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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS
Message from Sarah Mustillo
I.A. O’Shaughnessy Dean

The College of Arts and Letters is a liberal arts college—focused on cultivating understanding of the arts, humanities, and social sciences. The College is also at the heart of a research university—supportive of faculty and student efforts to be original, creative scholars. And, the College is deeply Catholic—embracing diversity of thought and encouraging faculty and students to use their gifts to build a vibrant, distinctive community tied to one of the world’s great intellectual traditions.

Nothing is more important to any of our aspirations than the quality of our hiring decisions. Faculty accomplishments—teaching our students, advancing research—determine our academic reputation. Their collaborative spirit allows us to better educate our students and build new programs and better departments. Their support for the University’s mission enables its standing as the premier Catholic research university. This brochure describes the new faculty who have joined the College of Arts and Letters this year. You will see they are an unusually accomplished group. Please join me in welcoming them to the College.

New Faculty 2018–2019
Art, Art History and Design
Hume, Evan – MFA, George Washington University
Teaching Scholar

American Studies
Huynh, Jennifer – Ph.D, Princeton University
Assistant Professor
Huynh’s research and teaching interests include urban sociology, immigrant neighborhoods, and ethnic studies. Her research focuses on Vietnamese refugees in Southern California’s Little Saigon and how the children of immigrants are becoming American. As part of this research, she studies the transnational connections of immigrants to the homeland through U.S.-Vietnam diaspora organizations. She teaches courses on immigration and Asian American Studies at Notre Dame and is a fellow of the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies.

Classics
Grillo, Luca – PhD, Princeton University
Associate Professor
Grillo’s main area of interest is Latin prose, with a focus on the historiography and rhetoric of the Roman Republic. His first book (Cambridge University Press, 2012, paperback 2015) is a literary analysis of Caesar’s Civil War, applying narratological, intertextual and rhetorical approaches to the re-evaluation of Caesar as litterator; his second book is a historical, rhetorical and legal commentary on Cicero’s speech De Provinciis Consularibus, and he co-edited the Cambridge Companion to the Writings of Julius Caesar (with Christopher Krebs from Stanford University); he is currently working on a monograph on irony in Latin literature. He has given papers and published articles and contributions on various topics, especially Caesar, Cicero and Virgil.

East Asian Languages and Cultures
Uehara, Sayako – ABD, Michigan State University
Assistant Professor
Uehara’s primary research interests are in phonology, phonetics and sociolinguistics, particularly the process of artificial language learning in word segmentation and sociophonetic investigations of sound change in progress. Recently, she has been studying the possible cues to word segmentation for adult Japanese and English speakers, looking at both language-specific and language-independent cues, by using an artificial learning paradigm. She has also been studying the perception of vocalic outliers by local Michiganders and how it relates to their participation in sound change. Publications: 2018. Progressive outliers in listener perception of sound change. (with Suzanne Evans Wagner) University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected Papers from NWA 46 24(2) 2018. Phonology modulates the illusory vowels in perceptual illusions: evidence from Mandarin & English. (with Durvasula, K., Huang, H.-H., Luo, Q. & Lin, Y.-H.) Laboratory Phonology: Journal of the Association for Laboratory Phonology, 9(1), 7.
Wang, Xian – PhD, University of Oregon
Assistant Professor
Wang’s research interests encompass modern Chinese literature and film, popular culture, gender studies, and cultural theory. Her current book project, Flesh and Stone: Competing Narratives of Female Martyrdom from Late Imperial to Modern China, focuses on the transition from the obsession with female chaste suicide in late imperial China to the modern promotion of revolutionary female martyrs. She is also conducting research on the process of ideological maneuvering, with special focus on the rewriting and fabrication of socialist history in social media, contemporary Chinese TV dramas, films and documentaries. Publications: “Traveling Theory: Fredric Jameson’s Interpretations of the Cultural Revolution and Maoism.” CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture. (forthcoming in September 2018). “The Construction of the Image/Myth of a Martyr in the Cultural Revolution: An Interpretation/Demythicization of The Song of Ouyang Hai,” Comparative Literature Studies, Volume 52,
Economics

Creal, Drew – Ph.D., University of Washington, Seattle
Associate Professor


Dalderop, Jeroen – PhD, University of Cambridge
Assistant Professor

His research focuses on developing and applying novel econometric methods, in particular non- and semiparametric methods, for modeling the behavior of financial asset prices and their link to the real economy. His existing research shows how newly available high frequency data sets can be used to evaluate competing option pricing models.

Dinkelman, Taryn – University of Michigan
Associate Professor

Dinkelman is a development economist whose research identifies specific barriers that prevent workers in developing countries from realizing the full value of their labor. The first strand of her work examines structural factors that determine the returns to work in developing countries, including the lack of physical infrastructure and lack of legal protections for workers. The second strand identifies factors that inhibit accumulation of human capital, emphasizing the long term effects of environmental shocks early in life and information barriers that undermine educational investments.


Turner, Patrick – PhD, University of Colorado, Boulder
Research Assistant Professor

His research is in the fields of labor and development and focuses on the intersection of policy and the labor market. His recent work explores the effects of immigration policy and health insurance policy on U.S. labor markets. Additionally, he works on program evaluations in Colorado and Bangladesh. At Notre Dame, he will be expanding his work in program evaluation through his work in the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunity.

Wu, Cynthia - PhD, University of California, San Diego
Associate Professor


Film, Television, & Theatre

Barba, David – MFA, Columbia University
Assistant Professor

Barba is a filmmaker working in fiction and documentary with expertise in short films. As a programmer he co-founded and co-directed the NYC Short Film Festival which celebrates its 14th edition this October. He ran the Columbia University Film Festival, a New York and Los Angeles showcase of the best graduate short films, feature screenplays and teleplays, for four years from 2014–2018. He teaches courses on screenwriting and producing. Filmography: Pop Star on Ice (2009); Be Good Johnny Weir – Season 1 (2010); Be Good Johnny Weir – Season 2 (2012); American Cheerleader (2014); Anatomy of a Male Ballet Dancer (2018); La Paz (in development).

History

Menon, Nikhil – Ph.D, Princeton University
Assistant Professor

Menon is a historian of modern South Asia, specializing in the economic and political history of India. His current book project, Planned Democracy: Citizenship, Development, and the Practices of Planning in Independent India, examines how the government of India negotiated a unique marriage between liberal parliamentary democracy and centralized economic planning—precisely when the Cold War made them seem fundamentally incompatible. Placing India within global debates on development, it maps the transnational flows of ideas, individuals, and institutions among India, the United States, Europe, and the Soviet Union. Publications: The Postcolonial Moment in South and Southeast Asia, co-edited with Gyan Prakash and Michael Laffan (Bloomsbury, 2018); and “Fancy Calculating Machine’: Computers and Planning in Independent India,” Modern Asian Studies, March 2018.
Romance Languages and Literatures

Wang, Emily - PhD, Princeton University
Assistant Professor

Most of Professor Wang's research focuses on nineteenth- and twentieth-century Russian poetry, with a particular focus on literary groups and their intersections with society at large, as well as intellectual history, the history of emotions, and nationalism. Her current book project is tentatively titled Civic Sentimentalism: Pushkin and the Decembrists. She also edits the journal Pushkin Review. Publications: “Ryleev, Pushkin, and the Poeticization of Russian History,” forthcoming in Russian Review Winter 2019.


Philosophy

Rubin, Hannah - PhD, University of Toronto
Assistant Professor


Program of Liberal Studies

Planinc, Emma - PhD, University of Toronto
Assistant Professor

Planinc is a political theorist, with a particular interest in Early Modern and Enlightenment thought. Before joining the faculty in the Program of Liberal Studies, she was a Harper–Schmidt Fellow at the University of Chicago teaching Classics of Social and Political Thought. Her work has appeared in Political Theory, The Review of Politics, and the Canadian Journal of Political Science. She is currently working on her book monograph, Regenerating Political Animals, which studies the relation between natural science, theology, and political philosophy in eighteenth century French debates about what it means to be human, culminating in the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen.

Political Science

Cortez, David - PhD, Cornell University
Assistant Professor

Cortez's research centers on ethnic and racial identity with particular focus on intersectional and situational identity salience. His current book project explores the emergence of a disproportionately Latinx immigration law enforcement workforce as a metaphor for the minority experience in the United States. Drawing on extensive fieldwork, including interviews with and observations of more than one-hundred Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents across Texas, Arizona, and California, his research engages questions of belonging, obligation, and liminality to reveal the careful negotiation of cross-cutting social group memberships of Latinx immigration agents caught between two worlds: the police and the policed.

Cortez is an alumnus of the American Political Science Association Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, and his research has been supported by the National Science Foundation and the American Political Science Association Minority Fellowship Program. Publications: Jones-Correa, Michael, Hajer Al-Faham, and David Cortez. Forthcoming, “Political (Mis)behavior; Attention and Lacunae in the Study of Latino Politics.” Annual Review of Sociology.
Pérez-Liñán, Anibal – PhD, University of Notre Dame

Professor

Pérez-Liñán studies processes of democratization and the working of political institutions, executive-legislative relations, and the rule of law in new democracies. His books include Presidential Impeachment and the New Political Instability in Latin America, and Democracies and Dictatorships in Latin America (with Scott Mainwaring). His research has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the United States Agency for International Development, and the Inter-American Development Bank, among other institutions. He is editor in chief of the Latin American Research Review, the scholarly journal of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), and co-editor with Paolo Carozza of the Kellogg Series on Democracy and Development at the University of Notre Dame Press.

Schiumberini, Luis – PhD, Yale University

Assistant Professor

Luis studies how economic and political institutions shape democratic representation in Latin America. His research combines tools of causal inference, such as natural and survey experiments, with fieldwork. He is completing a manuscript that examines why holding office is an electoral blessing for politicians in some systems and a curse in others. He will teach World Politics and Inequality and Democracy, and Quantitative Methods. Publications: Campaigns and voters in developing democracies: Argentina in comparative perspective, (with Noam Lupu and Virginia Oliveros) University of Michigan Press forthcoming. Why do people join backlash protests? Lessons from Turkey,” (with Erdem Aytac and Susan Stokes) Journal of Conflict Resolution 62(6): 1203—1228, 2018.

Psychology

Koen, Joshua – PhD, University of California, Davis

Assistant Professor

Koen’s research focuses on the cognitive neuroscience of learning and memory. His lab uses a variety of neuroscientific techniques, including functional MRI, electroencephalography, and transcranial magnetic stimulation research to investigate the neural underpinnings of human memory.


Theology

Grillo, Jennie – DPhil, Oxford University

Assistant Professor

Visiting Faculty

**Anthropology**
Gibson, Rebecca – PhD, American University
*Visiting Assistant Professor*

**Art, Art History, and Design**
Hume, Evan – MFA, George Washington University
*Teaching Scholar*

**Classics**
Muezzin, Ahmad – MA, University of Wisconsin, Madison
*Visiting Assistant Professional Specialist*

**East Asian Languages and Cultures**
Tarcov, Marianne – PhD, University of California, Berkeley
*Visiting Assistant Professional Specialist*
Wang, Qi – MA, Seton Hall
*Visiting Assistant Professional Specialist*

**English**
Marcus, Sara – PhD, Princeton University
*Visiting Assistant Professor*

**Medieval Institute**
Burden, John – PhD, Yale University
*Gabriel Postdoctoral Fellow*
Harper, R Demetrios – PhD, University of Winchester
*Byzantine Studies Postdoctoral Fellow*
Ogden, Stephen – PhD, Yale University
*Visiting Assistant Professor*

**Music**
Shae, Brendan – DMA, SUNY Stony Brook
*Visiting Assistant Professor*

Incoming Fellows

**Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS) Fellows**

Brown, Harvey – Oxford University
Cavanaugh, William – DePaul University
Deak, John – University of Notre Dame
Hinshaw, Daniel – University of Michigan
Ivanov, Andrey – University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Lehner, Ulrich – Marquette University
Jonsson, Fredrik Albritton – University of Chicago
Mueller, Lisa – Macalester College
Tor, Avishalom – University of Notre Dame
Tweed, Thomas – University of Notre Dame
van Huyssteeen, J. Wentzel – Princeton Theological Seminary
Walls, Laura Dassow – University of Notre Dame
Winant, Johanna – West Virginia University
Zagoskin, Alexandre – Loughborough University

**Keough–Naughton Institute for Irish Studies Visiting Faculty Fellows**

Mac Craith, Michael – PhD, National University of Ireland
Mouton Kinyon, Chante – PhD, National University of Ireland, Galway
O’Neill, Ciara – PhD, University of Limerick
Russell, Paul – PhD, Jesus College, Oxford