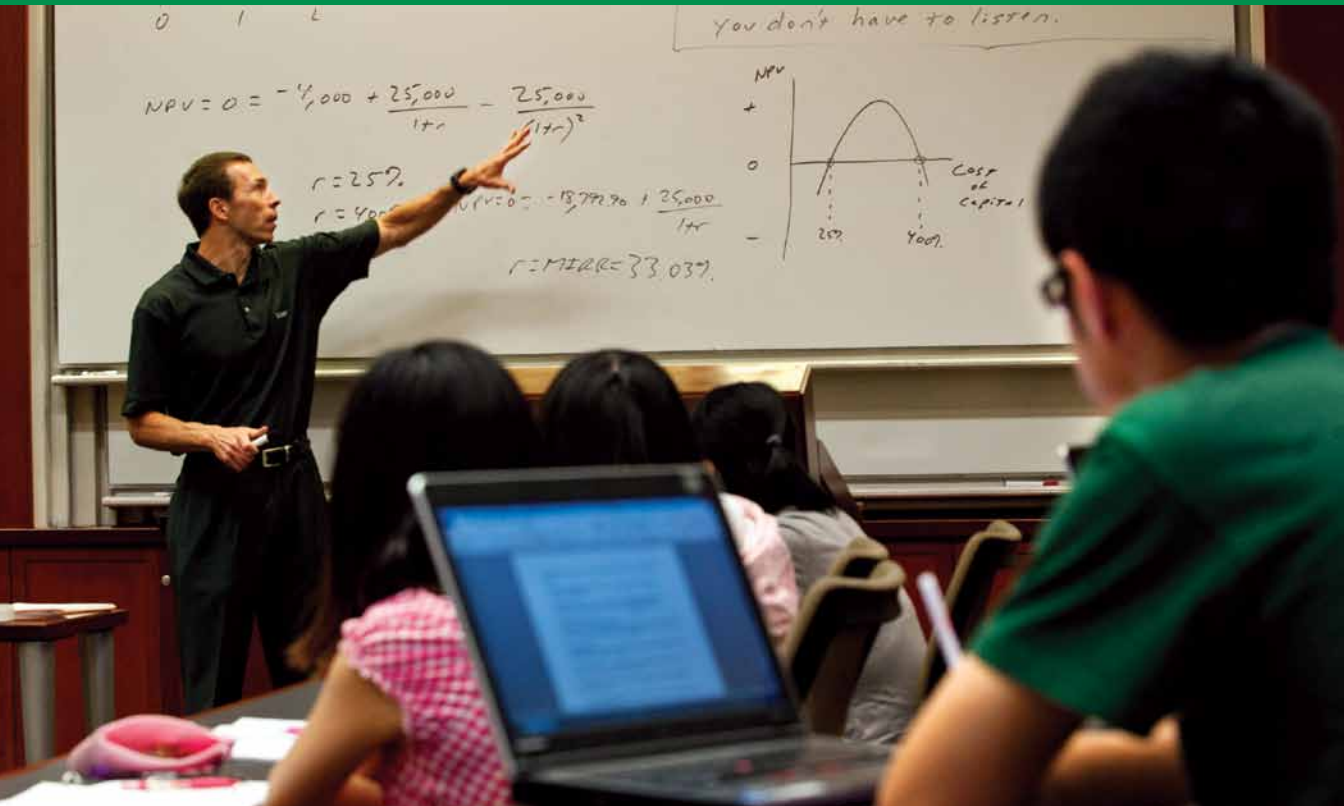


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# NEW FACULTY





**Dear Colleagues and Friends,**

The new university faculty members we celebrate in this publication join an institution that has provided more than 175 years of service to the community in which it subsists. Originally founded in 1834 as the Medical College of Louisiana, tasked to improve the public health of the New Orleans region, Tulane University has emerged today as a national and world leader in public service and social engagement. Our university is also recognized as a leader in scholarship, research and art-making. We are celebrated for being innovative, trend-setting and student-centered. Our schools and our undergraduate college offer an impressively wide array of degrees in architecture, business, law, liberal arts, medicine, public health and tropical medicine, science and engineering and social work.

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

Tulane now resolutely connects its values and mission to the needs of the city of New Orleans, the state of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region. As a consequence, the profile and impact of the research, scholarship and artistic endeavors in which our faculty and students engage are being transformed. More and more Tulane faculty and staff members focus their expertise on the pursuit of a wide array of public service efforts (citywide, regionwide, nationwide, and worldwide). At the same time, our students gain practical experience, putting their rapidly maturing skills to use. We are very proud that our students thus have a truly unique educational experience. And we know that our outstanding teaching and mentorship, and the striking diversity in the degree programs we offer, help attract to Tulane the very best faculty and students from across our nation and from around the world. In the final analysis, it is the faculty and staff who make Tulane the truly extraordinary place that it is. It is their excellence and skill that inspires our students and that will always enlighten, sustain, strengthen and improve the wider communities we serve. Please join me in welcoming our new faculty colleagues and in wishing them every success in all their endeavors.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

**MICHAEL A. BERNSTEIN**

*Professor of History and Economics*

*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*

**LINELL AJELLO, Ph.D.**

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

Linell Ajello received her doctorate in 2012 from The Graduate Center at the City University of New York. She has taught in the English Department at Queens College and in the Communication Department at Baruch. Her research focuses on activist groups, democracy, culture, and communication, crossing performance studies and political science. Her article on poverty in contemporary U.S. discourse is forthcoming in the journal *Constellations*.

**AHMED ALY, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Tropical Medicine School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine*

Ahmed Aly's studies focus on the biology and host-parasite interactions of Plasmodium parasites in mosquito and mammalian hosts. His ultimate goal is discovering novel potent subunit vaccine candidates and the generation of effective and safe whole organism vaccines to help eradicate malaria. His aim is to use his expertise in molecular genetics and Plasmodium targeting techniques in generating attenuated live parasites as vaccines and "tailor-made" transgenic Plasmodium parasite strains as tools to explore the functions of various Plasmodium proteins and their essential roles in the malaria parasite life cycle. He will mainly use the rodent malaria parasite models to run the complete malaria parasite life cycle in his lab, which will enable him to study all life cycle stages of Plasmodium in rodents and in mosquitoes.



*Ana Lopez, associate provost for faculty affairs, greets new Tulane faculty members at an orientation session at the start of the semester.*

**MELISSA BAILES, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, English School of Liberal Arts*

Melissa Bailes received her doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2012, after being awarded fellowships from institutions including the American Association of University Women and the Huntington Library. Her research and teaching interests include British literature of the long eighteenth century (1660–1830), the history of science, digital humanities, transatlantic studies and women's writing. She has published in journals such as *Eighteenth-Century Life*, *European Romantic Review*, and *Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation*. Her current book project argues that women writers of the long eighteenth century often appropriated the natural sciences to reconfigure literary, social and national orders and identities.

**COURTNEY BAKER, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Psychology School of Science and Engineering*

Courtney N. Baker earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2010, where she specialized in child, adolescent, and family clinical psychology and minored in quantitative methods. She completed her postdoctoral training at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Her research is focused on better understanding and addressing contextual and implementation factors on the effective translation of evidence-based socioemotional prevention and intervention programs into low-income, early childhood community settings. Her expertise includes dissemination and implementation research, type II translational research, early childhood socioemotional/mental health intervention and prevention programs, school- and community-based research, community-based participatory research and evidence-based practice.

**JULIA BARNHILL, Ph.D.**

*Instructor of Anesthesiology School of Medicine*

Julia Barnhill completed her doctoral work in communication at the University of South Florida in 2011. She worked in special projects for the provost at the University of Louisiana at Monroe from 2007–2011. She currently works in the anesthesiology department on current education initiatives and teaches Health Communication in the communication department. Her research interests include

health communication, family communication, ethnography and interpersonal communication.

**OTÁVIO BARTALOTTI, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Economics  
School of Liberal Arts*

Otávio Bartalotti earned his doctorate from Michigan State University in 2012, after receiving an economics B.S. from the University of São Paulo and an M.S. from Fundação Getulio Vargas, both in his home country of Brazil. His main research and areas of expertise are econometrics and quantitative methods. He is also interested in topics in labor economics and public policy, especially discrimination, inequality and education in the U.S. and Latin America.

**ALESSANDRA BAZZANO, Ph.D.**

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

Alessandra Bazzano's research focus is in maternal and child health, with special emphasis on the behavioral and social aspects of maternal and newborn care in the community setting and care seeking for illness. She has also worked on reproductive health issues, especially related to women's reproductive and sexual health and access to care. Her interests also include nutrition, specifically community-based nutrition and behavioral approaches to improving maternal and infant and young child feeding. Here methodological focus is qualitative and she has experience in low-income countries (in Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa) and in the United States.

**RYAN BOEHM, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Classical Studies  
School of Liberal Arts*

Ryan Boehm joins the Department of Classical Studies after a year as a visiting assistant professor at Brown University. A native of New Orleans, he received his doctorate from the University of California–Berkeley in 2011. He specializes in the history and archaeology of Ancient Greece and the Near East. His research interests focus on the social and economic history of the Eastern Mediterranean, particularly the history of the Greek polis, urbanization processes and contact and exchange between east and west. He has undertaken archaeological fieldwork in a variety of sites in Greece and Israel.

**JASMIJN BOL, Ph.D.**

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

Jasmijn C. Bol holds a M.Sc. from Maastricht University (The Netherlands) and a Ph.D. from IESE Business School (Spain). Before coming to Tulane University, she was an assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research explores employee control systems. She is especially interested in the role of subjectivity in pay-for-performance systems.

**MELYSSA BRATTON, Ph.D.**

*Research Instructor, Pharmacology  
School of Medicine*

**STEPHEN E. BRAUN, Ph.D.**

*Research Assistant Professor, Pharmacology  
School of Medicine*

Stephen E. Braun received his doctorate from the University of Minnesota in genetics studying gene therapy technologies. He did his postdoctoral work at Indiana University applying gene transfer to hematopoietic stem cells and was a junior faculty at the NEPRC in Harvard Medical School targeting HSC in non-human primates. Currently, he is studying gene therapy strategies for AIDS and his areas of expertise are gene therapy, hematopoietic stem cells, lentiviral vectors and retroviral vectors.

**QUINCY BROWN, Ph.D.**

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

Quincy Brown's research focuses on translation of optical spectroscopy and imaging tools to the clinic, for improving patient outcomes in clinical cancer care.



*Michael Cunningham, associate provost, leads the Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT).*



*Dean James MacLaren leads Newcomb-Tulane College, which is the academic home for all full-time undergraduates.*

**SHARON BROWN HRUSKA, Ph.D.**

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

Sharon Brown-Hruska received her Ph.D. in economics from Virginia Tech in 1994. Her research interests include derivatives market microstructure, regulation, and risk management in energy, commodities and securities markets. She served as commissioner and acting chair of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the federal regulator of derivatives and commodities markets, 2002–2006. She is also vice president in the global securities and finance practice of National Economic Research Associates (NERA), where she provides economics consulting and advisory services to exchanges, businesses and governments on derivatives and securities markets and their regulation. Her areas of expertise are regulation of derivatives and securities markets (Dodd-Frank Act), energy markets, investments, risk management, structured finance and commodities.

**KENNETH CARROLL, M.B.A.**

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

Kenneth Carroll received his M.B.A. from Tulane University in 1996. He has worked in investment banking for the past 14 years as an equity research analyst. Prior to his investment banking career he worked in the Corporate Planning Office of Entergy Corp.

**ZHENHUA CHEN, Ph.D. CANDIDATE**

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

Zhenhua Chen joins the Freeman School of Business from Duke University where he is expected to receive his Ph.D. in business administration in 2012. He has broad interests in capital markets research. Currently his research focuses on how economic and behavioral processes shape management reporting practices.

**DOUGLAS CHRISEY, Ph.D.**

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

Douglas Chrisey joins the Tulane faculty this fall after serving as professor of biomedical engineering and of material science and engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. Professor Chrisey started his research and teaching career as a teaching assistant in the Department of Physics at the University of Virginia. He finished his Ph.D. entitled “Sputtering of Molecular Gas Solids” in 1987 and joined the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) as an Office of Naval Technology postdoctoral research associate studying radiation damage in high temperature superconductors. One year later, in 1988, he joined NRL as a research physicist and quickly became a supervisory research physicist of the Plasma Processing Section. His group studied laser-based processing of materials ranging from oxide ceramics for electronics, protective coatings, and biomaterials, to organics, polymers and even living mammalian cells for tissue engineering. At NRL, he was an advising professor to students from George Washington University (Materials Science, and Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department), Georgia Tech (Material Science Department) and North Carolina State University (Department of Biomedical Engineering). In 2005, he joined North Dakota State University’s Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering as deputy director. There he managed scientists and engineers doing research and development in wireless communications, novel sensors, organic spintronics and combinatorial processing of polymeric coatings. He joined RPI in 2006.

**RICH COOPER, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

Rich Cooper received his doctorate from Louisiana State University in 2011, where he has taught for the past eight years. His research interests include science fiction and fantasy, poetry and poetics, critical theory and popular culture. He has

published articles in *Extrapolation* and *The Journal of Religion and Film* and now seeks a publisher for his book, *Radical Realms*.

### **MAURICE COX**

*Associate Professor and  
Associate Dean for Community Management  
School of Architecture*

Maurice Cox, who studied architecture at Cooper Union in New York under the guidance of John Hejduk, comes to Tulane from the faculty of University of Virginia. A co-founder of the national SEED (Social, Economic, Environmental, Design) Network, Cox served as design director of the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C., from 2007–2010. In that capacity, he led the Mayor’s Institute on City Design, and the Governor’s Institute on Community Design, and oversaw the award of more than \$2 million a year in NEA design grants across the United States.

### **CRISTINA DANCULESCU, Ph.D.**

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

Born in Bucharest, Romania, Cristina Danculescu earned a B.S. in economics from the Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania, a M.A. in economics from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, a M.A. and a Ph.D. in economics with a minor in finance from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Before joining the finance faculty at Tulane University, she spent two years as an associate professor of finance at Trondheim Business School in Norway. Danculescu’s current research interests fall broadly in the finance area with an emphasis on risk modeling and management, empirical and theoretical asset pricing, market microstructure and financial econometrics.

### **TESSA DAVIS, LL.M.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor  
School of Law*

Tessa Davis received her LL.M. in taxation from New York University School of Law in 2012 after completing her J.D. at Florida State University College of Law in 2011. Prior to attending law school, she studied social anthropology at Davidson College and continued her studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science where she received her M.Sc. in 2007. Her research interests include examining the ways in which tax law and policy are influenced by cultural context and social norms, comparative taxation and taxation in developing nations.

### **ELIZABETH DERRYBERRY, Ph.D.**

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

Elizabeth Derryberry received her doctorate in 2007 from Duke University and went on to postdoctoral work at the Museum of Natural Science at Louisiana State University. Her research interests are in behavioral and evolutionary ecology. Her lab uses a variety of methods and approaches including phylogenetic analysis, population genomics and field experiments of behavioral interactions to address the proximate and ultimate factors controlling variation in communication signals and signaling in birds. She also shares ideas and practices for scientific teaching and active learning through local and national workshops and is an active member of the Faculty Institute for Reforming Scientific Teaching (FIRST). Her areas of expertise are behavioral and evolutionary ecology, specifically in the evolution of bird song, urban noise impacts on bird song evolution, and bird diversification in the Neotropics.

### **ERIN DWYER, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, History  
School of Liberal Arts*

Erin Austin Dwyer earned her Ph.D. in history of American civilization from Harvard University in 2012, where she taught a number of courses on gender and American history. She specializes in 19th century American history, particularly the history of slavery and the Civil War, and her dissertation focused on the emotional politics of American slavery. Having grown up in Shreveport, La., Erin is thrilled to return to Louisiana, and to teach in the history department at Tulane.

### **ZAKARIA A. ELMAGEED, M.D.**

*Research Instructor, Medicine  
School of Medicine*

Dr. Elmageed received his Ph.D. in physiology from Helwan University at Cairo in 2004 where he was also previously appointed as senior lecturer of physiology until 2006. He completed his postdoctoral training at LSU Health Sciences Center, Johns Hopkins Medical School and Tulane University School of Medicine. His current research focuses on investigating the molecular mechanisms that contribute to prostate cancer development. His ultimate goal is to investigate the role of human stem cells in the development of the prostatic disease using in vitro and in vivo models as well as human tissues. Exploring the role of nuclear receptors of steroidal hormones at different disease-stages and its implications in health disparity is another topic of his interest. He is an active member in many scientific

associations and has been selected as a reviewer in several peer-reviewed journals.

**ANNIELAURIE ERICKSON, M.F.A.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Art  
School of Liberal Arts*

AnnieLaurie Erickson earned her B.F.A. in photography from the Rhode Island School of Design and her M.F.A. in photography from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her work has been shown nationally and internationally including at the Boston Center for the Arts, and CentrePasquArt, Bienne, Switzerland. AnnieLaurie was on faculty at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago from 2007–2010, where she developed and taught a special topics course on the intersections of art and science in lens-based media. Most recently, she taught at Montserrat College of Art and ArtScience Labs in Boston. She continues to pursue an interest in the construction and deconstruction of the visual world through an active studio practice.

**MICHAEL FALGOUST, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy  
School of Liberal Arts*

Michael Falgoust received his doctorate in May 2012, having defended a dissertation on intellectual property rights. His research interests include technology, social justice and public reason. His areas of expertise are intellectual property law, technology and society and religion, especially Buddhism and Asian philosophy.

**KEITH C. FERDINAND, M.D.**

*Professor of Clinical Medicine  
School of Medicine*

**VIKKI FORSYTH, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

Vikki Forsyth received her Ph.D. in English from the University of St. Andrews, in Scotland, in 2006. Since then, she has taught English at universities in the Czech Republic, Canada and the United States. Her research interests are in Renaissance literature, particularly the work of Sir Philip Sidney and William Shakespeare.

**CECILIA T. GAMBALA, M.D., M.S.P.H.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology  
School of Medicine*

**MARK GASIOROWSKI, Ph.D.**

*Professor, Political Science  
School of Liberal Arts*

Mark Gasiorowski received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina. His research focuses on Middle East politics and U.S. policy toward the Middle East, especially regarding Iran. He has taught at Louisiana State University since 1984. He was a visiting professor at Tehran University in 1994, 1996 and 1998 and a visiting fellow at the Middle East Centre, St. Antony's College, Oxford University in 2001–2002. He will join the Tulane faculty in January 2013. His areas of expertise are the Middle East, politics and U.S. policy toward the Middle East.

**VLAD GHINEA, M.F.A.**

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

Vlad Ghinea received his M.F.A. in 2012 from Tulane University. His specific areas of expertise are technical directing and lighting design. Prior to coming to Tulane, he earned a bachelor's degree in computer science for business management as well as a master's degree in business information systems from the University of Bucharest, Romania, his native country.

**BRUCE GIBB, Ph.D.**

*Professor, Chemistry  
School of Science and Engineering*

Bruce Gibbs' research interests lie in aqueous supramolecular chemistry including studying the properties of aqueous-based, supramolecular nano-capsules to identify new and unusual physicochemical phenomena arising through compartmentalization, and understanding how water and co-solutes influence supramolecular events such as host-guest binding or self-assembly.

**RICHARD GODDEN, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

**CAROL GUIDRY, M.D.**

*Instructor of Clinical Dermatology  
School of Medicine*

**MILTON HAMBLIN, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Pharmacology  
School of Medicine*

Milton H. Hamblin received his Ph.D. from Meharry Medical College. He completed his postdoctoral fellowship training at the University of Michigan. His research focuses on vascular



*At a reception for Promotion and Tenure Committees, faculty members meet two associate provosts from the Office of Academic Affairs. M.A. “Tonette” Krousel-Wood, at left, is associate provost for the health sciences, and Brian Mitchell, at right, is associate provost for graduate studies and research.*

biology and vascular remodeling-related pathophysiological diseases, including abdominal aortic aneurysms, vascular lesion formation and atherosclerosis.

#### **DOUGLAS HARRIS, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor, Economics  
School of Liberal Arts*

Douglas N. Harris received his Ph.D. in Economics from Michigan State University in 2000. His work focuses on the economics of education, including teacher labor markets, teacher and school performance measurement and accountability, and the financial and other factors affecting college access and success. He uses a variety of methods, ranging from randomized trials and quasi-experiments to cost-effectiveness analysis and surveys. He will extend this work at Tulane by starting a new research center focused on New Orleans schools. He comes to Tulane from a tenured faculty position at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. His areas of expertise are school reform and education.

#### **KRIS HOANG, Ph.D. CANDIDATE**

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

Kris Hoang is a Ph.D. candidate in accounting at the University of Alberta School of Business. She is a chartered accountant (Ontario, Canada) and she received her B.A. and M.Acc. at the University of Waterloo. Her research examines the judgment and decision making behavior of managers, directors and auditors in corporate governance settings. She studies how auditor-client relationships impact financial reporting. Prior to beginning her

academic career, she provided auditing services and developed corporate governance resources for clients at Deloitte in Toronto.

#### **QUOC HOANG, MASTER OF ACCOUNTING**

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

Quoc Hoang received a master of accounting from the University of Waterloo (Ontario, Canada) in 2003. He joins the Freeman School after spending more than 10 years working as a business adviser within a global professional services firm. In his most recent role, Quoc assembled and mentored a team of six consultants who provided strategy and operations solutions to help clients articulate what they wanted out of their organizations/departments and envision how they can achieve their goals. Throughout his career, Quoc has proven his ability to scope and execute transformational projects in a multi-stakeholder environment, particularly in the public sector. Quoc will be working closely with the dean’s office on a series of projects in support of the Freeman School’s strategic plan.

#### **JOSEPH HODES, Ph.D.**

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

#### **HEIDI HOECHST, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

Heidi Hoechst received her Ph.D. in literature and American cultural studies from the University of California, San Diego in 2008. She was previously a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in



feminist, gender and sexuality studies and English at Cornell University and a visiting professor in feminist studies and law and society at the University of California–Santa Barbara. Her research explores gender, race, space and power at the intersection of culture and the economy. Her current book project theorizes the racialization of risk in speculative economic bubbles from the 19th century land/slave conjuncture to the 2008 housing crisis.

**VICTOR HOLT CAMP, Ph.D.**

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

Victor Holtcamp earned dual degrees in theatre and history from the University of Washington–Seattle, a master’s degree from Brown University, and completed his Ph.D. in 2003. For the past five years he has been teaching at the University of South Carolina–Columbia. His areas of interest include Shakespeare, acting pedagogy and the intersections of culture and theatre.

**ALEJANDRA JARAMILLO, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow,  
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
School of Science and Engineering*

Alejandra Jaramillo earned her doctorate in botany from Duke University in 2001. Her research focuses on the diversity of tropical plants, especially in South America. She has taught in Brasil, the United States and Colombia. While in Colombia, she had the chance to work with a conservation nongovernmental

organization, which gave her experience on transmitting scientific knowledge to the broad public.

**FENG JIANG, Ph.D.**

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

Feng (Jack) Jiang received his Ph.D. in finance from the University of Iowa in 2012. His current research interests include CEO compensation, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, network economics and mutual funds. Feng also served as an instructor and a teaching assistant at the University of Iowa for courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

**KATHERINE JOHNSON, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology  
School of Liberal Arts*

Katherine Johnson received her Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University. Her research addresses human reproduction, gender and family issues, especially reproductive technologies, reproductive rights and postmodern family creation. She is also interested in bioethical issues in the context of health and reproduction and exploring possibilities for dialogue between social science and bioethics.

**COLLEEN JOHNSON, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine  
School of Medicine*

Colleen J. Johnson received her M.D. from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and has spent the last eight years at the University of California–San Francisco, completing her medicine residency, cardiology fellowship, and cardiac electrophysiology fellowship. She is a board-certified electrophysiologist. Her research involves the application of novel imaging techniques for the diagnosis and evaluation of congenital cardiac arrhythmias. She is currently pursuing research in the medical management of atrial fibrillation.

**CATHERINE JONES, M.D.**

*Instructor of Clinical Medicine  
School of Medicine*

**MARJORIE KORNHAUSER, J.D.**

*Professor  
School of Law*

After six years teaching at Arizona State University, Marjorie E. Kornhauser returns to Tulane University where she taught from 1992–2005. She began her career at Cleveland State University



*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael Bernstein charts the diversity of Tulane’s academic enterprise and opportunities for collaborations.*



*An orientation session brought together new faculty members from all Tulane University schools, colleges and campuses as the fall semester began.*

and has visited at the University of Michigan Law School and Boston College Law School. She teaches federal income tax and tax policy generally. Her research, however, focuses on the intersection of the United States federal income tax and society, especially the historical, political, and social aspects. Most recently, for example, she presented a forthcoming book chapter, “Taxing Bachelors in America: 1895–1939,” at the University of Cambridge (UK) History of Tax Law Conference.

**ALICE KRACKE, Ph.D., J.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

After serving as senior staff attorney to the late Associate Justice Henry B. Steagall of the Alabama Supreme Court, Alice Kracke received her Ph.D. in English and American literature from Tufts University in 2009. Her research focuses on the ways early African American poets constructively practiced law in colonial and post-Revolutionary America.

**MATTHEW LARSEN, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Economics  
School of Liberal Arts*

Matthew Larsen’s research interests include the economics of education, labor economics, public economics and health economics.

**LARRY LEBLANC, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Lecturer, Management Science  
A. B. Freeman School of Business*

Larry LeBlanc is visiting Tulane from Vanderbilt University, where he is professor of operations management in the Owen Graduate School of Management. His Ph.D. is from Northwestern University in industrial engineering/management sciences. His research interests include analyzing spreadsheet risk, teaching management science using spreadsheets, and spreadsheet supply-chain optimization models. He has 67 publications in referred journals. He was an invited speaker at the INFORMS workshop on Teaching Management Science. He has twice received the Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence. He was a guest editor of the special issue of the *Interfaces on Spreadsheet Applications of Management Science and Operations Research*. He has taught advanced Excel to FedEx, Johnson Controls, Community Health Systems, Nu-kote and KOSTA. He has been a scientific advisor to France Telecom and has received a Japanese government award for travel to Tokyo to study manufacturing efficiencies of Japanese factories.

**JUNG LEE, Ph.D.**

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

Jung Hoon Lee received a B.S. in finance from the Sung Kyun Kwan University in South Korea, a master degree in statistics from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in finance from



*Faculty members honored recently include, top left (center), John Klingman, Koch Chair of Architecture; top right, (at left), Anne Robinson, Boh Professor in Engineering; lower left, (second from left), Hong-Wen Deng, Schlieder Chair in Biostatistics; and lower right, (at left), Prescott Deininger, Brown Foundation Chair in Oncology.*

Indiana University in 2011. His research interests include mutual funds and hedge funds.

**SARAH LINDSEY, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Pharmacology  
School of Medicine*

Sarah Lindsey is a New Orleans native and received a Ph.D. in pharmacology from LSU Health Sciences Center in 2007 and completed her postdoctoral training at the Wake Forest Hypertension and Vascular Research Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. She has a broad background in cardiovascular pharmacology with specific training and expertise in vascular smooth muscle cell function and microvascular reactivity. Her research investigates the role of the novel estrogen receptor GPR30 in cardiovascular health, and she is particularly interested in the interactions between estrogenic signaling and the renin-angiotensin system.

Her research will help to determine the cardiovascular benefits and risks of hormone replacement therapy. She received the NIH Pathway to Independence Award in 2011 and joined the Pharmacology Department in April 2012. Her areas of expertise are estrogen, cardiovascular health, hormone replacement, blood pressure and renin-angiotensin system.

**SHAWN LOHT, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy  
School of Liberal Arts*

Shawn Loht received a Ph.D. in Philosophy in 2009 from The Catholic University of America. He has published in the areas of phenomenology and ancient Greek philosophy. He has also taught at Mercer University and Pennsylvania State University.

**HUA LU, M.D., M.S., Ph.D.**

*Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
School of Medicine*

Professor Hua Lu received a medical bachelor degree (U.S. M.D. equivalent) from Jiangxi Medical College, China, in 1983, a master of science degree from Peking Union Medical College in Beijing in 1986, and a Ph.D. degree from Rutgers University/UMDNJ in 1993. After completing his postdoctoral research at Princeton University, he was appointed as a tenure-track assistant professor by Oregon Health & Science University in 1997 and promoted to a tenured associate professor in 2003. He joined Indiana University as a full professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and held the Daniel and Lori Efryomson Chair as professor of oncology in 2007 before fully joining Tulane University School of Medicine in January 2012. Professor Lu serves as an editorial board member for four scientific journals, and an ad hoc reviewer for various funding agents and more than 36 national and international scientific journals. He also serves as a scientific advisory board member for the Diamond Blackfan Anemia Foundation, Inc. in New York. Professor Lu has expertise in the fields of protein chemistry, molecular biology, cancer mechanisms involving p53 (the most important tumor suppressor), and c-Myc (one of the important oncoproteins), and translational cancer research. Part of his work is useful for anti-cancer drug development. Recently his lab has identified a novel small molecule called Inauhzin that can suppress tumor growth by activating the p53 pathway as a potential anti-cancer drug candidate. His research, which has been continually funded by NIH/NCI grants, has resulted in publications in scientific journals such as *Nature*, *Molecular Cell*, *Cancer Cell*, *Nature Medicine*, *EMBO J*, *PNAS*, *EMBO Reports*, *EMBO Molecular Medicine*, *MCB*, *JBC*, *Cancer Research*, *Cell Death and Differentiation* and *Oncogene*.

**NICHOLAS J. MANESS, Ph.D.**

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

Nick Maness received his Ph.D. in 2008 from the University of Wisconsin–Madison studying the immunology of human and simian immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV and SIV). He completed three years at UW–Madison as an assistant scientist before joining the Tulane University faculty. His interests include the immunology of infectious disease, vaccine design and viral evolution.

**JESSE McBRIDE, M.A.**

*Visiting Lecturer, Music  
School of Liberal Arts*

**ZACHARIAH A. McIVER, D.O.**

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**LAURA MCKINNEY, Ph.D.**

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Laura McKinney received her doctorate from North Carolina State University in 2012. Her research interests include global and local sustainability, environmental sociology, global social change and development, rural and community development, and quantitative methodologies.

**CATHERINE MICHNA, Ph.D.**

*Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
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Catherine Michna received her Ph.D. in English from Boston College in 2011. She has published articles in *American Quarterly*, *Theatre Forum*, and the *Journal for Ethnic American Literature* and has work forthcoming in *TDR/The Drama Review*. Her research and teaching areas include urban U.S. literature and culture, African American literature, performance studies, critical geography and New Orleans culture and literature. Her current book project, “Hearing the Hurricane Coming: Performance, Literature, and Second-Line Knowledges in the Struggle for Democracy in New Orleans,” explores connections between African diasporic performance in New Orleans and the city’s literary and theatrical fields. Her areas of expertise include Louisiana culture and literature, specifically African American literature in New Orleans and theater in the Gulf South and urban school reform.

**HOWARD MIELKE, Ph.D.**

*Research Professor, Pharmacology  
School of Medicine*

**RICARDO MOSTANY, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Pharmacology  
School of Medicine*

Ricardo Mostany obtained his doctorate from the University of Leon, Spain, in 2001 and completed his postdoctoral training under the supervision of Dr. Angel Pazos (University of Cantabria, Spain) and Dr. Portera-Cailliau (University of

California, Los Angeles). His research focuses on neuronal structural plasticity in normal and damaged brain (e.g., stroke and traumatic brain injury) to try to understand how the brain repairs itself after injury in order to facilitate its recovery during rehabilitation therapy.

**ANDREA MURINA, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Dermatology  
School of Medicine*

Dr. Murina is a graduate of LSUHSC-New Orleans School of Medicine, Class of 2008, and completed her dermatology residency at the Tulane School of Medicine.

**AMBER NARESH, M.D., M.P.H.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology  
School of Medicine*

Dr. Naresh's interests include reproductive infectious diseases, cervical dysplasia, vulvar disease, HIV in pregnancy, gynecologic cord of women with HIV, postoperative infections, pelvic infections, sexually transmitted infections and infections in pregnancy.

**JASON NESBITT, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Anthropology  
School of Liberal Arts*

Jason Nesbitt received his Ph.D. in anthropology from Yale University in 2012. His dissertation research focused on the social, religious, and environmental contexts of early monumental architecture on the north coast of Peru during the second millennium BC. Prior to his time at Yale, Jason worked as an M.A. student on the archaeology of Catequil, an oracle located in highland Peru that was of major importance to the Inca. His broader research interests include the archaeology of complex societies, architecture, religion, the relationships between culture and nature, and archaeological theory. His areas of expertise include archaeology and Peru.

**TIANHUA (TIM) NIU, SC.D.**

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

Tianhua (Tim) Niu received his doctoral degree in biological sciences from Harvard University in 1998, and master of science degree in computer science from Northeastern University in 2004. He was an assistant professor at Harvard and taught graduate courses. Before joining Tulane, he conducted research on genome-wide gene expression profiling for a Phase II Clinical Trial and genetics of nicotine addiction at the University of

Virginia. His research areas encompass population genetics theory and quantitative analysis of molecular variations, computational algorithms and statistical modeling, transcriptomic analysis, and development and application of bioinformatics methodologies. His areas of expertise are population genetics, computational statistics, transcriptomics and bioinformatics.

**SABRENA F. NORIA, M.D., Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery  
School of Medicine*

**XUHUI (NICK) PAN, Ph.D.**

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

Xuhui (Nick) Pan received his Ph.D. in finance from McGill University in Montreal in 2012. His research interests include asset pricing, commodities, credit risk, derivatives and risk management. He also served as a sessional lecturer and a teaching assistant at McGill University for courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

**ANTONIO PANGANIBAN, Ph.D.**

*Professor, Microbiology and Immunology  
School of Medicine*

**HEE-WON PARK, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
School of Medicine*

Hee-Won Park received his D.V.M. from Seoul National University, South Korea and his Ph.D. from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Texas. He was a post-doctoral fellow at Duke University Medical Center. His research interest has been in studying the structural aspects of important cellular enzymes and other proteins in normal and pathological conditions by using crystallography and biophysical techniques, and developing lead compounds that will form the basis for an effective treatment of the pathological conditions.

**BEATRIZ PEREIRA, M.S.**

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

Beatriz Pereira received her M.S. and B.S. from Universidade de São Paulo in Brazil. Her research focuses on how emotions influence consumer decision making. She is also interested on bilingualism and health-related decision making. Currently she is a Ph.D. candidate in business at the University of Michigan.

**JUAN CARLOS PIZARRO, Ph.D.**

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

Juan Carlos Pizarro’s research focuses on the interactions between human and parasite proteins to understand the host-parasite relationship between Plasmodium falciparum and its human host.

**STEPHANIE PORRAS, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Art  
School of Liberal Arts*

In 2009, Stephanie Porras received her Ph.D. in the history of art from the Courtauld Institute of Art, London. She has taught courses at University College London, the Courtauld Institute and at Columbia University. Her research focuses on Northern

European art of the 15th to 17th centuries, with particular focus on print culture, drawing praxis and the idea of antiquity in the North. Her areas of expertise are Renaissance/Baroque art, issues of repatriation and provenance research.

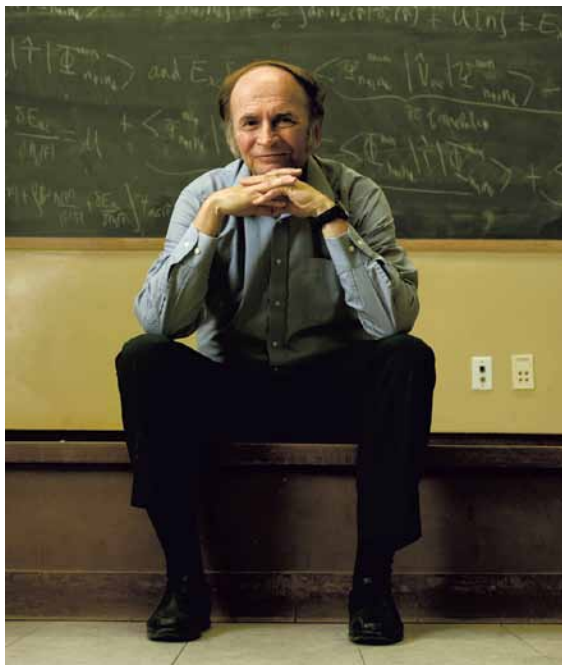
**AMBIKA PRASAD, Ph.D.**

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

Ambika Prasad received her doctorate in industrial/organizational psychology from the University of North Texas in 2007. She pursued her postdoctorate at the College of Business, University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign, where she also taught for a year. Her primary research interests are in the fields of work place diversity and the influence of information and



*At the 2012 University Commencement ceremony, teaching awards were presented. Receiving Weiss Presidential Fellowships for Undergraduate Teaching, shown in the top row above, were Randy J. Sparks (history), left photo, and Janet B. Ruscher (psychology), at right. President’s Awards for Graduate and Professional Teaching, shown in the bottom row, went to Scott Bernhard (architecture), left photo, and Martin Davies (law), right.*



*Physics professor John Perdew was elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in 2011. He is a leader in the development of density functional theory.*

communication technologies in organizational behavior. Specifically she likes to study processes such as stereotyping, stereotype threat and performance. Her research also focuses on virtual teams and how different aspects of dispersion like sub-team configuration influence team processes and performance. Before entering academics, Ambika worked in the Indian Revenue Service.

**ROBERT PRILMEIER, M.S.**

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

Robert Prilmeier received a diploma in business administration from European Business School in Oestrich-Winkel, Germany, and he expects to earn a Ph.D. in finance in 2013 from The Ohio State University. His research interests include corporate finance, debt contracting and financial intermediation, and his paper “This Time Is the Same: Using Bank Performance in 1998 to Explain Bank Performance During the Recent Financial Crisis” has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Finance*.

**HUAIZHEN QIN, Ph.D.**

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

Huaizhen Qin’s research interests include statistical genetics, computational biology, causal inference and survey sampling.

**PATRICK RAFAIL, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Sociology  
School of Liberal Arts*

Patrick Rafail received his doctorate from the Pennsylvania State University in 2012. His research and teaching interests are in social movements and collective behavior, urban crime control and applied statistics. His areas of expertise are social movements, policing, applied statistics, machine learning and natural language processing.

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

*Assistant Professor, Communication  
School of Liberal Arts*

J. Emmanuel Raymundo holds a joint Ph.D. in the program in American Studies and African American Studies from Yale University. He has held fellowships and visiting appointments with the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, the Chemical Heritage Foundation, the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton University. He is working on a manuscript on leprosy in the Philippines under U.S. colonial rule during the first half of the 20th century.

**SALLY RICHARDSON, J.D.**

*Assistant Professor  
School of Law*

After receiving her juris doctorate from Louisiana State University in 2009, Sally Richardson clerked for the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and worked at the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, and Flom in Washington, D.C. Her teaching and research interests involve the modernization of property and community property law.

**BRYAN C. RIMEL, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine  
School of Medicine*

**ALEXANDER RUCH, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

Alexander Ruch received his doctorate in literature from Duke University in 2009. His research and teaching focus on

20th-century English, Irish and French literature, the intersections of literature and philosophy, and engaged writing. His current book project, “Immutable Worlds: Afterlife Fiction in the Twentieth Century,” analyzes a turn to secularized representation of the afterlife in mid-20th-century fiction and drama as a way of registering and contesting postwar narratives of individual agency and helplessness.

**OANA SABO, Ph.D.**

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

Oana Sabo received her doctorate in comparative literature from the University of Southern California in 2011. Before joining the French & Italian department at Tulane, she was a postdoctoral teaching fellow at USC. Her research focuses on representations of migration and diaspora in contemporary Francophone and Anglophone literatures. More broadly, she is interested in transnational studies, postcolonial theory and European cinema.

**CECILIA SANCHEZ, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Medicine  
School of Medicine*

Cecilia Sanchez earned her degree in microbiology from the University of Los Andes in Bogota and obtained her DEA (MSc) in biology and health at the University of Montpellier 2 in France. She went on to earn her Ph.D. in molecular genetics and molecular biology from the Louis Pasteur University in Strasbourg, working in the fields of nuclear receptors and epigenetics in the laboratory of Dr. Pierre Chambon. She spent two years in postdoctoral training at Tulane University in the laboratory of Dr. Melanie Ehrlich, focusing on epigenetic studies in cancer. She had a second postdoctoral experience in the laboratory of Dr. Darwin Prockop, conducting studies in epigenetics and autophagy in stem cells. She was a recipient of the T-32 in pulmonary diseases training grant in the laboratory of Dr. Lasky. She joined Tulane’s faculty as an assistant professor in May 2012 and is interested in the roles of Sirtuins, autophagy and epigenetics in lung diseases. Her current work focuses on understanding the pathogenesis and development of novel therapeutic paradigms in lung fibrosis. Her areas of expertise are autophagy, epigenetics and myofibroblasts biology.

**MICHELLE HEWLETT SANCHEZ, Ph.D.**

*Professor of Practice, Engineering Physics and  
Assistant Director of K-12 STEM Outreach  
School of Science and Engineering*

Michelle Hewlett Sanchez received her Ph.D. from the Department of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, in December 2011. She started working in the Speech Technology and Research Laboratory at SRI International in Menlo Park, Calif., as a student associate in September 2008 and joined SRI as a research engineer in August 2011. Her research interests include machine learning as applied to paralinguistic speech problems including emotion recognition, suicide risk and depression detection, and acoustic event classification.

**DALE SHUGER, Ph.D.**

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

Dale Shuger received her doctorate from the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at New York University in 2008, with a focus on early modern Spain. She was an assistant professor at Columbia University from 2008–2012. Her research interests include early modern Spanish prose and theater, the Spanish Inquisition and the Counter Reformation. Her book *Don Quixote in the Archives: Madness and Literature in Early Modern Spain* was published by Edinburgh University Press in 2012.



*In 2012, art historian Elizabeth Hill Boone was elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the Mexican Academy of History.*



**SANJAY SIKKA, M.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine  
School of Medicine*

**PADMAKUMAR SIVADASAN, Ph.D.**

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

Padmakumar Sivadasan received his Ph.D. in accountancy from the University of Illinois, where he has been teaching for the past two years. His research interests are in the areas of auditing and financial reporting. At the University of Illinois, he received the dean's commendation for teaching excellence and was selected to the list of teachers ranked excellent by their students.

**GEOFFREY SMITH, Ph.D.**

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

Geoffrey Smith received his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in 2006. Before coming to Tulane, he taught at Arizona State University and the University of Illinois. His research interests are in corporate finance and investments. His research has been published in *The Financial Review*, *Financial Accountability & Management* and *Finance Research Letters*.



*Ricardo Cortez, math professor and director of the Center for Computational Science, won the 2012 Blackwell-Tapia Prize for mentoring underrepresented minority students.*

**LANDON TROST, M.D.**

*Instructor of Clinical Urology  
School of Medicine*

Landon Trost received his undergraduate training from Brigham Young University and his medical training from Tulane University School of Medicine. After completion of his urology residency from the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, he was appointed to the academic faculty at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He is currently continuing his training through a fellowship in male infertility and andrology with Dr. Wayne Hellstrom at Tulane University and has more than 20 peer-reviewed publications. His research interests are in clinical and surgical management of male infertility and erectile pathophysiology and pharmacology.

**DMITRY TROYANOVSKY, M.F.A.**

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

Dmitry Troyanovsky received his M.F.A. in directing from the American Repertory Theatre/Moscow Art Theatre Institute for Advanced Theatre Training at Harvard University. For the past 10 years, he has been a practicing theatre artist (with national and international directing credits) as well as a teacher at such institutions as New York University, Bard College and Fordham University. He focuses on theatre that addresses areas of compelling cultural, political, social and aesthetic concerns. His recent activities include a new adaptation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, a staged reading for Pen World Voices Festival of International Literature, and a workshop at the Shanghai Theatre Academy in China.

**REBECCA TUURI, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, History  
School of Liberal Arts*

Rebecca Tuuri received her Ph.D. in history from Rutgers University in May 2012. Her dissertation examines the history of the National Council of Negro Women's Activism in the civil rights movement. The participants of this middle class, middle age, black women's organization employed respectable, behind-the-scenes tactics that were fundamental to the movement but less well known than those of more visible, male, and radical organizations of the 1960s. While a graduate student, Tuuri also taught 11 courses, including surveys in African American, women and gender, and United States history and expository writing at both Rutgers New Brunswick and Newark campuses. She also won the competitive appointment of 2011–12 Rutgers Scholar Teacher, fellowships at the Rutgers Center

for Historical Analysis and the Institute for Research on Women, and the Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship. A New Orleans native, she is excited for the opportunity to teach at Tulane and rediscover this historic city. Her areas of expertise are 20th century American white and black women's history and the history of gender in the civil rights movement.

### **HEATHER URREGO, D.O.**

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology  
School of Medicine*

From Chattanooga, Tenn., Heather Urrego was awarded a bachelors of science from the University of Tennessee and her medical degree from Nova Southeastern University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Tulane School of Medicine in June 2011, where she was chief resident. She received her board certification in obstetrics & gynecology in 2011. Dr. Urrego's clinical interests are general obstetrics and gynecology.

### **MIKHAIL VALDMAN, Ph.D.**

*Visiting Associate Professor, Philosophy  
School of Liberal Arts*

Mikhail Valdman is associate professor of philosophy at Virginia Commonwealth University. He was also recently a faculty fellow at Tulane's Murphy Institute. He works mainly in ethics and political philosophy, specifically on questions concerning autonomy, exploitation and distributive justice. He is currently working on a book explaining why government should spread the wealth around.

### **ANNA VANCLEAVE, J.D.**

*Instructor in Legal Writing and Forrester Fellow  
School of Law*

Anna VanCleave received her law degree from New York University School of Law in 2004. She worked as a public defender at the Public Defender Service of D.C. from 2004 to 2009, and has worked as a capital defense attorney at the Louisiana Capital Assistance Center for the last three years. In 2007–2008, she took a one-year sabbatical to work at the Orleans Public Defenders as the office restructured following Hurricane Katrina.

### **K. BRENT VENABLE, Ph.D.**

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

K. Brent Venable comes to Tulane from the Department of



*Dr. Gerald Berenson's four decades of groundbreaking research confirming that heart disease begins in childhood have brought him international accolades.*

Mathematics at the University of Padova in Italy, where she has been assistant professor of computer science for the past six years. She earned a Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Padova, where she also earned a Laurea Magna cum Laude in mathematics. Her research is in the context of artificial intelligence and has been dedicated to the design and deployment of intelligent systems able to reason about preferences. She has contributed to the establishment of a new research area, computational social choice, bridging the gap between social choice and computer science. She is involved in a lively international scientific exchange with several research centers, including NICTA, Australia, UC Irvine, USA, NASA Ames, USA, Ben-Gurion University, Israel, and Paris Dauphine, France. She will also hold a joint appointment as research scientist at the Institute for Human and Machine Cognition. Her areas of expertise are artificial intelligence and women in computer science.

### **CHRISTOPHE VIGNAT, Ph.D.**

*Professor, Mathematics  
School of Science and Engineering*

Christophe Vignat received his doctorate from the University of Paris Orsay in 1994, where he has been teaching as a professor for the past three years. From 1994 to 2009, he was an assistant professor at Universite Paris-Est. He spent last year as an Invited Professor at Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Switzerland. His research interests and areas of expertise are information theory and special functions.



*Incoming freshmen aren't the only ones who attend orientation—new faculty from all Tulane campuses also take part in an orientation session before the fall semester gets under way.*

**TERESA VILLA-IGNACIO, Ph.D.**

*Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, French and Italian School of Liberal Arts*

Teresa Villa-Ignacio received her doctorate in comparative literature from Brown University in 2010. She has taught as a lecturer in the history and literature program at Harvard University and as a visiting assistant professor of French in the Romance Studies Department at Boston University. Her research interests include contemporary experimental poetry in French and English, literary theory, ethical philosophy, collective memory, translation and postcolonial studies. She is currently working on a book that explores relationships of translation and collaboration between French and American poets from World War II to the present.

**FRANZ VOELKER, Ph.D.**

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

Franz Voelker holds an M.A. in French and Italian literature

from the University of Geneva, Switzerland. He received his Ph.D. in French from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2012, where he taught both French and Italian language courses, as well as introductory courses on French culture and French literature. His dissertation focused on the use of the genre of elegy in the works of three contemporary French poets. His research interests include French and Italian poetry, migration and nostalgia in literature, and teaching methodology.

**SHUSHENG WANG, Ph.D.**

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

Shusheng Wang received his Ph.D. at Tulane University. After his postdoctoral training with Dr. Eric Olson at UT Southwestern Medical Center, he joined the Department of Ophthalmology and the Department of Pharmacology at UTSW as a tenure track assistant professor. He returned to Tulane as an assistant professor in September, 2012. He received an “Award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Research” and

“PRC Distinguished Researcher Award” at UTSW, and a “Career Development Award” from the Research to Prevent Blindness Foundation. The research supported by NIH in his lab is to elucidate the epigenetic mechanisms of retinal vascular development and disease, with a focus on microRNAs and chromatin factors. His long-term goal is to develop novel and effective therapeutics for degenerative eye diseases, including age-related macular degeneration (AMD), diabetic retinopathy (DR) and other vascular retinopathies.

**KELLIE WARREN, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

Kellie Warren received her Ph.D. in English from Tulane University in May, 2012. Her work focuses on early twentieth century U.S. writers.

**JIANG WEI, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Physics and Astronomy  
School of Science and Engineering*

Jiang Wei received his Ph.D from the University of Washington–Seattle in 2010. He worked as a postdoctoral research fellow at Rice University for the past two years. His research area is nanoscale condensed matter physics, and he is particularly interested in the field of nanostructured materials and nano-device physics.

**MANDY CRAUSE WEIDENHAFT, M.D.**

*Instructor of Clinical Radiology  
School of Medicine*

Mandy Crause Weidenhaft received her M.D. from Tulane University School of Medicine in 2007. She completed her internship with the Ochsner Clinic Foundation Internal Medicine Department in 2008. She completed her residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Tulane in 2012. She is currently enrolled in a combined fellowship in musculoskeletal radiology and breast imaging at Tulane University Medical Center.

**CAROLA WENK, Ph.D.**

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

Carola Wenk received her B.S. and M.S. in mathematics and her Ph.D. in computer science from Free University Berlin, Germany. She conducted postdoctoral research at the University of Arizona, and then held a faculty position at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Her research area is in algorithms and computational geometry, with a focus on shape matching

algorithms and interdisciplinary applications including computational biology and geographic information science. She has won research, teaching, and service awards, including an NSF CAREER award. She has served as chair of the faculty senate, as head of an interdisciplinary research computing facility, and as faculty advisor for student organizations. Her areas of expertise are computer science, research computing, computing applied to biology, geographic information science and intelligent transportation systems.

**ED WHITE, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

Ed White received his doctorate from Cornell University in 1998, and has taught at Louisiana State University and the University of Florida. He is the author of *The Backcountry and the City: Colonization and Conflict in Early America* (2005) and *How to Read Barthes' Image-Music-Text* (2012); the co-editor of *Beyond Douglass: New Perspectives on Early African-American Literature* (2008); and the editor of a new edition of Hugh Henry Brackenridge's *Modern Chivalry* (2009). His research and teaching focus on early U.S. literary history and slavery.

**ANNE-MARIE WOMACK, Ph.D.**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
School of Liberal Arts*

Anne-Marie Womack completed her Ph.D. at Texas A&M University in 2011, where she served as assistant in the Writing Programs Office and coordinator of Instructional Technology. Her specialties include rhetoric & composition, American literature and gender studies.

**HONGJU WU, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor of Medicine  
School of Medicine*

Hongju Wu received her Ph.D. from the Department of Neurobiology, University of Alabama–Birmingham in 2001. She then obtained postdoctoral training in the field of gene therapy from 2001–2003 at UAB, where she was subsequently recruited as a faculty member (2003–2011). She joined Tulane University in December 2011 as an associate professor. Her current research interest is focused on the basic and translational studies related to diabetes. Her areas of expertise are molecular biology, cell biology, gene therapy and diabetes-related research.

**HUANBIN XU, Ph.D.**

*Research Instructor, Pathology  
School of Medicine*

**VALERIE A. YEAGER, DR. P.H.**

*Assistant Professor, Global Health Systems and Development  
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*

Valerie Yeager received her doctorate in public health from the Department of Health Care Organization and Policy at the University of Alabama–Birmingham in May 2012. Her research applies a health services research perspective to various settings and issues ranging from public health departments to physician practices and from access to care to quality improvement strategies. Much of her work is conducted at the system or organizational level and is part of a nationally growing area of research called public health services and systems research. In recent studies she has examined public health partnerships and quality improvement in local public health settings. Her other research has focused on the use of health information technology such as electronic health records or text messaging across various health care settings, locations and populations.

**ZAFER YUKSEL, Ph.D.**

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

H. Zafer Yuksel received his Ph.D. in finance from the University of Arizona. At a broad level, his research interests reside in empirical asset pricing, mutual funds, and institutional investors. More specifically, he studies the trading behavior of professional money managers and retail and institutional investors in mutual funds. Zafer also served as an instructor and teaching assistant for undergraduate and graduate level courses at the University of Arizona.

**KIRCHE ZEILE, M.F.A.**

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

Kirche Leigh Zeile is a costume designer whose work has been seen in New York City and regional theatres across the country. Her off-Broadway credits include *Amazons and Their Men*; *The Lady is Not For Burning*; *Monsterface*; and *The Last Word*. She is an affiliated artist with Clubbed Thumb, an off-Broadway theatre company in New York. Her design work with Clubbed Thumb has been published in the anthology, *Funny, Strange, Provocative: Seven Plays for Clubbed Thumb* (Playscripts, Inc.). Her regional design credits include the Weston Playhouse,

Syracuse Stage, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, Southern Rep, Two River Theatre and the TriState Center for the Arts. In addition, she has designed a number of films, including *Snapshot, 1956*, and *Belclair Times*. She is also a fashion historian who recently presented a paper entitled, “Change of Habit: Evolution in Dress of the Sisters of Charity 1812–2008,” for the Costume Society of Great Britain’s Conference in 2009.

**JINYING ZHAO, M.D., Ph.D.**

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

Dr. Zhao received her M.D. in China and Ph.D. from the University of Texas Health Science Center in 2005. Her research interests and areas of expertise are cardiovascular genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics. She is also interested in epigenetics and bioinformatics. She has secured funding from NIH and the American Heart Association to support her research in these areas.

**KUN ZHAO, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Mathematics  
School of Science and Engineering*

Kun Zhao received his doctorate from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2009. He completed his postdoctoral research training at the Ohio State University’s Mathematics Biosciences Institute in 2011. Before joining Tulane University, he worked at the University of Iowa as a visiting assistant professor from 2011 to 2012. He has taught various undergraduate mathematics courses. His research interests and areas of expertise are in the analysis and application of nonlinear partial differential equations inspired by important questions from applied sciences. He has been working in areas such as biology, fluid dynamics and continuum mechanics.

## NEW FACULTY FOR 2012-2013—LISTED BY SCHOOLS

### SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

**Maurice Cox**, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Community Management

### A. B. FREEMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

**Jasmijn Bol**, Associate Professor, Accounting

**Sharon Brown Hruska**, Visiting Professor, Finance

**Kenneth Carroll**, Lecturer, Finance

**Zhenhua Chen**, Visiting Lecturer, Accounting

**Cristina Danciulescu**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

**Kris Hoang**, Visiting Lecturer, Accounting

**Quoc Hoang**, Lecturer, Accounting

**Feng Jiang**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

**Larry LeBlanc**, Visiting Lecturer, Management Science

**Jung Lee**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

**Xuhui (Nick) Pan**, Assistant Professor, Finance

**Beatriz Pereira**, Visiting Lecturer, Marketing

**Ambika Prasad**, Visiting Lecturer, Marketing

**Robert Prilmeier**, Visiting Lecturer, Finance

**Padmakumar Sivadasan**, Assistant Professor, Accounting

**Geoffrey Smith**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance

**Zafer Yuksel**, Visiting Lecturer, Finance

### SCHOOL OF LAW

**Tessa Davis**, Visiting Assistant Professor

**Marjorie Kornhauser**, Professor

**Sally Richardson**, Assistant Professor

**Anna VanCleave**, Instructor in Legal Writing and Forrester Fellow

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**Linell Ajello**, Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Communication

**Melissa Bailes**, Assistant Professor, English

**Otávio Bartalotti**, Assistant Professor, Economics

**Ryan Boehm**, Assistant Professor, Classical Studies

**Rich Cooper**, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English

**Erin Dwyer**, Visiting Assistant Professor, History

**AnnieLaurie Erickson**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Art

**Michael Falgoust**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy

**Vikki Forsyth**, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English

**Mark Gasiorowski**, Professor, Political Science

**Vlad Ghinea**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance

**Richard Godden**, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English

**Douglas Harris**, Associate Professor, Economics

**Joseph Hodes**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies

**Heidi Hoehst**, Visiting Assistant Professor, English  
**Victor Holtcamp**, Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance  
**Katherine Johnson**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology  
**Alice Kracke**, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, English  
**Matthew Larsen**, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Economics  
**Shawn Loht**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy  
**Jesse McBride**, Visiting Lecturer, Music  
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