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 2019–2020
Art, Art History and Design
James Rudolph — M.S., Bentley University
Assistant Professor
James brings extensive industry and user-centered design experience to the department, having spent the majority of his career in medical device development and design consulting. His areas of interest include contextual inquiry in healthcare environments, design strategy, ideation methodologies, medical device development, and creating environments for successful cross-disciplinary productivity. Prior to joining the faculty, he led design and development programs for a wide array of healthcare and consumer electronics businesses. Previous clients include: GE Healthcare, Mako Surgical, Medtronic, DePuy Mitek. (2016) “Turning Qualitative Insights into Value-Driven Business Opportunities.” Presentation given at BIOMEDevice Boston 2016 conference, Boston, MA. Watch the Sterile Field – Conducting Research in the OR. (2017) “Watch the Sterile Field – Conducting Research in the OR.” Proceedings of the Boston UXPA Chapter, 12th Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Tatiana Reinaoa — PhD, University of Texas at Austin
Assistant Professor

Anthropology
Cara Ocobock — Ph.D., Washington University, St. Louis
Assistant Professor
Her research program integrates human biology and anthropology, with a focus on the interaction between anatomy, physiology, evolution, and the environment. She explores the physiological and behavioral mechanisms necessary to cope with and adapt to extreme climate and physical activity. Her research assesses their life ways, life history patterns, cold climate adaptations, and addresses potential health disparities. One aspect of this work focuses on brown adipose tissue, a type of fat that burns only to keep an individual warm when cold and leads to a known increase in metabolic rate — the number of calories you burn each day. Brown fat has important implications for not only understanding cold adaptations now and throughout human evolution, but also for metabolic health and the treatment of obesity. Ocobock C, Overbeck A, Carlson C, Royer C, Mervenne A, Thurber C, Dugas L, Carlson B, Pontzer H. (2019) Sustained high levels of physical activity lead to improved endurance and performance among “Race Across the USA” athletes. American Journal of Physical Anthropology. 188(4): 789–794. (DOI: 10.1002/ajpa.23781). Ocobock C. (2017) Body fat attenuates muscle mass catabolism among physically active humans in temperate and cold high altitude environments. American Journal of Human Biology. 29(3): e23013.
### Economics

**Rob Collinson - Ph.D., New York University Assistant Professor**

His research focuses on the role of housing and neighborhood environments in the outcomes of adults and children, and the optimal design of low-income housing programs. In recent research, he explores the effects of eviction in housing court on adult and child well-being. He also conducted research on the design of housing voucher subsidies. *How Do Changes In Housing Voucher Design Affect Rent and Neighborhood Quality* (with Peter Ganong). American Economic Journal: Economic Policy 2018, 10(2): 62–89.

### Music

**Johanna Frymoyer - Ph.D., New York University Assistant Professor**


### Philosophy

**Feraz Azhar - Ph.D., University of Cambridge Assistant Professor**


### History

**Ian Johnson - Ph.D., Ohio State University Assistant Professor of Military History**

Johnson is a historian of war, diplomacy, and technology. He received his PhD from the Ohio State University in 2016, with a dissertation that explored secret military cooperation between the Soviet Union and Germany in the interwar period. During graduate school, he was the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship, as well as the OSU Presidential Fellowship. His research focuses on the origins and conduct of war, and the maintenance of peace. His first monograph, *The Faustian Bargain: Secret Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period*, is forthcoming with Oxford University Press.

**J.P. Moran Family Assistant Professor of Military History**

Program of Liberal Studies

Katie Bugis - Ph.D., University of Notre Dame
Assistant Professor
Bugis is a historian of Christian theology, liturgical practice, and material culture, who is particularly interested in reconstructing the lived experiences of religious women in the Middle Ages through their documents of practice and other material remains. Her book, *The Care of Nuns: Benedictine Women’s Ministries in England during the Central Middle Ages* (Oxford University Press, 2019), recovers the liturgical practices of Benedictine nuns in England from 900 to 1225 primarily through detailed analyses of the books their communities produced and used. She has published numerous book chapters and articles, in such journals as *Speculum*, *Traditio*, *Church History*, *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, and *Journal of Medieval History*. She also has coedited two volumes, *Women Intellectuals and Leaders in the Middle Ages* (Boydell & Brewer, forthcoming) and *Medieval Cantors and Their Craft: Music, Liturgy, and the Shaping of History* (York Medieval Press, 2017). Her research has won fellowships and grants from the Medieval Academy of America, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, and the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University.

Political Science

Scott Mainwaring - Ph.D., Stanford University
Eugene and Helen Conley Professor of Political Science
Mainwaring's research interests include political parties and party systems, democratic and authoritarian regimes, democratization, and Latin American politics. Mainwaring was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2010. In 2019, he was included in a list of the 50 most frequently cited political scientists in the world.


Sociology

Ricardo Martínez-Schuldt - Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Assistant Professor
His research examines processes of international migration in the North American migratory system, with a focus on Mexican immigration to the United States. My dissertation analyzed the cross-border engagement between Mexico and its citizens living abroad. Additionally, I conduct research on the neighborhood and city-level correlates of crime, crime reporting behavior, and officer-involved shootings. In particular, my research assesses the impact of "sanctuary" policies on city-level violence as well as their effect on the likelihood that individuals report crime victimization to law enforcement officials.


Theology

Ulrich Lehner - Ph.D., Central European University
William K. Warren Foundation Professor of Theology
Lehner, a native of Bavaria, specializes in the history and theology of the Early Modern period and the Enlightenment, and has also a keen interest in 20th century German history and philosophy. He has published and edited over twenty books, in particular about the Catholic Enlightenment. Enlightened Monks (Oxford UP: 2011), The Catholic Enlightenment (Oxford UP: 2016; German and Lithuanian translation 2018), God Is Not Nice (Ave Maria Press: 2017; Spanish and German translation 2019).

Calvin Zimmerman - Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
Assistant Professor
Zimmermann's research expertise is in the sociology of race and education. He is interested in the ways that racial ideologies and structures shape children's educational experiences and outcomes, particularly in early childhood. His research primarily focuses on how institutional racism shapes the earliest school experiences of African American girls and boys.
Visiting Faculty

American Studies
Peter Cujka - Ph.D., Boston College
*Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor*

East Asian Languages and Cultures
Haibo Hu - M.A., Beijing Normal University
*Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor*
Jin Zhang - M.A., Nankai University
*Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor*

Economics
Jeff Campbell - Ph.D., Northwestern University
*Visiting Associate Professor*

German and Russian Languages and Literatures
Maureen Gallagher - PhD, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
*Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor*

History
Kallyn Carter - Ph.D., Princeton University
*Visiting Assistant Professor*
Joshua Specht - Ph.D., Harvard University
*Visiting Assistant Professor*

Medieval Institute
Michael Heil - Ph.D., Columbia University
*Visiting Assistant Professor, Mellon Fellow*
Nicole Paxton Sallo - Ph.D., Yale University
*Byzantine Studies Postdoctoral Fellow*

Program of Liberal Studies
Eric Bugis - Ph.D., Yale University
*Visiting Assistant Professor*

Fellows

Nanovic Institute for European Studies - Keough School for Global Affairs
Pavol Hurbanek - Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia
Volodymyr Turchynovs'kyi - Ukrainian Catholic University
Jela Kehoe - Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia
Raúl Madrid - Stanford University
Abby Córdova - Vanderbilt University
Adela Cedillo - University of Wisconsin-Madison
Deborah Durham - University of Chicago
Virginia Oliveros - Columbia University
Elizabeth Sperber - Columbia University

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS)
Philip Bess - University of Notre Dame
*Professor of Architecture*
Eileen Hunt Botting - University of Notre Dame
*Professor of Political Science*
Faisal Husain - Pennsylvania State University
*Associate Professor of History*
Debra Javeline - University of Notre Dame
*Associate Professor of Political Science*
Heather Keenleyside - University of Chicago
*Associate Professor of English*
Robert Latiff - George Mason University
*Research Professor in Engineering*
Jin Lu - Purdue University Northwest
*Professor of French*
Casey Martina Lurtz - Johns Hopkins University
*Assistant Professor of History*
Jonathan Marks - University of North Carolina at Charlotte - *Professor of Anthropology*
Jaime Haaland Mallary - University of Oslo
*Professor of Political Science*
Yulia Minets - Princeton University
*Postdoctoral Research Associate*
Evan Ragland - University of Notre Dame
*Assistant Professor of History*
Joshua Stachlik - University of St. Thomas
*Associate Professor of Philosophy*
Claire Wendland - University of Wisconsin-Madison
*Professor of Anthropology, Obstetrics and Gynecology*