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THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

NEW FACULTY

2017-2018



From the Chancellor

It is an honor to welcome you to the University of Mississippi as the newest members of our exceptionally talented and dedicated faculty. You are joining us at an outstanding time in the life of this flagship institution. We continue to welcome increasing numbers of high-achieving students and we are also growing our research enterprise, having attained Carnegie R1 highest research activity designation — the definitive list for the top doctoral research universities.



Chancellor Jeffrey S. Vitter

As chancellor, I am committed to fulfilling UM's role as a flagship university and to achieving new heights of excellence. I know you will be valuable contributors to building upon our tremendous momentum.

I look forward to sharing more about the university's recent growth and successes at the upcoming faculty meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.S. Vitter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jeffrey S. Vitter
Chancellor

From the Interim Provost

Welcome to the University of Mississippi. We are glad that you are joining our vibrant community of scholars that is committed to educating and serving the citizens of our state, nation, and world. The work you do here will be incredibly meaningful. Quite simply, it changes lives.



Interim Provost Noel E. Wilkin

We are dedicated to fostering an atmosphere that unleashes your creativity because this is a better place when you succeed. We also are committed to nurturing a culture that respects the dignity of every person. This is fundamental to our community's values and is critical to fairness, civility, integrity, academic honesty, and academic freedom.

We are glad you are here and look forward to the great things you will accomplish as members of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noel E. Wilkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Noel E. Wilkin
Interim Provost



College of *Liberal Arts*

MILES T. ARMALY

Political Science

Assistant Professor of Political Science



Dr. Armaly received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He specializes in public orientations toward the United States Supreme Court.

SARAH E. BAECHLE

English

Assistant Professor of English



Dr. Baechle received her Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. She specializes in Middle English literature and manuscript studies, with an emphasis on Chaucer.

TYLER BARNES

Art and Art History

Assistant Professor of Art



Mr. Barnes received his M.F.A. in Graphic Design from Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. He specializes in print design, typography, and branding.

JOSHUA BLOOMEKATZ

Biology

Assistant Professor of Biology



Dr. Bloomekatz received his Ph.D. from Cornell University. He specializes in tissue morphogenesis, cellular identity, and cardiac development.

CHENG-FU CHEN

Modern Languages

Assistant Professor of Linguistics and Chinese



Dr. Chen received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. He specializes in syntax and semantics of Mandarin Chinese and Rukai (an Austronesian language of Taiwan).

JACQUELINE F. DIBIASIE SAMMONS

Classics

Assistant Professor of Classics



Dr. DiBiasie Sammons received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. She specializes in ancient graffiti and Roman archaeology.

W. RALPH EUBANKS

Southern Studies

Visiting Professor of English and Southern Studies



Mr. Eubanks received his B.A. from the University of Mississippi and his M.A. from the University of Michigan. A 2007 Guggenheim Fellow, he is the former editor of the *Virginia Quarterly Review* at the University of Virginia.

ASHLEY JONES-BODIE

Writing and Rhetoric

Assistant Professor of Speech Communication and Communication Across the Curriculum Coordinator



Dr. Jones-Bodie received her Ph.D. from Purdue University. She specializes in communication pedagogy and organizational communication.

GARRETT FELBER

History

Assistant Professor of History



Dr. Felber received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He specializes in 20th-century African-American history and critical prison studies.

CATHERINE LACEY

English

2017-2018 John and Renée Grisham Writer-in-Residence



Ms. Lacey received her M.F.A. in Creative Nonfiction from Columbia University. She is the author of the novels *The Answers* and *Nobody Is Ever Missing*.

KYLE FRITZ

Public Policy Leadership

Assistant Professor of Public Policy Leadership



Dr. Fritz received his Ph.D. from Florida State University. He specializes in ethics, especially the ethics of punishment policy.

SEUNG-CHEOL LEE

Sociology

Croft Assistant Professor of Anthropology and International Studies and Korea Foundation Scholar



Mr. Lee will receive his Ph.D. from Columbia University. He specializes in the contemporary culture and neoliberal transformation of South Korea.

ALEXANDRA LINDGREN-GIBSON

History

Assistant Professor of History



Dr. Lindgren-Gibson received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University. She specializes in the history of modern Britain and its empire.

AMIEE NEZHUKUMATATHIL

English

Professor of English and Creative Writing



Ms. Nezhumatathil received her M.F.A. from The Ohio State University. She specializes in poetry/creative non-fiction writing and environmental literature.

JUSTIN LEE MILLER

Theatre Arts

Visiting Assistant Professor in Musical Theatre

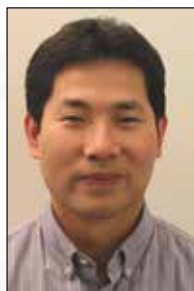


Mr. Miller received his B.F.A. from the University of Michigan and M.F.A. from Tulane University. He specializes in musical theater performance and vocal pedagogy.

DAO NGUYEN

Mathematics

Assistant Professor of Statistics



Dr. Nguyen received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He specializes in computational statistics, simulation-based inference, stochastic optimization, and machine learning.

ANGELICA A. NELSON

Modern Languages

Visiting Croft Assistant Professor of Spanish



Dr. Nelson received her Ph.D. from Florida International University. She specializes in 19th- and 20th-century Spanish epistolary novels written by women.

EVA PAYNE

History

Assistant Professor of History



Dr. Payne received her Ph.D. from Harvard University. She specializes in 19th- and 20th-century U.S. history and the history of women, gender, and sexuality.

JOSEPH PETERSON

History

Visiting Assistant Professor of History



Dr. Peterson received his Ph.D. from Yale University. He specializes in religion, politics, and race in modern France and its empires.

PETER THILLY

History

Visiting Assistant Professor of History



Dr. Thilly received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University. He specializes in Modern Chinese and East Asian History.

LAUREN JUDY REYNOLDS

Modern Languages

Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish



Dr. Reynolds received her Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. She specializes in 20th- and 21st-century Latin American literature, comparative literature, and critical theory.

DAVID A. VAREL

History

Visiting Assistant Professor of History



Dr. Varel received his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado. He specializes in 20th-century U.S. history and African American history.

SUSAN GAUNT STEARNS

History

Assistant Professor of History

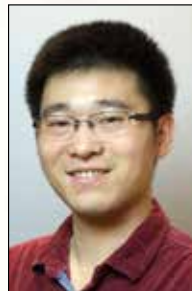


Dr. Stearns received her Ph.D. from The University of Chicago. She specializes in the history of the American founding, early American political economy, and the Mississippi Valley.

BIN XIAO

Physics and Astronomy

Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics



Dr. Bin Xiao received his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. He specializes in physics education research.

PETER ZEE

Biology

Assistant Professor of Biology



Dr. Zee received his Ph.D. from Indiana University. He specializes in biological interactions and evolutionary community ecology.



School of Engineering

SHAN JIANG

Mechanical Engineering

Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering



Dr. Jiang holds Ph.D. degrees in civil engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia and in computational mechanics from Dalian University of Technology. His research involves multiscale modeling and simulation of advanced materials, engineering structures under extreme conditions, and shock simulations of energetic materials and blast-resistant structures.



University Libraries

ALAN MUNSHOWER

Archives and Special Collections

Special Collections Librarian (Audio and Visual) and Assistant Professor

Mr. Munshower received his M.L.S. with a specialization in Archives, Records and Information Management from the University of Maryland. He also holds a B.A. in Music from Goucher College. His research interests include American music, digital file distribution models, and copyright.

ELSIE OYOKE

Geological Engineering

Instructor of Geological Engineering



Miss Okoye received her M.S. in Geological Engineering from the University of Mississippi. She specializes in reconstruction of depositional environment of the Smackover formation in Clarke, Mississippi, and Little Cedar Creek Field, Alabama.



School of Law

SUSAN HANLEY DUNCAN

Law

Dean and Professor of Law



Dean Duncan received her J.D. from the University of Louisville. Before joining the University of Mississippi, she was a member of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law faculty and most recently served as dean from 2012-2017. Dean Duncan's teaching and research interests are in lawyering skills, education law, and restorative practices.

JULIE RETRUM

Geology and Geological Engineering

Instructor of Geology



Dr. Retrum received her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. She specializes in Quaternary paleoclimate using carbonate geochemistry and geochronology.

GRACE RUSHING

Civil Engineering

Instructor of Civil Engineering



Mrs. Rushing received her M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Mississippi. Her interests include nanostructured materials for a variety of applications and K-12 engineering outreach.

TOM BRADY

Teacher Education

Clinical Associate Professor of Secondary Education and Coordinator of TeachLIVE



Dr. Brady received his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University. He specializes in teacher preparation at the secondary level.

TAIHO YEOM

Mechanical Engineering

Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering



Dr. Yeom received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. His research interests include thermal and fluid sciences, thermal management of electronics, and energy conversion using Pyroelectricity.

JILL CABRERA

Leadership and Counselor Education

Associate Professor of Educational Leadership



Dr. Cabrera received her Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. Her primary teaching and research interests are in the areas of instructional leadership and supervision, as well as human relations.



School of *Education*

RICHARD BALKIN

Leadership and Counselor Education

Professor of Counselor Education



Dr. Balkin received his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. He specializes in research methods and statistics, measurement, and outcomes in counseling.

JOHNOSON CRUTCHFIELD

Leadership and Counselor Education

Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership



Dr. Crutchfield received his Ed.D. from the University of Louisiana-Monroe. He specializes in K-12 school climate turnaround efforts with at-risk populations.

JESSICA ESSARY

Teacher Education

Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education



Dr. Essary received her Ph.D. from the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York. She specializes in global curriculum and diversity preparation in teacher education.

SARA PLATT

Teacher Education

Clinical Assistant Professor of Special Education



Mrs. Platt will receive her Ph.D. in Special Education this fall from the University of Mississippi. Her interests include assessment, literacy, and technology with students with special needs.

JAN MAYS

Teacher Education

Clinical Assistant Professor of Elementary Education

Ms. Mays received her M.S. in Early Childhood and B.S. in Elementary Education from Henderson State University. Her research interests intermingle parent involvement, student accommodations, and development of healthy habits in young children.

ELIZABETH PREWITT

Teacher Education

Clinical Assistant Professor of Elementary Education



Dr. Prewitt received her Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. She specializes in secondary science with an emphasis in biology.

GEORGE S. MCCLELLAN

Leadership and Counselor Education

Associate Professor of Higher Education



Dr. McClellan received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. He specializes in student affairs and higher education administration.

LAURA PRIOR

Teacher Education

Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education



Dr. Prior received her Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. She specializes in sport pedagogy and the occupational socialization of teachers.

HUNTER TAYLOR

Teacher Education

Clinical Assistant Professor and Recruiter for the Mississippi Teacher Corps



Dr. Taylor received his Ed.D. from Baylor University. He is a former participant in MTC and specializes in coaching education.

SALLY EARL

Pharmacy Practice

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice



Dr. Earl received her Pharm.D. from the University of Mississippi. She specializes in cardiovascular risk reduction, including management of hypertension, dyslipidemia, atrial arrhythmias, and heart failure.

BROOKE WHITWORTH

Teacher Education

Assistant Professor of Science Education



Dr. Whitworth received her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Her current work focuses on investigating the role of district science coordinators and the effectiveness of different professional development models.

JASON PARIS

BioMolecular Sciences

Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Research Assistant Professor in RIPS



Dr. Paris received his Ph.D. from The University at Albany-SUNY. He specializes in behavioral pharmacology, investigating the influence of the neuroendocrine system on addiction, neurodegenerative disease, and aging.



School of *Pharmacy*

MARIE BARNARD

Pharmacy Administration

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Administration and Research Assistant Professor in RIPS



Dr. Barnard received her Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. She specializes in public health and pharmacy, with an emphasis on health behavior and health outcomes.

ADAM PATE

Pharmacy Practice

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice



Dr. Pate received his Pharm.D. from the University of Mississippi. He specializes in ambulatory care pharmacy and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

KRISTEN PATE

Pharmacy Practice

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice



Dr. Pate received her Pharm.D. from the University of Mississippi. She specializes in ambulatory care pharmacy.

SUDESHNA ROY

BioMolecular Sciences

Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy and Research Assistant Professor in RIPS



Dr. Roy received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She specializes in organic and medicinal chemistry.

ERIC PITTMAN

Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management

Research Assistant Professor and Clinical Director



Dr. Pittman received his Pharm.D. from the University of Mississippi. He specializes in mental health and Medicaid DUR.

JAMES A. STEWART, JR.

BioMolecular Sciences

Associate Professor of Pharmacology and Research Associate Professor in RIPS



Dr. Stewart will receive his Ph.D. from Auburn University. His research focuses on understanding how fibroblast function and the extracellular matrix are responsible for diabetic heart disease.

SUJITH RAMACHANDRAN

Pharmacy Administration

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Administration and Research Assistant Professor in RIPS



Dr. Ramachandran received his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. He specializes in research related to mental health, prescription drug abuse, medication adherence, reimbursement, and health policy.



School of

Business

Administration

VIOLETTA DAVYDENKO

Finance

Instructional Assistant Professor of Finance

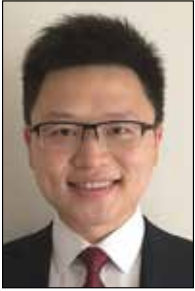


Ms. Davydenko will receive her Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. She specializes in capital structure, corporate governance, and bond market microstructure.

CONG FENG

Marketing

Assistant Professor of Marketing



Dr. Feng received his Ph.D. from Syracuse University. He specializes in empirical marketing strategy.

MATTHEW B. SHANER

Marketing

Assistant Professor of Marketing



Dr. Shaner received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. He specializes in marketing strategy and innovation management.

SCOTT O'BRIEN

Finance

Instructional Assistant Professor of Finance



Dr. O'Brien received his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri – Columbia. He specializes in corporate finance and CEO compensation.



School of *Nursing*

AMANDA WEEKS

Nursing

Instructor of Nursing



Ms. Weeks received her M.S. in Nursing, with a focus in family practice, from Mississippi University for Women. Ms. Weeks serves as an instructor in Nursing at the Oxford campus and teaches in the Accelerated B.S.N. and M.S.N. programs.

JEREMY BOWERS SCHOEN

Management

Assistant Professor of Management and Entrepreneurship



Dr. Schoen received his Ph.D. from the Scheller College of Business at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He specializes in the measurement and use of implicit aspects of personality to predict workplace performance.



School of Applied Sciences

FRANCIS DANSO BOATENG

Legal Studies

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies



Dr. Boateng received his Ph.D. from Washington State University. He specializes in comparative criminology, victimology, police-citizen interaction across cultures, and police legitimacy.

DAVIS HENDERSON

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders



Dr. Henderson received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University. He is a tribal member of the Great Navajo Nation, born for the Mexican People and the Red House People. He specializes in language development and impairment, language assessments among CLD populations, and Navajo linguistics.

MINSOO KANG

Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management

Chair and Professor of Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management



Dr. Kang received his Ph.D. in Kinesiology (specialized in Measurement and Evaluation) with emphasis in IRT, Rasch, and psychometrics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Kang's research has focused on measurement and statistical methods and their applications to assessments of health, exercise science, and sports.

SAIJUN ZHANG

Social Work

Assistant Professor of Social Work



Dr. Zhang received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He specializes in child welfare and youth behavioral health with rich experiences in program evaluation and policy analysis.



Meek School of Journalism and New Media

GRAHAM D. BODIE

Meek School of Journalism and New Media

Visiting Professor in the Meek School



Dr. Bodie received his Ph.D. from Purdue University in Interpersonal and Health Communication. He will teach in the Integrated Marketing Communications program.

JASON CAIN

Meek School of Journalism and New Media

Assistant Professor in the Meek School



Dr. Cain received his Ph.D. in Mass Communications from the University of Florida. His specialization is digital media and digital culture, and he will teach in the Integrated Marketing Communications program.

MICHAEL FAGANS

Meek School of Journalism and New Media

Assistant Professor in the Meek School



Mr. Fagans received his B.F.A. in Applied Photography from the Rochester Institute of Technology and has extensive professional photojournalism and documentary experience and awards and experience in teaching.

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The University of Mississippi

The University of Mississippi is a community of learning dedicated to nurturing excellence in intellectual inquiry and personal character in an open and diverse environment. As a voluntary member of this community:

I believe in respect for the dignity of each person.

I believe in fairness and civility.

I believe in personal and professional integrity.

I believe in academic honesty.

I believe in academic freedom.

I believe in good stewardship of our resources.

I pledge to uphold these values and encourage others to follow my example.

