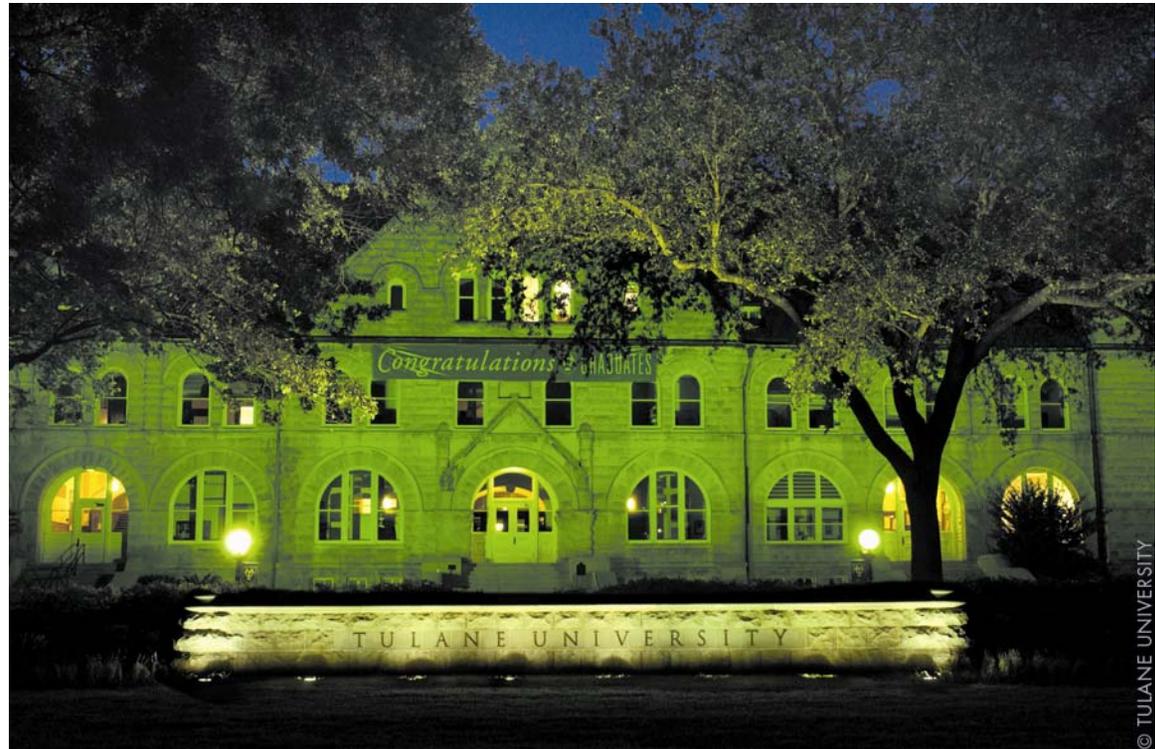


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New Faculty:  
Uptown Campus  
2007-08



August 2007

Dear new colleagues,

Welcome to the Tulane community! As you scan the new faculty roster assembled in this handbook, consider that you have joined an institution that has flourished for over a century and a half. It is a wonderful and fine tradition of which you now become a part.

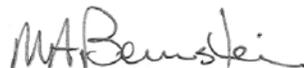
Ours is a university that is nationally and internationally recognized as a leading research and art-making institution -- one that is innovative, trend-setting, and student-centered. Our schools and colleges offer a wide array of undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees in architecture, business, law, liberal arts, medicine, public health and tropical medicine, science and engineering, and social work.

Tulane strives to connect its values and mission to the needs of the city of New Orleans, the state of Louisiana, and the Gulf Coast region – as well as to those of the nation and the wider world. Community involvement is now especially important as the University participates in the rebirth of our city and state in the wake of the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We are very proud that Tulane faculty and staff lend their expertise to rebuilding efforts while at the same time our students gain real-world experience putting their rapidly maturing skills to use.

Excellence in research and art-making, outstanding teaching and mentorship, and the striking diversity of the degree programs we offer help attract to Tulane the very best faculty and students from across our nation and from around the world. When also given the opportunity to be involved in one of the largest urban renewal projects in history, our students ultimately have an educational experience found **only in New Orleans, only at Tulane**. In the final analysis, it is you and all of the faculty and staff of our University who make Tulane the truly extraordinary place that it is today; it is the students and the wider communities we serve that are our greatest legacy.

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

Most Cordially,



Michael A. Bernstein  
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost



## ***New Uptown Faculty 2007-08***

### **Max Adrien, Ph.D.**

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

Max Adrien received his B.A. in Philosophy, Business and Theology from Loyola University Chicago, his M.A. in French Literature and Civilization from The University of Illinois Chicago, his D.E.A. [Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies] in Littérature et Civilisation Françaises from Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris III, Paris, France, and his Ph.D. in French Literature & Civilization: Seventeenth Century Classical Fables, Theater and Moralists, and Medieval Literature (11th—13th centuries epic and courtly literatures) from Tulane University. In 2002-04 Dr. Adrien was Visiting Instructor of French Language and Literature at Carleton College, in 2004-06 he was a Visiting Instructor of French at New College of Florida, and in 2006-07 he was an Adjunct Assistant Professor of French at Tulane University. Dr. Adrien's publications include articles in *Dalhousie French Studies* and *Olifant*.

### **Archie W. Ammons, Ph.D.**

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

Archie Ammons received a B.S. in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University at Galveston and a Ph.D. in Zoology from

Texas A&M University. His research specialty is in deep-sea ecosystems and marine invertebrates.

### **William Arceneaux, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Distinguished Visiting Professor of History*

William Arceneaux has just completed 20 years as president of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, of which Tulane is a charter member. He was Louisiana's first Commissioner of Higher Education (1972-1987). His last book was nominated by the LSU Press for the Pulitzer Prize in the category of Letters and Drama and is scheduled to be released in a French edition this fall.

### **O. Tolga Aricak, Ph.D.**

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

Tolga Aricak received a B.S. in Counseling and Guidance from Istanbul University, an M.A. in Psychological Services in Education and Ph.D. in Educational Sciences from the Marmara University at Istanbul. He worked at Trakya University, School of Education as assistant professor between 1999 and 2006 years. In the 2006-2007 academic years, Dr. Aricak was a visiting scholar at Indiana University Bloomington, Department of Counseling, and Educational Psychology, where he conducted several research projects with colleagues. His current research is focused on cyberbullying among adolescents.

### **John Armstrong, Ph.D.**

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

John Armstrong received his doctorate from Yale in 2006, where he has been teaching for the last year. His continuing research program concerns quantum topology, studying the interactions between knot theory, category theory, representation theory, and theoretical physics. He is also active in mathematical exposition for the generally interested lay audience, writing "The Unapologetic Mathematician" online at <http://unapologetic.wordpress.com>

### **San Hla Aung, Ph.D.**

*School of Science and Engineering  
Professor of Practice*

San Hla Aung graduated from the University of Rangoon, Burma, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in March 1958 and taught there for two years. He then attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering in May 1962. After teaching at the Rangoon Institute of Technology until 1988, he came to Tulane University and worked in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. He obtained his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Tulane in May 2000 and is now a Professor of Practice in the School of Science and Engineering. His areas of interest in research include local buckling of high strength concrete box piers and

prefabricated construction with precast concrete and with wood.

**Leonardo Avritzer, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Greenleaf Visiting Professor, Latin  
American Studies and Anthropology*

**Larry Catá Backer**

*Law School  
Visiting Professor of Law*

Larry Catá Backer received a B.A. in History from Brandeis University, an M.P.P. from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and a J.D. from Columbia University Law School. From 2000, he has served as Professor of Law, Pennsylvania State University, and Dickinson School of Law. From 1991 through 2000 he served as Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Comparative and International Law Center, University of Tulsa College of Law. His current research is focused on globalization law.

**Gergely Bana, Ph.D.**

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

Gergely Bana received an M.Sc. equivalent Diploma in Physics from Eötvös University, Budapest, an M.A. in Statistics and then a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. Subsequently, he was a post-doctoral fellow in Mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania and then in Computer Science at the University of California, Davis. His current research is focused on

symbolic and complexity-theoretic methods in network security.

**Chad R. Bhatti, Ph.D.**

*School of Science and Engineering  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Mathematics*

Chad R. Bhatti is a NSF VIGRE Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of Mathematics at Tulane University. Dr. Bhatti completed his Ph.D. in Statistics at the George R. Brown School of Engineering at Rice University in May 2007. His dissertation was titled "Statistical Models for Intraday Trading Dynamics." Dr. Bhatti's primary research interests are in the areas of statistics, high-frequency finance, and econometrics.

**Thomas C. Bishop, Ph.D.**

*School of Science and Engineering  
Research Associate Professor, Center for  
Computational Science*

Tom Bishop was recruited to Tulane and Xavier Universities under the Joint Faculty appointments program. He is a founding member of the New Orleans Protein Folding Intergroup and the Center for Computational Science. He is a computational molecular biologist and employs high performance parallel computers and mathematical modeling to investigate biomolecular complexes. His primary research interests are the structure and dynamics of DNA and chromatin and how they relate to genetic function and dysfunction (e.g. transcription, regulation, replication and repair). He studies

molecular events in the hormone response mechanism as a model system for this research. This mechanism regulates a number of physiologic processes, including cell differentiation, growth, development and brain function. It therefore plays a critical role in human health and disease. He has developed a multiscale model of chromatin that bridges between atomic and continuum scales. It is being utilized to investigate nucleosome stability and chromatin folding for entire genomes and to rapidly assemble individual nucleosomes for subsequent analysis by all atom molecular dynamics simulations. Dr. Bishop has received support for this research from the Louisiana Board of Regents, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institutes of Health. Current support is from the Louisiana Board of Regents Research Competitiveness Program, the recently awarded La Board of Regents and NSF EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement: Information Technology Award and an NIH R01.

**Michael A. Bernstein, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Professor, History  
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
and Provost*

Michael Bernstein comes to Tulane University from the University of California, San Diego, where he was Dean of Arts and Humanities and a professor (and former chair) of History. His teaching and research interests focus on the economic and political history of the United States, macroeconomic theory, industrial

organization economics, and the history of economic theory. His publications explore the connections between political and economic processes in modern industrial societies, as well as the interaction of economic knowledge and professional expertise with those processes as a whole. Along with numerous articles and anthology chapters, he has published four volumes: *The Great Depression: Delayed Recovery and Economic Change in America, 1929-1939*; *Understanding American Economic Decline* [co-edited with David Adler]; *The Cold War and Expert Knowledge: New Essays on the History of the National Security State* [co-edited with Allen Hunter]; and *A Perilous Progress: Economists and Public Purpose in Twentieth Century America*.

**Mary Blue, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Assistant Professor,  
Communication*

Mary Blue completed her doctoral work at the Louisiana State University in 1981. Her research has been primarily in communication in broadcast and film and she has two articles coming out in communication journals in Fall 2007 and Spring 2008. She just completed a research grant from the National Association of Broadcasters.

**Michael Blum, Ph.D.**

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

Michael Blum received a B.A. in Integrative Biology from U.C. Berkeley and a Ph.D. in

Zoology from Duke University. From 2003 through 2006, Dr. Blum was a federal postdoctoral fellow at the Molecular Ecology Research Branch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. During this time, Dr. Blum initiated national research programs on the effects of land use, invasive species, and global environmental change on aquatic ecosystems. His current research focuses on responses of stream fishes to land use and salt marsh responses to global environmental change.

**Brenda Brasher, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Professor, Sociology*

Brenda Brasher comes to Tulane University from the Sociology Department, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. She completed her doctoral work in Social Ethics in 1996 at the University of Southern California. A former Fulbright Scholar/Researcher, she is the author of two books: *Godly Women: Fundamentalism and Female Power* (Rutgers University Press), and *Give Me That Online Religion* (Jossey Bass), as well as chief editor of the Encyclopedia of Fundamentalism (Routledge) and co-author (with Lee Quinby) of the recently published *Gender and Apocalyptic Desire* (Equinox Press). Her current research focuses on ethnicity, globalization and identity.

**Gary H. Brooks, Ph.D.**

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

Gary H. Brooks received his B.A. degree in Political Science from Millsaps College, his M.A. degree in Political Science from Tulane University, his Ph.D. degree in Political Science from the University of Kansas, and the M.Div. degree from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. Brooks, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), taught at the College of Charleston, the University of Arkansas -- Little Rock, and the University of Mississippi and as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Belmont Abbey College. Southern politics, American protest movements, and religion in American politics are special interests.

**Richard Campanella**

*School of Science and Engineering  
Associate Director, Center for  
Bioenvironmental Research  
Research Professor, Earth and  
Environmental Sciences*

Richard Campanella is a geographer and mapping scientist and specializes in GIS, remote sensing, and spatial analyses applied to both the physical and social sciences. Campanella's expertise involves the historical geography of New Orleans, a topic on which he has published three critically acclaimed books including *Geographies of New Orleans: Urban Fabrics Before the Storm* (2006), winner of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities "Book of the Year" Award. Campanella has published scholarly articles in the *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Architectural Education*, *Technology in Society*, *EOS Transactions-American Geophysical Union*, and

*Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*. He teaches classes in urban geography, historical geography, and GIS applications.

**Albert A. Cannella Jr., Ph.D.**

*A. B. Freeman School of Business  
Koerner Chair in Strategy and  
Entrepreneurship*

Albert Cannella Jr. received his MBA from the University of Northern Iowa in 1985 and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1991. Prior to joining Tulane, he served as Hahnco Professor of Strategic Management and Department Head at Arizona State University. He served on the faculty of Texas A&M University from 1989 until 2004, where he was B. Marie Oth Professor of Strategic Management. He was Program Chair for the Business Policy and Strategy division of the Academy of Management in 1999, and President of the division in 2001. From 1998 through 2001 he was head of the Management Department's Ph.D. program at Texas A&M University, and from 2000 to 2004 he served as the Director of the Texas A&M Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship. He was Associate Editor of *Academy of Management Review* from 1999-2002. He currently serves on the editorial review boards of *Academy of Management Journal*, *Journal of Management*, and *Administrative Science Quarterly*. His research has appeared in outlets such as the *Academy of Management Journal*, *Academy of Management Review*, *Strategic Management Journal*, *Journal of Management*, and *Journal of Financial Economics*. He teaches entrepreneurship,

strategic management, research methods, and project management.

**Gaile S. Cannella, Ed.D.**

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

Gaile Cannella completed her doctoral work in education at the University of Georgia in 1979. For the past three years she was a professor of qualitative research methods at Arizona State University and before that a tenured professor at Texas A&M University, where she served as the institutional chairperson of the research review board. She has published 2 authored books, 2 edited books, and a range of chapters and articles in journals like *Qualitative Inquiry* and *Cultural Studies-Critical Methodologies*. Her focus is the development of critical social science research methods with an emphasis on feminist, post-structural, and post-colonial perspectives.

**Mark Carson, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Assistant Professor, History*

Mark Carson completed his doctoral work in 2003 at Louisiana State University with the successful defense of his dissertation "Beyond the Solid South: Southern Members of Congress and the Vietnam War." He is presently revising his dissertation for publication.

**John Caruso, Ph.D.**

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

John Caruso returned to Tulane's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in 2006. He previously held full-time teaching positions at the University of New Orleans, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Loyola University, and Lafayette College. He received his Ph.D. from Tulane in 1977 and has served as Interim Curator of Fishes and Adjunct Professor at Tulane. John is a marine ichthyologist who studies the systematic and distribution of deep-sea anglerfishes. He is recognized as the world authority on chaunacid and lophiid anglerfishes.

**Marco A. Castaneda, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Assistant Professor, Economics*

Marco A. Castaneda received a B.A. with emphasis in Mathematics and Economics from the University of Alaska in Juneau and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Washington University in St. Louis. His research is focused on the effects of asymmetric information and incomplete contracts on the organization of production.

**Teri F. Chalmers, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Lecturer, French and Italian*

Teri Chalmers received a B.A. in Italian and Linguistics from Newcomb College of Tulane University, an M.A. in Italian from UCLA, and a Ph.D. in Medieval Romance Languages and Literatures at Tulane University. Her chief interests are French, Italian and Spanish narratives of the 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, and translating. She is

completing a translation of an 18th century French manuscript describing the travels of a Frenchman to Saint-Domingue and Louisiana, including New Orleans. The author describes the flora and fauna of the Gulf Coast and the Mississippi River region, the Native American tribes found there, and other aspects of life in the new colony.

**Ronan Chalmin, Ph.D.**

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

Ronan Chalmin completed his dissertation in French literature at Yale University in 2005. His dissertation, "Corruption and the Chemistry of the Enlightenment", shows how the complex chemistry of corruption, the dark sun of the French Enlightenment, permitted that period to generate its brightest light. Dr. Chalmin is currently working on a new project: *Libertine Architectures*.

**Sarina Chen, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies*

Sarina Chen wrote her doctoral work in Jewish Folklore department at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where her dissertation "Between Poetics and Politics - Vision and Praxis in Current Activity to Construct the Third Temple" was supported by a Varburg Fellowship.

**Shane Courtland, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy*

**James Cronin, Ph.D.**

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

James Cronin earned a B.A. in Psychology in 1980 from Loyola University, New Orleans. An M.S. followed by a Ph.D. in Physiological Psychology (Neuroscience) was awarded from Tulane University in 1990. After completing his graduate course work, he conducted research at UCLA in Los Angeles under the direction of Dr. F Edward Dudek, who had moved there from Tulane. He worked in industry until 2001, until returning to research at the Gene Therapy Program of LSU Medical School in New Orleans. James began teaching at Tulane for the Cell and Molecular Biology Department in 2006.

**Brian James DeMare, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Assistant Professor, History*

Brian DeMare completed his doctoral work in History in 2007 at the University of California at Los Angeles. His dissertation, "Turning Bodies and Turning Minds: Land Reform and Chinese Political Culture, 1946-1952" was supported by a Fulbright-Hays fellowship as well as an NSEP grant. Professor DeMare is currently revising his dissertation for publication.

**Alison Denham, D.Phil.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Professor of Philosophy*

Alison Denham obtained her B.A., from UC Berkeley and her M.A. and D.Phil. from

Oxford University. She is a member of the Philosophy Faculty and a permanent Fellow at St. Anne's College, Oxford University. Dr Denham is the author of a number of scholarly works in the theory of value including the book *Metaphor and Moral Experience* (OUP, 2000). She is currently editing a volume titled *Plato on Art* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2009) and completing a book on social and ethical value in contemporary conceptual art. Dr. Denham's current research interests include philosophical issues in moral psychology, with a special focus on psychopathic personality disorder. Before taking up her Fellowship at St. Anne's, she held faculty positions at Balliol and St. John's Colleges at Oxford University as well as Reed College in the U.S. Dr. Denham has twice held visiting fellowships at the Centre Nationale de Recherche Scientifique in Paris, France. She will offer courses in legal ethics and moral psychology while at Tulane. In addition to her scholarly work, she plays the violin and viola and is the curator and director of Oxford's Mary Ogilvie Gallery, exhibiting contemporary artists from both Europe and the U.S.

**Sean Desilets, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English*

Sean Desilets received his B.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1992, an M.A. in English from Tufts University in 1997 and a Ph.D. in English from Tufts University in 2006. His dissertation, "Seed of Fire: Immanence in Cinema and the Novel," considers the persistence of theological models of

presence in Victorian novels and in films from the first half of the twentieth century. His essay on Carl Th. Dreyer's *The Passion of Joan of Arc* appeared in *Camera Obscura*, and he has presented his work at several Northeast Modern Language Association Conferences, at Harvard University's Center for Literary and Cultural Studies, and at the Center for the Study of Theory and Criticism at the University of Western Ontario.

**Shi Di, Ph.D.**

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

Dr. Shi Di received her Ph.D. in physiological psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1991. Her training and research interests are focused on electrophysiology and neurophysiology. She has applied the whole cell patch clamp technique in the study of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal system. In conjunction with other advanced molecular and imaging techniques, her research has made progress in understanding steroid hormone regulation of the hypothalamic neuroendocrine system.

**Claire Moore Dickerson, J.D., LL.M. in Taxation**

*Law School  
Visiting Professor, Sen. Breaux Chair in Law*

Claire Dickerson earned her J.D. from Columbia School of Law, where she was a Stone Scholar, her A.B. from Wellesley

College, where she was a Durant Scholar (equivalent of magna cum laude), and an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law. Most recently, she has been professor of law and Arthur L. Dickson Scholar at Rutgers University School of Law – Newark. Before teaching, she was a partner in the international law firm of Coudert Brothers where she specialized in international commercial transactions. Her scholarship has applied socioeconomic principles to business related areas of law, with a particular focus on standards of performance, in both the domestic and international realms. Most recently, she has been studying the OHADA system of business laws, uniform over 16 countries in West and Central Africa.

**Gustavo Didier, Ph.D.**

*School of Science and Engineering  
Assistant Professor, Mathematics*

Gustavo Didier received a Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2007. His current research interests are in Stochastic Processes and Time Series Analysis, with a focus on Wavelets, Long Range Dependence and Multivariate Methods.

**Robert S. Dotson, Ph.D.**

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

Robert Steven Dotson was born in Kingsport, Tennessee and grew up in the foothills of Appalachia. He received a B.S. in Biochemistry in 1989 from Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience in 1998 from Tulane

University. He worked as an academic counselor at Loyola University New Orleans and supervised a microscopy laboratory at Tulane before joining the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, where he currently teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses. In his spare time, he enjoys painting and bicycling.

**Kate Drabinski, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Women's Studies*

Kate Drabinski received her Ph.D. in Rhetoric with a Designated Emphasis in Women, Gender and Sexuality from the University of California at Berkeley upon completion of her dissertation, "Ancient Bodies, Contemporary Selves: Reading Gender in Late Antique Christian Asceticism," in December 2006. Her current research brings her dissertation work on ancient ethical and political practices into conversation with contemporary theories of embodiment and transgender subjectivity.

**Meredith Dudley, Ph.D.**

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

**Markus Eberl, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow,  
Anthropology*

Markus Eberl received his M.A. in Anthropology and Latin American Studies

in 1999 at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Bonn, Germany, with a thesis on death and burial in Classic Maya culture that was subsequently published (2005) in a revised Spanish translation. In 2007, he completed his doctoral thesis "Community heterogeneity and integration: The Maya sites of Nacimiento, Dos Ceibas, and Cerro de Cheyo (El Peten, Guatemala) during the Late Classic" at the Department of Anthropology at Tulane University. He has been conducting archaeological fieldwork in Germany, Mexico, and Guatemala and he has been working with Maya glyphic inscriptions. His current research focuses on communities, social aspects of technology, and elite-commoner relationships in past societies.

**Minghu Fang, Ph.D.**

*School of Science and Engineering  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Physics*

Minghu Fang received his Ph.D. from Zhejiang University in China 1992, and did postdoctoral work at Kyoto University. He was most recently a Professor of Physics at Zhejiang University. His research interests include Experimental Research on superconductivity, Magnetism of low dimension materials, and Novel physics of strongly correlated electron systems.

**Dietmar Felber, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Assistant Professor, German*

**Chris Ferro, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy*

Chris Ferro did his doctoral work in the philosophy department at the University of Chicago. He defended his dissertation, "The Possibility of Practice and Practical Thought," in August of 2007. His research interests include the nature of human agency; the metaphysics of mind, value, and personhood; and the history of modern philosophy.

**Keith Finlay, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Assistant Professor, Economics*

Keith Finlay completed his doctoral work in Economics in 2007 at the University of California, Irvine. His dissertation, "External Effects of Incarceration in Labor and Marriage Markets," explored the effect of greater employer access to criminal history records on the labor market outcomes of ex-offenders and non-offenders. Dr. Finlay is currently working on projects examining low skill labor markets and the labor market effects of pre-employment screening.

**Luciana C. Fiorini**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics*

Born in Brazil, Luciana Fiorini entered the Federal University of Minas Gerais in 1992 and received her B.A. in 1996. That same year she entered the University of São Paulo to pursue an M.A. in Economics, which she received in 2000. Entering Brown University in 2001, she received her M.A. in 2002 and Ph.D. in 2007. Her

research interests include Economic Theory, Microeconomics and Financial Economics.

**Holly Flora, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Professor, Art*

Holly Flora received her Ph.D. at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University in 2005. Her research explores devotional art in late medieval Italy, and has been supported by fellowships from the American Association of University Women, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa, Italy, and the Andrew Mellon Foundation. Her articles have appeared in *Gesta*, *Bolletino Storico Pisano*, and *Studies in Iconography*, and she is currently at work on a book on gender and illustrated manuscripts of the *Meditationes Vitae Christi*. Before coming to Tulane, Dr. Flora worked as a curator and lecturer in New York at the Museum of Biblical Art, The Frick Collection and The Cloisters.

**Nicole Gasparini, Ph.D.**

*School of Science and Engineering  
Assistant Professor, Earth and Environmental Science*

Nicole Gasparini received her B.S. in Applied Mathematics and B.A. in Physical Geography from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She received her S.M. and Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Gasparini was a post-doctoral fellow in Geology and Geophysics at Yale University for two years. She spent one year working on Capital Hill as the

Geological Society of America/United States Geological Survey Congressional Fellow. Before coming to Tulane, she worked as a post-doc in the School of Earth and Space Exploration at Arizona State University. Dr. Gasparini's research focuses on river erosion and landscape evolution.

**Daniel Gates, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Visiting Professor, English*

Daniel Gates received a B.A. in English from Seattle Pacific University and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Notre Dame. He has published articles on despair in Doctor Faustus and on the religious culture of Renaissance England; currently he is working on a book on early modern emotions entitled *Fevers of the Soul*. Prior to coming to Tulane, he taught courses in early modern literature at Rhodes College.

**Abigail Gaunt, J.D.**

*School of Law  
Legal Instructor*

Abigail Gaunt received a B.A. from Dartmouth College in 2000 and a J.D. from Fordham University in 2005. Prior to joining the Legal Research & Writing faculty at Tulane Law School in 2007, Ms. Gaunt completed a judicial clerkship on the US District Court for the Southern District of New York, followed by another clerkship on the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. During law school, she worked at the New York County District Attorney's Office, the Legal Aid Society (Juvenile Rights Division), and for a major New York

law firm. Prior to law school, she worked as a Victim Witness Advocate at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Boston. She is a member of the New York State Bar.

**Lisa Rengo George, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Lecturer, Classics*

Lisa George received her B.A. from Vassar College and M.A. and Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College in Classical Studies. Her most recent publication is a book, *Prostitutes in Plautus*. Her specialties include Homer, Gender Studies and Greek and Roman Drama.

**So`Nia L. Gilkey, Ph.D., LCSW**

*School of Social Work  
Assistant Professor, Social Work*

So`Nia Gilkey received a B.S. in Psychology from Alcorn State University in 1990, a Master of Social Work from Clark Atlanta University in 2000, and a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh in June 2007. Dr. Gilkey was an International Fellow for the Training of Women and Development Research Project at Clark Atlanta University and has worked as a social work mental health clinician for the past 13 years. She has been designated as an approved mental health service provider for the Greater New Orleans Public Health Services Corps program, and is soon to receive an appointment as a mental health clinician for the U.S. Public Health Services Corps. She currently publishes on issues related to the psychosocial impact of disaster and critical incident in children and families,

and pediatric traumatic brain injury and its impact on child and family recovery. In addition, she conducts ongoing research on homelessness, African-American male youths and mental health, the intersections of race and socio-economic indicators in vulnerable groups, and current housing policies and access to affordable housing in distressed communities.

**Antonio Gómez, Ph.D.**

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

Antonio Gómez (Mendoza, Argentina) recently received his Ph.D. in Latin American Literature from the University of Pittsburgh. His research interests include the discourse of exile in Latin American culture, especially in Cuba and Argentina, cinematic representations of trauma in Argentine cinema, and the writing of recent history in a postnational context. He is currently revising his dissertation *El discurso latinoamericano del exilio: extraterritorialidad y novela en Argentina y Cuba desde los años setenta* for publication.

**Vijaya Gopu, Ph.D.**

*School of Science and Engineering  
Professor, Center for Bioenvironmental Research*

Dr. Vijaya (VJ) Gopu is Distinguished Scholar in the Center for Bioenvironmental Research at Tulane University. He also serves as the Associate Director for External Programs at Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC). Dr. Gopu served as the Chair of the Civil

and Environmental Engineering Department at Tulane University from 2003-2007. Prior to joining Tulane University, he was the Chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Associate Director for the University Transportation Center at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Dr. Gopu served as the Program Director for the Structural Systems and Engineering in the Directorate of Engineering at the National Science Foundation from 1998-2001.

He holds the Formosa Plastics Distinguished Professor Emeritus position at LSU where he served for 22 years. He also served as a visiting professor at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden, and as a visiting scientist at Forintek in Vancouver, Canada. He received his MS and Ph.D. from Colorado State University in '72 and '75 respectively and worked as a structural consultant in Denver for three years before joining the faculty ranks in 1978.

Dr. Gopu is a recipient of the International Wood Award from the Forest Products Society and numerous awards for teaching, research and professional service. His areas of research interest include structural engineering, modeling of structures, hazard mitigation, structural polymeric composites, heavy engineered timber structures, non-destructive evaluation of infrastructure systems, and building science.

He has over 160 technical papers to his credit and has supervised the research work of 45 masters and doctoral students. Dr. Gopu served as the principal investigator or co-principal investigator of over \$5M of research projects funded by local, state, federal and international agencies. Dr. Gopu is active in several national and international technical committees, and has served as a member of several federal interagency working groups. He is the Chairman of the American Society of Civil Engineers Committee on Wood Research and served as the Conference Chair for the World Conference on Timber Engineering held in New Orleans in 1996. While serving at NSF, he established a joint NSF-HUD initiative in support of President Clinton's PATH --Partnership for Advancing Technologies for Housing -- program. Dr. Gopu is a registered professional engineer in the State of Louisiana and has served as a structural engineering consultant to numerous firms in the region.

**James Gordley, MBA., J.D.**

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James Gordley came to Tulane Law School from Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley, where he served on the faculty beginning in 1978. He was a fellow at the Institute of Comparative Law at the University of Florence, an associate with the Boston firm of Foley Hoag & Eliot, and an Ezra Ripley Thayer Fellow at Harvard before beginning his teaching career.

Professor Gordley has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fulbright Fellow, a Senior NATO Fellow and a fellow of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. He has been a visiting professor at the Universities of Fribourg, Regensburg, Munich, Milan, and Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi; a visiting scholar at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Law in Hamburg, the European University Institute in Fiesole, and the University of Cologne; and the Jean Monnet Distinguished Professor in Comparative Law at the University of Trent. He was awarded the UC Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award in 1984 and the Rutter Award for Teaching Distinction in 2001. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

He is the author of several books, including *Foundations of Private Law*; *An Introduction to the Comparative Study of Private Law* (with Arthur von Mehren); *The Enforceability of Promises in European Contract Law*; *Gratian, The Treatise on Laws with the Ordinary Gloss* (with Augustine Thompson); and *The Philosophical Origins of Modern Contract Doctrine*.

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Diane M. Grams is the author of *Producing Local Color: Ethnic Art Networks in Chicago* (forthcoming University of Chicago Press) and co-editor of *Entering Cultural Communities: Diversity and Change in the Nonprofit Arts* (Grams and Farrell, Rutgers University Press 2008).

Her areas of expertise are the sociology of culture and organizations with a particular focus on arts producers in racial and ethnic communities. She received her Ph.D. and M.A. from Loyola University, Chicago, where she was a Schmitt Dissertation Fellow. Most recently, she was the Associate Director at the Cultural Policy Center at the University of Chicago. She has an extensive history of service, research and work in the nonprofit arts including serving as the executive director of The Peace Museum, Chicago. She has a B.A. in fine arts from Indiana University, Bloomington and is an alumna of Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.

**Catherine Gubernatis, Ph.D.**

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Catherine Gubernatis received a B.A. in English and History from Mount Holyoke College and completed both her masters and her doctoral work at The Ohio State University. She is currently working on expanding her dissertation "The Epistolary Form in Twentieth-Century Fiction" into a book.

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Michael Guill received a B.A. in Environmental Science from the University of Virginia in 1990, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Tulane in 1994 and 2002, respectively.

Michael worked at Loyola University prior to Hurricane Katrina, and has subsequently returned to his alma mater as a Visiting and Research Assistant Professor, where he has continued to teach and conduct research on freshwater fishes. Michael lives Uptown with his wife Terenia (also a Tulane alumna) and their two children, James and Mia Rose.

**Anjeana K. Hans**

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Anjeana Hans completed her Ph.D. in 2005 at Harvard University. Her dissertation, "Defining Desires: Homosexual Identity and German Discourse 1900-1933," examined sexual and gender identity by tracing its cultural and discursive construction in German culture and literature from the beginning of the 20th century. She is currently working on a book-project that examines the manner in which horror films of the Weimar period symbolically represent the trauma of war and modernity.

**Khaled Helmy, Ph.D. candidate**

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Khaled Helmy is finishing his doctoral work in Political Science at Harvard with a dissertation on the interaction of Middle Eastern religious parties with the unfolding political liberalization processes. His research focuses on democratization and the relationship between religion & politics

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**Louise Hornby, Ph.D.**

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Louise Hornby received her Ph.D. in 2007 from the Department of Comparative Literature at the University of California, Berkeley. Her work spans the fields of literature, photography, and film, which she brings together in her dissertation, "Photographic Modernism: The Pursuit of Objectivity."

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Janarthanan Jayawickramarajah received his BS degree (with honors) in chemistry and a minor in anthropology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2000. He obtained a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin in 2005. For his graduate work on supramolecular ensembles derived from base-pairing he received the Dorothy Banks Research Fellowship. After a short postdoctoral stint at Yale University he joined the faculty at Tulane. Currently, his research focuses on the development of bio-inspired functional supramolecules.

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Karen Johannesson received her B.S. in Geology from the University of New Hampshire, her M.S. in Geology and Geophysics from Boston College, and her Ph.D. in Hydrology and Hydrogeology from the University of Nevada in Reno. She was a post-doc and research scientist at the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and held faculty positions at Old Dominion University (assistant professor) and The University of Texas at Arlington (associate and full professor) before joining Tulane University. Her research chiefly concerns biogeochemical cycling and speciation of trace elements in the natural waters, with emphasis on the rare earth elements (lanthanide series) and toxic metalloids such as arsenic, selenium, and antimony.

**Victor Jones, M.Arch.**

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Victor Jones received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and a Master of Architecture from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. Before joining the Tulane faculty, Mr. Jones taught at the University of Southern California, the University of California Los Angeles, and Clemson University. His research addresses the application of computer aided manufacturing techniques in architecture

with particular focus on parameters of technology with regard to social and cultural variations. In 2002, Mr. Jones initiated the design practice Fievrre Jones that is involved in commercial and residential projects throughout the United States and France. The current work of the office focuses on the integration of new digital technologies, specifically computer aided manufacturing in the design and fabrication of architectural projects. Recent projects include an exhibition design for photographer Julius Shulman in Paris and a variety of residential projects in Los Angeles. The work has been exhibited at the Institut de l'architecture in Paris France and has been published in several journals, including *AMC Moniteur* and *Architecture Aujourd'hui*.

**Michael O. Joyce, Ph.D.**

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Michael O. Joyce is a Tulane graduate, class of 2000, receiving degrees in Mathematics and Physics. He received his Ph.D. in Mathematics in 2005 at Brown University, where he also completed postdoctoral work. His research is in the areas of number theory and algebraic geometry. More specifically, Michael studies the behavior of whole number solutions to polynomial equations. Outside of math, he enjoys playing cards, jogging, and reading.

**Christopher Michael Kane, Ph.D.**

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Christopher Kane completed his doctoral work in Philosophy in 2007 at Brown University. He was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Nebraska at Omaha during 2006-2007. His areas of specialization are Epistemology and Metaphysics, and his current research focuses particularly on causation and physicalism.

**Todd Kennedy, Ph.D.**

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Todd Kennedy earned his Ph.D. in 20th Century American Literature and Film from the University of South Carolina, his M.A. from New York University, and his B.A. from the Virginia Military Institute. The former chair of the South Atlantic MLA's Hemingway Society, Kennedy has published articles on filmic texts and Bob Dylan, and he is currently working his dissertation into a book tentatively titled *Hitting the American Highway: The Ontology of the Hobo-Hero in Twentieth Century American Culture*.

**Michelle Kohler, Ph.D.**

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Michelle Kohler received her Ph.D. in American Literature from the University of Oregon in 2006. Her dissertation, "Eyesight, Insight, and Literary Form in Nineteenth-Century American Literature," was supported by two University fellowships, and two sections of the project have appeared as articles in scholarly journals. She is currently working on a book manuscript entitled "The Forms

of Vision: Genre and Metaphor in Nineteenth-Century American Literature."

**Alexander Kolker, Ph.D.**

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Alexander Kolker studies the effects of climate variability and human activities on coastal systems. He is engaged in several projects including: examining the interplay between subsidence and sediment deposition in the Mississippi Delta, determining the impacts of sea level change on wetland biogeochemistry, and understanding the influence of large atmospheric pressure systems on sea level variability. He received his Masters (2000) and Doctorate (2005) degrees from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. During this time he studied the effect of climate variability and human activities in the salt marshes surrounding Long Island, New York.

**Christopher N. Lawrence, Ph.D.**

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Chris Lawrence received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Memphis and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Lawrence has held previous teaching appointments at Millsaps College, Duke University, and Saint Louis University. His current research is concerned with the effects of

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**Nancy Lawrence, Ph.D. candidate**

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Nancy Lawrence will complete her doctorate this year in philosophy at The University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. Her areas of specialization are the philosophy of logic, epistemology, metaphysics, and feminism, particularly the metaphysics of gender. Her dissertation is on the revisability of logic and its relation to *a priori* knowledge. In 2006-07, she was a visiting instructor at Wake Forest University.

**Stuart Lazar, J.D., LL.M**

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Professor Lazar obtained his A.B. (1990) and J.D. (1992) from the University of Michigan and an L.L.M. in Taxation from New York University in 1996. He is visiting Tulane from Thomas Cooley School of Law, where he was the Assistant Director of the Graduate Tax Program. He has also taught at Roger Williams University School of Law as adjunct professor and at Boston University School of Law as Lecturer in the Graduate Tax Program. After his graduation from law school, Professor Lazar worked as a tax associate at the New York law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and then as a partner at Edwards & Angell in Providence and Boston. His teaching, research, and writing interests are in the field of taxation.

**Rebecca Lehman, Ph.D.**

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Rebecca Lehman did her undergraduate work at Princeton University under Wee Teck Gan and Peter Sarnak, and her graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology under Jason Starr and Izzet Coskun. At Tulane, she is a VIGRE postdoc in the Algebra/Algebraic Geometry group. Her current interests are in the algebraic geometry of curves and moduli spaces.

**Denys P. Leighton, Ph.D.**

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Denys Leighton did undergraduate work in history and German language and literature at the University of Virginia and the University of Freiburg, Germany. He did graduate work at Oxford University and Washington University, St. Louis, where he received a Ph.D. in British and European history in 2000. He is author of *The Greenian Moment: T. H. Green, Religion and Political Argument in Victorian Britain* (Exeter, UK: Imprint Academic, 2004) and various articles in British, European and American history. He is presently compiling two volumes of contemporary recollections and documents relating to the Oxford philosopher T. H. Green (1836-1882) and William Morris (1834-1896), the socialist, artist and critic, to be published by Pickering and Chatto in 2009. Another area of his work is history of philosophy in the British Empire, ca. 1830-1970, and the construction of the twentieth-century

subdiscipline 'comparative philosophy'. He recently contributed articles to the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History*. Between 2003 and 2007, Denys taught at the University of Delhi, India.

**Eric Leininger, Ph.D.**

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Eric Leininger received his Ph.D. from the department of Cell and Molecular Biology at Tulane University in 2007. His graduate work and dissertation were on the plasticity of developing hippocampal neurons. He has authored a peer-reviewed publication and received awards for his graduate research. He now studies limb regeneration and development in the Muneoka lab.

**Jill Locke, Ph.D.**

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Jill Locke completed her doctoral work in Political Theory in 2000 at Rutgers University, where her dissertation was supported by a Charlotte Newcombe Fellowship in Ethics. During the 2006-07 academic year, Dr. Locke was a Faculty Fellow at Tulane's Murphy Institute Center for Ethics and Public Affairs. She is contributing co-editor of *Feminist Interpretations of Alexis de Tocqueville* (forthcoming from Pennsylvania State University Press) and writing a book about the relationship between shame and democratic citizenship.

**Courtney Lopreore, Ph.D.**

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Courtney Lopreore received a B.S. in chemistry from Tulane University and a Ph.D. in chemical physics from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Lopreore was a post-doctoral fellow at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies and Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Her current research is focused on signal transmission in neurological cells.

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**Jessica Maier, Ph.D.**

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Jessica Maier received her doctorate from the Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University in 2006. Her dissertation, "Imago Romae: Renaissance Visions of the Eternal City," was completed with the support of a Predoctoral Rome Prize Fellowship from the American Academy in Rome. Her

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**Ryan K. McBride, Ph.D.**

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Ryan K. McBride completed his doctoral work in Philosophy in 2005 at Marquette University with a dissertation on Plato's Timaeus. He was a Visiting Assistant Professor at St. Norbert College from 2005-2007, where he taught writing-intensive courses including Philosophy of Tragedy and Aesthetics. He is currently working on a book entitled *Plato's Theogony* that works to elucidate the cosmology of the Timaeus by describing its connections to an ancient poetic genre.

**Grant McCall, Ph.D.**

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**Elisabeth McMahon, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
Assistant Professor, History*

Elisabeth McMahon completed her doctoral work in African History in 2005 at Indiana University, where her dissertation research was supported by a Fulbright Fellowship. After two years as the managing editor of the journal *Africa Today*, Dr. McMahon took a visiting faculty position at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Her research explores the creation of community and identity in the post-emancipation Zanzibar islands.

**James S. Miller, Ph.D.**

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Research Associate Professor, Ecology  
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Jim Miller received his bachelor's degree from Hampshire College in 1976. He received a Ph.D. in 1986 from Cornell University, where he studied the evolution of hostplant relationships in swallowtail butterflies. He then spent a postdoctoral year at the Smithsonian Institution investigating the evolution of moths in the Neotropical subfamily Dioprinae (Notodontidae). These moths are unusual in being brightly colored as adults. Their caterpillars feed on passion vines and nightshades, plants famous as hosts for tropical butterfly groups. Jim then became curator of Lepidoptera at the American Museum of Natural History (1987--1999), where his research continued to focus on systematics of the Dioprinae. He currently holds Research Associate status at both the Smithsonian and the American Museum.

**Lisa Molix, Ph.D.**

*School of Science and Engineering  
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Lisa Molix received a B.A. in Psychology and Spanish as well as an M.A. and Ph.D. in Social and Personality Psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Molix's dissertation work was supported via funding from the National Institute of Mental Health, the American Psychological Association, and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Her current research is focused on health and

well-being among members of marginalized social groups and improving intergroup relations.

**Michael J. Moore, Ph.D.**

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Michael Moore received his B.S. in Biological Systems Engineering from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1999, shortly after marrying his wife Lisa. In 2005, he received a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, MN. His dissertation research, focused on the use of biodegradable scaffolds for spinal cord regeneration, was supported by a Kirschstein National Research Service Award from the NIH. He went on to do postdoctoral work jointly between the Chemical Engineering Department at MIT and the Schepens Eye Research Institute at Harvard Medical School, where his research involved injectable formulations for neurotrophin delivery to the diseased retina. He is currently investigating the use of smart biomaterials for guiding regenerating axons at the optic chiasm. Dr. Moore and his wife and two children live in the Broadmoor neighborhood and are only slightly fearful of hurricanes and floods.

**Sadredin Moosavi, Ph.D.**

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Professor of Practice, Earth and  
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Sadredin (Dean) Moosavi's geoscience research focuses on climate change and

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**Walter Lee Murfee, Ph.D.**

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Walter Lee Murfee received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Virginia. From 2005-2007, Dr. Murfee was a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Bioengineering at the University of California - San Diego. His current research aims to better understand how blood vessels grow in the adult and, in particular, the regulation of microvascular network patterning during pathological conditions.

**Angela Naimou, Ph.D.**

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**Moshe Naor, Ph.D.**

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Schusterman Visiting Professor of Israel  
Studies*

Moshe Naor received his Ph.D. in History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2006. His dissertation was on war and society in Israel focusing on the Jewish mobilization and the home-front in the 1948 War. Dr. Naor was a postdoctoral fellow at the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary (2005-06), and the Ray D. Wolfe fellow in Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto (2006-07). His publications and research interests focus on modern Jewish History, Israel Studies, and Middle Eastern History. He is the editor of *State and Community* (Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2004) and *Army, Memory and National Identity* (Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2007). His current research deals with the post-war reconstruction of Israeli society in the early 1950s. He taught History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and at the University of Toronto.

**Matteo Neivert, M.F.A.**

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Matteo Neivert received his B.F.A. in Art and Design from Alfred University and an M.F.A. from Tulane University. In 2006, Mr. Neivert was an artist in residence at the Exploratorium Museum in San Francisco where he created two direct cinema animated films and living paintings and sculptures from cyanobacteria and epiphytes. His residency was supported by the James Irvine Foundation and the

Alliance of Artists Communities. His teaching experience includes being an Instructor with the ACE program at the San Francisco Art Institute, serving as a part-time Professor of Art at Escuela Cervantes, and a visiting artist for the San Francisco Arts Education Project. Mr. Neivert is currently creating a body of artwork that explores human/animal anthropology, culture, biology, and the failing assumptions of human superiority to nature. Recent solo and juried exhibitions include: *Breaking Ice: Bay Area Artists Consider the African Diaspora* -ArtworkSF Gallery, *Safety Zone* -Exploratorium Museum, *Fleeting Beauty* -Soren Christensen Gallery.

**Elizabeth Nowicki, J.D.**

*Law School  
Associate Professor of Law*

Professor Elizabeth Nowicki joins the Tulane Law School faculty from Washington & Lee School of Law, where she was Visiting Professor during spring 2007. She visited at Cornell Law School during fall of 2006, and prior to that she was a member of the faculty of the University of Richmond School of Law. A recipient of numerous honors as a student at Columbia Law School, Professor Nowicki also served as Senior Articles Editor of the *Columbia Business Law Review*. After her graduation from law school, she clerked for Judge Jack Weinstein on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and then for Judge James Oakes on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She worked as an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel of the Securities and

Exchange Commission and as an associate at a major New York and Los Angeles law firm. She has written on securities law topics and on topics related to corporate governance and directors' liability. Her areas of interest include corporate law, corporate "behavior," mergers and acquisitions, securities regulation, and corporate governance.

**Tom O'Connor, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
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Tom O'Connor received his Ph.D. in English from SUNY Binghamton. His research interests are contemporary poetry, film, and media studies. His first book, *Poetic Acts & New Media*, was just released from the University Press of America.

**Annette B. Oertling, Ph.D.**

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Annette Oertling obtained her B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Tulane in May 1978 and subsequently worked for Exxon Company, U.S.A. She returned to Tulane and earned a M.A.T. with a specialty in Math in August 1988, and taught high school for two years. She obtained a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Tulane in May 2001, and is currently a Professor of Practice supporting the Biomedical Engineering Department and serves as the Director of K-12 Outreach for the School of Science and Engineering. In the latter capacity, she coordinates the Tulane Science

Scholars Program, serves as Fair Director for the Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair, coordinates the FIRST Lego League (middle-school robotics) and FIRST Robotics (high-school) competitions, and serves on the Gulf Coast Math and Science Advisory Board, which is comprised of local industry and academia partnered with school systems to bring research-based curriculum to area schools.

**Anthony Oliver-Smith, Ph.D.**

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Anthony Oliver-Smith is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Florida and affiliated with the Center for Latin American Studies and the School of Natural Resources and Environment. He also currently holds the Munich Re Foundation Chair on Social Vulnerability at the United Nations University Institute on Environment and Human Security in Bonn, Germany in 2007-8. Dr. Oliver-Smith has done anthropological research and consultation on issues relating to disasters and involuntary resettlement in Peru, Honduras, India, Brazil, Jamaica, Mexico, Japan, and the United States. He has served on the executive boards of the National Association of Practicing Anthropologists and the Society for Applied Anthropology and on the Social Sciences Committee of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute. He is also a member of La Red de Estudios Sociales en Prevención de Desastres en America Latina and is on the editorial boards of *Environmental Disasters*, *Sociological Inquiry* and *Desastres y Sociedad*. His

work on disasters has focused on issues of post-disaster aid and reconstruction, vulnerability analysis and social organization, including class/race/ethnicity/gender based patterns of differential aid distribution, social consensus and conflict, and social mobilization of community-based reconstruction efforts. His work on involuntary resettlement has focused on the impacts of displacement, place attachment, resistance movements, and resettlement project analysis.

**Roberto Ortiz, Ph.D.**

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Visiting Assistant Professor, Spanish and Portuguese*

**Z.Z. Packer, M.F.A.**

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Z.Z. Packer has been a high-school teacher and barmaid (though not at the same time). A graduate of Yale University, she received Masters degrees from Johns Hopkins and the Iowa Writers' Workshop and was a Wallace Stegner Fellow and Jones Lecturer at Stanford University. Her collection of short stories, *Drinking Coffee Elsewhere* was a New York Times Notable Book, winner of a Commonwealth Club Fiction Award and an Alex Award and a PEN/Faulkner Award finalist. Her fiction has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Harper's* and *Zoetrope*, while her non-fiction has been featured in the *New York Times Magazine*, the *New York Times Book Review* and *Salon*. She has received a Whiting Writers' Award, a Rona Jaffe

Foundation Writers' Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

**Jason Percy, Ph.D.**

*School of Liberal Arts  
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Jason Percy received a B.S. in Economics from Purdue University and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2007. Jason conducts research in the area of applied microeconomics and is currently examining issues related to price discrimination across time.

**Jennifer Petersen, Ph.D.**

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Jennifer Petersen completed her doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin in 2006. Her dissertation, "Feelings in the Public Sphere: A study of emotion, public discourse and the law in the murders of James Byrd Jr. and Matthew Shepard," analyzed the political and legal implications of emotional discourse in the mediation of two prominent hate crimes. Her work has been published in *Media, Culture and Society*, *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education* and in *Our Virtual World*, an edited collection. She is currently working on a book based on her dissertation.

**Gerhard Piringer, Ph.D.**

*School of Science and Engineering  
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Prior to his appointment as a Professor of Practice, Dr. Piringer was a visiting professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth and Environmental Sciences. Dr. Piringer has been teaching courses in meteorology and air pollution modeling, air pollution control, and environmental analysis. His research interests focus on environmental remediation with nanoparticles and on quantifying the environmental impacts of building materials using life-cycle assessments. He holds a masters degree in Engineering Physics from the Vienna University of Technology in Austria and a Ph.D. from Tulane.

**Sergei Y. Ponomarev, Ph.D.**

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Postdoctoral Fellow, Mathematics*

Sergei Y. Ponomarev graduated from the Moscow State Institute of Electronics and Mathematics in 2001 with a B.S./M.S. Diploma in Biomedical Engineering. In 2001 he received an M.A. in Physics at Wesleyan University in Middleton, CT, followed by a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 2007, also at Wesleyan. His current research interests include molecular dynamics simulations of protein-DNA complexes, computational drug design; applied programming, robotics, artificial intelligence and neural networks.

**Lawrence R. Pratt, Ph.D.**

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Professor and The Herman and George  
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Lawrence R. Pratt is a theoretical and computational scientist who focuses on molecular understanding of complex fluid solutions. Of special interest are aqueous solutions in energy, environment, health, and molecular biology problems, even extending to NASA's *follow the water* strategy for exploration of our solar system. Pratt received a B.S. (1972) in Chemistry from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. (1977) in Chemistry from the University of Illinois. He was a post-doctoral researcher at Harvard, an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at University of California (Berkeley), but comes to Tulane after many years at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. He is probably best known for the molecular theory of hydrophobic effects, the *Pratt-Chandler theory* initiated with his thesis work, which lays a basis for understanding the stability of biomolecular aggregates in aqueous solutions including membranes and soluble proteins. Examples of recent research are the molecular understanding of the health hazards of inhaled beryllium particulates, and supercapacitors based on nanotube forests.

**John Prindle, Ph.D.**

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Before joining the faculty at Tulane, John was technical advisor and director of Albemarle Corporation's Chemical Engineering Fundamentals Laboratory. His 15 years of industrial experience span a broad range of topics including fundamental research, product development, process design, and process safety. Through his techniques for solving industrial problems, John made significant contributions to many of Albemarle's processes. These contributions resulted in his receiving several patents, corporate technical achievement awards, and corporate research grants. John received B.S. degrees in both chemical engineering and mathematics from Texas Tech University and a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin. He is also a licensed professional engineer in the state of Louisiana and teaches an annual P.E. Exam Review course to chemical engineers working in the New Orleans area. Since joining the department of chemical and biomolecular engineering, John has taught or actively participated in the instruction of more than half the undergraduate program curriculum. His primary research interests include the application of Process Design, Process Dynamics, and Process Control to improve the efficiency of renewable energy processes.

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Mary Dawn Pugh completed her Juris Doctorate in 2005 at Tulane Law School, after which she practiced law in New Orleans until her appointment as a Forrester Fellow. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Pugh obtained a Masters Degree from New York University in French Studies, and worked for a member of the United States Senate in Washington, D.C.

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Professor Ramos-Kittrell's scholarship focuses on music from eighteenth-century and contemporary Mexico. More specifically, he considers the performance of ritual and ceremony at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Mexico from 1680 to 1750, and contemporary popular music from the north of Mexico. His archival work in Mexico City emphasizes the importance of music performance within the broader cultural context of religious practices, while his interest in Latin American popular music explores ethnomusicological approaches to the study of music and transnational constructions of identity. Ramos-Kittrell's research has been recognized by awards from prominent

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Fernando Rivera-Díaz received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 2006. His research on contemporary Latin American narratives focuses on poetics and politics of the novel, and constitution of modern subjects in the Andean Area. Also, he is specialized in literary theory and cultural studies. Dr. Rivera is currently completing a book on the works by the Peruvian novelist and anthropologist, José María Arguedas.

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Thomas Sancton grew up in New Orleans and attended local public schools. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College in 1971, and in 1978 received a doctorate in European History from Oxford University, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. He worked for *Time Magazine* from 1979 until 2001, serving as a senior editor, correspondent and, most recently, Paris Bureau Chief. In 2002 and 2003, he taught journalism and feature writing at the American University of Paris. Sancton is the co-author of the international bestseller *Death of a Princess: The Investigation* (1998), and *Dear Jacques, Cher Bill* (on Franco-American relations in the 1990s; pub. 1998), as well as the author of a memoir, *Song for My Fathers: A New Orleans Story in Black and White* (2006), and a political thriller, *The Armageddon Project* (2007).

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Isabel Sans completed her doctoral work in Spanish Cultural Studies in 2007 at Arizona State University, with the dissertation "Identity and Globalization Performed by Carnival Theatre". In Arizona she taught Spanish Language and Literature, and Hispanic American

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Timothy Michael Schuler was born in Plymouth, Wisconsin to Michael and Linda Schuler in 1976. In 1995 he moved to New Orleans to attend Tulane University, where he pursued majors in Physics and Mathematics with a minor in Philosophy, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1999. That summer he began research in the field of soft x-ray spectroscopy and began attending graduate school at Tulane in the field of Physics under the tutelage of the venerable Dr. David Ederer, eventually obtaining his Ph.D. in 2004. Following graduation, he began working as a Research Scientist for Mississippi Polymer Technologies in Pearlington, MS, returning to rebuild the company immediately following Hurricane Katrina. In the summer of 2006 he returned to the Tulane Physics Department, and has since been appointed the position of professor of practice. He currently resides in his adopted hometown of New Orleans.

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Eli Shoot holds a Bachelor and a Master in Music Composition degrees from the Juilliard School, and a Ph.D. in Music from Harvard University. He has been a Research Fellow at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and his music has been heard at venues and festivals in the US, the UK, France, Germany, Israel and Russia. Shoot's music draws inspiration from the traditions of cantillation and change-ringing, and his research includes theory of musical contour and transformational theory.

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**Peter Tillack, Ph.D.**

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Peter Tillack completed his doctoral work in East Asian Languages and Literatures in 2006 at the University of Oregon. In 2006-07, Dr. Tillack was a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, at Loyola University, New Orleans. He is currently working on turning his dissertation into a book, the working title of which is *Out of Place: Suburbia and the Advent of Contemporary Japanese Literature*.

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