

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

NEW FACULTY

2019-2020



From the Interim Chancellor

It's a pleasure to welcome you as the newest member of the talented and dedicated faculty at the University of Mississippi! As a new colleague, you are bringing new energy and spirit to campus that will enhance our commitment to academic excellence.

As a valued member of our academic community, what will you do to boost our national profile or accelerate our growth, impact, and success? It will be exciting to see how you'll build on our momentum.

Looking ahead to the fall faculty meeting, please let us know how we can help you enjoy a smooth and successful transition to UM. And once again, welcome — so glad you're now a part of our campus community.

Sincerely,



Larry D. Sparks
Interim Chancellor



Larry D. Sparks

From the 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.

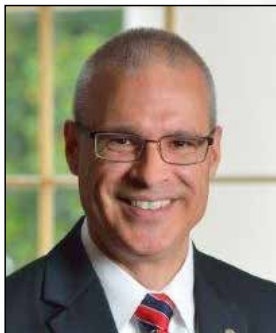
We are dedicated to fostering an atmosphere that unleashes your creativity. The University of Mississippi is a better place when you succeed. We are committed to nurturing a culture that respects the dignity of every person. This is fundamental to our community's values and is critical to fairness, civility,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



Noel E. Wilkin
Provost



Noel E. Wilkin



College of *Liberal Arts*

DREW W. BILLINGS

Philosophy and Religion

Instructional Assistant Professor of Religion



Dr. Billings received his Ph.D. from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. He specializes in the study of the New Testament and early Christianity within the context of the ancient Mediterranean world.

SARAH A. BILSKY

Psychology

Assistant Professor



Dr. Bilsky received her Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. She specializes in the developmental psychopathology of anxiety and related problems.

BRANTLY CALLAWAY

Economics

Assistant Professor of Economics



Dr. Callaway received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He specializes in econometrics and labor economics.

KIMBERLY J. CHANDLER

Gender Studies and African American Studies

Instructional Assistant Professor of African American Studies and Gender Studies



Dr. Chandler received her Ph.D. from Wayne State University. She specializes in communication studies with a focus on the intersections of African American gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, and gender performance.

HILARY COULSON

History and International Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor of History



Dr. Coulson received her Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego. She specializes in the history of prisons and institutions in the Antebellum South.

GAVIN S. DAVIES

Physics and Astronomy

Assistant Professor of Physics



Dr. Davies received his Ph.D. from Lancaster University, UK. He specializes in experimental high-energy particle physics, specifically neutrino physics.

LESLIE DELASSUS

Theatre & Film and Gender Studies

Instructional Assistant Professor of Film and Gender Studies



Dr. DeLassus received her Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. She specializes in film preservation and film history.

EMILY FRANSEE

History

Visiting Assistant Professor of History and International Studies



Dr. Fransee received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She specializes in the history of race and gender in the French empire.

AERYNN DIGHTON

Classics

Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics



Dr. Dighton received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She specializes in ancient Roman clothing and Late Republican history.

KARIANN FUQUA

Art and Art History

Visiting Assistant Professor of Art



Ms. Fuqua received her M.F.A. from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She specializes in painting and drawing as well as museum studies.

LAUREN E. FERRY

Political Science

Assistant Professor of Political Science



Dr. Ferry received her Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego. She specializes in financial crises and foreign aid.

AYLA GAFNI

Mathematics

Assistant Professor of Mathematics



Dr. Gafni received her Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. She specializes in analytic number theory and harmonic analysis.

TYLER GILLESPIE

Writing and Rhetoric

Instructor of Writing and Rhetoric



Mr. Gillespie received his M.F.A. from the University of New Orleans. He specializes in journalism and first year composition.

NAVE GRAHAM

Music

Instructor of Flute



Dr. Graham received her Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She specializes in flute performance and pedagogy.

IAN GOWAN

Modern Languages

Croft Visiting Instructional Assistant Professor of Spanish



Dr. Gowan received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He specializes in contemporary Latin American theater/film and second-language acquisition.

ANURADHA GUPTA

Physics and Astronomy

Assistant Professor



Dr. Gupta received her Ph.D. from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, India. She specializes in gravitational wave physics and astrophysics.

MANDY L. GOYNES

Theatre & Film

Visiting Assistant Professor of Scenic Design



Ms. Goynes received her M.F.A. from Temple University. She specializes in theatre scenic design.

RHONDA HACKWORTH

Music

*Associate Professor of Music and Director of Music Education/
Graduate Program Coordinator*



Dr. Hackworth received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory. She specializes in vocal health for K-12 music teachers.

ELIZABETH HEARN

Music

Assistant Professor of Music Education



Dr. Hearn received her Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. She specializes in choral music education. Her research interests include assessment in the music classroom, ACDA history, and job mobility in music education.

OWEN JAMES HYMAN

African American Studies

Instructional Assistant Professor of African American Studies



Dr. Hyman received his Ph.D. from Mississippi State University. He specializes in the histories of race, science, and the environment in the American South.

KRISTIN GEE HICKMAN

Sociology and Anthropology

Croft Assistant Professor of Anthropology and International Studies



Dr. Hickman received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She specializes in language, politics, and cultural production in the Middle East and North Africa.

CHARLES JOUKHADAR

Modern Languages

Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic



Dr. Joukhadar received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. He specializes in Arabic sociolinguistics and the teaching of Arabic as a foreign language.

CHRISTOPHER HUTCHINSON

Modern Languages

Assistant Professor of German

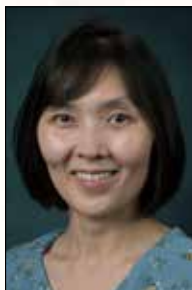


Dr. Hutchinson received his Ph.D. from Stanford University. He specializes in 15th- and 16th-century German literature and culture.

JIMIN KAHNG

Modern Languages

Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics



Dr. Kahng received her Ph.D. from Michigan State University. She specializes in second language acquisition and education.

CHRISTINE RENEE KRALIK

Music

Instructor of Cello and Bass



Dr. Kralik received her Doctorate of Musical Arts from Texas Tech University. She specializes in the performance and study of the violoncello.

SCOTT R. MACKENZIE

English

Associate Professor of English



Dr. MacKenzie received his Ph.D. from Cornell University. He specializes in 18th-century and Romantic literature.

DEANNA K. KREISEL

English

Associate Professor of English



Dr. Kreisel received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University. She specializes in Victorian literature, environmental humanities, and feminist and gender criticism.

RONALD MAU

Economics

Assistant Professor of Economics



Dr. Mau received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He specializes in macroeconomics and monetary policy.

AARON LEE

Psychology

Assistant Professor



Dr. Lee received his Ph.D. from the University of Wyoming. He specializes in health psychology with a focus on psychosocial determinants of disease and self-management behaviors among adults with chronic health conditions.

ELISA MODOLO

Modern Languages

Instructional Assistant Professor of Italian



Dr. Modolo received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in Renaissance and Baroque Italian literature.

ALEXIS O'DONNELL

Sociology and Anthropology

Visiting Assistant Professor of Biological Anthropology



Dr. O'Donnell received her Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. She specializes in bioarchaeology and dental anthropology of the pre-contact Southwest United States.

ELIOT PARKER

Writing and Rhetoric

Instructor of Writing and Rhetoric



Mr. Parker received his M.F.A. from Eastern Kentucky University and is pursuing his Doctorate in English at Murray State University. He specializes in English pedagogy and technology.

JANUARY GILL O'NEIL

English

2019-2020 John and Renée Grisham Writer in Residence

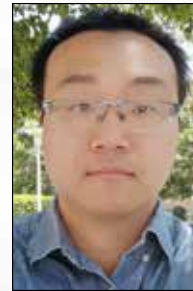


Ms. O'Neil received her M.F.A. from New York University. She specializes in poetry and creative writing.

YONGJIAN QIU

Biology

Assistant Professor of Biology



Dr. Qiu received his Ph.D. from Washington State University. He specializes in plant molecular biology and developmental biology, with a focus on plant responses to light and temperature signals.

MARÍA GARCÍA OTERO

Modern Languages

Croft Instructional Assistant Professor of Spanish



Dr. Otero received her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. She specializes in Medieval and Early Modern Iberian hagiography and religious iconography.

AUSTIN SMITH

Music

Instructor of Oboe



Mr. Smith received his M.M. and A.D. from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He specializes in oboe performance and pedagogy.



School of Engineering

DANIEL STEARNS

Theatre & Film

Assistant Professor of Acting



Mr. Stearns received his M.F.A. from The Shakespeare Theatre and George Washington University. He specializes in acting for stage and screen, actor training, and Shakespeare.

ELIZABETH VENELL

Gender Studies

Instructional Assistant Professor of Gender Studies



Dr. Venell received her Ph.D. from Emory University. She specializes in feminist and LGBTQ experimental cinema.

JOSEPH D. WELLMAN

Psychology

Assistant Professor of Psychology



Dr. Wellman received his Ph.D. from the University of Maine. He specializes in the social psychological antecedents and consequences of stigmatization, prejudice, and discrimination.

TROY DREWRY

Biomedical Engineering

Professor of Practice



Dr. Drewry received his B.S. and Master's Degrees from The University of Louisiana-Lafayette and University of Memphis, respectively. He also holds a Master's in Engineering Management from Christian Brothers University. He is President and COO of MB Innovations, a medical device product development firm located in Memphis, Tennessee.

CHARLES FLEMING

Computer Science

Assistant Professor of Computer Science



Dr. Fleming received his B.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi and his Ph.D. from UCLA. Dr. Fleming's research interests include computer security, machine learning, mobile computing, and virtual reality.

MIKE GILL

Chemical Engineering

Instructor in Chemical Engineering

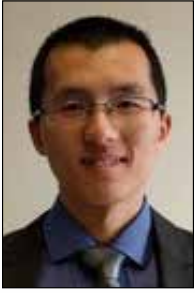


Mr. Gill received his undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi and his M.B.A. from Queens University of Charlotte. He has over 30 years of experience in both chemical and manufacturing industries.

YIWEI HAN

Mechanical Engineering

Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering



Dr. Han received his Ph.D. from North Dakota State University, Fargo. His specialization is additive manufacturing, and his research is in high resolution electrohydrodynamic 3D printing of function materials.

CHARLIE WALTER

Computer Science

Assistant Professor of Computer Science



Dr. Walter received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. from University of Tulsa's Tandy School of Computer Science. His research interests include Bluetooth security, wearable devices, human-computer interaction, augmented and virtual reality, phishing, and self-adaptive system.

SAKIB HASAN

Electrical Engineering

Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering



Dr. Hasan received his B.Sc. from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and his Ph.D. from UTK. His research interests include semiconductor device modeling, VLSI circuit design, secure nanoelectronic circuit design, and neuromorphic computing.



School of *Education*

KENYA G. BLEDSOE

Leadership and Counselor Education

Assistant Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education



Dr. Bledsoe received her Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. She specializes in clinical supervision, school counseling, and college access for underrepresented student groups.

TIM HOLSTON

Computer Science

Instructional Assistant Professor of Computer Science



Dr. Holston received his B.S. Degrees from Mississippi Valley State University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. His research interests include big data analytics, online learning systems, and STEM education.

DIANA CAMILO

Leadership and Counselor Education

Clinical Assistant Professor



Dr. Camilo received her Ed.D. from Argosy University. She is experienced in district-wide planning, management, and the evaluation of interventions and policies to sustain the implementation of school counseling programs.

KAYLA C. CROOK

Teacher Education

Assistant Professor of Special Education



Dr. Crook received her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. She is a behavior analyst who specializes in working with teachers and students in elementary school settings.

ANNETTE S. KLUCK

Leadership and Counselor Education

Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education



Dr. Kluck received her Ph.D. from Texas Tech University. She specializes in psychological and relationship issues that disproportionately affect women.

MARK DESCHAIINE

Leadership and Counselor Education

Associate Professor of Educational Leadership



Dr. Deschaine received his Ph.D. from Western Michigan University. His research agenda focuses on enhancing programs, instruction, and support for all learners.

A. STEPHEN LENZ

Leadership and Counselor Education

Associate Professor of Counselor Education



Dr. Lenz received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He specializes in community-based counseling outcome research and program evaluation.

FRANK FERNANDEZ

Higher Education

Assistant Professor of Higher Education



Dr. Fernandez received his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He specializes in educational policy and governance issues.

STEPHANIE L. LUSK

Leadership and Counselor Education

Associate Professor of Counselor Education



Dr. Lusk received her Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. She specializes in chronic pain and opioid use disorders.



School of Pharmacy

PAUL BOUDREAU BioMolecular Sciences

Assistant Professor of Pharmacognosy and Research Assistant Professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences



Dr. Boudreau received his Ph.D. from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He specializes in bacterial natural product discovery and structure elucidation.

HA K. PHAN Pharmacy Practice

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice



Dr. Phan received her Pharm.D. from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. She specializes in ambulatory care and chronic disease management with a focus in endocrinology.

COURTNEY ROPER BioMolecular Sciences

Assistant Professor of Environmental Toxicology and Research Assistant Professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences



Dr. Roper received her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. She specializes in air pollution toxicology and uses *in vitro* and *in vivo* methods to identify the components of air pollution that are the most health relevant.

MANVI SHARMA Pharmacy Administration

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Administration and Research Assistant Professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences



Dr. Sharma received her Ph.D. from the University of Houston. She specializes in pharmaceutical health outcomes research, pharmacoepidemiology, comparative safety and effectiveness of medications, and secondary database research.



School of Business Administration

BARRY BABIN Marketing

Morris Lewis Professor and Department Chair of Marketing



Dr. Babin received his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. He specializes in consumer behavior and marketing research and data analysis. His recent research focuses on psychological measurement, meta-analytic techniques, and wine analytics.

LAURIE A. BABIN Marketing

Instructional Associate Professor of Marketing



Dr. Babin received her Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. She specializes in consumer behavior and current issues impacting marketing.

AMY JO CARPENTER

Management

Adjunct Instructor



Ms. Carpenter received her Masters of Arts from Tennessee Technological University. She specializes in professional development training and career preparation.

JESSICA HUGHES

Management

Adjunct Instructor



Ms. Hughes received her Master of Arts in Higher Education from the University of Mississippi. Her interests include human resources and employee recruiting and selection.

MATTHEW CROOK

Finance

Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance

Dr. Crook received his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. He specializes in corporate finance with an emphasis in mergers and acquisitions and initial public offerings.

ANEESHA JENNINGS

Management

Adjunct Instructor



Ms. Jennings received her M.B.A. from the University of South Florida. Her teaching interests include management and leadership, healthcare regulation, and healthcare ethics.

CHARLES M. HILTERBRAND, JR.

Finance

Instructional Assistant Professor of Finance/Real Estate



Dr. Hilterbrand received his J.D. from the University of Akron and will be receiving his D.B.A. at the University of South Florida. He specializes in real estate law and finance.

TONG MENG

Management

Adjunct Instructor



Ms. Meng received her M.B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

RHONDA SWIDER

Finance

Adjunct Instructor



Mrs. Swider received her Master of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi. She specializes in database, modeling profitability, and credit risk management and maintains an active CPA license in the State of Mississippi.

JESSICA B. PICKENS

Nursing

Instructor of Nursing



Mrs. Pickens received her M.S.N. from the University of Mississippi School of Nursing. She specializes in emergency medicine and medical-surgical nursing.



School of
Nursing



Patterson School of
Accountancy

CASSIE L. AUSTIN

Nursing

Instructor of Nursing



Mrs. Austin received her M.S.N. from Mississippi University for Women. She specializes in family medicine across the lifespan and is certified as a family nurse practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

CHRISTY SIMS NIELSON

Patterson School of Accountancy

Assistant Professor of Accountancy



Dr. Nielson received her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. She specializes in auditing and will be teaching in the School's masters programs in accountancy/tax and data analytics.

JENNIFER M. BILLINGS

Nursing

Instructor of Nursing



Mrs. Billings received her M.S.N. from Mount St. Joseph University. She specializes in maternal fetal health, pediatrics, and population health.



School of *Applied Sciences*

KATERINA BEREZINA

Hospitality Management

Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Hospitality Management



Dr. Berezina received her Ph.D. from the University of Florida. She specializes in hospitality information technology.

BRIAN BOUTWELL

Legal Studies

Associate Professor of Legal Studies



Dr. Boutwell received his Ph.D. from Florida State University. He specializes in quantitative genetics, with a particular focus on environmental and psychological risk factors for antisocial and violent behavior in humans.

KRISTOPHER BRASHER

Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management

Instructor of Recreational Therapy



Mr. Brasher received his M.A. from the University of Mississippi. He is both a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and a Certified Aquatic Facilities Operator.

MICHAEL COREY

Legal Studies

Adjunct Instructor of Legal Studies



Mr. Corey received his Master's Degree from the University of Mississippi. He specializes in emergency management, disaster response, public safety communications, and community partnerships.

PATRICIA DIGBY

Social Work

Visiting Instructor of Social Work



Mrs. Digby received her M.S.W. from the University of Southern Mississippi. She specializes in Child Welfare and Training.

PATRICIA DOTY

Legal Studies

Adjunct Instructor of Legal Studies

Ms. Doty is a 30-year veteran of both public and private sector corrections. She received her Master's Degrees from Delta State University and the University of Mississippi. She is currently employed as a police officer with the Federal Reserve Bank in Memphis, Tennessee.

BRIAN A. DROUBAY

Social Work

Assistant Professor of Social Work



Dr. Droubay received his Ph.D. from the University of Utah. His research interests center on the intersection of human sexuality, values and religion, and clinical social work.

PETER W. GRANDJEAN

Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management

Dean of the School of Applied Sciences and Professor of Exercise Science



Dr. Grandjean received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, his M.S. from Texas Christian University, and his B.A. from Anderson University. He specializes in transient vascular function responses to exercise and how they contribute to long-term adaptations in health and chronic disease.

DANIEL W. DURKIN

Social Work

Associate Professor of Social Work



Dr. Durkin received his M.S.W. and Ph.D. from The University of Alabama. Dr. Durkin completed a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Center for Quality Aging at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Durkin's research has examined issues with aging, including family caregiving for older adults with dementia, the male caregiving experience, and assisting families with the transition to nursing home care.

YING HAO

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders



Dr. Hao received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Her research interests are in the areas of child language development, disorders, and bilingualism. She studies language learning difficulties for monolingual and bilingual Mandarin-speaking children with and without Developmental Language Disorder.

KRISTY M. DURKIN

Social Work

Visiting Professor of Social Work



Dr. Durkin received her Ph.D. from The University of Alabama. She also attained Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Her work focused on the role of self-efficacy in the effectiveness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) training for child welfare workers.

WESLEY G. JENNINGS

Legal Studies

Chair and Professor of Legal Studies



Dr. Jennings received his Ph.D. from the University of Florida. His major research interests are quantitative methods and longitudinal data analysis. He is a member of the American Society of Criminology and a lifetime member of both the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

MATTHEW B. JESSEE

Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management

Assistant Professor of Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management



Dr. Jessee received his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. His research focuses on improving human health and physical function via different exercise.

HYEJIN PARK

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders



Dr. Park received her Ph.D. from the University of Florida. She specializes in typical and atypical language processing results from a brain injury such as stroke, dementia, and traumatic brain injury. She is also interested in bilingualism and neuroimaging studies.

MYRIAM KORNISCH

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Assistant Professor of Neurogenic Communication Disorders



Dr. Kornisch received her Ph.D. from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. Her general research interests are in cognitive neuroscience. She specializes in the interrelationship of stuttering and bilingualism and their combined impact on brain structure and function.

JOSHUA SHIPP

Legal Studies

Adjunct Instructor of Legal Studies

Mr. Shipp received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Mississippi. He is currently a full-time Patrol Sergeant at the Oxford Police Department.

STEVEN SOIFER

Social Work

Professor of Social Work



Dr. Soifer received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University. He specializes in social movements and social action, electoral politics, community organizing, community development, social work theories/paradigms, cognitive-behavioral therapy, paruresis, and Jewish issues.

SHELIA NABORS

Social Work

Adjunct Instructor of Social Work



Professor Nabors received her M.S.W. from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is a licensed Master Social Worker with 30 years of experience in micro, mezzo, and macro practice. Professor Nabors is a National Kellogg's Fellow.

D'ANDRE WALKER

Legal Studies

Assistant Professor of Legal Studies



Dr. Walker received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University. His primary research and teaching interests include criminology, gender and crime, juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, and race and crime.

NADEEJA WIJAYATUNGA

Nutrition and Hospitality Management

Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Hospitality Management



Dr. Wijayatunga received her Ph.D. from Texas Tech University. She completed her postdoctoral training in the Department of Kinesiology and Sport Management, Texas Tech University. Her research interests are dietary, psychosocial, and behavioral determinants of obesity.

The Creed *of* **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.

