



# New Faculty 2019–2020



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 25 years, Tulane colleagues have received 34 National Science Foundation CAREER Awards, 10 Guggenheim Foundation Fellowships, eight National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships and three Alfred P. Sloan Fellowships.

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*



*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.*

**YASMINA AIDI, PhD**

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

**LESTER ALEXANDER, MBA**

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

Les Alexander is a visiting lecturer in finance after several years as an adjunct lecturer at Tulane University and Loyola University. Also a partner with Jefferson Capital Partners, he provides capital solutions to privately owned businesses. Before becoming a private equity investor, Alexander was president of Ferrara Fire Apparatus, a leading fire truck and emergency vehicle manufacturer. As an investment banker for 15 years with such firms as Howard Weil, Southcoast Capital and J.C. Bradford, Alexander completed over 50 public offerings, private placements, and merger-and-acquisition transactions totaling more than \$7 billion. Alexander is the Southern Region president of the Small Business Investor Alliance and a member of its governing board. Alexander is the past president of the board of Benjamin Franklin High

School and is founder and president of the school’s foundation. Alexander received his BS in commerce from the University of Virginia and his MBA from the University of North Carolina.

*Expertise: Private equity, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, board governance, investment banking, and strategic planning*

**MARIE ALEXANDER, MS**

*Instructor, Department of Neurosurgery  
School of Medicine*

**MOISÉS ARCE, PhD**

*Professor and Scott and Marjorie Cowen Chair in Latin American Social Sciences  
Department of Political Science  
School of Liberal Arts*

Moisés Arce joins Tulane as the Scott and Marjorie Cowen Chair in Latin American Social Sciences and professor in the Department of Political Science. He is also affiliated with the Stone Center for Latin American Studies. Arce specializes in conflict processes, state-society relations, and the politics of social and economic development. His current research



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

examines the political consequences of natural resource abundance and the limits of resource-based growth policies in Latin America and Africa. He is the author of *Market Reform in Society, Resource Extraction and Protest in Peru, Social Protest and Democracy*, and numerous book chapters and journal articles. His research has been funded by grants from the National Science Foundation and the Social Science Research Council. Arce has served as a visiting Fulbright lecturer at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (2003), and as a visiting professor at the University of Tokyo (2014).

*Expertise: Latin American politics*

### **ALICIA BATTLE, PhD**

***Clinical Assistant Professor, and Director, Online MPH Program, Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences  
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine***

### **MERY BEIT HALAHMI, MA**

***Visiting Lecturer, Department of Jewish Studies  
School of Liberal Arts***

### **BENJAMIN BENNETT, PhD**

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

Ben Bennett teaches corporate finance in the undergraduate program. He joins the Freeman School from Ohio State University, where he spent the last three years as a visiting professor. Prior to that, he completed his PhD in finance at Arizona State University. His research focuses on executive compensation and corporate governance. Prior to pursuing his doctoral studies, Bennett was an officer in the U.S. Air Force, where he tested and evaluated military aircraft and satellites. He holds a bachelor's degree in operations research from the U.S. Air Force Academy and an MA in economics from the University of New Mexico.

### **NATHAN BIEBEL, PhD**

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

### **GREGORY J. BIX, MD, PhD**

***Professor and Director, Clinical Neuroscience Research Center; Vice Chair of Clinical and Translational Research, Department of Neurosurgery  
School of Medicine***

Dr. Gregory Bix, professor of neurosurgery and neurology, is the director of the Clinical Neuroscience Research Center; vice chair of clinical and translational research, Department of Neurosurgery; and the Vada Odom Reynolds Chair in Stroke Research. He also holds the position of clinical lecturer (honorary) at the University of Glasgow, adjunct professor at the Queensland University of Technology, and professor (honorary) at the University of Manchester. He completed his clinical and research training at Baylor College of Medicine, the University of Pennsylvania, and Thomas Jefferson University. Prior to coming to Tulane, he served as the director of the Center for Advanced Translational Stroke Science and was the Paul G. Blazer Professor of Stroke Research at the University of Kentucky. He has published more than 50 papers in reputed journals, won several research awards, and holds more than 20 worldwide patents for his various scientific discoveries. Bix is the principal investigator on several NIH grants, serves as a regular member for





*Dr. Gregory Bix with Dr. Xiaoying Wang of the Clinical Neuroscience Research Center talk at the New Faculty Orientation.*

multiple NIH study sections, and sits on the editorial board of more than a dozen scientific journals. Bix's research focus is on the role and therapeutic potential of the extracellular matrix and its receptors in stroke, vascular dementia and traumatic brain injury.

*Expertise: Stroke, vascular dementia, traumatic brain injury*

## **RONALD BLANTON, MD**

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

Dr. Ronald Blanton earned his MD from Case Western Reserve University and went on to obtain an MS in genetic epidemiology there too. His subspecialty is infectious diseases. He comes to Tulane from the Center for Global Health and Diseases, where he worked on basic molecular biology of schistosome parasites, drug responses to echinococcal infections and human genetics of dengue hemorrhagic fever. His field sites have included Kenya and Egypt, but primarily Brazil. The main topics of his current research are the application of population genetics to public health and community antimicrobial resistance.

*Expertise: Tropical diseases: parasitic, bacterial, viral*

## **JOHN BLEVINS, JD**

**Visiting Professor  
School of Law**

## **ANDREW BROOKS, MBA**

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

## **JOSHUA BUNDY, PhD**

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

Josh Bundy is an epidemiologist with expertise in cardiovascular disease and renal disease. Bundy's research seeks to identify men and women at high risk for cardiovascular disease by focusing on subclinical disease, hypertension and novel risk factors or therapeutic targets. Bundy is interested in testing interventions in clinical trials and employing innovative statistical approaches for evidence-based medicine, including novel risk prediction methods, and exploring the intersection of technology and disease prevention.

*Expertise: Cardiovascular disease epidemiology, hypertension epidemiology, chronic kidney disease epidemiology, meta-analysis*

## **RUTH CARLITZ, PhD**

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

Ruth Carlitz earned her PhD in political science from the University of California–Los Angeles in 2016. From September 2016–June 2019, she was a postdoctoral research fellow with the Program on Governance and Local Development at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. Her research looks at government responsiveness from the “top down” (how governments distribute public goods) and the “bottom up” (what citizens and non-governmental organizations can do to promote transparency and accountability). She focuses primarily on East Africa, inspired by her experience living and working in Tanzania for two and a half years prior to graduate school.

## **REBECCA CARR, MFA**

*Professor of Practice, Digital Design  
School of Professional Advancement*

Rebecca Carr has been an adjunct faculty at Tulane SoPA since 2007. She is honored to join as a professor of practice in digital design in 2019. As adjunct faculty, she served as a faculty fellow and received the Distinguished Faculty Award in 2018 and the Emily Vokes Faculty Service Award in 2019. Carr received her MFA in graphic design from the Savannah College of Art and Design in 2005. She worked for Tom Varisco Designs in New Orleans, started Rebecca Carr Design in 2008 and more recently, started Toggle Design Collective with a longtime design colleague. Carr has done design work for a variety of businesses and nonprofit organizations with a focus on schools and other education-related groups.

*Expertise: Graphic design, typography, visual communication*

## **AMANDINE M. CATALA, PhD**

*Visiting Research Professor  
Murphy Institute*

## **ANTOINE CHAANINE, MD**

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

Dr. Antoine Chaanine's research has focused on understanding the role of mitochondrial autophagy and perturbations in mitochondrial morphology, dynamics and function in heart failure. His most recent work focuses on the role of the FOXO3a-BNIP3 axis in altering endoplasmic reticulum-mitochondrial calcium homeostasis and its consequences on mitochondrial dynamics and function as well as calcium cycling in heart failure. The FOXO3a-BNIP3 pathway is activated in animal models of pressure overload induced heart failure and in human systolic heart failure and contributes to mitochondrial dysfunction, myocardial remodeling and systolic dysfunction. He is trying to develop strategies inhibiting this pathway as a potential therapeutic strategy for patients with a remodeled left ventricle and decreased systolic function.

## **SUZANNE CHANG, PhD**

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

Suzanne Chang joins Freeman from the Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University, where she earned her master's and PhD in finance. Her research interests are in behavioral, household and corporate finance. Her dissertation focuses on how local industry conditions influence the investment decisions of mutual fund managers. Prior to her doctoral studies, she worked in the Capital Markets Section at the Federal Reserve Board. She also holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Northwestern University.

## **HONGWEI CHEN, PhD**

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

Hongwei Thorn Chen is a scholar of Chinese and east Asian film and media cultures. Chen's research interest is how institutions attempt to govern with technological media, and how media, in turn, trigger crises of governmental reason. He is working on a book that examines how "education" and "tutelage" served as organizing rationalities of institutional film used in China during the early-20th century. The book unfolds Chen's broader interests in colonial modernities and their legacies in east Asia, modern China, and transnational histories of film and visual culture.

## **HUAIZHONG CHEN, PhD**

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

## **PIERRE CONNER, MBA**

*Professor of Practice, Finance, and Executive Director,  
Tulane Energy Institute  
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Pierre Conner is the executive director of the Tulane Energy Institute and a professor of practice in management science. He teaches Energy Markets, Economics and Policy to undergraduates and Energy Projects to Master of Management in Energy students. He also guides the strategic direction and operations of the Tulane Energy Institute, which oversees energy-related academic programs



*Pierre Conner joins the Tulane Energy Institute as executive director.*

for careers in the energy industry and related banking, consulting, financial, technology and trading firms. Conner brings nearly 40 years of experience in energy operations and finance to Freeman. Conner previously worked at Capital One Securities and Southcoast Capital.

Prior to his move to capital markets, Conner was engineering manager for Exxon's Domestic Drilling Organization, where he worked on the Exxon Mobil merger. Conner has a Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, in mechanical engineering, a Master of Engineering in petroleum engineering and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in finance, all from Tulane University. He is thrilled to be back at the A. B. Freeman School of Business. He is a member of the board of directors of the Choice Foundation, a local charter management organization, and a past board chair of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.

*Expertise: Energy markets, policy and operations, energy business strategy, finance, and capital markets*

## **SAMUEL D. "TREY" CUMMINGS, PhD**

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

Trey Cummings joined the faculty at the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane after receiving his PhD in strategy from the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis. His research focuses on innovation with an interest in understanding how firm attributes such as structure, positioning and knowledge affect innovation outcomes by altering the motivation or ability of knowledge workers to innovate. In addition, his work investigates the effect of these firm attributes on the top management team's strategic direction of innovation. His work has been published in the *Strategic Management Journal*. Prior to his career in academia, Cummings worked in financial analyst and management roles at The Boeing Company on both the defense and commercial sides of the aerospace industry.

## **MARIE DAHLEH, PhD**

*Senior Professor of Practice, Department of  
Mathematics; Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives  
and Program Development  
School of Science and Engineering*

Marie Dahleh received her BA in mathematics from Mount Holyoke College in 1985 and her PhD in applied and computational mathematics from Princeton University in 1990. Her interest in computational fluid mechanics brought her to the National Center for Atmospheric Research as a postdoctoral fellow and to UCLA as an NSF postdoctoral fellow in mathematical sciences. At the University of California–Santa Barbara, her positions included visiting assistant professor in mechanical engineering and acting associate dean for undergraduate studies. In 1995, UCSB students selected her as one of 10 terrific teachers on campus. During this time, she co-authored the fifth edition of *The Theory of Vibration with Applications* with William Thomson. She left UCSB to be the first assistant dean for academic programs for the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Harvard University. Prior to coming to Tulane, Dahleh created the Engineering Science program for Aurora University in Aurora, Illinois, where she served as the first department chair for mathematics, computer science and engineering. Dahleh's enthusiasm for introducing students

to STEM motivated her to create several courses at Aurora with the intention of making engineering concepts accessible to a broad range of students including MBA students, undergraduates needing general education credit, and high school students on the autism spectrum.

## **MARK DAL CORSO, MD**

*Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences  
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Dr. Mark Dal Corso is a physician who is board certified in pediatrics and trained in preventive medicine. He currently provides pediatric services to Spanish-speaking populations, while training LSUHSC pediatric residents through Daughters of Charity Health Services in New Orleans, which is a federally qualified health center. At Tulane, he teaches three graduate-level courses in the Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences and two courses in the undergraduate public health degree program, and is the faculty adviser for the MD/MPH rotation in the School of Medicine. Prior to joining Tulane, Dal Corso worked as the medical director of the Louisiana HIV/AIDS Services Program at the Louisiana Office of Public Health and with GoToNations, a Christian nonprofit providing medical care and community health training in Central America. He received his MD from the Universidad de Monterrey in Monterrey, Mexico, and his MPH at Tulane University School of Public Health. His residency training in pediatrics and preventive medicine was completed at Tulane University.

*Expertise: Child health*

## **WU-MIN DENG, PhD**

*Professor and Gerald & Flora Jo Mansfield Piltz Endowed Professor in Cancer Research,  
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
School of Medicine*

Wu-Min Deng received his bachelor's degree from Sichuan University in 1991, a master's degree from Shanghai Institute of Cell Biology in 1994, and a PhD from the University of Edinburgh in 1997. After completing his postdoctoral training at the University of Washington, Deng was appointed to the faculty of Florida State University in 2003. The research in his laboratory has led to the development of novel concepts

such as tissue “tumor hot spots” and “compensatory cellular hypertrophy,” and publications in high-impact journals. Deng has received continuous external funding, and was awarded the University Developing Scholar Award in 2010, and the Pfeiffer Endowed Professorship for Cancer Research in 2018. Deng was a recipient of the University Honors Mentoring Award in 2013; among the graduate students and postdoctoral fellows trained in his lab, many have moved on to faculty positions. Deng has served as an ad hoc member on multiple NIH study sections, and on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Genetics and Genomics* and *Scientific Reports*. In addition, he has served on numerous departmental and university committees, including the University Council on Research and Creativity, the University Senate, the Promotion and Tenure committee, the Chair Selection committee, and the Rhodes Scholar committee.

*Expertise: Genetics, developmental biology, cancer research, drosophila studies*

## **AUGUSTINE DENTEH, PhD**

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

Augustine Denteh's broad research interests are in applied econometrics and health economics, in which he employs innovative econometric tools to study how public policies affect people's health and well-being. In particular, he works on impact evaluation, measurement error models, the economics of obesity, and food and nutrition programs. Denteh is also interested in techniques for generalizability in health policy using statistical machine learning approaches for causal inference. Before his postdoctoral research fellowship in econometrics at Harvard Medical School, Denteh received his PhD in economics from Georgia State University, an MA in economics from the University of Akron, and a BA in economics and statistics from the University of Ghana.

*Expertise: Applied econometrics, health economics, applied microeconomics*





*Dr. Wu-Min Deng joins Eugina Leung at the Resource Fair.*

## **VIRGINIA “BLAIR” DRUHAN BULLOCK, PhD**

*Murphy Visiting Assistant Professor,  
School of Law*

Blair Druhan Bullock earned a PhD in law and economics and a JD from Vanderbilt University. At Vanderbilt, Bullock served as the executive editor for the Vanderbilt Law Review. Before joining Tulane Law School, Blair clerked for Judge Stephen A. Higginson on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She then practiced at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLC, where she represented large corporations in civil litigation, including labor and employment, tax, and contract disputes. Her experience includes extensive briefing, both at the trial and appellate levels. Most rewardingly, she was a member of the pro bono trial team that secured the exoneration of a wrongfully convicted man who served over 14 years in a Florida prison. Bullock’s interdisciplinary research empirically analyzes the impact of regulation, legislation, judicial interpretations and agency guidance on the filing and outcome of legal actions and on societal outcomes. Her research often focuses on employment discrimination and labor market outcomes. Bullock’s scholarship has appeared in the *Washington and Lee Law Review* and the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*.  
*Expertise: Employment law*

## **JOHN DWYER, DO**

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

## **NIMA EBRAHIMI, PhD**

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

## **SAEED Eftekhari, PhD**

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

Saeede Eftekhari teaches business analytics in the undergraduate program. She comes to the Freeman School from the State University of New York–Buffalo, where she earned her PhD in management sciences and systems. Her substantive research interests are in the areas of healthcare network analytics and data science research in healthcare information technology.

## **TIMOTHY D. FAUL, MD**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology  
School of Medicine*

## **JULIANNA M. FINELLI, MD**

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

## **TRACY FISCHER, PhD**

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

Tracy Fischer pursued scientific research through non-traditional means, having first studied and worked as a professional musician before receiving a PhD in biology at Temple University. She joins Tulane from the Department of Neuroscience at the Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, where she investigated the impact of chronic inflammation in the brain and periphery and its impact on microglial function and microglia-neuron communication in the context of HIV infection. Fischer’s work has advanced

the field of HIV and neuroAIDS, demonstrating that perivascular macrophages and microglia are the major reservoirs of productive HIV in the brain in humans and in non-human primate models. Fischer is continuing her work at the Tulane National Primate Research Center, Division of Comparative Pathology, focused on advancing current understanding of the factors that underlie chronic inflammation in the brain in the context of HIV infection and other chronic diseases, as well as in aging and age-related neurodegenerative disorders.

## **RUBÉN GARCÍA RUBIO, PhD**

*Assistant Professor*

*School of Architecture*

Rubén García Rubio holds a PhD in architecture from the University of Valladolid (Outstanding PhD Thesis Award), and a PhD in architecture from the University of Roma Tre. He served as a visiting scholar at the American Academy in Rome in 2012. He has taught in several schools of architecture and international institutions in Europe and the Middle East, where he was able to work on several university projects that combined his teaching objectives, research interests and professional work. In addition to his teaching role, García is a practicing architect and is the co-founder of studioVRA. His design and built work has been recognized with several architectural awards and has been published in international architectural magazines. He is also the editor-in-chief of the architectural weblog CajondeArquitecto.com.

## **STEVEN GIN, PhD**

*Professor of Practice, Department of English*

*School of Liberal Arts*

Steven Gin completed his doctoral work in English at the University of Hawaii–Mānoa in 2018. He has worked in the English department at Tulane as a postdoctoral teaching fellow since 2018. His research interests include contemporary Pacific Islands literature, global Anglophone literature and media studies.

## **MARY GLAVAN, PhD**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English*

*School of Liberal Arts*

Mary Glavan holds a PhD in rhetoric and writing studies from Carnegie Mellon University, where she studied argumentation, public deliberation and disability advocacy. She

has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in rhetoric, writing and communication at the University of Southern California and Carnegie Mellon. Her current projects include developing pedagogical interventions that foster inclusion in the college writing classroom; partnering with disability advocates to promote access to communicative resources; and analyzing arguments about capability, work and the body, particularly when access to resources is limited. She has current and in-progress publications in writing center studies, community engagement and argumentation.

*Expertise: Writing and communication, argumentation, disability studies, advocacy and social justice*

## **LAUREN GODSHALL, JD**

*Instructor*

*School of Law*

Lauren Godshall joined the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic after 15 years of practice in commercial litigation, environmental law, product liability and mass torts in Los Angeles and New Orleans. She received her BA in environmental sciences from the University of California–Berkeley, high honors, and her JD from NYU School of Law.

## **MEGAN GUY, JD**

*Professor of Practice, Business and Legal Studies*

*A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Megan Guy teaches Negotiations and Business Law. An attorney with a 20-year track record in legal, strategic and business development leadership, Guy draws on her professional experiences to bring these academic topics to life in the classroom. Prior to joining the Freeman School faculty, Guy served as an associate and partner at Adams & Reese, LLP. In her 13 years of legal practice, Guy represented a broad range of clients including multinational pharmaceutical companies, oil and gas exploration and service companies, health-care providers, and insurers. In 2012, she left her successful legal practice to obtain an MBA. After graduating in 2014, Guy served as executive counsel of Gillis, Ellis & Baker, advising the growing insurance brokerage on long-term strategic planning and development, as well as legal and compliance issues. Guy earned a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University, a JD from Tulane Law School, where she served as an editor of the Maritime Journal, and an MBA from the A. B. Freeman School of Business.



*Megan Guy teaches in the A. B. Freeman School of Business.*

### **ALEKSANDRA HAJDUCZEK, PhD**

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

### **SHAMS HALAT, MD**

*Associate Professor, Department of Pathology and  
Laboratory Medicine  
School of Medicine*

Dr. Shams Halat completed her undergraduate and medical degrees at the American University of Beirut. She then completed her anatomic and clinical pathology residency at Tulane University and University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. After a cytopathology fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, she did a second fellowship in genitourinary pathology at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Halat is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology and cytopathology. After eight years in private practice in New Orleans, Halat joined the Tulane Department of Pathology as an associate professor, clinical track, and as director of surgical pathology. She teaches pathology residents as well as Tulane medical students.

### **MOHAMMAD HAMDY, SJD**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Yongxiong Fellow  
School of Law*

Mohammad Hamdy comes from Harvard Law School, where he recently completed his Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) and a teaching fellowship. While an SJD student, Hamdy taught international investment law as a Byse Fellow and won both the John Gallup Laylin Prize for the best paper in the field of public international law and the Addison Brown Prize for the best paper in private international law. He earned his LLM at Harvard and degrees in law and economics from the universities of Cairo and Alexandria. Hamdy's research focuses on the governance of international trade and investment, especially the development of new theoretical frameworks for global economic integration.

*Expertise: International economic law*

### **JIHUN HAMM, PhD**

*Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science  
School of Science and Engineering*

Jihun Hamm is an associate professor of computer science at Tulane. He received his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 2008. His research interests are algorithms, theories and applications of machine learning. He is currently focused on optimization problems in adversarial learning such as GAN to better understand their nature and implication in security/privacy applications. In the past he has also worked on developing nonlinear dimensionality reduction algorithms and applying them to medical image analysis.

*Expertise: Computer science and machine learning*

### **JIHAE "SOPHIA" HAMM, PhD**

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

Sophia Hamm teaches intermediate accounting in the undergraduate program. She comes to Freeman from Ohio State University, where she taught intermediate accounting as an assistant professor. Hamm's primary research interests relate to the role of accounting disclosure in capital markets, executive compensation, labor unions and earnings management. Her papers have been published in *Journal of Accounting Research* and *Contemporary Accounting Research*. Hamm received her PhD in accounting from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She holds a master's degree in systems engineering from the University of Pennsylvania

and a bachelor's degree in business from Seoul National University. Prior to her doctoral work, Hamm worked as a senior consultant at PWC Korea.

## **ZHE HAN, PhD**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing*

*A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Zhe Han earned his PhD in marketing at the Goizueta Business School of Emory University. His research interests cover various topics in digital marketing, including the gaming industry, gamification and customer relationship management.

## **NATHAN HOPKINS, PhD**

*Professor of Practice, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences*

*School of Science and Engineering*

Nathan Hopkins completed a BS in geological sciences at the University of Missouri in 2011 and earned a PhD in earth and environmental science from Lehigh University in 2016. Prior to coming to Tulane, he served as an assistant professor of geology at Minot State University. His teaching and research activities focus on the processes and interactions that shape landscapes and the technologies and intellectual tools earth scientists require to study them.

## **YE Y. "TONY" HU, PhD**

*Professor, and Weatherhead Presidential Chair in Biotechnology Innovation, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

*School of Medicine*

As Weatherhead Presidential Chair in Biotechnology Innovation, Tony Hu will lead Tulane's newly created Center of Cellular and Molecular Diagnosis and will have a primary appointment in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and secondary appointments in the School of Science and Engineering, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and the Tulane National Primate Research Center. Hu previously served as professor at the Bidesign Institute at Arizona State University's Virginia G. Piper Center for Personalized Diagnostics and at ASU's School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering. His research focuses on developing and validating highly sensitive blood tests that rely on nanotechnology-based strategies to find previously undetectable biomarkers of diseases. Hu's

research aims to fill current unmet clinical needs for early disease detection, better predictors of disease progression and real-time monitoring of therapy response to improve patient outcomes. Hu received his PhD in biomedical engineering from the University of Texas–Austin, where he focused on developing nanomaterials as biosensors for disease diagnosis. His research team has received grant support from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and the Gates, John S. Dunn and Kostas Cockrell family foundations.

## **HAN JIANG, PhD**

*Assistant Professor, Management*

*A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Han Jiang teaches strategic management in the undergraduate program. He joins the Freeman School from the University of Arizona, where he served as an assistant professor in management. Jiang's research focuses on social network and interorganizational relationships, corporate governance and strategic leadership, and entrepreneurship. In particular, he is interested in the decisions and actions of business elites in adverse situations, such as scandals, organizational decline and political shocks. His work has appeared in the *Strategic Management Journal*, *Journal of Management*, *Entrepreneurship: Theory and Practice* and *Academy of Management Discoveries* and others. Prior to beginning his scholarly career, Jiang worked as a management consultant. He received his PhD in business administration from Arizona State University and his master's degree in business management from Tsinghua University in Beijing.

## **JONATHAN JONA, PhD**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Accounting*

*A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Jonathan Jona is a visiting assistant professor for accounting at the A. B. Freeman School of Business. He was previously a senior lecturer at the University of Melbourne, Australia. He completed his PhD in accounting and finance at the Cass Business School of City, University of London in 2014. During his PhD study he worked on a joint project between Cass and the Financial Reporting Council on ownership concentration of the U.K. market, and served as a teaching assistant at the postgraduate level at London Business School. Jona's main research interests are in measurement of

firm-specific emerging risks (climate change and cybersecurity), foreign IPOs and financial reporting quality. In addition to his academic activity, Jona serves as a trustee of arebyte Gallery, a cultural center and charitable gallery for digital and performance art in East London.

*Expertise: Risk disclosure, foreign IPOs and reporting quality*

### **KATHRYN E. JONES, MBBS**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine—General Internal  
School of Medicine*

### **ELIZABETH KALOS-KAPLAN, PhD**

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

Elizabeth Kalos-Kaplan earned her PhD in English at Tulane. She specializes in 20th century American and African-American literature, with particular interest in travel writing and transnational and diasporic identity, and Caribbean studies.

Her current book project, *Magicians, Cannibals, and Zombies: The American Military and Haitian Voodoo*, examines depictions of Haitian religious and cultural practices in novels written by American Marines Faustin Wirkus and John Houston Craige and travel writer William Seabrook during the American Occupation of Haiti (1915-1934), to show how these early depictions have contributed to persistent stereotypes of Haitian culture in the American imagination.

### **ERIN KAPPELER, PhD**

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

Erin Kappeler completed her PhD at Tufts University in 2014. Her current book project, *The Secret History of Free Verse: American Prosody and Poetics 1880–1933*, is the first historical account of free verse poetry as a race-based construction. Through analysis of journals, literary magazines and poetry anthologies of the modernist era, *The Secret History of Free Verse* identifies the fundamental, but until now, neglected connections between prosodic theories of poetry and constructions of American whiteness, and shows how these discourses shaped popular and academic understandings of African-American and Native American poetry. Kappel-

er's work has been supported by the American Council of Learned Societies, the Mellon Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her work has appeared in *Modernism/modernity*, the edited volume *Critical Rhythm* (Fordham UP), and in the *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Modernist Poetry*.

### **DENIZ KARAKAS, PhD**

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

### **DREW KINNEY, PhD**

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

Drew Holland Kinney received a BA in political science from St. John Fisher College in 2012, and in 2018 earned a PhD in political science from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

*Expertise: Middle East politics, international relations*

### **NATHAN KISH, PhD**

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

Nathan Kish earned his PhD in classics from UCLA. His research areas include Greek and Roman rhetoric, epistolography and historiography. He maintains a special interest in ancient invective and its influence on modern rhetoric, and he also works on the reception of classics in early modern Europe. Coming from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, where he taught courses in Latin, Greek, classical mythology and Roman history, Kish is excited to join the Tulane community and looks forward to exploring the rich musical scene of New Orleans in his spare time.

*Expertise: Roman rhetoric, historiography and epistolography*

### **MARKUS LAMMLE, MD**

*Associate Professor, Department of Radiology  
School of Medicine*



## HALIMA LEAK FRANCIS, PhD

*Professor of Practice and Program Director, Public Administration Program  
School of Professional Advancement*

The work of Halima Leak Francis focuses on the development and management of academic programs in fields related to public administration, including the fall 2020 launch of Tulane's new online Master of Public Administration. Leak Francis' two decades of experience in the field includes work in the nonprofit sector, higher education and philanthropy. An accomplished educator, practitioner and scholar, Leak Francis promotes the strengthening of communities through meaningful multisectoral collaboration and philanthropic investment. Leak Francis holds a BA in English from Hampton University, an MA in sociology of education, and a PhD in higher and postsecondary education from New York University–Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development.

*Expertise: Nonprofit leadership and capacity building, philanthropy, organizational culture and change, historically black colleges and universities*

## GRACE LEE, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery – Oncology  
School of Medicine*

Dr. Grace Lee graduated from Duke University with a BS in biological anthropology and anatomy and a double major in music. After earning her medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Lee completed general surgery residency and an NIH-funded research fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and an endocrine surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. She is an endocrine surgeon and board-certified general surgeon. Her research interest includes imaging techniques and utilization in endocrine surgery.

*Expertise: Minimally invasive thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal gland surgery*



*From left: Erin Kappeler and Tracy Fischer enjoy a light moment at orientation.*

## WAI LUN “EUGINA” LEUNG, PhD

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

Eugina Leung teaches marketing fundamentals in the undergraduate program. She received her PhD in marketing from Erasmus University in the Netherlands. She was a visiting research scholar at the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago and the University of Zurich. Her work explores how technology hinders identity-based consumption and the influence of technology on consumer judgment. As a side research interest, she also investigates the role of language and culture in consumer response. Her work has been published in the *Journal of Marketing Research*. She holds a master's degree in economics from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Spain and a bachelor's degree in business administration (double major in finance and operations management) from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

## JINGRUI “VICTORIA” LI, PhD

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

Victoria Li earned her PhD in finance. Prior to her PhD studies, she spent two years in both the finance department and the statistics department at West Virginia University. Her areas of research are empirical asset pricing, investments, derivatives and market microstructure. Her dissertation,



*Ning Liu, a new School of Medicine faculty member, checks in at the resource fair.*

titled “Empirical Asset Pricing with Equity Tail Risk,” explores the prediction power of tail risk of both the market index and the individual stocks to the future stock returns.

### **NING LIU, PhD**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosurgery  
School of Medicine*

Ning Liu is assistant professor of neurosurgery and neurology at Tulane’s Clinical Neuroscience Research Center. Liu obtained his PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology from Hunan Normal University in China. He previously worked as a postdoctoral research fellow and instructor in the Neuroprotection Research Laboratory of Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School for five years. Liu’s research interest focuses on the investigation of molecular pathological mechanism and therapeutic strategy development of acute brain injuries such as cerebral ischemia and traumatic brain injury. Liu has expertise in molecular neuroscience, mitochondrial metabolic mechanisms, in vivo brain injury animal models and outcome assessments.

### **NATALIE LONGMIRE, PhD**

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

Natalie Longmire teaches organizational behavior in the undergraduate program. She received her PhD in management

from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas–Austin and her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Vanderbilt University. Her research focuses on the informal interactions among coworkers that form the relational foundations for effective teamwork. In her dissertation, she investigated the potential risks and rewards associated with sharing personal information in the workplace.

### **MICHELE T. LONGO, MD**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology  
School of Medicine*

### **KATALIN LUKÁCS, DMA**

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

Originally from Transylvania, Katalin Lukács is a prize-winning pianist based in New Orleans. As a soloist, she has appeared with orchestras in Europe and the United States. In addition to performing works of the classical repertoire, Lukács is an avid promoter of contemporary music.

Lukács has been an adjunct lecturer in the music department since 2012, teaching Fundamentals of Music Theory and The Art of Listening, accompanying singers and the opera workshop, and premiering new works written by Tulane undergraduate and graduate composers. She is a member of Versipel New Music, an organization dedicated to bringing contemporary music to the New Orleans area. Her most current project, “Rising Water,” unites local artists and community members in the creation and performance of new compositions that bring awareness to the social and cultural effects of climate change. Lukács holds a diploma in piano performance from the Gheorghe Dima Music Academy in Cluj, Romania, an MM from The University of Alabama School of Music and a DMA from The University of California–San Diego.

### **CHRISTY LYNCH, MS**

*Lecturer, Accounting  
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Christy Lynch is a certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner with over 14 years of work experience and nine years of teaching experience. She earned an MS in accounting and has taught at Tulane University, the University of New Orleans, University of Holy Cross, and Delgado

Community College. She began her accounting career at Ernst & Young.

*Expertise: Financial accounting, managerial accounting, governmental accounting, and principles of fraud examination*

## **RAKESH MALLIPEDDI, PhD**

**Assistant Professor, Management**

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

Rakesh Mallipeddi received his PhD in business administration from Mays Business School at Texas A&M University. His research interests include data-driven decision-making, social media analytics and technology management. Prior to his doctoral studies, Mallipeddi managed manufacturing facilities in the United States and India. Mallipeddi holds a master's degree in industrial and systems engineering from Oakland University and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Ohio State University.

*Expertise: Social media strategy, technology management*

## **MISSY MALONE, PhD**

**Professor of Practice**

**School of Social Work**

Missy Malone earned both her PhD in social work and her MSW from Louisiana State University. She earned her BSW from Grambling State University and a BA in French from Louisiana Tech University. Her clinical experience includes geriatric behavioral health social work and mental health social work at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. Prior to Tulane, Malone taught undergraduate and graduate level social work courses as an assistant professor at Indiana State University.

*Expertise: The aging process among prisoners, dementia and other cognitive disorders among older prisoners, mental health issues among older prisoners, and federal and state policies regarding smart and effective decarceration*

## **JAMES E. "TED" MATHERLY, PhD**

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing**

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

Ted Matherly's research focuses on how consumers use brands and products to communicate about themselves to others, and how these signals are interpreted – or misinterpreted – by those who receive them. Previously, he was an



*Marie Dahleh and Missy Malone join the School of Science and Engineering and the School of Social Work, respectively.*

assistant professor at Oklahoma State University's Spears School of Business. He earned his PhD in marketing from the University of Maryland.

*Expertise: Signaling theory, experimental methods, data mining*

## **NICHOLAS MATTEI, PhD**

**Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science  
School of Science and Engineering**

Nicholas Mattei's research focuses on the theory and practice of artificial intelligence, machine learning and data science, and the impact of these technologies on society. He is largely motivated by problems that require a blend of techniques to develop systems and algorithms that support decision-making for autonomous agents and/or humans. Most of his projects leverage theory, data and experiments to create novel algorithms, mechanisms, and systems that enable and support individual and group decision-making, as well as studying the ethics and social ramifications of these systems in the real world. Before joining Tulane he was a research staff member at IBM Research in New York, New York; a senior researcher at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation / Data61 and the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia; and an aerospace technology engineer at NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California. He received his PhD in 2012 from the University of Kentucky.

*Expertise: Theoretical and applied artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data science, ethical technology use and the impacts of technology and AI on society*





*Top, left to right: Recipients of the 2019 Suzanne and Stephen Weiss Presidential Fellowships are School of Science and Engineering faculty members Donata Henry, senior professor of practice, and Michael J. Moore, associate professor of biomedical engineering. Bottom, left to right: The 2019 President's Awards for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Teaching went to Sally Richardson, the A.D. Freeman Associate Professor of Civil Law at Tulane Law School, and Associate Professor of Medicine Dr. Chayan Chakraborti, who is also vice chair for education and director of student programs at the School of Medicine.*

## **AARON MAUS, PhD**

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

Aaron Maus received his doctorate in engineering and applied science in 2019 from the University of New Orleans, where he taught courses in the Department of Computer Science throughout his graduate career. His research focused on protein structure refinement using potential energy minimization and on protein structure comparison using graph analysis techniques. His current research interests are in protein structure comparison, analysis and visualization.

## **PHILLIP V. MCALLISTER, MD**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosurgery  
School of Medicine*

## **JANET E. MCCOMBS, PhD**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine  
School of Medicine*

## **ANDREW MCDOWELL, PhD**

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

Andrew McDowell has a PhD in sociocultural anthropology and a specialization in medical anthropology from Harvard University. Before joining Tulane, he completed postdoctoral fellowships at McGill University and the École des hautes études en sciences sociales. His research focuses on tuberculosis care and science in India to examine diagnosis as epistemological, social and technical practice, embodiment through breath and air, global health, and aspiration in contexts of social change.

## **NICHOLAS MCGARVEY, MD**

*Musculoskeletal Radiology Fellow, Department of  
Radiology  
School of Medicine*

Dr. Nicholas McGarvey attended the University of Florida College of Medicine, and completed a residency at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City, specializing in radiology. His subspecialty is musculoskeletal and sports imaging.

## **SUN AE “KIMBERLY” MIN, JD**

*Lecturer, Accounting  
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

## **TYRA MITCHELL, MHA**

*Professor of Practice, Exercise Science  
School of Professional Advancement*

Tyra Mitchell is a physical therapist and healthcare administrator at Ochsner Health System. Mitchell is licensed to practice physical therapy in Louisiana and Georgia. Her practice includes adults, geriatrics, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, sports medicine, orthopedics, home health, critical care and other clinical settings. Her coursework in the School of Professional Advancement kinesiology program includes Introduction to Global Health and Epidemiology of Aging. She also teaches Health Policy II in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the LSU Health Sciences Center–New Orleans. She has a degree in physical therapy from Emory University and a Master of Health Administration from The George Washington University. She is a certified lymphedema therapist. She serves as an advisory committee member to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board and program co-chair for the Health Policy and Administration Chapter of



*The 2019 Oliver Fund Award For Excellence In Faculty Mentoring went to Dennis P. Kehoe, a professor in the Department of Classical Studies in the School of Liberal Arts.*



the American Physical Therapy Association. She is a New Orleans native and lives in the city with her two sons. In her leisure time, she travels with her sons and parents.

*Expertise: Physical therapy, healthcare administration, lymphedema*

## **SHEHRAM MOKHTAR, PhD**

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

## **MARIO MONCLÚS, MArch**

*Research Assistant Professor  
School of Architecture*

Mario Monclús received a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Zaragoza (Spain) in 2018. He studied for his bachelor's degree in architecture in Zaragoza and Stuttgart, Germany, specializing in landscape and urban design and earning his degree in 2016. He has collaborated with various architecture and landscape studios since then in London, Barcelona, Zaragoza and Madrid.

## **MARK MONDRINOS, PhD**

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

Before joining the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Mark Mondrinos served as research associate faculty in the Department of Bioengineering at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was an inaugural fellow at the Penn Center for Engineering Mechanobiology and a postdoctoral fellow in the biologically inspired engineering systems laboratory directed by Dan Huh. Prior to Penn, Mondrinos completed his PhD in biomedical engineering at Drexel University and was an NIH-funded postdoctoral fellow at Temple University School of Medicine. Mondrinos' research contributions include pioneering methods to engineer 3D, miniaturized pulmonary tissues termed organoids, identifying mechanisms of acute lung inflammation in the setting of critical illness and developing microfluidic organ chip technologies for modeling smoking-associated lung disease, pulmonary fibrosis and cancer-associated muscle wasting. Mondrinos' goal is to build a laboratory at Tulane

that will be a world leader in engineering in vitro models of complex human pathophysiology.

*Expertise: The application of tissue engineering approaches and cell biological principles to engineer microphysiological systems/organ-on-a-chip technologies for modeling human pathophysiology*

## **JONATHAN MORTON, DPhil**

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

Jonathan Morton completed his doctorate at the University of Oxford, and before coming to Tulane, held research fellowships at Oxford, King's College London and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin). His research focuses on medieval French and Latin literature and its relationship to the history of philosophy and the history of science and technology.

## **SHYAM NAIR, PhD**

*Visiting Research Professor  
Murphy Institute*

Shyam Nair is an assistant professor of philosophy at Arizona State University. During the 2019–20 academic year, he will be a CEPA Faculty Fellow at the Murphy Institute at Tulane. He earned his PhD in philosophy from the University of Southern California in 2014 and previously was an assistant professor at Lingnan University. He is primarily interested in issues of ethics, epistemology and philosophical logic. His research investigates topics at the intersection of these fields. While a fellow at the Murphy Institute, he plans on exploring the relationship between the reasons for which we act and the conditions under which we are appropriately given credit or blame for our actions.

## **MONISHA NASA, MArch**

*Research Assistant Professor  
School of Architecture*

Monisha Nasa holds a Bachelor of Architecture from GG-SIPU, New Delhi (2013) and a Master of Architecture from the University of Virginia (2019), where she received awards for her graduate work including the World Architecture Award and a faculty award for design excellence. She has served as a research fellow with the Yamuna River Project, a pan-university project at the University of Virginia, which

is collaborating with the municipal authorities of New Delhi in proposing design solutions to improve the socioecological urban conditions of the city. Nasa has professional experience working at U.S. (2018) and Indian (2013-2017) firms. For four years she worked with Vir.Mueller Architects in New Delhi, where she led several projects including a 10,000-square-meter museum on a World Heritage Site, large-scale residential housing and urban developments, and private residences and offices. She is interested in exploring the agency and power of architecture in building communities and institutions that promote social equality, especially in the rapidly urbanizing parts of the world.

### **WENDY NAVARRO, APRN**

*Instructor, Department of Surgery–Oncology  
School of Medicine*

### **ZIYE NIE, PhD**

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

### **LESLEY-ANN NOEL, PhD**

*Professor of Practice  
Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design  
Thinking*

Lesley-Ann Noel earned her PhD in design from North Carolina State University in 2018, where she was a Fulbright Scholar. Her research focused on using a design thinking-based curriculum to create empowering education at a rural primary school in Trinidad and Tobago. She comes to Tulane from the Hasso Plattner Institute of Design at Stanford (d.school), where she was a teaching fellow with a focus on using design thinking to address major ocean issues. Prior to her doctoral research, she was a lecturer at the University of the West Indies–St. Augustine in Trinidad and Tobago. She is interested in an emancipatory and critical approach to design thinking. Her current research focuses on highlighting multiple perspectives in design, including multiple epistemological positions and forms of design education and practice, especially from those commonly oppressed by and excluded from mainstream design narratives.

*Expertise: Design thinking, design education, emancipatory research*



*Lesley-Ann Noel is on the faculty of the Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking.*

### **MAIRI C. NOVERR, PhD**

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

### **DAVID O'BRIEN, PhD**

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

David O'Brien received a PhD in philosophy from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. He works in ethics and political philosophy, with a specialty in the ethics of distribution. In his dissertation, he defended the view that distributive inequality is a non-instrumental moral bad, and in his previous published work, he has investigated what the ideal of distributive equality requires. His current projects include work on the foundations of fairness and the scope of justice (normative ethics), the distribution of scarce educational and healthcare resources (applied ethics), and the relation between an agent's reasons and their obligations (meta-ethics).

*Expertise: Inequality, fairness, educational inequality*

### **SYLVIA A. OLECK, MD**

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



David O'Brien is a new faculty member in the Department of Philosophy.



Kislay Parvatiyar, shown at the resource fair, joins the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

### **KISLAY PARVATIYAR, PhD**

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

Kislay Parvatiyar received his PhD in microbiology and immunology from the University of Miami School of Medicine. He comes to Tulane from UCLA, where he completed his postdoctoral training. His research focus centers on how the immune system regulates inflammatory and antimicrobial programs during infection and autoimmune disease states.

*Expertise: Microbial host defense and inflammation*

### **KRISTEN PEARSON, PhD**

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

Kristen Pearson is a licensed child psychologist and certified school psychologist. She specializes in the assessment and treatment of children with emotional and behavioral disorders and uses an approach grounded in building relationships among the home, school and community and emphasizes identifying strengths as a means to address

concerns. Pearson's experience includes psychoeducational assessment, treatment and consultation in schools and therapeutic settings for students with significant mental health concerns. Her interests include widening the implementation of trauma-informed care and the impact of trauma exposure on a child's ability to access education, and in particular, the issue of discipline disproportionality. Pearson's primary role with the department will be as an infant specialist for T-BEARS (Tulane Building Early Relationships Support and Services). With T-BEARS, Pearson will provide mental health services, including home visits, group therapy and telephone consultations to families with infant feeding, sleeping, crying and bonding concerns, as well as to parents who are stressed, overwhelmed or are experiencing issues with postpartum mood or anxiety.

### **EBONY PERRO, PhD**

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

Ebony Perro earned her PhD in humanities from Clark Atlanta University in 2019. Her concentrations include Africana Women's Studies and English. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the



## **GIOVANNI PIEDIMONTE, MD**

***Vice President for Research;  
Professor, Department of Pediatrics  
School of Medicine***

Dr. Giovanni Piedimonte is the new vice president for research and institutional official at Tulane, overseeing all aspects of research across the institution. He is also professor in the Department of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine. Previously, he held the Steven and Nancy Calabrese Endowed Chair for Excellence in Pediatric Care, Research, and Education, and served in multiple leadership roles at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland.

Piedimonte received his degree in medicine from the University of Rome School of Medicine in Italy, completed his residency training in pediatrics at the University of California–San Francisco, and received fellowship training at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at UCSF, as well as the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill. He maintains an active clinical practice and holds active certifications in general pediatrics and in pediatric pulmonology from the American Board of Pediatrics. He has also received formal training in health care management and managed care and capitation from the University of Miami School of Business; health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health; healthcare finance and accounting from Baldwin Wallace University; and population health from

Thomas Jefferson University. Piedimonte has more than 25 years of experience in the leadership and management of complex healthcare systems.

Piedimonte's research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for more than 30 consecutive years, and he has been principal investigator or co-investigator of more than 40 research projects funded by the NIH, the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the American Lung Association, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, and the pharmaceutical industry. He is currently leading several funded projects involving basic cellular and molecular biology, animal models, translational and clinical trials. He also holds 18 U.S. and international patents protecting some of his discoveries.

Piedimonte has authored or co-authored more than 400 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, monographs, editorials, and abstracts on a variety of respiratory conditions. His scientific articles have been published in journals such as *The Journal of Clinical Investigation*, *Circulation Research* and *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*.

He is a fellow of both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Chest Physicians and serves on the editorial boards of several scientific journals, including *Pediatric Pulmonology*, *Pediatric Allergy Immunology & Pulmonology*, *Current Pediatric Reviews*, and *Current Opinion in Pharmacology*.



University of Louisiana–Lafayette. Her research interests include black girlhood, black rage, and 20th– and 21st-century black women’s fiction. She is a 2018–2020 Tsheloane Keto Fellow for the National Council of Black Studies and a Black Book Interactive Project–Extending the Reach Scholar. Perro is also a reviewer for the Black Women’s Studies Book List.

### **NORMA S. PORTER, DNP**

*Clinical Instructor, Department of Medicine  
School of Medicine*

### **ADAM POULIN, MS**

*Assistant Professor, Air Force ROTC  
Newcomb-Tulane College*

Capt. Adam Poulin earned his master’s degree in physics from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio in 2016. He has served 19 years on active duty in the Air Force and has worked in various locations such as the Starfire Optical Range, Air Force Research Laboratory at Kirtland AFB as the lead laser physicist, and the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB as the chief of laboratory and data evaluations section.

### **MARK POVICH, PhD**

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

### **KARISMA PRICE, MFA**

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

Karisma Price holds a BA in creative writing from Columbia University and an MFA in poetry from New York University. Her work has appeared in *Four Way Review*, *Narrative Magazine*, *The Adroit Journal*, *Wildness* and elsewhere. In 2018, Price was one of the writers named on *Narrative Magazine’s* 30 Below 30 list of their published new and emerging authors. She has received fellowships from Cave Canem and New York University, and along with Kwame Opoku-Duku III, she is a founding member of the Unbnd Collective.

### **XUEBIN QIN, MD, PhD**

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

Dr. Xuebin Qin received his MD from Wannan Medical College, Wuhu, China, in 1986 and his PhD from Peking Union Medical College and Chinese Academy of Medical



*Alicia Battle (left) and Ebony Perro (right) at the resource fair*



*Suzanne Chang and Douglas Rovira talk at orientation.*



Sciences, Beijing, China, in 1996. He completed his two-year postdoctoral training at Tufts University School of Medicine and another two-year postdoctoral training in the Department of Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School, prior to becoming an instructor there. From 2005 to 2013, he worked as an assistant professor at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He comes to Tulane from Temple University School of Medicine, where he was an associate professor.

*Expertise: Monocyte and macrophage biology, complement, HIV-1 therapy and HIV-associated atherosclerosis, cardiovascular disease; has invented a novel cell ablation tool for studying loss of cell function in animals*

### **GUENEVERE RAE, PhD**

*Associate Professor, Office of Medical Education  
School of Medicine*

### **NATALIE ROLF, MS**

*Instructor, Department of Pathology  
School of Medicine*

### **BENJAMIN ROSSI, PhD**

*Visiting Research Professor  
Murphy Institute*

### **DOUGLAS ROVIRA, MD**

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

Dr. Douglas Rovira trained at the University of Colorado and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Throughout his career he has been interested in providing new and novel agents to his patients through clinical trials. He has a strong interest in participating in multidisciplinary prevention, early detection and treatment of common cancers. He is interested in disparities in the delivery of health care, particularly the role that insurance status has on outcomes.

*Expertise: Cancer in adults*



*Dr. Xuebin Qin is on the faculty at the School of Medicine.*

### **JASON SANDVIK, PhD**

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

Assistant Professor of Finance Jason Sandvik joins the Freeman School from the University of Utah, where he recently received his PhD in finance. His research focuses primarily on the organization design of corporate boards, executive compensation and experimentation to address questions in labor economics. His early work on corporate boards considers the consequences of directors closely monitoring management, and his most recent work analyzes the gender dynamics of boards. His papers on executive compensation connect CEO pay to distortions in corporate decision-making and firm performance. His work has been presented at multiple meetings of the National Bureau of Economic Research. Prior to pursuing graduate studies, Sandvik also worked as a NCAA football recruiting assistant at Brigham Young University, where he received a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

### **SUZANA SAVKOVIC, PhD**

*Associate Professor, Department of Pathology  
School of Medicine*



## LEE SKINNER

*Dean, Newcomb-Tulane College;  
Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese  
School of Liberal Arts*

Lee Skinner is the new dean of Newcomb-Tulane College. She received a BA in Comparative Literature from Brown University and then earned a PhD in Spanish from Emory University and began her faculty career in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Kansas. Her research focuses on personal and national identity across various dimensions of class, race, ethnicity, and gender in nineteenth-century Spanish American narrative and non-fiction. Her first book, *History Lessons: Refiguring the Nineteenth-Century Historical Novel in Spanish America* (Juan de la Cuesta, 2006), argues that in nineteenth-century Spanish America, the historical novel allowed writers to explore national, regional, and individual identities as they were simultaneously creating the states that would embody such imaginatively created selves. Her second book, *Gender and the Rhetoric of Modernity in Spanish America, 1850-1910* (University of Florida Press, 2016; paperback, 2018), posits

that the linking of gender to social and political agendas, including nationalist thought, was a central preoccupation for Spanish Americans ever since the newly-formed countries confronted the task of defining themselves as true nations after the Wars of Independence.

Skinner has also authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals in both English and Spanish as well as chapters in edited volumes and has given over 40 invited talks and conference presentations at international conferences. She is currently at work on a cultural history of food and eating in Latin America from 1810 to the present, analyzing not just what people ate and drank but how they thought, wrote, and talked about what they were eating and the ways they ate it. Her book will include the display and sale of food, both domestic and imported, in markets; the preparation and consumption of prepared food in private and public; the etiquette and customs associated with eating; and sociability of food and drink in venues such as coffeehouses, private clubs, and bars.

At the University of Kansas, Skinner served at various times as the departmental Director of Undergraduate Studies, Director of Graduate Admissions to Spanish and Portuguese, and Associate Chair, in addition to directing a summer study abroad program in Mexico multiple times. At Claremont McKenna College, she was the faculty Fulbright Program Advisor for three years before becoming Associate Dean of the Faculty in 2013 with responsibility for the curriculum and academic oversight. She also oversaw the interdisciplinary first-year seminar program and academic advising. Her experience with the Claremont Colleges Consortium, in which five undergraduate colleges work together to provide a seamless academic and residential experience for all students, prepared her well for her position at Newcomb-Tulane College, which spearheads and organizes the key elements of the Tulane undergraduate academic experience. She is passionate about ensuring that students have the best possible educational experience, one that is academically challenging and rewarding.

## **MITCHELL SELLERS, PhD**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science*

*School of Liberal Arts*

Mitchell Sellers received his PhD in political science at the University of Florida. He was a visiting faculty member at Colorado State University and an instructional faculty member at Temple University. He has eight years of experience in data analysis and research design. His current research interests include civil rights broadly defined and gubernatorial use of executive orders.

*Expertise: State politics and policy; civil rights, broadly defined; governors and executive politics; elections*

## **CHRISTOPHER “DALE” SHAMBURGER, MD**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine—General Internal*

*School of Medicine*

Dr. Dale Shamburger earned his BA at the University of Colorado–Boulder with a double major in molecular biology and Spanish. He went on to complete medical school at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. He later completed residency training in internal medicine at the University of Colorado. Prior to joining Tulane, he completed a yearlong combined hospital medicine/global health fellowship at the University of Colorado. He is now a faculty member in the Department of Medicine and working as a hospitalist at University Medical Center.

*Expertise: Medical education in global health, quality improvement in the hospital setting, venous access devices*

## **NICOLE N. SHELDON, MD**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics—Ambulatory*

*School of Medicine*

## **MONICA N. SHROYER, DVM**

*Assistant Professor, Tulane National Primate Research Center and*

*School of Medicine*

## **ERIN SIODMAK, PhD**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology Newcomb-Tulane College*

## **MATTHEW SMITH, PhD**

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

## **EMILY STARR, PhD**

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

Emily Starr earned her bachelor's degree in sociology at the University of La Verne, her master's degree in American studies at California State University–Fullerton, and her PhD in sociology in the City, Culture and Community doctoral program at Tulane University. Her research focuses on gender, identity, intersectionality, and work with an emphasis on precarious employment and sexual harassment. She is currently teaching courses on Gender & Society and Social Problems.

*Expertise: Gender, work, identity and sexual harassment*

## **DAIQUIRI STEELE, JD, PhD**

*Instructor, Forrester Fellow*

*School of Law*

Daiquiri Steele joins Tulane from the University of Alabama School of Law, where she served as chief diversity officer for the law school and taught Employment Discrimination, Education Law, Equal Educational Opportunity, and Legislation & Regulation. She formerly served as a civil rights attorney with the U.S. Department of Education, where she provided legal counsel relating to federal investigations of discrimination involving the nation's school districts, colleges, universities and state educational agencies. She also previously worked for the U.S. Department of Labor. Steele serves as a member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on the Future of Legal Education, ABA Standing Committee on Public Education, and Alabama State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Steele graduated with bachelor of arts degrees in economics and political science from Spelman College, where she was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She earned her JD from the University of Georgia School of Law, a master's degree in public policy and administration from Northwestern University, and a PhD in business administration from Hampton University. Steele speaks about federal equal employment opportunity laws, diversity in the legal profession, implicit bias, sexual



*Daiquiri Steele talks with Blair Bullock. Both have joined the Tulane School of Law.*

harassment and sexual violence, and the responsibilities of postsecondary institutions concerning students with disabilities.

### **RAFE STEINHAUER, MBA**

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

*Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking*

Rafe Steinhauer's professional mission is to help people co-create the world in which they and others want to live. He joins Tulane from Princeton University, where he started the Tiger Challenge program in which teams of students and advisers work with community partner organizations on multiyear design thinking for social innovation projects. He also taught a course on creativity, innovation and design. Steinhauer earned his MBA and his MEd from the University of Virginia, where he studied innovation education.

*Expertise: Design thinking*

### **MATTHEW SUMPTER, PhD**

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

### **PETER TELLEZ, PhD**

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

Peter Tellez is a community ecology researcher in Panama and Costa Rica with a passion for teaching.

### **PATRICK TESTA, PhD**

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

Patrick Testa earned his PhD in economics from the University of California–Irvine in 2019. His current work focuses on the political economy of development and examining the urban and regional effects of forced migration, as well as how institutions interact with economic geography.

### **LAUREN A. TEVERBAUGH, MD**

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

Dr. Lauren Teverbaugh is an assistant professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at Tulane University School of Medicine. She is a triple board-trained physician who completed her residency training in pediatrics, general psychiatry and child psychiatry at Tulane University. She has a diverse background in research and work centered around social and community activism including the behavioral effects of lead poisoning on children in Kingston, Jamaica, perinatally HIV-infected children and their families, healthcare disparities among the medically underserved, global health, sickle cell anemia, trauma-affected youth, and public health and policy. Her career interests include medically complex children and children with chronic medical illnesses and psychosocial dysfunction. She co-directs the psychiatry consult service at Children's Hospital, supervises medical students, residents and fellows in school-based clinics, and provides care in community health. She utilizes an interdisciplinary treatment model that is culturally sensitive and uniquely tailored to address the health needs of communities of color.

*Expertise: Pediatrics and child and adolescent psychiatry*

### **C. DAVID THOMPSON, MBA**

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

C. David Thompson has had a successful 30-year career in equity capital markets, the oil and gas industry, and economic development. After graduating from Tulane, Thompson joined Bear, Stearns in New York in institutional equities just before the market crash of 1987. From this experience, knowing how to make the best leadership decisions under stressful conditions has been one of the focuses and cornerstones of his career. He later graduated with an MBA in finance from



New York University's Stern School of Business. Thompson eventually accepted a senior member position at Johnson Rice, an energy research and investment banking firm in New Orleans. For the last 20 years at JRCO, Thompson built and maintained numerous capital market relationships in the United States, Canada and Europe. After Hurricane Katrina, Thompson was appointed by the New Orleans City Council as a pro bono member of the Industrial Development Board of New Orleans to forge a path to the city's recovery, a position which he still serves. In 2017, Thompson joined the adjunct faculty of the A. B. Freeman School of Business. He lives in New Orleans with his wife, son and daughter.

*Expertise: Domestic and international capital markets, energy-oil and gas investments, economic development, private/public partnerships, job creation, public policy/tax incentive programs, board leadership and ethics, crisis management, and business presentations*

### **JOSEPH M. THORNHILL, MD**

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

### **BENJAMIN L. TRICHE, MD**

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

### **ANGELA TUCKER, MFA**

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Digital Media Production  
Program  
School of Liberal Arts**

Angela Tucker is an Emmy-nominated producer, writer and director. Her directorial work includes *Paper Chase*, a narrative feature in development with Gunpowder and Sky; *All Kinfolk*, *Ain't Kinfolk*, a documentary short that premiered at DOC NYC about a mayoral election in New Orleans; *All Styles*, a narrative feature currently airing on Showtime; *Black Folk Don't*, a documentary web series that was featured in Time Magazine's "10 Ideas That Are Changing Your Life"; and *(A)sexual*, a feature-length documentary about people who experience no sexual attraction, which streamed on

Netflix and Hulu. She is in her ninth year on the PBS show "AfroPop," now as a co-executive producer, and is currently producing "Belly of the Beast," which will be broadcast on PBS' *Independent Lens* in 2020. Her production company, TuckerGurl Inc., tells stories that highlight underrepresented communities. Tucker was a Sundance Institute Women Filmmakers Initiative fellow and a Yaddo fellow. She received her MFA in film from Columbia University and her BA from Wesleyan University.

*Expertise: Filmmaking*

### **RICHARD A. TURNER, MD**

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

### **SATHISHA UPPARAHALLI VENKATESHAIAH, PhD**

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

Sathisha Upparahalli Venkateshaiah received his PhD from University of Mysore, India, where he studied modulation of galectin-3 (glycoprotein) by a dietary galectin inhibitor, pectin—a polysaccharide in metastatic cancer. Later, he joined the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas, as a postdoctoral research fellow under the mentorship of Dr. Shmuel Yacoby, where he explored the role of bone marrow microenvironment in myeloma tumorigenesis. Further, Upparahalli Venkateshaiah joined the Tulane Eosinophilic Disorder Center, Section of Pulmonary Diseases, where he trained under Dr. Anil Mishra, studying the pathogenic role of immune cells in allergic diseases. His novel findings involve the critical role of IL-18 in the transformation and maturation of naive eosinophils to pathogenic immune cells. He also identified IL-15 as a novel treatment strategy for pulmonary airway hyperactivity and fibrosis.

*Expertise: Immunology, allergic diseases, lung disease and eosinophilic esophagitis*



*Andrew McDowell and Fan Zhang get to know each other. Both are faculty members at the School of Liberal Arts.*

### **CHRISTOPHER WALDO, PhD**

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

Christopher Waldo received his PhD in classics in 2019 from the University of California–Berkeley, having completed a dissertation titled “Emergent Genre: Innovation and Experimentation in the Victory Odes of Pindar and Bacchylides.” His scholarly interests include Greek lyric poetry, tragedy and historiography, and the reception of the classical tradition in contemporary Asian–American culture. He is also a co-founder and the inaugural president of the Asian and Asian American Classical Caucus.

### **MAEVE WALLACE, PhD**

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

### **WILLIAM WALLER, PhD**

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

William Waller teaches advanced financial management in the undergraduate program. He joins the Freeman School from Carnegie Mellon University, where he served as a postdoctoral fellow in finance. Waller’s research explores the interaction between macroeconomic factors, financial markets and asset prices. In addition to publishing articles in

*The Review of Financial Studies* and *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, his research has received an Inquire Europe Research Grant. Waller holds a PhD in finance from the University of North Carolina, an MS in personal financial planning from Texas Tech University, and a BS in animal science, also from Texas Tech.

### **XIAOYING WANG, MD, PhD**

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

Dr. Xiaoying Wang is the program director of brain injury research at the Clinical Neuroscience Research Center (CNRC) at Tulane University School of Medicine. Wang obtained his MD from Henan Medical University and his PhD in biophysics from Peking University Health Science Center in China. He first joined Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School in 1998 as a postdoctoral research fellow and in 2006 was promoted to associate director of the Neuroprotection Research Laboratory and associate professor at Harvard Medical School in 2012. Wang’s research focuses on cerebrovascular diseases and traumatic brain injury. Wang is an established principal investigator, has led several NIH RO1 grants and one translational NIH UO1 grant. He has published more than 130 research articles. Wang also serves on grant review panels for NIH and the American Heart Association. He also serves as an editorial board member for numerous professional journals, including *Brain Research*, *Neurological Research*, *Stroke*, *PLOS ONE*, *Translational Stroke Research* and *Frontiers Neurology*.

### **BASSAM G. WANNA, MD**

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

### **LINDSAY WEIXLER, PhD**

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

### **ALLISON WHITE, PhD**

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

## **SABRINA M. WHITE, DNP**

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

Sabrina White is a nurse practitioner specializing in heart failure and heart transplant at East Jefferson General Hospital. She received her doctorate in nursing from the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama, and holds certifications as an acute care nurse practitioner and a certified heart failure nurse. White became one of the only women in Louisiana to have an independent nurse practitioner-operated heart failure clinic. She was awarded the 2015 Florence Nightingale Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year Award and the Preventive Cardiovascular Nursing Graduate Award and was recently recognized as one of the “Top 10 Women in Healthcare” by the American Heart Association. She is passionate about heart failure education and participating in research to improve heart failure patient care, management and outcomes. White’s publications include “Evidence-Based Strategies for Advanced Heart Failure” in the *Journal of Critical Care Clinics*, and “A Heart Failure Initiative to Reduce the Length of Stay and Readmission Rates” in the *Professional Journal of Case Management*. She served on the faculty of Charity–Delgado School of Nursing, Louisiana State University School of Nursing and Herzing University. Her relentless efforts to educate others about heart failure and preventive care have resulted in numerous volunteer opportunities in churches, senior centers and various nonprofit organizations throughout the metropolitan area.

*Expertise: Heart failure, heart transplant, ventricular assist devices*

## **ROBIN STAUDINGER WILLIAMSON, MD**

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

## **YILIN YOSHIDA, PhD**

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

Yilin Yoshida is a chronic disease epidemiologist. Before coming to Tulane, she was a research faculty member at the University of Missouri–Columbia (MU). Her research spans the fields of obesity, diabetes and cancer prevention and control, health and behavioral surveillance, and health education.

Her recent works focus on the promotion and delivery methods of diabetes self-management education and support and chronic disease management among racial/ethnic minorities. Yoshida completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Health Management and Informatics at MU. Prior to that, she received her PhD from Louisiana State University’s School of Public Health with dual concentrations in community health and behavioral sciences and epidemiology. She received her Master of Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

*Expertise: Epidemiology, public health, chronic disease prevention and control, health disparity research*

## **LORENE YOXTHEIMER, MD**

*Assistant Professor, Director of Gynecologic Pathology,  
Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
School of Medicine*

Dr. Lorene M. Yoxtheimer is triple boarded in anatomic, clinical and cytopathology. She received her Bachelor of Science in biology from Bucknell University with minors in Japanese and Spanish and her medical degree is from the University of Toledo School of Medicine. She finished her residency in anatomic, clinical and cytopathology at the University of Toledo Medical Center. Yoxtheimer studied cytopathology during her first fellowship at New York–Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medicine. She finished her second fellowship in gynecologic pathology at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. She is looking forward to working with everyone at Tulane.

*Expertise: Gynecologic pathology, cytopathology*

## **FAN ZHANG, PhD**

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

Fan Zhang completed her PhD at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, and a postdoctoral fellowship at NYU Shanghai. She specializes in the visual and material culture of early medieval China and focuses on the transcultural interaction in ancient Eurasia facilitated by but not limited to the Silk Road network. Coming from an interdisciplinary background, she has joined archaeological excavations in China and Uzbekistan and engaged in museum works in Asia and the United States. She is currently working on a book project titled *Cultural Encounters: Ethnic Complexity and Material Expressions in the Fifth-century Pingcheng*.

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**Ruth Carlitz**, Assistant Professor  
**Hongwei Chen**, Assistant Professor  
**Augustine Denteh**, Assistant Professor  
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