2019–2020
NEW FACULTY BROCHURE

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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.

Tatiana Reinoza - PhD, University of Texas at Austin
Assistant Professor
Reinoza is an art historian who specializes in contemporary Latinx art. Her monograph project focuses on the history of Latinx printmaking. In particular, she investigates how artists use the medium of prints to create new cartographies of the Americas. She is also at work on an edited anthology that commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the East Los Angeles graphic workshop Self Help Graphics, which began with the support of the Sisters of the Order of St. Francis. “The Island within the Island: Remapping Dominican York,” Archives of American Art Journal 57:2 (fall 2018): 4-27. Peer-reviewed. Awarded best essay prize Latin American Studies Association Visual Culture Section. “Immigrant Invisibility and the Post-9/11 Border in Sandra Fernandez’s Coming of Age,” alter/nativas latin american cultural studies journal 7 (fall 2017) ISSN 2168-8451

Anthropology

Cara Ocobock - Ph.D., Washington University, St. Louis
Assistant Professor
**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

John Firth - Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Assistant Professor
Firth is a development economist whose research aims to understand why poor countries suffer from low productivity. Some of his recent work uses data from Indian Railways to study how infrastructure affects manufacturing productivity. He is also interested in legal and institutional barriers to productivity, and in how productivity challenges arise in the nonprofit and government sectors.

**Music**

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

**Philosophy**

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

Laura Callahan - Ph.D., Rutgers University  
Assistant Professor

**History**

Ian Johnson - Ph.D., Ohio State University  
J.P. Moran Family 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 Intervar Period, is forthcoming with Oxford University Press.
Kristopher McDaniel - Ph.D., University of Massachusetts

Professor

His main area of expertise is in metaphysics, although he also works in the history of philosophy and in ethics. In metaphysics, he's focused on the nature of necessity, parts and wholes, and ontology. In the history of philosophy, he's written on both canonical figures (e.g., Kant, Kierkegaard, and Heidegger) and unduly neglected figures (Edith Stein, Susanne Langer, and Mary Whiton Calkins). In ethics, he is interested in intrinsic value. Some recent publications are: The Fragmentation of Being, Oxford University Press, 2017, "Teleological Suspensions in Fear and Trembling", Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (forthcoming). "Freedom and Idealism in Mary Whiton Calkins", British Journal for the History of Philosophy (forthcoming). "Abhidharma Metaphysics and the Two Truths", Philosophy East and West (forthcoming).

Katie Bugyis - Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

Assistant Professor

Bugyis 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 (Boyell & 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.

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. "Party Systems in Latin America: Institutionalization, Decay, and Collapse" (edited, Cambridge University Press, 2018), "Democracies and Dictatorship in Latin America: Emergence, Survival, and Fall" New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013 (With Aníbal Pérez-Liñán), "Partidos Conservadores no Brasil Contemporâneo" Rio de Janeiro: Paz e Terra, 2000. (With Rachel Meneguello and Timothy J. Power)

Ricardo Martinez-Schuldt - Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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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.

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)
Visiting Faculty

American Studies
Peter Cajka – 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 – Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst
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Katlyn 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 Sullo – Ph.D., Yale University
Byzantine Studies Postdoctoral Fellow

Program of Liberal Studies
Eric Bugyis – Ph.D., Yale University
Visiting Assistant Professor

Fellows

Nanovic Institute for European Studies - Keough School for Global Affairs
Pavol Hurbanek – Catholic University in Ruzomberok, Slovakia
Volodymyr Turchynovskyy – Ukrainian Catholic University
Jela Kehoe – Catholic University in Ruzomberok, 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

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Professor of Anthropology
Janne Haaland Matláry – University of Oslo
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Joshua Stuchlik – University of St. Thomas
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Claire Wendland – University of Wisconsin–Madison
Professor of Anthropology, Obstetrics and Gynecology