

2015-16 NEW FACULTY

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Mathematics and Computer Science

B.S. Al-Ahliyya Amman University

M.S. University of Bridgeport

Ph.D. University of Bridgeport

Dissertation: "A Near Real-Time, Parallel and Distributed Adaptive Object Detection and Retraining Framework Based on AdaBoost Algorithm"

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Appointment: Middle East Scholar-in-Residence; Government

B.A. Ben Gurion University

M.A. Ben Gurion University

Thesis: "Ibn Baz and the Modernization of Saudi Arabia: The Contribution of the Religious Institution to the Modernization of Saudi Arabia"

Ph.D. Ben Gurion University

Dissertation: "Fatwas and Ifta' in Saudi Arabia: A History of Islamic Legal Thought, 1971-2000"

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Appointment: Assistant Professor; English

B.A. University of Florida

M.A. University of Newcastle

M.A. Goldsmiths College

Ph.D. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Dissertation: "The Documentary Encounter: Memory, Materiality, and Performance in Contemporary Visual Culture"

Phi Beta Kappa

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; English

B.A. Williams College

M.A. Rutgers University

Ph.D. Rutgers University

Dissertation: "The Language of Information: Intermedia Appropriation and Contemporary Literary Form"

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Psychology

B.A. Siena College

M.S.E. University at Albany

Ph.D. University at Albany

Dissertation: "Working Mothers' Work and Family Satisfaction: The Influence of Time Demands and Time-Based Conflict"

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B.A. Yale University

M.M. Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester

Can D.M.A. Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University

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Appointment: College Librarian; Scribner Library

B.A. Goshen College

M.A. University of Arizona

Ph.D. University of California, Santa Cruz

Dissertation: "'Faith' in Social Change: Three Case Studies from American Social Movement History, 1890-1940"

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Appointment: Lecturer; Social Work

B.A. Sarah Lawrence College

M.S.W. New York University

Can Ph.D. Smith College School for Social Work

Dissertation: "Moral Reasoning and Helping Responses to Cyberbullying Among College Students: A Qualitative Study"

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Appointment: Mellon Fellow; Media and Film Studies Program (DOF)

B.A. Mount Holyoke College

M.A. Yale University

M.Phil. Yale University

Ph.D. Yale University

Dissertation: "The Story You Are About to Hear is True: Dragnet, Transmedia Storytelling, and the Postwar Police Procedural"

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Appointment: Lecturer; John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative

B.A. Vassar College

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B.M. Oberlin College

Ph.D. Cornell University

Dissertation: "Anatomy, Industry, and the English Canzonet (1770-1820)"

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B.A. Swarthmore College

Ph.D. Cornell University

Dissertation: "Pentatonicism in 19th-Century Music"

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Appointment: Lecturer; Health and Exercise Sciences

B.S. Skidmore College

M.S. University of Massachusetts, Amherst

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Appointment: Lecturer; Dance

B.F.A. Boston Conservatory

B.S. Syracuse University

D.P.T. Sage Graduate School

Thesis: "The Effects of Body Weight Support Treadmill Training on the General Function and Mobility Skills of a 20 month old female with a Spinal Cord Injury secondary to a Spinal Arteriovenous Malformation"

Elizabeth Dubben

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Appointment: Entrepreneurial Artist Initiative Coordinator; Arts Administration Program (DOF)

B.F.A. The College of St. Rose

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B.S. James Cook University

Can Ph.D. University of the Sunshine Coast

Dissertation: "Physiological markers of training responses in elite swimmers"

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Neuroscience Program (DOF)

B.S. Skidmore College

M.A. The Ohio State University

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Dissertation: "The Role of Illumination Direction on the Perception of Three Dimensional Shape from Shading"

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B.A. University of Minnesota

M.A. University of Southern California

Ph.D. University of Southern California

Dissertation: "In Place Over Time: A Spatial Approach to Popular Culture and Identity Formation through the Danjiri Festival of Kishiwada City, 1745-1928."

Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; History

Angela Kay Ellis

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B.A. Truman State University

M.A. University of Wisconsin, Madison

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin

Dissertation: "Life on the Margins: Early Modern Catholics Negotiating Gender, National Identity, and Religious Loyalties in the Southern Anglo-Welsh Borderlands"

Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; History

Ke Fang

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B.A. Samford University

Can. Ph.D. University at Albany

Dissertation: "Contributions of Personality, Acculturation/Enculturation and Perceived Racial Discrimination to Social Anxiety among Chinese Immigrants: A Context-Specific Assessment"

Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Psychology

Amanda Gilvin

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B.A. Kenyon College

M.P.S. Cornell University

M.A. Cornell University

Ph.D. Cornell University

Dissertation: "The Warp of a Nation: The Exhibition and Circulation of Nigerian Art, 1920-Present"

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Art History

Sandra H. Goff

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B.A. Colby College

M.A. University of Southern Maine

Ph.D. University of Maine

Dissertation: "The Effects of Market Attitudes and Economic Valuation Information on Sustainability Values and Behaviors: Evidence from Experimental Economics"

Appointment: Assistant Professor; Economics

Rosario I. Granados-Salinas

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B.A. Universidad Iberoamericana

M.A. Courtauld Institute of Art-University of London

Thesis: "Brussels and Palencia linked through Marian Grief: Juan Rodriguez Fonseca and the 'Seven Sorrows Altarpiece' at the Cathedral of Palencia"

Ph.D. Harvard University

Dissertation: "Fervent Faith: Devotion, Aesthetics, and Society in the Cult of Our Lady of Remedios (Mexico City, 1520-1811)"

Appointment: Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow; Art History

Margaret Greaves

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B.A. Agnes Scott College

Ph.D. Emory University

Dissertation: "East of Ireland: Ideas of Europe in Postwar British and Irish Poetry"

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Appointment: Assistant Professor; English

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B.A. SUNY at Potsdam, Crane School of Music

M.A. College of St. Rose

Appointment: Private Music Instructor-Percussion; Music

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B.A. State University of New York at Buffalo

M.S. Syracuse University and SUNY, College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Appointment: Lecturer; Environmental Studies Program (DOF)

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Appointment: Associate Professor; Frances Young Tang '61 chair in Chinese Studies; Sociology

B.A. Nanjing University, China

Ph.D. Boston University

Dissertation: "Capitalist Collectivism: Contradiction or Synthesis?"

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Appointment: Lecturer; Theater

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Appointment: Lecturer; Music

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Appointment: Assistant Professor; Art History

B.A. University of Oregon

M.A. University of Oregon

M.A. University of Oregon

Ph.D. MIT

Dissertation: "The Hydrographic City: Mapping Mexico City's Urban Form in Relation to Its Aquatic Condition, 1521-1700"

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Mathematics and Computer Science

B.A. Rice University

M.S. Louisiana State University

Ph.D. Louisiana State University

Dissertation: "Some Classes of Graphs that are Nearly Cycle-free"

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Appointment: Instructional Design Librarian; Scribner Library

B.A. New York University

M.L.I.S. SUNY-University of Buffalo

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Environmental Studies Program (DOF)

B.S. Cornell University

M.S. Penn State University

Ph.D. Michigan State University

Dissertation: "Soil processes and plant species: Does the re-introduction of native grasses alter soil carbon and nitrogen cycling?"

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Chemistry

B.A. Skidmore College

M.S. University of Pennsylvania

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Dissertation: "On the chemistry and reactivity of N-mesityl N-heterocyclic carbenes"

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Appointment: Assistant Professor; Government

B.A. Pomona College

Ph.D. Yale University

Dissertation: "The Impact of Cost and the Role of Message in Voter Mobilization: Voter Registration, Vote by Mail, and Election Day Voting Field Experiments"

Rachel Ms. Mason

Appointment: Lecturer; Theater

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Philosophy and Religion

B.A. University of California, Santa Cruz

M.A. University of California, Santa Cruz

Thesis: "What Knowing a Language is Not: on Generative Rules and Rule-Following"

Ph.D. University of Chicago

Dissertation: "Mental Causation and Rational Agency"

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Philosophy and Religion

B.A. James Madison University

M.A. University of Virginia

Ph.D. University of Virginia

Dissertation: "Good Beliefs, Bad Arguments: Pragmatic Reasons in Plato's Dialogues"

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Appointment: Assistant Professor; World Languages and Literatures

B.S. Universidad de las Americas Puebla

M.S. ITESM Campus Monterrey

M.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dissertation: "Enfermedad y autoritarismo: Biopolitica en la narrativa de los siglos XXyXXI en Mexico, Espana y Cuba"

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Appointment: Lecturer; Dance

B.F.A. The Julliard School

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Appointment: Self-Instructional Language Instructor-Hebrew; World Languages and Literatures

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Appointment: Lecturer; Government

B.A. Bowling Green State University

M.A. University of Wisconsin

Can Ph.D. University of Wisconsin

Dissertation: "Do They 'Know Them When They See Them?': The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary and Qualifications for the Federal Bench"

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Appointment: Assistant Professor; Environmental Studies Program (DOF)

B.S. University of Montana

M.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D. Cornell University

Dissertation: "The biogeochemistry of methane in Northern peatland ecosystems: A potential role for anaerobic methane oxidation"

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Appointment: Assistant Professor; Mathematics and Computer Science

B.S. Duquesne University

M.A. University of Pittsburgh

Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh

Dissertation: "Investigating the Effects of Network Structure and Afferent Feedback in Models of Rhythmic Movement"

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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Mathematics and Computer Science

B.A. Western New England University

M.S. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Dissertation: "Markov Models for Actin Polymer Dynamics and Cell Membrane Protrusion"

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Appointment: Visual and Digital Media Mellon Fellow; John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative

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Ph.D. Wesleyan University
Dissertation: "Hidden Markov Models of Cyclic AMP Receptor Binding Sites"

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B.A. Connecticut College
Ph.D. American University
Dissertation: "Development and Migration Interactions Using Natural Experiments"

Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Economics

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B.A. University at Albany
M.A. University at Buffalo
Thesis: Relationship between teacher/course evaluations and student expectations of grades: Inferences about student learning and quality of teaching
M.S. University at Albany
Can Ph.D. University at Albany
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Appointment: Visiting Assistant Professor; Psychology

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B.A. Amherst College
Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania
Dissertation: "Investigation of the Mechanisms by Which Histone Acetylation and Sleep Deprivation Modulate Hippocampal Function"

Appointment: Assistant Professor; Neuroscience Program (DOF)

Timothy M. Wientzen

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B.A. Boston College
Ph.D. Duke University
Dissertation: "Automatic Modernism: Habit, Embodiment, and the Politics of Literary Form"

Appointment: Assistant Professor; English

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B.A. Yale University
M.A. University of Virginia, School of Architecture
Thesis: "Meridian Hill-Malcolm X Park: The Life and Struggle of an Urban Cultural Landscape"
Ph.D. George Washington University
Dissertation: "Concrete Solutions: Architecture of Public High Schools During the Urban Crisis"

Appointment: Assistant Professor; American Studies

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B.A. Princeton University
M.S. Rutgers University
Thesis: "The Social Consequences of White/Black Biracial Self-Categorization"
Ph.D. Rutgers University
Dissertation: "Diversity stigma and diversity credits: The positive and negative consequences of race and gender diversity for organizations"

Appointment: Assistant Professor; Psychology

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B.A. Masaryk University
M.B.A. Baylor University
M.A. Boston College
Ph.D. Boston College
Dissertation: "Essays on International Asset Portfolios and Commodities Trade"

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