



New
Faculty
2018–2019



Tulane University



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The new faculty members we celebrate in this publication join an institution that has provided more than 175 years of scholarship and service to its community. Founded in 1834 as the Medical College of Louisiana to address public health concerns in the region, the Tulane University of today is recognized as one of the nation's preeminent research universities, carrying out pathbreaking research and creative work, offering an unparalleled education to a cohort of outstanding undergraduate, graduate and professional students, and earning recognition as a national and world leader in public service and social engagement.

Tulane professors have been awarded the most prestigious honors in the academic world, and have been 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, nine Guggenheim Foundation Fellowships, eight National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships, four Alfred P. Sloan Fellowships and two Nobel Prizes in Medicine.

Our schools and our undergraduate college offer an impressive array of degrees in architecture, business, law, liberal arts, medicine, public health and tropical medicine, science and engineering, and social work. Interdisciplinary research is flourishing, as our students and faculty are crossing both geographic and intellectual boundaries in their efforts to ask new questions, create new knowledge and improve the lives of people around the world.

Each year we recruit to Tulane some of the smartest and most talented students in the world, attracted to Tulane because of their interest in a demanding, rigorous education, and in the opportunities that will be open to them when they complete their study and are awarded a degree from one of the most recognized and respected universities in the world. We are very proud that our faculty — pathbreaking scholars who are also dedicated and engaged teachers — create a truly exceptional student experience. It is the faculty of Tulane who define what is possible, and through their efforts we have become the extraordinary institution of today. It is their excellence and leadership that inspire 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Forman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Rob' and last name 'Forman' clearly distinguishable.

ROBIN FORMAN

*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Professor of Mathematics*

IÑAKI ALDAY

Dean, School of Architecture

Koch Professor of Architecture

Iñaki Alday is the new dean and Koch Professor at the School of Architecture. Alday was previously Quesada Professor and Chair of the Department of Architecture (2011–16) at the University of Virginia.

In 1996 in Barcelona, Alday founded aldayjover architecture and landscape together with Margarita Jover. Aldayjover is a multidisciplinary, research-based practice focused on innovation and the specific character of the place. The work is particularly renowned for a new approach to the relation between cities and rivers, in which natural dynamics such as floods become part of the public space, eliminating the idea of “catastrophe.” Aldayjover has designed some of the most important recent public spaces in Barcelona (Green Diagonal-Sagrera), Zaragoza (Water Park), Pamplona (Aranzadi) and Ibiza (Vara de Rei), as well as architectural pieces and landscapes (The Mill Cultural Center, DHC and the Recovery of the Gallego River in Zuera). Currently, aldayjover is working in several locations in Spain, South Asia and Puerto Rico, on projects that combine heritage and new buildings, natural dynamics of rivers and public space, and social dynamics. As urban experts, the firm is currently working with the World Bank on some of the most acute urban challenges in South Asia and Latin America. Aldayjover has been awarded with the European Public Space Prize (2002), the FAD Prize (2009), the Urban Integration award (2011), the AZ award (2015), the nomination for the Mies van der Rohe EU award (2009), and a number of Spanish and Iberian prizes.

Since 2016, Alday served as the co-director and founder (with Pankja Vir Gupta) of the Yamuna River Project, a long-term, interdisciplinary research program whose objective is to revitalize the ecology of the Yamuna River in the Delhi area of India. The project involves an interdisciplinary team with expertise in architecture, land planning, civil engineering,



environmental science, public-private partnerships, anthropology, political science, history and cultural studies. The team’s objective is to engage the efforts of government agencies, experts and activists in an ongoing program to address the multidimensional challenges of Delhi and its relation to its river.

Both in the academic appointment and in the design practice of aldayjover architecture and landscape, Alday promotes a new attitude toward the transformation of our environment and how architecture has to guide the inhabitation of the most challenged areas of the planet. The role of architecture and architects, interdisciplinary work and integration of scales, new nontraditional programs as hybrid infrastructures, and social and environmental ethics are some of the components to address with a global vision.

ANNA ABDULMANOVA, PhD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

A. B. Freeman School of Business

Anna Abdulmanova completed her doctoral work in finance in 2018 at the University of Missouri. Her research interests include political connections, corporate litigation and financial institutions.

Expertise: Corporate finance, corporate political relationships, corporate litigation

RANA ABUSOUFEH, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology
School of Medicine*

AMANDA ANDERSON, PhD

*Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology, and
Associate Director, Translational Science Institute
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Amanda Anderson earned her PhD in epidemiology from Tulane University in 2007, and spent the past 11 years on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. Anderson's major research interests address the epidemiology of kidney diseases, with an emphasis on the causes and consequences of the excessive morbidity and mortality experienced by patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD). Anderson is the principal investigator of two NIH/NIDDK R01s to investigate blood and urine fibrosis measures as predictors of CKD progression and cardiovascular disease in the setting of CKD, and to examine associations between the gut microbiome, plasma and fecal metabolomes, and CKD progression. She has over 10 years of experience providing scientific and operational leadership to scientific and data coordinating centers of large studies examining risk factors for cardiovascular disease and progression of kidney disease among adults with CKD, and is happy to now serve as the associate director of Tulane's Translational Science Institute.

Expertise: Epidemiology, chronic kidney disease, research methods

JACOB APPLEBY, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology
School of Science and Engineering*

Jacob Appleby completed his PhD in social psychology at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 2018. His research deals mainly with how stereotypes and prejudice affect interpersonal, political, and legal attitudes and behaviors.

Expertise: Intergroup relations, political psychology, stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination; racial attitudes

THOMAS STEWART ATKINSON, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of
Medicine-Hematology/Oncology
School of Medicine*

BENJAMIN BAILEY, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry
School of Medicine*

Dr. Benjamin Bailey received his BS in molecular biology at Lipscomb University in 2009 before attending medical school at the University of Kentucky. He received his medical degree in 2013 and then relocated to New Orleans, where he completed his residency in Tulane's combined internal medicine and psychiatry program in 2018. He currently works supervising residents in an outpatient mental health setting and works part-time as a correctional psychiatrist. His academic interests include integrative/collaborative mental health care, LGBT health and psychosomatic illness.



Amanda Anderson is an associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology and associate director of the Translational Science Institute at the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.



Dr. Tonette Krousel-Wood is associate provost for health sciences and senior associate dean for faculty affairs / associate dean for public health and medical education.



Mike Cunningham is associate provost for graduate studies and research, director of the Office of Graduate and Post-doctoral Studies, and a professor of psychology and Africana Studies.

OLIVIA BAILEY, PhD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
School of Liberal Arts**

Olivia Bailey received her PhD in philosophy from Harvard University in May 2018, and also holds a BPhil in philosophy from Oxford University. She works in ethics, epistemology and the philosophy of mind, with a particular focus on the epistemic and moral significance of imagination, emotional understanding and empathy.

Expertise: Empathy, moral psychology, feminist philosophy

KATE BALDWIN, PhD

**Professor, Department of English
School of Liberal Arts**

Kate Baldwin is a scholar and teacher who specializes in 20th-century comparative U.S. and Soviet literatures and public cultures. Her first book, *Beyond the Color Line and the Iron Curtain: Reading Encounters Between Black and Red*, remaps black American modernism by addressing the involvement of African-American intellectuals with Soviet communism and a Russian intellectual heritage. Her most recent book, *The Racial Imaginary of the Cold War Kitchen: From Sokol'niki Park to Chicago's South Side* (2016), examines the relationships between domestic space and cultural diplomacy during the Cold War. Looking at midcentury

design, film, advertising, fashion and literature, *The Racial Imaginary* shows how structures of feeling associated with U.S. domesticity were taken up, championed, reconstituted and resisted in the Soviet Union during the 1950s and 1960s. Baldwin's past fellowships include the Pembroke at Brown University, a Mellon postdoc at Johns Hopkins University and the Bunting Fellowship at Harvard University. She has published articles in *Cultural Critique*, *Diaspora*, *Modern Fiction Studies*, *Novel*, *modernism/modernity*, *American Literary History* and *Russian Review*, and her article on Nella Larsen's *Passing* was anthologized in the Norton Critical Edition of *Passing*. Baldwin's new book addresses women, race and work, and her related articles have been published by the Huffington Post, The Hill, Quartz, Global Post and Truth-Out.

SOUMYA BANERJEE, PhD

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics
School of Science and Engineering**

Soumya Banerjee received his PhD in mathematics from Yale University in 2014. After that he spent three years at Ben Gurion University in Israel as a postdoctoral fellow. His area of interest is algebraic geometry and its interaction with representation theory.



Associate provost for faculty affairs and communication professor Ana López joins in the New Faculty Orientation activities.

PEDRO BARATA, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of
Medicine–Hematology/Oncology
School of Medicine**

Dr. Pedro Barata received his MD in medicine at NOVA University of Lisbon (2009) and his MS in palliative care and symptom management at the University of Lisbon (2014). Subsequently, he spent part of his medical oncology training at the Taussig Cancer Institute–Cleveland Clinic and MD Anderson Cancer Center. After completion of his medical oncology fellowship, he spent two years at the Taussig Cancer Institute as an experimental therapeutics clinical fellow working in the genitourinary medical oncology group. His current research interests include prostate cancer, kidney cancer, bladder cancers, and investigational therapeutics and clinical trials.

Expertise: Genitourinary cancers

ROBIN BARTRAM, PhD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
School of Liberal Arts**

Robin Bartram has a PhD in sociology from Northwestern University. She specializes in urban sociology and is working on a book project about municipal building inspections in Chicago.

ELIZAVETA BELYAEVA, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology
School of Medicine**

Dr. Elizaveta Belyaeva earned her medical degree at First Pavlov State Medical University of St. Petersburg, Russia. She completed an anatomic and clinical pathology residency and surgical pathology fellowship at Pennsylvania Hospital and a hematopathology fellowship at Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania–Philadelphia.

HYUNG SUP “ZACK” BHAN, PhD

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

Zack Bhan joins the Freeman School of Business from Northwestern University, where he earned his PhD and MBA with a concentration in marketing. With an industry focus on omni-channel retailing and durable goods, he is interested in the topics of customer value, social influence, online reviews and product unavailability. In his dissertation, he explores how intra-household interactions and product unavailability shape customer behavior in an apparel-shopping environment. Prior to starting his graduate studies, Bhan worked for five years as a loan officer and as a researcher in a South Korean development bank.

Expertise: Causal inference, data analytics, customer value, social influence

JOAN BLAKEY, PhD

**Associate Professor and Associate Dean of
Academic Affairs
School of Social Work**

Joan Blakey is the associate dean of academic affairs at Tulane School of Social Work. She attended the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities, where she received both her Bachelor of Science in African American studies, sociology, and youth studies and her Master of Social Work. As an IV-E scholar, Blakey worked as a child protection worker with Hennepin County and a policy specialist with the state of Minnesota. She received her doctorate from the University of Chicago. While completing her doctorate, she received several prestigious dissertation fellowships. The most notable was the Minority Fellowship Program supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Blakey’s primary research interests focus on trauma and substance abuse among women who are involved with the

child protection and criminal justice systems. Her ultimate goal is to understand the healing and recovery process for women with histories of complex trauma and assist with the development of trauma-informed organizations and systems of care. Blakey's most recent project focuses on women who have histories of prostitution/sex trafficking. She is working with women incarcerated at a county jail as well as women receiving social services from a nonprofit agency. This study seeks to understand the experiences of women who often have complex histories of trauma; identify the pathways that lead to their involvement with prostitution and sex trafficking; find the kinds of services and community linkages women need to heal and recover; and identify best practices for service providers and law enforcement when working with women who have histories of prostitution/sex trafficking.

BARBARA BLYTHE, PhD

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

Barbara Blythe received her PhD in classics from Brown University. Before coming to Tulane, she taught at the University of Virginia and Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. Her research interests include Latin literature of the early empire, the ancient novel, gender and sexuality, Greek and Roman religion, literary representations of human interactions with animals and the natural world, and the reception of Alexander the Great. Blythe recently published a book chapter on medieval Italian receptions of the "Alexander Romance," and she has two articles on Petronius forthcoming. She is currently at work on a monograph on religion in the ancient novel.

JEREMY BOCK, JD

*Associate Professor and Charles E. Lugenbuhl Associate
Professor of Law
School of Law*

Jeremy Bock's teaching and research interests relate to intellectual property, technology law and regulation. His scholarship focuses on the patent system, which he evaluates through the lens of behavioral economics, cognitive psychology and management science. Before joining Tulane, Bock was a faculty member at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. He received his JD from the



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University of California–Berkeley School of Law, and his SB and MEng degrees in electrical engineering and computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Expertise: Patent law

CHRISTINE BOJANOWSKI, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, and
Associate Director, Tulane Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center
School of Medicine*

After completing a National Institutes of Health Post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) fellowship, Dr. Christine Bojanowski received her medical school training at George Washington University School of Medicine. She then completed a dual residency program in internal medicine and pediatrics at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center–New Orleans (LSUHSC–NO), followed by an adult pulmonary and critical care fellowship at the University of California–San Diego. She is board-certified in internal medicine, pediatrics and adult pulmonary disease and is board-eligible for adult critical care medicine in 2018. Her primary research interests are in lung immunology and innate host response. Her clinical interests in addition to critical care include chronic transitional pediatric-to-adult lung disease including cystic fibrosis, non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis and rare lung disease. Bojanowski is particularly excited to join the Tulane Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center as associate director.

DENYS BONDAR, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Engineering Physics

School of Science and Engineering

Prior to joining Tulane, Denys Bondar had been an associate research scholar and lecturer at Princeton University since 2014. He was promoted from a postdoctoral appointment in the group of Professor Herschel Rabitz in the Department of Chemistry, Princeton University. He received a PhD in physics from the University of Waterloo in Canada in 2011. Bondar was awarded Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (2017), U.S. Air Force Young Investigator Research Program (2016), Los Alamos Director's Fellowship (2013, declined), President's Graduate Scholarship and Ontario Graduate Scholarship (2010). Driven by the vision of practical realization of quantum technologies, Bondar conducts a theoretical and computational research at the boundary of quantum thermodynamics and ultrafast nonlinear optics.

Expertise: Atomic and molecular physics, optics, quantum mechanics, mathematical physics

BENJAMIN BOYLE, DO

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Instructor, Department of Radiology

School of Medicine

GREGORY BRAZEAL, JD

Instructor and Forrester Fellow

School of Law

Greg Brazeal received a BA in English from Stanford University and his JD from Harvard Law School. Before joining the law school as a Forrester Fellow, he worked as a public defender in Seattle and clerked for Judge Shira Scheindlin in the Southern District of New York. He currently serves as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve and is completing a PhD in English at Cornell University with a dissertation on fiction about the Iraq War.

MYRLENE BRUNO, PhD

Professor of Practice, Department of French and Italian School of Liberal Arts

Myrlene Bruno earned her PhD in Francophone studies from the University of Louisiana–Lafayette in 2016. She also studied French and linguistics at Florida International University.

WILLIAM BUCKINGHAM, MFA

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Music

School of Liberal Arts

William D. Buckingham holds BFA and MA degrees from Tulane University and is currently completing his PhD in music at the University of Chicago (expected 2018).

CHARLES BULATHSINGHALA, MD

Assistant Professor, Heart/Vascular Institute

School of Medicine

Dr. Charles Bulathsinghala graduated from Penn State College of Medicine after completing his PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology, also at Pennsylvania State University. He went on to complete his internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He then served as an assistant professor at the Penn State Heart and Vascular Institute from 2017–2018 and is now an assistant professor of medicine (noninvasive cardiology) at Tulane University School of Medicine, with clinical responsibilities at both the Southeast Regional Veterans Healthcare System as well as University Medical Center. He is board-certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, echocardiography and nuclear cardiology. He is dedicated to clinical education as well as providing a full range of preventative and diagnostic cardiovascular care to his patients.

Expertise: Cardiology, cardiac imaging, echocardiography, 3D echocardiography, preventative health

TRISHA CAMPBELL, PhD

Professor of Practice, Department of English

School of Liberal Arts

Trisha N. Campbell is an artist, researcher and teacher. She earned her PhD in writing and rhetorical studies from the University of Pittsburgh in 2015. Her work asks enduring questions around how violence circulates in both analog and digital networks, how empathy lacks and how contagious our

affects have become. More recently, she has published articles on how to teach radical empathy in the 21st century through digital production voice experiments.

Expertise: Digital empathy, writing studies, networks and networks of violence, rhetorical studies, non-divisive language, contagious media, affect theory, digital media

TUHIN CHATURVEDI, PhD

Assistant Professor, Management

A. B. Freeman School of Business

Tuhin Chaturvedi joins the Freeman School from the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned his PhD in strategic management in 2018. His research focuses on corporate development decisions (alliances/joint ventures, acquisitions, divestitures and internal investments) and how these decisions shape corporate strategy across various environmental contexts. Chaturvedi's dissertation studied the corporate development decisions of firms during periods of technological change in the telecommunication equipment, computer-networking and digital-photography product markets. Prior to embarking on his scholarly career, Chaturvedi worked as a management consultant, having delivered projects for clients across multiple industries. He holds a master's degree in business management from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom, and an undergraduate degree in telecommunication engineering from the Visveswaraiah Technological University, India.

Expertise: Corporate strategy, corporate development, mergers and acquisitions, alliances/joint ventures, divestitures/corporate restructuring, corporate portfolio management

CLAUDIA CHÁVEZ ARGÜELLES, PhD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
School of Liberal Arts**

Claudia Chávez Argüelles earned her PhD in anthropology from the University of Texas–Austin. She also holds an MA in social anthropology from the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social and a law degree from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. Her areas of specialization include the anthropology of law and the state, indigenous politics, collaborative research methodologies, and the intersection of racism, political violence and femicide in Latin America. Chávez's ethnographic research in Mexico has been supported by grants awarded by the Fulbright Program, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and the



Keith Clay is Chair of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in the School of Science and Engineering.

Social Science Research Council, among others. In 2017, the National Institute of Anthropology and History in Mexico honored her with the Fray Bernardino de Sahagún Award in the category of Best Dissertation in Ethnology and Social Anthropology. Before joining Tulane, she was an assistant professor in anthropology at Humboldt State University. Chávez is currently working on a book manuscript titled, *Beyond Legal Truths: Impunity, Memory, and Maya Autonomous Justice After the Achteal Massacre*, in which she analyzes the politics of impunity in Mexico and their long-term, transgenerational effects for Maya survivors of state violence and their struggle for justice.

STEPHANIE CHENG, PhD

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

Stephanie Cheng teaches intermediate financial accounting in the undergraduate program. She received her PhD in accounting from the University of Toronto and dual bachelor's degrees in psychology and economics from the University of Texas–Austin. Her research interests include the informational roles of firms' financial and non-financial information and the consequences of capital market regulation, with an emphasis on the emerging issues in the government-bond markets. Her PhD dissertation, which examines externalities of firms' financial information in the secondary state-bond market, was presented at the 2018 Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear Meeting, the 28th Annual Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting, and the 2018 MIT Asia Conference in Accounting. Prior to her

doctoral studies, Cheng worked as a chartered professional accountant and taught case-based seminars at the CPA Ontario School of Accountancy in Canada.

Expertise: Disclosure externality, local government reporting

KEITH CLAY, PhD

**Professor and Chair, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
School of Science and Engineering**

Keith Clay completed his BS in botany at Rutgers College and then did his PhD in botany and genetics at Duke University in 1982. After a one-year postdoc at the University of Texas, he was appointed assistant professor in the Botany Department at LSU in Baton Rouge and then moved to the Department of Biology at Indiana University, where he was on the faculty for 32 years. In 2005 he was elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was appointed as Distinguished Professor at Indiana University in 2013. He was also appointed visiting professor by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2012 and guest professor at ETH-Zurich in 2016. Clay's research focuses on the ecological and evolutionary consequences of symbiosis, encompassing both pathogenic and mutualistic interactions, with an emphasis on plant-fungal and tick-bacterial interactions.

Expertise: Microbial interactions with higher plants and animals, symbiosis, disease, microbiomes

EVA CLEVELAND, PhD

**Professor of Practice
School of Professional Advancement**

ALLISON CORMIER, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine–Infectious Diseases
School of Medicine**

ROBERT DALLAPIAZZA, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosurgery
School of Medicine**

BERTHA DANIELS, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine
School of Medicine**

Dr. Bertha Daniels is a board-certified family physician with over 18 years of experience in patient care. Daniels attended medical school at the University of Kansas–Kansas City and in 2000 completed her family medicine residency at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center. She provided comprehensive primary care for adults and children on the West Bank of New Orleans from 2000–2018 until recently joining the faculty and staff at Tulane University Medical Center. Daniels is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Her special interests include preventive medicine, acute and chronic disease management, and minor surgical procedures. She has received recognition from health insurance companies for excellence in diabetes care, hypertension care and colon cancer screening. She is looking forward to contributing to the care of our community and education of our students.

Expertise: Diabetes care, prediabetes, hypertension care, preventive medicine, colon cancer screening, hyperlipidemia, hypothyroidism, osteoarthritis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, breast cancer screening, cervical cancer screening, vitamin D deficiency, allergic rhinitis, smoking cessation, immunizations, geriatric care, osteoporosis

KRAIG DE LANZAC, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology
School of Medicine**

JOSHUA DENSON, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
School of Medicine**

Dr. Joshua Denson received his bachelor and master of science degrees in neuroscience with distinction from Tulane University and was granted his Doctor of Medicine from Tulane University School of Medicine. He completed his internship, residency and chief residency in internal medicine at New York University/Bellevue Hospital Center in New York, New York, and went on to receive clinical fellowship training in pulmonary and critical care at the University of Colorado and research fellowship training in pulmonary and critical care at National Jewish Health, Denver. Denson's



Sean Fader joins the Department of Art in the School of Liberal Arts as a professor of practice.

primary research interest focuses on studying hospitalized patient outcomes surrounding resident transitions in care, specifically end-of-rotation handoffs and ICU-to-ward handoffs. His other interests include eosinophilic lung disease, severe asthma and critical care quality improvement.

Expertise: Health services research, transitions of care, handoffs, quality improvement, severe asthma, eosinophilic lung disease

ROBERT DIBENEDETTO, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
School of Medicine**

Dr. Robert diBenedetto attended Tulane for undergraduate studies, where he earned his BA in music and helped to found Crawfest, which quickly became a beloved Tulane tradition. He went on to graduate from Tulane School of Medicine and completed his residency at Tulane in obstetrics and gynecology. He currently resides in Pineville, Louisiana, where he oversees the “rural rotation” for the Tulane OB/GYN residents.

PAUL DICAMILLO, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology
School of Medicine**

Dr. Paul DiCamillo earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. During medical school, he pursued a PhD at the University of California–Berkeley and –San Francisco divisions. His thesis research involved 11.7T magic angle spinning

NMR spectroscopy of prostate tissue samples. His three postdoctoral experiences prior to his radiology training focused on different facets of MR imaging. At the National Institutes of Health, he explored fMRI test/retest reliability. At Johns Hopkins University his research included MRI-guided embolization of vascular malformations and evaluating gastric arterial embolization as a bariatric intervention. At the University of California–San Diego, he focused on high-resolution musculoskeletal cadaveric imaging at 11.7T, with emphasis on tendinous, meniscal and cartilaginous tissues. He completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and the Case Western Reserve University, where his research included the identification of brain parenchymal changes secondary to long-term repeated exposure to IV gadolinium. He completed his musculoskeletal radiology fellowship at Tulane University.

Expertise: Musculoskeletal radiology

CHANCELLOR DONALD, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
School of Medicine**

Dr. Chancellor Donald joined the Section of Hematology/Oncology at Tulane School of Medicine in August. He currently serves as chief medical officer of the Taking Aim at Cancer in Louisiana initiative and holds the position of assistant professor of clinical medicine at Tulane University. Originally from Greta, Florida, Donald attended Florida A&M University for undergraduate studies and graduated magna cum laude. He then attended the University of Miami School of Medicine for his medical degree. He completed his internship, residency and fellowship at Tulane University. He was selected as chief resident and chief fellow during his training. Donald has current board certifications in internal medicine, hematology and medical oncology. Most recently, he was appointed to the American Board of Internal Medicine Hematology Examination Committee. Donald’s academic focus is advocacy and health disparities regarding patients with hematologic disorders and malignancy.

KIRSTEN DORANS, ScD

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

Kirsten Dorans received her Doctor of Science in epidemiology from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public

BRIAN EDWARDS

Professor, Department of English

Dean, School of Liberal Arts

Brian T. Edwards is dean of the School of Liberal Arts and a professor of English. He joined Tulane University in July.

Prior to Tulane, he was the Crown Professor in Middle East Studies and professor of English and comparative literary studies at Northwestern University, where he was also the founding director of the Program in Middle East and North African Studies (MENA). Under Edwards' direction, MENA grew from a small faculty working group to an internationally recognized program with 20 core and language faculty and 13 affiliates, offering an undergraduate major, curricula in Middle Eastern languages and an interdisciplinary PhD certificate.

As a scholar, Edwards examines U.S. literature and culture in a global context, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa. He also writes about literature, film and new media from Morocco, Egypt and Iran, where he has done extensive field research. He is the author of *Morocco*

Bound: Disorienting America's Maghreb, from Casablanca to the Marrakech Express (Duke, 2005) and *After the American Century: The Ends of U.S. Culture in the Middle East* (Columbia, 2016), coeditor of *Globalizing American Studies* (Chicago, 2010) and editor of *On the Ground: New Directions in Middle East and North African Studies* (NU-Q, 2013). Edwards has published essays and opinion pieces in a wide range of publications, both scholarly and mainstream, and lectured extensively throughout the United States, Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and central and South Asia. His research has been supported by major grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Andrew Mellon Foundation and the Fulbright Program. In 2013, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs named him an "Emerging Leader."

He is an advocate for renewed approaches to language learning, at both university and K–12 levels. A speaker of four languages himself, he led language initiatives at Northwestern and in partnership with Chicago Public Schools. From 2016 to 2017, he served on the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Commission on Language Learning, which was charged by a bipartisan group from Congress to examine language education in the United States and make recommendations for ways to meet the nation's future education needs.

He attended Yale University, where he received his BA in English, magna cum laude, and his MA, MPhil, and PhD, all in American studies.



Health. After her graduate training, she completed a science policy fellowship with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and postdoctoral work in the Department of Epidemiology at Tulane. Her research interests include the epidemiology of diabetes and cardiovascular disease and cardiometabolic health disparities.

TOM DOUGHERTY, PhD

*Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, and
Murphy Institute Faculty Fellow
School of Liberal Arts*

Tom Dougherty is a university lecturer in the philosophy faculty at the University of Cambridge and a fellow of Trinity Hall. During the 2018–2019 academic year, he will be a faculty fellow at the Murphy Institute of Tulane University, undertaking a research project concerning the ethics of touch. He completed his BA at Oxford (2004) and his PhD at MIT (2010). He was a postdoctoral scholar at Stanford (2010–2012) and a lecturer at the University of Sydney (2012–2014). He has published essays on consent, the rational significance of the fact that we act from a temporal perspective, the debate over consequentialism, ethical vagueness and female underrepresentation in philosophy.

ARNAUD DROUIN, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
School of Medicine*

Dr. Arnaud Drouin is a clinical pathologist/hematopathologist originally from France, with clinical practice experience including laboratory hematology/coagulation, and establishment/quality control of hematopathology diagnostics in resource-poor settings. In the United States since 2006, Drouin is a diplomate of the American Board of Pathology, board-certified in clinical pathology (2013) and hematopathology (2014). He has been honored to work as a junior member of the Coagulation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (2011–2012). He has also participated in basic and translational research works related to vaccine adjuvants, congenital platelet disorders, the emerging role of platelets as innate anti-infectious agents, and the role of megakaryocytes in primary myelofibrosis, a form of myeloproliferative neoplasms.

He has also developed animal models of thrombosis with in vivo imaging of the thrombus components in the lungs, and developed methods to perform combined measurement of the fibrinolytic system activity. In addition, he has also collaborated recently toward the development of optical coherence tomography to study clot formation. Drouin's role at Tulane consists of providing consultation in hemostasis and thrombosis as well as other areas related to hematopathology in the Department of Pathology. He will also participate in Dr. Qi Zhou and Dr. Nicholas Verne's research activities in the Department of Medicine.

Expertise: Hemostasis and thrombosis, hematopathology, clinical pathology, clinical laboratory activity development in resource-poor settings

SEAN FADER, MFA

*Professor of Practice, Department of Art
School of Liberal Arts*

Sean Fader holds an MFA in digital arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art and an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Fader's recent solo show for Spring/Break Arts Show with Denny Gallery was #365ProfilePics. #365ProfilePics was developed during residencies at Yaddo, Bemis Center for Contemporary Art and the Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts. Fader received a faculty enrichment grant from FIT and a materials grant from Yaddo to support #365ProfilePics. Fader recently attended Art Omi's summer artist residency. Recent performances include #fernwings at Bemis Center for Contemporary Art and Socrates Sculpture Park, and Yes Gaga! at Satellite Art Show (Miami). Previous solo shows include #wishingpelt at Defibrillator Gallery (Chicago), Spring Break Art Show (NYC), and Pulse Art Fair (NYC), and Sup? at the University of Illinois–Springfield. Group shows include White Boys, curated by Hank Willis Thomas (Haverford College); New Portraits, curated by Richard Prince (Gagosian in New York City); and Share This! Appropriation After Cynicism (Denny Gallery in New York City). Recent fellowships include New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) and A Blade of Grass. Recent press includes MOMUS, Hyperallergic, Art F City, Vice, Art/Slant, Art News, Gothamist, NY1, the Huffington Post and Slate. Recent awards include the Magenta Foundation's Flash Forward Award for Emerging Photographers.

Expertise: Photography, performance, installation, queer art, alternative spaces, art market, art fairs, professional practices for artists

KIMBERLY FOSTER

*Professor, Department of Physics and
Engineering Physics
Dean, School of Science and Engineering*

Kimberly Foster (formerly Turner) is the new dean of the School of Science and Engineering. Foster received her BS in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University in 1994. She then studied theoretical and applied mechanics at Cornell University, receiving a PhD in 1999.

While at Cornell, she became fascinated by the “very small” and spent most of her time there building and inventing methods of characterizing microelectromechanical devices. Following her PhD, she moved to the University of California–Santa Barbara, where as an assistant professor, she began a laboratory effort focused on understanding and exploiting nonlinear dynamics for a wide range of microscale sensors. She became associate professor in 2004 and full professor in 2008. She served as vice chair of the mechanical engineering department from 2006–2008 and department chair from 2008–2013. She also co-chaired UCSB’s BRAIN Initiative, and until her departure from UCSB in 2018, was associate director of the Center for Bioengineering. She was the Sensors Task order leader for the UCSB-MIT-Caltech ARMY Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies from 2004–2009.

Foster has always worked on research that falls at the boundaries between fields and has many research collaborators worldwide. She has over 175 refereed publications in journals including *Nature* and *PNAS*. Her research has been featured on TV shows, NPR (Canada), and many international publications. She has mentored 21 students to completion of PhDs, and her interdisciplinary research has been funded by NSF, ARMY, AFOSR and DARPA, as well as the Keck Foundation. She is an elected Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, is on the founding editorial board of *Sensors Letters* journal, and on the editorial board of *Microelectronic Engineering Journal*. She also serves on the Board of the Transducer Research Foundation, which sponsors conferences, workshops, and supports graduate student participation in conferences and workshops. Foster is also a creative inventor and holds 12 U.S. patents. She is the recipient of a number of awards including the



NSF CAREER award, and in July 2018 was featured as one of 120 worldwide “Women of Impact” in a recent book. She is an award-winning teacher and mentor, having won the UCSB Academic Senate Distinguished awards for both teaching (2005) and graduate mentoring (2013).

Foster’s current scholarly research interests include nonlinear microelectromechanical systems, micro/nanoscale mechanics and biomedical technology development. As a leader, she is committed to and passionate about interdisciplinary research and education for scientists and engineers, and the continued evolution of engineering and science education at all levels.

COREY FALCON, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics
School of Medicine*

Dr. Corey Falcon received his BA in kinesiology and pre-medicine at Louisiana State University in 2004. He completed his medical degree at LSU Health Sciences Center–New Orleans in 2008. He completed his pediatric residency at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium in 2011, while also serving as a captain in the United States Air Force. He went on to complete his military commitment in 2015 after practicing for four years in general pediatrics. In 2015 he returned to medical training as a pediatric hematology/oncology fellow at the University of Alabama–Birmingham School of Medicine. He is board-certified in pediatrics and is board-eligible in pediatric hematology/oncology. In 2018 he returned to New Orleans as an associate professor in pediatrics at Tulane University. He currently works at Tulane Lakeside Hospital teaching medical students and pediatric residents, while also taking care of his own patients. His special interests include leukemia, lymphoma, sickle cell disease and bone marrow transplantation for a wide variety of disorders.

Expertise: Pediatric, adolescent and young adult hematologic and oncologic conditions, bone marrow transplantation

XING FANG, PhD

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

Xing Fang earned his PhD in marketing from Purdue University. His research interests include online referral



Dr. Dahlene Fusco is a new physician scientist with the School of Medicine.

programs and loyalty programs, history, critical race theory, global media, and the cultural intersections between East Asia and Latin America.

SHAMA FAROOQ, JD

*Instructor
School of Law*

Shama Farooq joined the Tulane Domestic Violence Clinic faculty in 2018. She completed her law degree at Tulane Law School. She served for over eight years as a public defender in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Her international experience includes training attorneys, judges, prosecutors and court staff in the Palestinian West Bank, Tunisia, Pakistan and Myanmar on topics ranging from trial practice, fair trial rights and gender-based violence. She was a lecturer at Peking University's School of Transnational Law in Shenzhen, China. Prior to joining the Domestic Violence Clinic, she served as a Rule of Law Officer for the United Nations Development Programme in Myanmar.

KATHLEEN FERRIS, PhD

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

Kathleen Ferris earned her bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Chicago. Subsequently she obtained a doctorate in evolutionary biology at Duke University, after which she did postdoctoral work at the University of California–Berkeley and was the Center for Population Biology Postdoctoral Fellow at UC–Davis. The Ferris lab studies the genetic basis of adaptation to dry, rocky environments in wild monkeyflowers native to the Sierra Nevada, California.

Expertise: Evolution, genetics

PETER FOX, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Art
School of Liberal Arts*

Peter Fox focuses his research on the social, cultural and aesthetic dimensions of design around 1900. He earned his PhD from Princeton University in 2018 with a thesis titled “Bernhard Pankok and Design Reform in Germany, 1895–1914.” Prior to joining Tulane he taught at Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles and served as a curatorial fellow in the UCLA Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts

at the Hammer Museum. He has received fellowships from the DAAD, the Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, and the Wolfsonian Museum–Florida International University.

DAHLENE FUSCO, MD, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
School of Medicine*

Dahlene Fusco, MD, PhD is a physician scientist with experience in high-resolution and quantitative high-throughput microscopy and virology. Her clinical work has focused on treatment of hepatitis C (HCV) and B (HBV) viruses, including community outreach to improve linkage to care.

The Fusco laboratory is dedicated to studying the innate immune response to flaviviridae, including dengue and Zika viruses. The Fusco lab focuses on 1) further clarifying the mechanism of HELZ2, using in vitro and in vivo models, and 2) determining the broader antiviral impact of HCV/dengue interferon effectors, specifically by looking at their impact on Zika restriction. Long-term goals of this work are 1) identification of broad-acting antiviral compounds that activate interferon effectors, 2) use of interferon–effector knockouts as relatively immunocompetent flaviviral mouse models, and 3) identification of interferon effector variants that may serve as biomarkers predictive of risk of severe pathology during viral infection.

Expertise: Infectious diseases, innate immune response, virology

JASON GAINES, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of
Jewish Studies
School of Liberal Arts*

Jason Gaines received his PhD from Brandeis University in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, specializing in the Hebrew Bible and the ancient Near East. He comes to Tulane having taught recently at Smith College and College of the Holy Cross. His major research interests include gender and the Bible, biblical poetry (his recent book is titled *The Poetic Priestly Source*), and social justice. He also holds an MA from Brandeis and a BA from Sarah Lawrence College.

*Expertise: Biblical studies, Jewish studies, comparative religion
(Judaism, Christianity, Islam)*



The Department of Jewish Studies in the School of Liberal Arts welcomes Jason Gaines as visiting assistant professor.

GAVIN GASSEN, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Otolaryngology/
Head and Neck Surgery
School of Medicine*

Dr. Gavin Gassen is a graduate of Tulane University College of Arts and Sciences and Tulane University School of Medicine. He trained in general surgery at Tulane/Charity Hospital and then briefly in otolaryngology at LSU before joining the U.S. Navy and serving tours with Carrier Air Wing 5 (attached to the USS Kitty Hawk) in Atsugi, Japan, and Marine Air Group 39 at Camp Pendleton, California, as senior flight surgeon. He completed his otolaryngology/head and neck surgery residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. He then practiced general otolaryngology in the U.S. Virgin Islands before hurricanes Irma and Maria in September 2017 relocated him to his native New Orleans.

Expertise: Adult and pediatric nasal and sinus disease, sleep medicine, allergy, voice, hearing/balance, thyroid surgery, cancer of the head and neck

XIANJUN GENG, PhD

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

Xianjun Geng, professor of management science, joins the Freeman School from the University of Texas–Dallas, where he served as an associate professor of information systems. Geng has extensive teaching experience on business analytics and information technology management, and has taught



Top, left to right: Recipients of the 2018 Suzanne and Stephen Weiss Presidential Fellowships are Laura Rosanne Adderley, associate professor in the School of Liberal Arts and director of the Africana Studies program, and Meenakshi Vijayaraghavan, senior professor of practice in the School of Science and Engineering. Bottom, left to right: The 2018 President's Awards for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Teaching went to Kerstin Höner zu Bentrup, an assistant professor in the School of Medicine, and Marc Zender, an assistant professor in the School of Liberal Arts.

at undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels with multiple student-voted teaching awards. Geng's research interests include pricing, information security, business analytics, supply chain management, and behavioral economics. His work has appeared in *Management Science* (in IS, Marketing and OM departments), *Information Systems Research*, *MIS Quarterly*, *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *Journal of Marketing*, *Marketing Science*, *Journal of Retailing*, *Production and Operations Management* and other academic journals. Geng served as associate editor for *Information Systems Research*, special issue senior editor for *Production and Operations Management*, and currently serves as associate editor for *MIS Quarterly* and for *Information and Management*. Geng received his Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Economics and Master of Engineering from Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, and PhD in information systems from the University of Texas–Austin.

INNA GOLDVARG-ABUD, FNP–C

*Instructor, Department of Medicine–Nephrology
School of Medicine*

JESSICA GRABER, PhD

*Senior Professor of Practice, Department of Physics and
Engineering Physics
School of Science and Engineering*

Jessica Graber received her doctorate in physics from Tulane University in 2003, and BA in physics from Goshen College. She previously taught at Xavier University of Louisiana, and is interested in physics pedagogy research at the university level, as well as curriculum development for children.

ALEX GUNDERSON, PhD

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

Alex Gunderson received his MS in biology from the College of William and Mary and his PhD in biology from Duke University. He subsequently worked as a postdoctoral researcher at San Francisco State University and the University of California–Berkeley. His research focuses on understanding how animals respond to anthropogenic global change.

Expertise: Climate change and wildlife, lizards



Tonya Hansel is a faculty member and director of the Doctorate in Social Work Program in the School of Social Work.

ROBERT HALE, MArch

*Visiting Professor
School of Architecture*

NATHAN HALVERSON, MFA

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English
School of Liberal Arts*

Nathan Halverson is a digital media artist and educator who received his MFA in kinetic imaging from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2011. He has taught undergraduate and graduate students at VCU, the University of South Carolina, and Tulane University on subjects that include film/media studies, digital humanities, digital media production and expository writing. Halverson's artwork includes audio-visual installations, live performances, recordings of experimental music, and multimedia collaborations with filmmakers, musicians, visual artists and writers. His work has been shown in exhibitions and festivals around the United States and in Canada, Australia, France and the United Kingdom. Halverson's art and teaching have been supported by awards and fellowships from organizations including the Digital Humanities Summer Institute at the University of Victoria, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South, eMerge Media and Antenna Gallery in New Orleans.

TONYA HANSEL, PhD

*Associate Professor and Director, Doctorate in Social Work Program
School of Social Work*

Tonya Cross Hansel is a social worker with expertise in research, statistics, disaster mental health, trauma and maximizing outcomes for social-service agencies. Hansel's interest in research began as a United States Peace Corps volunteer, where she helped coordinate research addressing the social problems associated with transmission of HIV and AIDS in the Gambia, West Africa. Following her service, she attended Tulane University, completing her PhD in social work, and broadened her research to include terrorism and its impact on divorce rates. Hansel joined the faculty of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Department of Psychiatry in 2007 and held the titles of clinical associate professor and director of clinical evaluation and research. Her research efforts center on evaluation of general trauma services, disaster-response work in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and toward a better understanding of technological disaster following the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill. Together these experiences have allowed her to focus on measuring traumatic experiences and implementing systematic recovery initiatives that are effective at reducing negative symptoms, but also effective at emphasizing the importance of individual and community strengths that contribute to recovery. As the DSW program director with the Tulane University School of Social Work, Hansel plans to extend these research methods and data analytic techniques to the doctoral program curriculum, creating a practical foundation for the future of applied researchers.

Expertise: Mental health, applied statistics, disasters and trauma

KENDRA HARRIS, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology
School of Medicine*

JENNA HESTER, MD

*Instructor and Regional Anesthesiology Fellow,
Department of Anesthesiology
School of Medicine*

Dr. Jenna M. Hester completed medical training at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine in Memphis, Tennessee, in 2014. She completed her anesthesiology internship and residency at Ochsner

Health System. She has written and published several peer-reviewed manuscripts related to anesthesiology. In addition to enjoying the varied complexity in all fields of anesthesia, Hester's interests include regional anesthesia as well as acute and multimodal pain management.

MICHAEL HUEMER, PhD

*Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, and
Murphy Institute Faculty Fellow
School of Liberal Arts*

Michael Huemer received his BA from UC–Berkeley in 1992 and his PhD from Rutgers University in 1998. He is visiting from the University of Colorado–Boulder philosophy department. He is the author of more than 60 academic articles in ethics, epistemology, political philosophy and metaphysics, as well as five books: *Skepticism and the Veil of Perception* (2001), *Ethical Intuitionism* (2005), *The Problem of Political Authority* (2013), *Approaching Infinity* (2016), and *Paradox Lost* (2018).

MARGARET HUNTWORK, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
School of Medicine*

Dr. Margaret Prat Huntwork joins the Department of Medicine, Section of Clinical Immunology, Allergy and Rheumatology. She recently completed her allergy/immunology fellowship at Tulane School of Medicine. Huntwork received her Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University and her medical degree from Tulane. She also completed her internship and residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at Tulane School of Medicine. Huntwork's special interests are in the areas of allergic asthma, food allergy and medical education.

Expertise: Allergy/immunology

ELLIOTT ISAAC, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
School of Liberal Arts*

Elliott Isaac earned his PhD in economics from the University of Virginia in 2018. His research interests are in public and labor economics, with a focus on the treatment of the family in tax and transfer systems, marriage and divorce decisions, and labor supply. His recent projects cover topics such as the effects of joint taxation on the labor supply of same-sex married couples, marriage and divorce responses to taxes and transfers, and the effects of college selectivity on women's marriage and career outcomes.



New Tulane faculty members Xin Jiang (foreground), Adam Modesitt (background left) and Denys Bondar (background right).



Margarita Jover (left) of the School of Architecture sits next to Myrlene Bruno of the School of Liberal Arts at the orientation.

NEAL JACKSON, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Otolaryngology and Chief, Section of Neurotology School of Medicine

Dr. Neal Jackson joins the faculty of Tulane medical school as the section chief of neurotology in the Department of Otolaryngology. He is a board-certified otolaryngologist by the American Board of Otolaryngology and has two years of additional fellowship training in hearing and balance disorders. He treats adults and children for any ear-related issue, including hearing loss, chronic ear infections, skull-base tumors and facial nerve weakness. He is trained to perform a wide range of ear surgeries including cochlear implantation, chronic ear surgery, stapes surgery and skull-base tumor surgery. Jackson accepted a full scholarship to Texas Christian University, where he graduated with honors with a degree in neuroscience and received the Distinguished Student of the Year Award. He earned an MD from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, where he was elected student body president. Jackson then completed a five-year residency training in otolaryngology/head and neck surgery at hospitals and clinics associated with LSU Health Science Center–New Orleans. After residency, Jackson decided to pursue optional training to further specialize in hearing and balance disorders. He was selected from a national pool of

candidates to complete a two-year fellowship in neurotology, otology, and skull-base surgery from the prestigious Michigan Ear Institute, the largest neurotology practice in the country. As a neurotologist, his clinical and research interests include anything involving the human temporal bone.

Expertise: The human ear, including hearing physiology and disorders, surgery for hearing disorders, cochlear implants, skull-base surgery, vertigo and imbalance disorders, human temporal bone anatomy, otolaryngology, neurotology

XIN JIANG, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology School of Liberal Arts

Xin Jiang is a new faculty member in the Department of Sociology. She received her PhD in sociology from Ohio State University. Before joining Tulane, she worked as an assistant professor in the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department at a state university in Pennsylvania and later at the University of Memphis. Her research areas focus on youth and delinquency. She is very proud to be a new member of the Tulane community, and is grateful for the opportunity to work with the fantastic colleagues in the department.



THOMAS LAVEIST

Professor, Department of Global Health Management and Policy

Dean, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Thomas LaVeist became the new dean of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in July. He received his BA in sociology from the University of Maryland–Eastern Shore, and an MA in sociology and PhD in medical sociology, both from the University of Michigan. He served a postdoctoral fellowship in gerontology and public health policy, also from the University of Michigan.

LaVeist's research and writing has focused on three broad thematic research questions: what are the social and behavioral factors that predict the timing of various related health outcomes (e.g. access and utilization of health services, mortality, entrance into nursing home?); what are the social and behavioral factors that explain race differences in health outcomes?; and what has been the impact of social policy on the health and quality of life of African-Americans?

LaVeist's work includes both qualitative and quantitative analysis. LaVeist seeks to develop an orienting framework in the development of policy and interventions to address race disparities in health-related outcomes. Specific areas of expertise include: U.S. health and social policy, the role of race in health research, social factors contributing to mortality, longevity and life expectancy, quantitative and demographic analysis and access, and utilization of health services.

KRISTIN JOHNSON, JD

Professor

School of Law

MARGARITA JOVER, MARCH

Associate Professor

School of Architecture

Margarita Jover received a Master of Architecture from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia in 1995. Together with Iñaki Alday, she founded the internationally awarded firm aldayjover architecture and landscape in 1996 in Barcelona, Spain. The multidisciplinary, research-based practice focuses on innovation, and is particularly renowned for its leadership in a new approach to the relation between cities and rivers, in which the natural dynamics of flooding become part of the public space. She has taught at the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, the University of Navarra, the University of Vic–Central University of Catalonia and the University of Virginia. At the University of Virginia, she was research faculty (2012–15), first professor of practice of the School of Architecture (2015–17) and tenured associate professor (2017–18). Jover is co-author of the book *Ecologies of Prosperity* (ORO Editors, 2018) and *The Water Park* (ACTAR, 2008). She has been a juror for several honor awards, including the FAD Architecture Prize and Mies van der Rohe European Union Prize for Architecture (2015), and for international competitions including the Glories Square in Barcelona and the Hainan Eco-Island in China.

Both in academic research and in practice, Jover promotes a broader understanding of architecture that aims to mitigate and reverse socioecological crises. Her academic research line discusses the reform of the current model of progress by promoting a specific socioecological urbanism. *Expertise: Sociological urbanism, landscape architecture, the relationship between cities and rivers, integration of infrastructure in urbanized environments*

LE KANG, PHD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

A. B. Freeman School of Business

Le Kang completed her doctoral work in business administration (finance) in 2018 at Texas A&M University. Her research interests are uncertainty and ambiguity in the financial market and empirical asset pricing.

JAE YUNG KIM, PHD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

A. B. Freeman School of Business

Jae Yung Kim received his PhD from the University of Florida in summer 2018. Prior to joining the PhD program in finance at the University of Florida, he earned a BS in business administration from the Seoul National University, where he graduated with departmental honors. He then obtained his MS in finance from the SNU Graduate School of Business. His current research interests include corporate finance, entrepreneurial finance, labor economics and political economy of finance.

JOONKYUNG KIM, PHD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing

A. B. Freeman School of Business

Joonkyung Kim earned her PhD in marketing at the University of Toronto and joined Tulane in 2018 as a visiting faculty member. She is also a graduate of Seoul National University (BA, 2010, and MA, 2012). Her research interests include consumer decision-making, behavioral economics and prosocial behavior.

LISA LAVIERS, PHD

Assistant Professor, Accounting

A. B. Freeman School of Business

Lisa LaViers teaches managerial accounting in the undergraduate program. She joins the Freeman School from Emory University, where she recently completed her PhD in accounting. Her research focuses on managerial accounting, with an emphasis on issues related to performance management and control. Motivated by the current controversy over pay transparency, she examined in her dissertation the effect of transparency and personality type on employee effort in the firm. Prior to pursuing her doctoral studies, LaViers spent several years doing neuroeconomic research at the Center for Neuropolicy on how the brain trades off moral values and financial gain. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Emory University.

JUNGHEE LEE, PHD

Assistant Professor, Management Science

A. B. Freeman School of Business

Junghee Lee teaches business analytics in the undergraduate program. He joins the Freeman School from the University



Khrista McCarden is an associate professor and Hoffman Fuller Professor of Tax Law at the School of Law.

of California–San Diego, where he earned his PhD in innovation, technology and operations management. His research interests include innovation and technology management in supply chain and healthcare operation, and his work has been published in *Manufacturing & Service Operations Management* and *IIE Transactions*. He holds a master's degree in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in information and industrial engineering from Yonsei University.

YUWEN LI, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics
School of Medicine*

Dr. Yuwen Li completed his medical school training at Jiangnan University School of Medicine, Wuhan, China. Then he came to the United States to pursue his PhD in biomedical sciences at Tulane University School of Medicine. During his doctoral and postdoctoral period in Dr. Samir El-Dahr's laboratory, he contributed to 14 peer-reviewed abstracts, one manuscript under revision and nine peer-reviewed articles (including three in *Development* and one in *JCI-Insight*), as well as the research supervision for several undergraduate, graduate and medical students. After acquiring his PhD, Li entered the clinical genetic laboratory fellowship program at Tulane University's Hayward Genetics Center, which is accredited by American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG) for training the clinical molecular genetics and cytogenetics laboratory directors. In addition to contributions in two clinical abstracts and several teaching activities during his fellowship training, he also led the

development of several clinical tests, including plasma cell enrichment for multiple myeloma, NGS hematological cancer panel, non-invasive prenatal testing and mutation quantification for spinal muscular atrophy. Li is now ABMGG board-certified in clinical cytogenetics and board-eligible in clinical molecular genetics. He is currently a fellow member of American College of Medical Genetics, a sponsored member of American Association for the Advancement of Science and a lifetime member of the Association of Chinese Geneticists in America. He will actively participate in expanding cancer and constitutional genetic testing at the Hayward Genetics Center.

Expertise: Clinical molecular genetics and cytogenetics

MICHAEL MADARY, PhD

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
School of Liberal Arts*

Michael Madary was born in New Orleans and grew up in the Gentilly neighborhood.

He conducted dissertation research at the University of Freiburg's Center for Computational Neuroscience from 2005–2006, supported by a grant from the DAAD. After receiving his PhD in philosophy from Tulane in 2007, he joined the Consciousness in Interaction Project, funded by the European Science Foundation and based at the University of Bristol. From 2010–2016, he served as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Mainz for the European Commission's Virtual Embodiment and Robotic Re-Embodiment project. One result of his work with this project is the first code of ethics for virtual reality, which he published with Thomas Metzinger in 2016. His work on the ethics of virtual reality has received international media attention. In addition to the ethics of emerging technology, Madary has published widely in the philosophy of perception, including a book, *Visual Phenomenology* (MIT Press, 2017).

Expertise: Ethics of emerging technology, especially immersive technology such as augmented and virtual reality

KHRISTA MCCARDEN, JD

*Associate Professor and Hoffman Fuller Professor of
Tax Law
School of Law*

Khrista McCarden earned both her BA and JD from Harvard University with honors. She began her legal career with Latham & Watkins, LLP, in Los Angeles and has

practiced tax law internationally. During her first two years of practice, she was selected as a Washington, D.C., delegate by the State Bar of California and the Los Angeles County Bar Association Taxation section. She later clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York City. Prior to joining the faculty of Pepperdine School of Law, McCarden practiced tax law in Paris and in London with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP.

McCarden was recently named as a top scholar in the field of social entrepreneurship and impact investing by an Oxford University/Saïd Business School study sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation. Her scholarship focuses on tax law and policy, especially international taxation and the tax treatment of charitable giving. McCarden has published articles in the United States and United Kingdom, and she has been invited to present her scholarship throughout the country and internationally. She has been elected to the AALS Nonprofit and Philanthropy Law Section's Executive Committee and was chosen to present her scholarly work on alternative U.S. approaches to cross-border charitable-giving rules at the 2016 AALS Annual Conference. McCarden has presented a leading paper as a selected participant of the International Research Symposium held as part of the Annual Congress of the International Fiscal Association in Boston. McCarden also has been selected as a contributing editor for Nonprofit Law Professors Blog.

Expertise: Tax law, nonprofit law

LIZ MCCORMICK, MS

**Visiting Assistant Professor
School of Architecture**

Liz McCormick is a researcher and licensed architect whose work aims to reduce mechanical cooling loads in hot-humid climates by enhancing building-enclosure systems. She has recently completed a one-year research fellowship with New-Orleans-based Eskew+Dumez +Ripple. McCormick received her BArch and BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and her MS in building technology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is also a LEED accredited professional and certified passive house consultant.

Expertise: Building science

SMRITI MEHRA, PhD

**Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology
and Immunology
School of Medicine**

Smriti Mehra earned her PhD from University of Delhi, India. She is an associate professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Tulane School of Medicine, and in the Division of Microbiology at the Tulane National Primate Research Center. Her research interest is host-pathogen interaction during TB infection, using nonhuman primate models of TB in rhesus macaques. Her program focuses on immune responses in vivo, particularly the negative regulation of anti-Mtb immunity in the context of the granulomas in nonhuman primate model.

ADAM MODESITT, MArch

**Assistant Professor
School of Architecture**

Adam Modesitt's interests focus on adapting, hybridizing and repositioning digital workflows to re-engage architecture's traditions and histories. He has taught previously at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. Prior to teaching full-time, he was a project director at SHoP Architects, where he oversaw projects ranging from the master plan of Konza City, Kenya, to a redesign of LaGuardia airport, to a million-square-foot cultural building in downtown Detroit. He was also a project manager of the Barclays Center Arena in Brooklyn, where he led the design and implementation of the building's panelized facade. He has also held positions at Preston Scott Cohen Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Foster + Partners in London. Modesitt holds a BA in physics from Wesleyan University and a Master of Architecture from Harvard University.

Expertise: Digital fabrication, digital modeling, parametric and computational design

STEPHEN MURPHY, PhD

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

Stephen Murphy completed his PhD in 2017 in global environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, where he was awarded the Dean's Award for Excellence in Research and Presentation for his research



Scott Nolan is a visiting lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the School of Liberal Arts.

on disaster resilience within institutions of higher education and the academic biomedical community. Murphy's research plan aims to better understand influencing factors of community resilience in disaster-prone areas and to promote best practices for increasing preparedness. He has over a decade of experience in disaster management, public health emergency preparedness, homeland security and operational continuity. Murphy studied at Johns Hopkins while evacuated for Hurricane Katrina and returned to New Orleans to receive his Master of Public Health from Tulane in 2007. He also holds an MBA in healthcare management from Mercer University and a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the University of Georgia.

Expertise: Disaster management, environmental health threats, resilience, infectious disease outbreak response-planning

JOHN NERVA, MD

**Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosurgery
School of Medicine**

SCOTT NOLAN, PhD CANDIDATE

**Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science
School of Liberal Arts**

Scott Nolan began teaching at Tulane as an adjunct in 2015. He is a PhD candidate in political science at the University of New Orleans. His teaching and research interests include public and constitutional law, courts as institutions, judicial and litigation processes, criminal justice, minority politics

(particularly LGBT politics), media framing, and research methodology. His dissertation focused on how media portrays LGBT political issues; his first book project is a monograph on same-sex marriage; his second book project focuses on how minorities pursue litigation as activism using the 14th Amendment. From 2001–2015, while obtaining his degrees, he worked full-time as a paralegal doing complex civil litigation and trial and appellate work. Since 2002 he has also worked part-time as a weather observer for the National Weather Service and the Federal Aviation Administration at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. He earned his BA in political science with a pre-law concentration from the University of New Orleans in 2007 and his MA in political science from the University of New Orleans in 2013. Nolan expects to complete his PhD in 2018. He regularly advises students interested in law school.

Expertise: Courts, constitutional law, LGBT politics

CARRIE NORMAN, March

**Assistant Professor
School of Architecture**

Carrie Norman is a co-founder of the New York- and Chicago-based design collaborative Norman Kelley. The practice's professional and theoretical work, which includes building additions, interior renovations, site-specific drawings and furniture, re-examines architecture's relationship to perception through deceptive optics. Norman Kelley has contributed work to the 14th Venice Architecture Biennial (2014) and the first and second Chicago Architecture Biennials (2015, 2017). The practice was a recipient of the Architecture League of New York Young Architect's Prize (2014), and the United States Artists Fellowship (2018). The practice's design work, which includes a collection of American Windsor chairs, is currently represented by Volume Gallery in Chicago. Norman received a Bachelor of Science in architecture with honors from the University of Virginia and a master's in architecture from Princeton University. She is a licensed architect in the state of New York, and previously worked as a senior architect with SHoP Architects, in New York City. She was previously an adjunct assistant professor at New Jersey Institute of Technology, Columbia's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Barnard College, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Expertise: Drawing and representation, critical history/theory of architecture

MANUEL OCASIO, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics–
Adolescent Medicine
School of Medicine*

Expertise: LGBT health

ARI OFENGENDEN, PhD

*Professor of Practice, Department of Jewish Studies
School of Liberal Arts*

DELILA OMERBASIC, PhD

*Professor of Practice
School of Professional Advancement*

Delila Omerbasic approaches learning as a lifelong process that takes place not only in schools, but also homes, communities and workplaces. She is committed to fostering equitable learning opportunities that sustain and develop the breadth of knowledge students acquire across multiple learning spaces. Her work focuses on digital literacies and education of multilingual youth with immigrant and refugee backgrounds. Omerbasic holds a PhD in education, culture and society from the University of Utah, and a Master of Science in education, a Master of Liberal Arts, and a Bachelor of Science in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Expertise: Digital literacies, refugee education, refugee and forced migration studies

ASHLIN PARKER, MM

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Music
School of Liberal Arts*

TRACY PARKER, FNP-BC

*Instructor, Heart and Vascular Institute
School of Medicine*

Tracy M. Parker earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, then went on to complete her master's in nursing at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in 1998. She has worked in nonprofit organizations for the past 16 years, as well as serving on the executive committee and board of directors of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners. She served as a past president of a state nonprofit organization advocating for children and adolescents and as a vice president of quality and research in Baton Rouge. She has worked in the medical field since 1991, having started as a

nursing assistant. In addition to her 22 years as a family nurse practitioner, her other experience includes grant writing and strategic planning. She is excited to join Tulane's Heart and Vascular Institute team to work in electrophysiology.

MANSOUR PARSI, MD

*Professor, Department of Medicine, and Section Chief
for Gastroenterology and Hepatology
School of Medicine*

Dr. Mansour A. Parsi is the section chief for gastroenterology and hepatology at Tulane University School of Medicine. Prior to that, he was head of the Center for Endoscopy and Pancreatobiliary Disorders at the Cleveland Clinic's main campus. His clinical interests include pancreatic disorders, biliary disorders and advanced endoscopy. Parsi earned his medical degree from the University of Oslo, Norway. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine as well as a fellowship in gastroenterology at Cleveland Clinic. He completed further specialty training with a fellowship in advanced endoscopy and pancreatobiliary disorders at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center. Parsi is a member of gastroenterology professional organizations in the United States and in Europe.

Expertise: Advanced endoscopy (ERCP, EUS), pancreatobiliary disorders

MONICA PAYNE, MFA

*Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance
School of Liberal Arts*

Monica Payne is an interdisciplinary director, working primarily in theater, and occasionally making forays into film. Her directing work includes literary adaptations, devised work, reimagined classics and new plays, primarily by writers from abroad. She is particularly interested in Polish drama, and has made two trips to Krakow at the invitation of the Adam Mickiewicz Institute to study the form. She is deeply invested in the ways in which art can create cultural goodwill among nations and heal historical wounds. Payne has directed in major cities throughout the United States, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Pittsburgh. She is also the founder and artistic director of Theatre Lumina, a company focused on cross-cultural collaboration and international exchange. Payne has been a Meisner-based acting teacher for many years, and has worked as an actress at many of Chicago's most prestigious venues: Steppenwolf Theatre



JAY RAPPAPORT

*Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology
Director and Chief Academic Officer
Tulane National Primate Research Center*

Jay Rappaport received his PhD in 1986 in the Department of Microbiology, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health in the laboratory of Dr. Robert Gallo (chief, Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology). He has held faculty appointments at the University of California–San Diego, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Drexel College of Medicine (formerly MCP–Hahnemann University), and Temple University School of Medicine. His research has focused on the immunopathogenesis of HIV infection in human and nonhuman primate models, including investigation of gene regulation, immune dysregulation, vaccine development, HIV-induced CNS disorders and cellular reservoirs of infection, alterations in cellular trafficking, and macrophage biology.

Rappaport is currently investigating therapeutic approaches in a monkey model of HIV (SIV), supported

by an NIH/NIMH Program Project grant, targeting pathways involved in immune polarization, inflammation and contributing to immune suppression. These pathways of chronic inflammation contribute to the processes of aging, as well as co-morbid diseases associated with HIV infection, including cardiovascular diseases, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, depression and sleep disorders. He is now expanding his research to models of aging, in the presence and absence of HIV/SIV infection and other infectious diseases. He seeks to build and expand the research portfolio at the Tulane National Primate Research Center and increase its interactions with other schools, institutes and departments within Tulane, as well as investigators nationally in the context of nonhuman primate research. In addition to his role in research, he has extensive experience in developing educational and training programs and seeks to enhance such initiatives at Tulane.



Felix Rioja (left), associate professor and Scott and Marjorie Cowen Chair in Latin American Social Studies in the Department of Economics in the School of Liberal Arts, sits next to Ralph Russo (right), professor of practice and associate director of Applied Computing in the School of Professional Advancement.

Company, the Hypocrites, the Journeymen, Famous Door and Collaboration, among others. She has held teaching appointments at the University of California–Los Angeles, Carnegie Mellon University and Point Park University, where she also served as the head of graduate acting. She holds an MFA in directing from the UCLA School of Theatre, Film, and Television.

CARLIE PLESSL, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine
School of Medicine*

OMER RAHEEM, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Urology
School of Medicine*

Expertise: Urology, men's health, sexual medicine and reconstruction, and male infertility

GEORGIANA RECILE, PA-C

*Instructor, Department of Neurosurgery
School of Medicine*

FELIX RIOJA, PhD

*Associate Professor and Scott and Marjorie Cowen Chair in Latin American Social Studies, Department of Economics
School of Liberal Arts*

Felix Rioja received his PhD from Arizona State University. He was on the economics faculty at Georgia State University for the past 20 years, recently serving as the director of the master's in economics program. Rioja specializes in international macroeconomics, economic growth and financial economics, in particular applied to Latin American countries. He has written articles on the effects of public infrastructure and education on economic growth, welfare, and the distribution of wealth and income. He has also written on the effects of the financial system on growth, poverty reduction and inequality. Rioja has also worked as a consultant for the World Bank and on policy advisory projects for Brazil, Jamaica, Paraguay and Russia.

Expertise: Macroeconomics, Latin American economics

KAIS RONA, MD

*Instructor and Bariatric Surgery Fellow, Department of Surgery
School of Medicine*

Dr. Kais Rona completed his baccalaureate degree in neuroscience at the University of Southern California. After discovering a fascination with surgery, he went on to earn a medical degree at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. He subsequently underwent surgical training at Los Angeles County Hospital and spent a year as the clinical research fellow in the Division of Minimally Invasive Surgery. His work included translational research on outcomes of benign and malignant foregut disease. He joins Tulane as the first bariatric fellow in the Department of Surgery.

W. ROBERT ROUT, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and Director, Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program
School of Medicine*

Dr. Robert Rout, a native of Kentucky, received degrees from Centre College and the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He completed surgery residency training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

In addition, he completed an addiction medicine fellowship at the University of Florida School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry. Rout served active duty in the U.S. Army Medical Corps at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and later as chief of surgery of the 345th Combat Support Hospital and staff surgeon at Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He completed his military service as a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves while serving as MEDDET commander, University of Florida, and chief of surgery, 301 Army Field Hospital in Gainesville, Florida. Rout is board-certified in surgery and addiction medicine. He has been a member of the medical faculties of Johns Hopkins University, the University of Florida and the Medical College of Georgia. He has served as medical director of the RiverMend Outpatient Health Center in Augusta, Georgia. He is presently the director of Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Tulane University School of Medicine. Rout has published over 30 peer-reviewed articles and 40 book chapters. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Expertise: Addiction

RALPH RUSSO, MS

**Professor of Practice and Associate Director,
Applied Computing
School of Professional Advancement**

Ralph Russo is a professor of practice and the associate director of the Tulane University School of Professional Advancement Applied Computing Program, where he is focused on keeping learning delivery and the applied computing curriculum on pace with cutting-edge technology, security and industry advancement. He created and delivered the first graduate and undergraduate cybersecurity courses at Tulane in 2011, and has taught in both the homeland security and applied computing programs. Russo is a nationally recognized expert on technology in the homeland security and public safety domains. He has served in director-level leadership positions for technology/systems integration companies for over 15 years. He has also consulted for multiple federal, state and local jurisdictions to successfully guide the development, deployment and adoption of IT systems for

security and public safety. Russo retired from the New York City Police Department in 2005. His 20-plus year career with NYPD included leadership positions in a wide array of investigative and field assignments. Of note, Russo served as the commanding officer of an Organized Crime Control High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force of local/state/federal law enforcement. As an entrepreneur, he has co-owned two startup technology firms. These small businesses focused on delivering secure solutions to businesses handling personal data, and on creating, marketing and delivering software for police officers seeking to advance their careers. Russo holds a bachelor of business administration degree and a master of science degree in information technology.

Expertise: Information technology, homeland security, public safety, criminal justice, cybersecurity

ACHAL SAHAI, MD

**Instructor, Heart and Vascular Institute
School of Medicine**

MARK SCHNEIDER, PhD

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

Mark Schneider completed his doctoral work in political science in 2015 at Columbia University. He studies local governance, electoral politics and the political economy of development in India. He will be teaching courses in development and the politics of developing countries at Tulane.

Expertise: Comparative politics, South Asia, parties and elections

SHASTA SHAKYA, PhD

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

Shasta Shakya's research interests include banking, financial regulation and empirical corporate finance. Prior to joining Tulane, Shakya received her PhD in finance from Smeal College of Business at Pennsylvania State University. She also holds master's degrees in mathematics and business administration (finance) from St. Louis University and Washington University in St. Louis, respectively, and a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics from Hanover College.



Assistant Professor Selamawit Terrefe joins the School of Liberal Arts' Department of English.

MARTHA SILVA, PhD

**Research Assistant Professor, Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Science
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

Martha Silva earned her PhD at Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Her research focuses on sexual and reproductive health, including family planning, unintended pregnancy and abortion. She is seconded full-time to the Population Council and is based in Washington, D.C., as the data strategist and innovation team lead for the Breakthrough RESEARCH project.

ALEXANDRA SIMS, PhD

**Professor of Practice, Department of Psychology
School of Science and Engineering**

Alexandra Sims is a licensed psychologist in the state of Louisiana and specializes in educational and psychological assessment of children and adolescents. She earned a PhD in school psychology from Tulane's Department of Psychology in 2015, with a specialization in trauma-focused school psychology. Sims has worked in New Orleans schools for several years and most recently served as the director of pupil appraisal and evaluation at Collegiate Academies for the past three years. As a professor of practice, Sims teaches undergraduate and graduate courses centering on child development, psychopathology, and assessment. She

also provides professional supervision for postdoctorate professionals seeking licensure.

Expertise: School psychology, child and adolescent psychology, childhood trauma

NICK SPARKS, PhD

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Engineering Physics
School of Science and Engineering**

Nick Sparks earned his PhD from Tulane University in 2018. He is excited to be teaching this year at Tulane.

KAREN SPENCER, MS

**Instructor, Tulane Cancer Center
School of Medicine**

Karen Spencer is a family nurse practitioner, board-certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and licensed by the state of Louisiana to provide family-centered healthcare to patients of all ages. Her scope of practice encompasses health promotion, disease prevention, and diagnosis and management of common and complex healthcare problems beginning in childhood and continuing throughout the aging process. She began her career in health care in 1997 after graduating from Delgado-Charity School of Nursing. She worked 15 years in various ICU settings across Greater New Orleans. After traveling as a registered nurse she decided to return to school, earning a BSN. After graduation she continued on toward her MS, completing the program in May 2014. She worked one year in family practice clinics before entering outpatient oncology, where she has worked for the past three years. She is presently working with Dr. Oliver Sartor, treating patients with prostate cancer, and Dr. Bridgette Collins-Burow, treating patients with breast cancer in the outpatient setting.

Expertise: Family medicine, oncology

CHAD STEELE, PhD

**Professor and Chair, Department of Microbiology and Immunology
School of Medicine**

Claude H. (Chad) Steele III received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Louisiana-Monroe (formerly Northeast Louisiana University) followed by master's

and doctorate degrees from the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Parasitology at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center–New Orleans. After conducting a postdoctoral fellowship in the Gene Therapy Center at LSUHSC–New Orleans, Steele served as faculty in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh from 2003–2007. From 2007 to 2018, Steele was on the faculty at the University of Alabama–Birmingham in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine, where he was an endowed professor in lung immunology, faculty fellow in the Office of the Senior Vice Provost, and assistant dean of research administration in the School of Medicine. Steele’s research is focused on understanding protective vs. pathogenic immune responses in the lung after exposure to fungal pathogens. A particular interest of Steele’s laboratory is allergic asthma as it relates to individuals who are sensitized to fungi. Steele has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 2005 and has authored over 110 peer-reviewed scientific publications. Steele chaired the Gordon Research Conference on the Biology of Acute Respiratory Infections in March 2018 and is currently a standing member of the Immunology and Host Defense study section at the NIH (2018–2022) and a member of the Council of Scientific Advisors for the Parker B. Francis Foundation (2019–2022).

Expertise: Pneumonia, asthma, lung immunology

MICHELLE STEINHARDT, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics–Neonatology School of Medicine

SHARVEN TAGHAVI, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery School of Medicine

Dr. Sharven Taghavi received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia. He attended Tufts University School of Medicine, where he received his medical degree and master’s of public health. He completed his general surgery residency at Temple University School of Medicine, where he served as the administrative chief resident. He spent two years as a research fellow at Temple University Cardiovascular Research Center, investigating the therapeutic potential of mesenchymal stem cells and

different modes of ventilation in hemorrhagic shock. During this time, he was independently funded by the NIH as a Ruth L. Kirchstein National Research Service Award winner. After spending a year as a thoracic surgery fellow at Washington University in St. Louis, Taghavi completed a fellowship in surgical critical care at Brigham and Women’s Hospital/Harvard University School of Medicine. Taghavi has presented his research at several national conferences and has authored numerous peer-reviewed original research manuscripts, review articles and textbook chapters. He won first place for best basic science paper at the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Pennsylvania Committee on Trauma, Annual Resident Paper Competition. His research interests include health disparities among trauma patients, improving the pre-hospital care of severely injured trauma patients, and mitigation of the inflammatory response after recovery from hemorrhagic shock. Taghavi is a member of ACS, Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and the American Association for Academic Surgery.

Expertise: Trauma surgery, critical care, emergency surgery, traumatic injury, surgical public health

SELAMAWIT TERREFE, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of English School of Liberal Arts

Selamawit D. Terrefe earned her PhD in English, with an emphasis in critical theory, from the University of California–Irvine in 2017. Before coming to Tulane, Terrefe was a postdoctoral fellow in black Atlantic studies at the University of Bremen, Germany, in the Department of English Speaking Cultures. She specializes in global black studies, gender and sexuality, psychoanalysis, continental philosophy, critical theory, and radical and revolutionary politics in black literary and visual culture. Attending to the intersections between race and gender, popular culture and fantasy, and violence and desire, she has published in *Theory and Event*, *Rhizomes*, *Oxford Bibliographies*, and *The Feminist Wire* and has publications forthcoming by Rowman & Littlefield and Random House’s OneWorld. Her current manuscript, *Impossible Blackness: Violence and the Psychic Life of Slavery*, deploys psychoanalytic interventions centering on anti-black violence to generate alternative paradigms of thought regarding race, sex, gender, the black intramural and revolutionary politics.

DI TIAN, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology
School of Medicine*

RED TREMMEL, PhD

*Professor of Practice, Gender and
Sexuality Studies Program
School of Liberal Arts*

YI-LIN TSAI, PhD

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

Yi-Lin Tsai received his PhD in marketing at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. His research interests include quantitative marketing, advertising, consumer search, and more generally, empirical industrial organization across a variety of sectors, including hospitality and auto insurance industries. His work has been published in the *Journal of Marketing Research* and *Energy Policy*. He earned an MA in statistics from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree from National Taiwan University. Before joining Tulane University, Tsai worked at AIG and taught marketing research at the University of Delaware.

*Expertise: Marketing analytics, applied econometrics,
advertising, branding and user-generated content*

HAMID VAHIDNIA, PhD

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

Hamid Vahidnia is interested in questions in the intersection of entrepreneurship, organization theory and strategic management. Presently, Vahidnia is working on two streams of research. First, he is studying a number of corporate, institutional and entrepreneurial mechanisms at work that may have had a role in reducing vibrancy of entrepreneurship and in the fostering of inequality of entrepreneurial opportunity in many developed countries. Second, Vahidnia is working on a research program that helps further identify the contextual, behavioral and cognitive mechanisms that may facilitate creation of new value by individuals, teams and existing organizations. Vahidnia holds a BS in industrial engineering from Khajeh Nasir Toosi University of Technology, Tehran, and an MBA and PhD from Texas Tech University.

*Expertise: Entrepreneurship, organizational theory,
strategic management*



Erick Valentine (left) of A. B. Freeman School of Business and Stephen Murphy of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

ERICK VALENTINE, PhD

*Professor of Practice, Accounting
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Erick Valentine teaches managerial accounting in the undergraduate program. He comes to the Freeman School from Grambling State University, where he served as an associate professor of accounting and interim dean of the College of Business. He received his PhD from the University of Memphis. His research focuses on managerial decision-making in ambiguous environments and accounting pedagogy. Prior to beginning his doctoral studies, Valentine worked as a cost accountant for IBM and 3M. He holds a master's degree in accountancy from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Jackson State University.

Expertise: Cost accounting, management behavior

AMBER VERDUN, PA-C

*Instructor, Department of Neurosurgery
School of Medicine*

USHA VISHNUVAJJALA, PhD

*Professor of Practice, Department of English
School of Liberal Arts*

Usha Vishnuvajjala received her PhD in English and medieval studies from Indiana University in 2016. Her education and training also include an MA in political theory from the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom, an MA in literature from American University in Washington, D.C., 18 months as a congressional staffer, and significant undergraduate coursework in astronomy and

dance. Vishnuvajjala's interdisciplinary background informs her teaching of Freshman Writing and her research on late medieval literature and its post-medieval adaptation and reception (medievalism). She is currently writing a book on friendship, embodiment and gender in Middle English romance and co-editing a volume of essays on women's friendship in medieval literature, and is in the early stages of planning for a short-form monograph on feminist medievalisms.

Expertise: Medieval literature and culture (mostly British), post-medieval representations of the Middle Ages (in literature, film, politics and material culture), women's writing, representations of medieval women, friendship (especially medieval)

JING WANG, PhD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Communication School of Liberal Arts

Jing Wang is a visiting assistant professor of Asian media in the Department of Communication and the Asian Studies Program. Wang is interested in communication technologies and money-related communicative practices. She is turning her dissertation into a book that studies the technology-mediated interactions between Chinese financial technology users, service providers and regulators. Wang's work appears in *Telecommunications Policy*, *Communication and the Public*, *The Political Economy of Communication*, and *International Journal of Communication*. She is also a commentator on Chinese Business News and China Global TV Network.

DAVID WARTENBERG, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine School of Medicine

JONATHAN WAY, PhD

Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, and Murphy Institute Faculty Fellow School of Liberal Arts

Jonathan Way received his PhD in philosophy from the University of California–Santa Barbara in 2008. He joined the University of Southampton (United Kingdom) in 2011, where he is currently associate professor of philosophy. In 2018–19 he will be a visiting research professor at



Lara White (foreground) of A. B. Freeman School of Business and Tonya Hansel (background) of the School of Social Work.

the Murphy Institute. He works on issues in ethics and epistemology, broadly construed, and is especially interested in issues of reasons, rationality, value and normativity, across both epistemic and practical domains.

ADAM WELKER, PhD

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

Adam Welker joins Tulane from New York City, where he worked in Citigroup's Financial Strategy Group after completing his PhD in finance at Penn State University in 2017. Prior professional experience includes stints with Itau Unibanco in São Paulo, Brazil, and with Intermountain Healthcare in his home state of Utah. His current work focuses on understanding the real impact of managerial incentives on firm investment and strategy.

LARA WHITE, JD

Professor of Practice, Business and Legal Studies, and Executive Director of Executive and Professional Studies A. B. Freeman School of Business

Lara White teaches Negotiations in the Executive MBA program and will be leading the development of non-degree executive and professional education programming at the new Stewart Center CBD, located in Tulane's NOCHI building space downtown. She comes to the Freeman School after a successful career in private legal practice in New Orleans. She has over 20 years' experience counseling cross-industry clients on a variety of legal and business challenges,

building strategic relationships, managing complex litigation, assembling and leading diverse teams, drafting and negotiating contracts, anticipating and evaluating risk, mediating and settling cases, and handling legal budgeting, forecasting and cost control measures. She holds a bachelor's degree and a JD from Tulane University.

BRANNON WIEDEMANN, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry–
Adult Psychiatry
School of Medicine*

Dr. Brannon Wiedemann obtained her bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Georgia. She received her medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans. She remained in New Orleans to complete her residency in psychiatry at LSU, where she served as chief resident for two years. She is board-certified in general adult psychiatry. Wiedemann completed a fellowship in forensic psychiatry at Tulane University in June 2018. She currently treats patients at the Orleans Justice Center and Eastern Louisiana Mental Health Systems.

QINYAN YIN, PhD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine–
Pulmonary Diseases
School of Medicine*

ANN YOACHIM, MPH

*Professor of Practice and Director, Albert and
Tina Small Center for Collaborative Design
School of Architecture*

Yoachim holds a Master of Public Health from Tulane University and a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and political science from Dickinson College. In 2012–2013, she was a Loeb Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Much of her practice and research is focused on facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration and shaping built, natural and social environments that impact health and wellness in rural and urban settings. She also serves as the director of the Albert and Tina Small Center for Collaborative Design.

ZE ZHANG, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology
School of Medicine*

Dr. Ze Zhang joins the Tulane Department of Ophthalmology after completing a fellowship in glaucoma at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. She completed her undergraduate degrees in biology and business administration at the University of Southern California. She then went on to obtain her Doctor of Medicine from the Yale School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut. She completed her ophthalmology residency training at Tulane University School of Medicine. Board-eligible in ophthalmology, Zhang specializes in the medical and surgical management of glaucoma, including minimally invasive glaucoma procedures as well as traditional filtering procedures. She will be the first glaucoma surgeon in the state to offer AB interno canaloplasty (ABiC) and gonioscopy-assisted transluminal trabeculotomy (GATT) to glaucoma patients. Zhang's research focuses on the genetics of glaucoma and trabecular outflow resistance in open angle glaucomas. In addition to her clinical and research pursuits, Zhang is interested in medical-student and resident education and plans to be involved in designing curriculums to improve resident surgical training.

ENGY ZIEDAN, DPhil

*Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
School of Liberal Arts*

Engy Ziedan's research interests lie broadly in the field of applied microeconomics, with interest in health and public economics. Recent work analyzes the effects of changes in Medicare reimbursement policies, with a focus on pay for performance policies. Ziedan is teaching Health Economics and Policy in fall 2018. This class introduces aspects of the demand and supply for health care in the United States to undergraduate students.

MARGARET ZIMMERMAN, PhD

*Instructor, Department of Pharmacology
School of Medicine*

Margaret Zimmerman earned her PhD in biomedical sciences from Augusta University in 2014. She then moved to New Orleans to train as a postdoctoral fellow at Tulane University in the lab of Sarah Lindsey. Her current research focus is understanding the effects of menopausal hormone therapy on cardiovascular and renal health.

NEW FACULTY FOR 2018–2019 — LISTED BY SCHOOL

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Iñaki Alday, Professor and Dean, School of Architecture, and Richard Koch Chair in Architecture

Robert Hale, Visiting Professor

Margarita Jover, Associate Professor

Liz McCormick, Visiting Assistant Professor

Adam Modesitt, Assistant Professor

Carrie Norman, Assistant Professor

Ann Yoachim, Professor of Practice, and Director, Albert and Tina Small Center for Collaborative Design

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Anna Abdulmanova, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

Hyung Sup “Zack” Bhan, Assistant Professor, Marketing

Tuhin Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor, Management

Stephanie Cheng, Assistant Professor, Accounting

Xing Fang, Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing

Xianjun Geng, Professor, Management Science

Le Kang, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

Jaе Yung Kim, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

Joonkyung Kim, Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing

Lisa LaViers, Assistant Professor, Accounting

Junghee Lee, Assistant Professor, Management Science

Shasta Shakya, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

Yi-Lin Tsai, Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing

Hamid Vahidnia, Visiting Assistant Professor, Management

Erick Valentine, Professor of Practice, Accounting

Adam Welker, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

Lara White, Professor of Practice, Business and Legal Studies, and Executive Director, Executive and Professional Education

SCHOOL OF LAW

Jeremy Bock, Associate Professor and Charles E. Lugenbuhl Associate Professor of Law

Gregory Brazeal, Instructor and Forrester Fellow

Shama Farooq, Instructor

Kristin Johnson, Professor

Khrista McCarden, Associate Professor and Hoffman Fuller Professor of Tax Law

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Olivia Bailey, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Kate Baldwin, Professor, Department of English

Robin Bartram, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

Barbara Blythe, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies

Myrlene Bruno, Professor of Practice, Department of French and Italian

William Buckingham, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Music

Trisha Campbell, Professor of Practice, Department of English

Claudia Chávez Argüelles, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology

Tom Dougherty, Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, and Murphy Institute Faculty Fellow

Brian Edwards, Professor and Dean, School of Liberal Arts, Department of English

Sean Fader, Professor of Practice, Department of Art

Peter Fox, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Art

Jason Gaines, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Jewish Studies

Nathan Halverson, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English

Michael Huemer, Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, and Murphy Institute Faculty Fellow

Elliott Isaac, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

Xin Jiang, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

Michael Madary, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Scott Nolan, Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Ari Ofengenden, Professor of Practice, Department of Jewish Studies

Ashlin Parker, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Music

Monica Payne, Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance

Felix Rioja, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Stone Center for Latin American Studies, and Scott and Marjorie Cowen Chair in Latin American Social Studies

Mark Schneider, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Selamawit Terrefe, Assistant Professor, Department of English

Red Tremmel, Professor of Practice, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

Usha Vishnuvajjala, Professor of Practice, Department of English

Jing Wang, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Communication

Jonathan Way, Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, and Murphy Institute Faculty Fellow

Engy Ziedan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Rana Abusoufeh, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology

Thomas Stewart Atkinson, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine–Hematology/Oncology

Benjamin Bailey, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Pedro Barata, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine–Hematology/Oncology

Elizaveta Belyaeva, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology

Christine Bojanowski, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine and Associate Director, Tulane Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center

Benjamin Boyle, Instructor, Department of Radiology

Charles Bulathsinghala, Assistant Professor, Heart and Vascular Institute

Allison Cormier, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine–Infectious Diseases

Robert Dallapiazza, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosurgery

Bertha Daniels, Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine

Kraig de Lanzac, Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology

Joshua Denson, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine

Robert diBenedetto, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Paul DiCamillo, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology

Chancellor Donald, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine

Arnaud Drouin, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine

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