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# 2020-21 NEW FACULTY

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## Nicole M. Antczak

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**Appointment:** Visiting Assistant Professor; Chemistry

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B.S. Saint John Fisher College  
Ph.D. Northeastern University  
Dissertation: "Specificity of damage-bypass DNA polymerases E. Coli DinB and human pol k to test activity and specificity toward DNA lesions"

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## Calvin Baker

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**Appointment:** Visiting Distinguished Writer-in-Residence; English

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A.B. Amherst College

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## Emmanuel A. Balogun

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**Appointment:** Assistant Professor; Political Science

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B.A. New England College  
M.A. Western Illinois University  
M.A. University of Delaware  
Ph.D. University of Delaware  
Dissertation: "Converging Practices and Governance in West Africa: Examining Regional Convergence in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)"

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## Anna C. Brezny

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**Appointment:** Assistant Professor; Chemistry

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B.A. Carleton College  
Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Dissertation: "Kinetic and Mechanistic Studies of Rh(Bis[diazaphospholane])-Catalyzed Asymmetric Hydroformylation"

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## Christopher Adam Cottle

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B.A. Middle Tennessee State University  
M.S. University of Tennessee, Knoxville

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## Jennifer A. Coulombe

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**Appointment:** Lecturer; Management and Business

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B.S. Syracuse University - S.I. New House School of Public Communications  
M.B.A. Baruch College - Zicklin School of Business

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## Teisha Duncan

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**Appointment:** Artist-in-Residence; Theater

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B.F.A. Howard University  
M.F.A. University of Pittsburgh

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## Randolph B. Ford

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**Appointment:** Lecturer; Classics

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B.A. University of Madison-Wisconsin  
M.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Ph.D. New York University  
Dissertation: "Ethnographic Identities and the Politics of Empire in Late Roman and Early Medieval Chinese Historiography"  
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## Annie Greene

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**Appointment:** Visiting Assistant Professor; History

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B.A. McGill University  
M.A. University of London  
Ph.D. The University of Chicago  
Dissertation: "Provincial, Not Peripheral: Ottoman-Iraqi Intellectuals and Cultural Networks, 1863-1914"

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## Kirsten Hogenson

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Ph.D. Iowa State University

Dissertation: "Random and deterministic versions of extremal poset problems"

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## Andrew J. Horst

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**Appointment:** Visiting Assistant Professor; Geosciences

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B.A. The College of Wooster

Ph.D. Syracuse University

Dissertation: "Structure and Accretion at Mid-Ocean Ridges with High Magma Supply: Perspectives from Seafloor Escarpments and Iceland"

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## Mary-Beth Hughes

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**Appointment:** Lecturer; English

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B.A. Marymount Manhattan College

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## Vojtech Kejzlar

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B.Sc. Masaryk University

Ph.D. Michigan State University

Dissertation: "Bayesian Uncertainty Quantification of Computer Models with Efficient Calibration and Computation"

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## Christopher J. Kotarsky

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**Appointment:** Visiting Assistant Professor; Health and Human Physiological Sciences

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B.S. The University of Akron

M.S. North Dakota State University

Ph.D. North Dakota State University

Dissertation: "Strategies for the reduction of adipose tissue and retention of muscle mass in overweight individuals"

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## Lucas S. LaFreniere

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B.A. University of Michigan

M.S. The Pennsylvania State University

Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University

Dissertation: "Upregulating Positive Affect in GAD: A Randomized Controlled Trial of the SkillJoy Ecological Momentary Intervention"

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## Christopher R. Markham

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B.B.A. University of Detroit Mercy

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**Appointment:** Assistant Professor; World Languages and Literatures

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B.A. Universite de Rouen

M.A. Universite de Rennes 2

Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University

Dissertation: "Decolonial Refuse: Ecologies of Waste in Contemporary Global Arts and Literature"

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## Caitlin Meagher

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B.A. New York University

M.S. University of Oxford

M.A. University of Oxford

Ph.D. University of Oxford

Dissertation: "Make Yourself at Home: dreams and realities in a Japanese sharehouse"

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## Rachel D. Mintz

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**Appointment:** Lecturer; Education Studies

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B.S.W. Skidmore College

M.S.W. New York University School of Social Work

M.S. Hunter College of the City University of New York

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B.S.W. University of Southern Mississippi

M.A. University of Alabama

Ph.D. University of Minnesota

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**Appointment:** Visiting Assistant Professor; Neuroscience Program (DOF)

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M.A. Kursk State Pedagogical University

M.A. Hunter College

Ph.D. City University of New York

Dissertation: "Quantitative Evaluation of Microglial Activation and Vascularization in Suicide"

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## Jenessa Seymour

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B.A. SUNY Potsdam

Ph.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dissertation: "Neural systems supporting enhanced peripheral visual attention in deaf adults"

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## Kazimer L. Skubi

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B.A. Carleton College

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dissertation: "New Strategies for Catalytic Stereocontrol in Photochemical Synthesis"

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## Jeremy D. Sloane

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B.S. Binghamton University

M.S. Syracuse University

Ph.D. Syracuse University

Dissertation: "Consensus Messaging Using Scholarly Literature: Impacts on Students' Conceptions of Global Climate Change"

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## Jessica Somerville-Braun

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B.A. Gordon College

M.S. Southern Connecticut State University

Ph.D. The Ohio State University

Dissertation: "Transformative Civic Education with Elementary Students: Learning from Students and Their Teacher in a Bilingual Classroom"

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M.A. Stanford University  
Ph.D. Stanford University  
Dissertation: "The Gospel of Freedom: Agency, Idealism, and the Forms of Victorian Fiction"

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### Nancy Thebaut

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**Appointment:** Assistant Professor; Art History

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B.A. Agnes Scott College  
M.A. Courtauld Institute of Art  
Ph.D. University of Chicago  
Dissertation: "Non est hic: Figuring Christ's Absence in Early Medieval Art"  
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### Nicole Van Slyke

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B.S. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
M.A. Rhode Island School of Design

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### Deana M. Vitrano

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**Appointment:** Visiting Assistant Professor; Psychology

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B.S. Dickinson College  
M.S. Saint Joseph's University  
M.A. University at Albany  
Ph.D. University at Albany  
Dissertation: "Does Testing Enhance Mediation in Paired-Associate Learning?"

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### Thusitha Priyantha P. W Kulati Arthanayakam

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M.Sc. Missouri S&T  
Ph.D. Missouri S&T  
Dissertation: "Fully differential study of projectile coherence effects of ionization of molecular Hydrogen and atomic Helium"

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### Juliane Wuensch

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**Appointment:** Visiting Assistant Professor; World Languages and Literatures

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M.A. Universitat Leipzig, Germany  
M.Ed. Carthage College  
Ph.D. Indiana University  
Dissertation: "German-Jewish Female Identity and the Dream of an Egalitarian Society - A comparative study of Rahel Varnhagen, Rosa Luxemburg, and Hannah Arendt"

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