visiting Assistant Professor, Theater and Dance

Christina Kiel, Professor of Practice, Political Science

Wei Long, Assistant Professor, Economics

Megwen Loveless, Senior Lecturer, Spanish and Portuguese

David Maddox, Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology

Matt Martinez, Visiting Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance

Michael McKelvey, Professor of Practice, Music and Artistic Director, Summer Lyric Theatre

Esra Özcan, Professor of Practice, Communication

Rebecca Sears, Visiting Assistant Professor, Classical Studies

Inna Shtakser, Visiting Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies

Jeffrey Smith, Visiting Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance

Delia Solomons, Visiting Assistant Professor, Art

Benjamin Sperisen, Assistant Professor, Economics

Chad Van Schoelandt, Assistant Professor, Philosophy

#### **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

Cariappa Annaiah, Assistant Professor, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Astha Chichra, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine

Christopher Garnet DuCoin, Assistant Professor, Surgery

Robert Galagan, Associate Professor, Medicine

Karin Halvorson, Assistant Professor, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

James Jackson, Assistant Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Amitinder Kaur, Professor, Microbiology and Immunology

Vininder Singh Khunkhun, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry

Margaret Moore, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery

Digvijava Navalkele, Assistant Professor of Neurology

Derek Pociask, Research Assistant Professor, Medicine

Namita Rout, Assistant Professor, Microbiology and Immunology

James Zanewicz, Instructor, Medicine

#### SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

Ruth Ashton, Research Assistant Professor, Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences

Hua He, Associate Professor, Epidemiology

Lina Moses, Research Assistant Professor, Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences

Lu Qi, Professor, Epidemiology

Heather Richter, Associate Professor, Global Environmental Health Sciences

Wan Tang, Clinical Associate Professor, Biostatistics

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Carolyn Bayer, Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering

Sara Clark, Visiting Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology

Laurie Earls, Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology

Elin Grissom, Research Assistant Professor, Newcomb Scholar, BIRCWH Scholar

Manjong Han, Professor of Practice, Cell and Molecular Biology

Laura Harrison, Research Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology

Fenglei He, Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology

Jin Hu, Research Assistant Professor, Physics and Engineering Physics

Eliot Kapit, Assistant Professor, Physics and Engineering Physics

Benjamin Klaff, Professor of Practice, Mathematics

Julie Markant, Assistant Professor, Psychology

Scott McKinley, Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Damian Murray, Assistant Professor, Psychology

Shereen Naser, Visiting Assistant Professor, Psychology

Brian Summa, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Joby Westmoreland, Research Assistant Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology

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