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Interests: Education, social stratification, social policy, quantitative methods
Courses: Sociology of Education
Recent position/institution: Social Science Research Council, London

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Catherine Czarni
Assistant Professor
Interests: Medieval and Renaissance literature
Courses: Foundations of Theology; Biblical and Historical Interpretation

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame is a place at the forefront of innovation in theology and philosophy of science doctoral program. Further opportunities to work with Catholic Relief Services, alongside a warm, welcoming environment and peers with outstanding intellectual capability, meant that Notre Dame was the obvious choice.

Carola I. Jarjarji
Associate Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures
Interests: Colonial studies; 17th-century Latin American literature; postcolonial theory and cultural history
Courses: Going Native and the Colonial Imagination
Recent position/institution: Associate Professor of Latin American literature and anthropology, Vanderbilt University
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Terence Johnson
Instructor, Economics
Interests: Microeconomic theory, game theory and market design
Courses: Microeconomic Theory; Game Theory
Recent position/institution: Graduate Assistant, University of Maryland
Why Notre Dame: I chose to come to Notre Dame because it offers many incredible opportunities to pursue ambitious and interesting research, teach stimulating and interesting classes, and participate in a vibrant academic community.

Edward Jurkowitz
Assistant Professor
Interests: History of Science
Courses: History of Science, Technology and Values, one micro-specialization.

Why Notre Dame: I came to Notre Dame to teach in the Institute of Science, Technology and Values, one in which students explore the complex, shifting relationships between science and society and are excited to contribute to the vibrant, diverse scholarly community by engaging with students and faculty from the History and Philosophy of Science program. All at all, Notre Dame is a wonderful place for a historian of science.

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Assistant Professor, Sociology
Interests: Education, social stratification, social policy, and citizenship
Courses: Globalization in Africa; Democracy and Citizenship in Africa (junior seminar); Field Research Methods (graduate student seminar)
Recent position/institution: I just completed my Ph.D. at Cornell University.
Education: B.A., University of Chicago; M.A., Ph.D., Cornell University
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Francesca Bordogna
Associate Professor, Philosophy
Interests: Science and metaphysics, including topics in the philosophy of physics and biology
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Ann-Marie Contrada
Assistant Professor, Art, Art History, and Design
Interests: Social design
Courses: Visual Dialog: Drawing for Designers; Product Design 1; Product Design Research; Advanced Product Design
Recent position/institution: Working in industry as a product design and research consultant with international clients including Panasonic, Starbucks, Naim Bachand Banier
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Celia Drenae-Drummond
Professor, Theology, College of Arts and Letters and College of Science
Interests: Theology and development, bioethics; Environmental Ethics, Ecotheology
Recent position/institution: Professor in theology and the bioethics program at University of Chester, U.K.

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Declan Kiberd

Assistant Professor, English
Interests: Irish literature, James Joyce, Wilde, Synge, Art and subversion
Recent position/institution: Professor of Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama, University College Dublin
Education: B.A., Trinity College Dublin; D.Phil., Oxford University

Why Notre Dame? I was aware of the global profile of the Irish studies program: I work both in English and Irish languages, so the bilingual nature of the program appeals greatly. The many disciplines reflected in Irish Studies at Notre Dame will also be invaluable in allowing me to pursue interests in the relation between art and society.

Jason Lahr

Assistant Professor, Art, Art History, & Design
Interests: Narrative painting that utilizes written texts and appropriated images to address notions of working-class masculinity
Courses: Undergraduate

Recent position/institution: Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame
Education: B.F.A., Clarion University, M.F.A., Penn State University

Why Notre Dame? I chose Notre Dame because of my desire to be in a university environment offering unparalleled support and enthusiasm for research while maintaining a strong emphasis in teaching and service. When coupled with the superior caliber of faculty and students, the resources available on campus, and Notre Dame’s strong liberal arts tradition, the decision was an easy one to make.

Amy L. Langekamp

Assistant Professor, Sociology
Interests: Processes of inequality within schools, especially how inequality is replicated or diminished across school transitions
Courses: Undergraduate

Recent position/institution: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University
Education: B.A., University of South Carolina; M.A., Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin

Why Notre Dame? I was eager to come to Notre Dame because, within the Institute of Educational Initiatives and the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity, there is a community of scholars at the forefront of research on education and educational inequality. I look forward to working with such a distinguished community.

José L. Limón

Notre Dame Professor of American Literature, English
Interests: Mexican-American literature and culture
Courses: Cultural Studies; Mexican-American Literature; Literature of the U.S. South

Recent position/institution: Cody C. Bonbright Regents Professor of English and American Literature, University of Texas at Austin
Education: B.A., M.A., Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin

Why Notre Dame? I have wanted to be at Notre Dame since I was a child. The opportunity finally came to join such a distinguished and Catholic institution. I am delighted to be here.

Araya Martin

Assistant Professor of English
Interests: Arabic linguistic analysis
Courses: First- and Second-Year Arabic
Recent position/institution: Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University

Education: B.S., Kent University at Canterbury; Licenciatura, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Ph.D., Georgetown University

Why Notre Dame? After my visit to the campus, I realized that Notre Dame was the best place to develop both as scholar and as human being. I felt that Notre Dame and the University at large would get the best academic results, for professors and for students, working both at the intellectual and at the personal human level.

Elizabeth A. McClintock

Assistant Professor, Sociology
Interests: Gender, family, partner selection, sexuality
Courses: Marriage and Family
Recent position/institution: Predoctoral candidate, Stanford University

Education: B.A., Princeton University; M.A., Ph.D., Stanford University

Why Notre Dame? This is my dream job: to do good work in the suburbs of Chicago and get excellent support for research and teaching.

Eric Metz McConnell

Instructor, Sociology
Interests: International comparative governance and development, with a special focus on Africa and China
Courses: Governance in Africa, Development and Human Well-being

Recent position/institution: Doctoral Candidate, North Carolina State University
Education: B.S.Ed., Ph.D., Northwestern University

Why Notre Dame? When visiting Notre Dame, I quickly realized it possessed a unique blend of world-class scholarship combined with a warm community of scholars and students deeply invested in issues of human well-being. Notre Dame is a university with a mission: to work both as a model and as a vision. I want to be a part of continuing that momentum.

Terence E. McDeon

Assistant Professor, Sociology
Interests: Culture and media
Courses: Telling Stories about Society: Media, Representation and the Sociology of Knowledge

Recent position/institution: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Vanderbilt University and the Curb Center for Art, Enterprise and Public Policy
Education: B.A., University of Virginia; Ph.D., Northwestern University

Why Notre Dame? Notre Dame’s sociology faculty have established what may be the fastest-rising department in the country, especially for cultural sociology, I’m thrilled to join a department with such energy and promise. In addition, I’m excited to be part of a community of students with a real commitment to social justice.

Rebecca Tish McRae

Assistant Professor, History
Interests: Modern African and transnational history
Courses: United States in the World; The Gilded Age and Progressive Era
Recent position/institution: Visiting assistant professor, Southern Connecticut State University

Education: B.A., Barnard College; Columbia University; M.A., Ph.D Yale University

Why Notre Dame? The academic excellence associated with the University and the prospect of working with both talented students and accomplished scholars were reasons enough for me to choose Notre Dame. Pursuing this scholarly life at a community of scholars whose moral and spiritual orientation resonates with mine—this was an opportunity I could not refuse and one that I heartily embrace.

Francesca Ivan Murphy

Professor, Theology
Interests: Theological aesthetics
Courses: Foundations, Theology and Film
Recent position/institution: Visiting Professor of Christian Philosophy, University of Aberdeen

Education: B.A., Manchester University, M.A., University of Southern California; Ph.D., King’s College, London University

Why Notre Dame? I came to Notre Dame in order to work in a high caliber Catholic university.

Paul Obrzudek

Assistant Professor, History
Interests: African history, imperialism and colonialism, youth in生素
Courses: Africa to 1800; Modern Africa; A First-Year Seminar titled “Philosophy of an African Rebellion”

Recent position/institution: Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame
Education: B.A., University of Michigan; M.Ph., Oxford University; Ph.D., Princeton University

Why Notre Dame: As a Kellogg Institute visiting fellow last year, I got to know Notre Dame a little and saw firsthand how the University would nurture my teaching skills and research agenda. Moreover, I was impressed by the enthusiasm of Notre Dame students to learn about Africa and travel there for research and service. Finding a university eager to invest in you and a student body interested in what you study is an unmatchable combination.

Emily Jastina Powell

Assistant Professor, Political Science
Interests: International relations, international law, international organizations
Courses: International Law, International Organizations

Recent position/institution: Assistant Professor, University of Alabama

Education: Master’s Degree, Law, University of New Mexico; Diplomado from Jean Monnet Center for European Studies, Torunt, Poland; M.A., Ph.D., Florida State University; Tashkent

Why Notre Dame? I chose to come to Notre Dame because of its commitment to upgrading the highest standards in education, and in Catholic identity.

Ricardo Ramirez

Associate Professor, Political Science
Interests: Political behavior, state and local politics, immigration politics and policy, and race and politics
Courses: Latinos and the U.S. Political System

Recent position/institution: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California
Education: B.A., University of California, Los Angeles; M.A., Ph.D., Stanford University

Why Notre Dame: I chose Notre Dame because of the University’s commitment to social justice and the established and growing reputation of the political science department. In particular, I could not pass up the opportunity to take part in the vibrant community of faculty and students who comprise the Romley Center for the Study of American Democracy.

Dennis Robichaud

Assistant Professor, Program of Legal Studies
Interests: Renaissance humanism, history of philosophy, rhetoric and textual culture, classical civilization
Courses: Philosophical Inquiry and Seminar II at the Program of Liberal Studies
Recent position/institution: Ph.D. candidate and Charles S. Singleton and Coleman Fellow, Johns Hopkins University; Adjunct Fellow, Warburg Institute, London, England
Education: B.A., Liberal Arts College of Comenius University in Montreal; M.A., Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University

Why Notre Dame? The University of Notre Dame offers me exceptional scholars with whom I can converse and pursue research as it also deeply appreciates the value of undergraduate education and the humanities. The opportunity to teach in the Program of Liberal Studies has a particular appeal to me because of its well-realized curriculum and in ability to attract bright students.

Yasmin Solomosouza

Assistant Professor, English
Interests: British literature
Courses: The Romantic Novel, British Romanticism, and the Sciences of Life

Recent position/institution: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Postdoctoral Research Fellow, York University, Toronto, Canada
Education: B.J., Carleton University, M.Phil., Cambridge University, University of Notre Dame

Why Notre Dame? I chose Notre Dame because of its commitment to fostering academic excellence in tandem with a concern for social justice and the common good.

Meghan Sullivan

Instructor, Philosophy
Interests: Metaphysics, logic, philosophy of religion
Courses: Social Metaphysics

Recent position/institution: Graduate student, Rutgers University Philosophy Department
Education: B.A., University of Virginia; B.Phil., University of Oxford; Ph.D., Rutgers University

Why Notre Dame? Two features attracted me to Notre Dame: First, Notre Dame is in a unique world-class, and it’s privileged to work with the other faculty and students here. Second, in particular, I was excited to join a community that is exceptionally committed to Catholic education and spirituality.

Tod Wilczak

Assistant Professional Specialist, Thology
Interests: Contemporary Catholic theology, the theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar, liberation theology, Christian relations Cornell University in Montreal; M.A., Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University

Why Notre Dame? I chose Notre Dame because of its commitment to fostering academic excellence in tandem with a concern for social justice and the common good.

Recent position/institution: Ph.D. student at the University of Notre Dame
Education: B.A., University of Dayton; M.T.S., Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

Why Notre Dame? I was excited to take up the position of assistant chair for Graduate Studies. South Bend has been a wonderful place for my family, and Notre Dame offers financial support and opportunities in my field as well as bright undergraduates to work well with the students. I was also extremely excited to work with such distinguished faculty in the department of theology on pedagogy and professional development.
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Arezoo Ardakani
Rev. John Cardinal O'Hara, C.C.S., Assistant Professor, Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Shirko Postdoctoral Fellow, MIT
Education: B.S., Sharif University of Technology, Iran; M.S., Ph.D., University of California, Irvine

Why Notre Dame: I came to Notre Dame because of its excellence in fluid mechanics, understanding and its strong area of community.

Jia Dame
Assistant Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Postdoctoral associate, University of Notre Dame
Education: B.S., University of California, San Diego

Why Notre Dame: I love Norte Dame because of its commitment to advancing science and engineering, and also, its strong community in my interest area of fluid mechanics.

Yangrak Do
Assistant Professor, Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Posdoc, MIT
Education: B.S., Seoul National University; M.S., Ph.D., Stanford University

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Bertrand Freimann
Freimann Professor, Electrical Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Vice president, systems engineering, Recem Communications (start-up in Silicon Valley)
Education: B.S., Swarthmore College; M.S., Duke University; M.A., Ph.D., Yale University

Why Notre Dame: I came to in Notre Dame because of its collegial atmosphere and its commitment to excellence in scholarship.

Scott S. Howard
Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Cornell University
Education: B.S.E.E., University of Notre Dame; Ph.D., Princeton University

Why Notre Dame: I believe in Notre Dame and Multi-Disciplinary. Notre Dame is the only possible course for our built environment to become efficient.

Sandeep Kataria
Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Instructor, Computer Science and Engineering
Education: B.S., Carnegie Mellon University; Ph.D., University of Colorado, Boulder

Why Notre Dame: I am thrilled to participate in the mission of "engineering for the greater good," and to join Notre Dame's vibrant research and teaching community.

Raul Salinetti
Instructor, Computer Science and Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Research Assistant at Georgia Institute of Technology
Education: Engineer, M.S., Pontifical Universidad Catolica de Chile; Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology

Why Notre Dame: I chose Notre Dame because of its academic excellence, human quality and culture of service in society. I also appreciate the Catholic nature of the University and its imprint on the work and growth of students, staff and faculty. I see Notre Dame as an excellent place to educate future leaders in computing, in turning software engineering as a rigorous science based on my industrial and academic experiences, and to create a productive and enjoyable work environment. My research interests are centered on such areas in computer science such as ND nano, ADT and the NDIF.

Dani Kim Kwun
Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering and Geosciences

Recently Position/Institution: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology
Education: B.S., Yonsei University, M.S., Ph.D., Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

Why Notre Dame: Having spent years at Notre Dame, I have felt very comfortable in continue my research here in great environment, in various aspect provided by the University, distinguished colleagues and talented students.

Omar M. Mota
Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California, San Diego
Education: B.S., Polytechnic of Turin; M.S., University of California, Berkeley; Ph.D., University of California, San Diego

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame is a great place to do research and engineering, and the entire engineering department has top researchers working in the field of wireless communications.

William J. Philip
Assistant Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Fabrication, design and characterization of next-generation Swiss membrane for chemical separations at the water-air interface.
Education: Chemical Engineering Laboratory II

Why Notre Dame: I love Norte Dame because of the excellent work being done by the staff at the CNR-IMM and advance performance computing (both on campus and nationally) in tackling some of the main challenging problems in scientific research. Notre Dame also provides a warm, family-oriented environment that greatly complements the academic experience.

Ashley P. Tirrell
Assistant Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Princeton University
Education: B.A., Vassar College; M.S.E., Ph.D., Princeton University

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame offers an ideal combination of world-class scholarship and exceptional excellence in education. The department features a strong community of colleagues and instructors who will work toward working with students to join Notre Dame in areas of research as service to be truly unique and inspiring.

Jeremiah Zarnhaim
Assistant Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Recently Position/Institution: B.S., Colorado, Boulder; M.A., Ph.D., Princeton University

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame impressed me as a university of excellence in research and teaching. The opportunities and resources available as well

Laura Dowson Wall
William P. and Hazel R. White Professor of English

Recently Position/Institution: John H. Bennett Jr. Chair of Southern Letters, University of South Carolina
Education: B.A., M.A., University of Washington; Ph.D., Indiana University

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame offers a unique site to open and sustain a conversation between the humanities and the sciences, at a time when such conversations hold the key to solving the problems posed by the 21st century. Here I am finding a truly cosmopolitan community, inspired by broad, intellectual inquiry with a profoundly ethical, and humanistic orientation—a great privilege, given that the humanities are now on the defensive as in so many universities across the nation.

Matthew Wilkens
Assistant Professor, English

Recently Position/Institution: Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in American Studies, Washington University, St. Louis
Education: B.S., College of William and Mary; M.S., University of California, Berkeley; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison; Ph.D., Duke University

Why Notre Dame: I was looking for an environment that combined world-leading research with serious commitment to undergraduate and graduate education. Notre Dame offered that pairing and the resources to sustain it in the future.

Tia Yang
Assistant Professional Specialist, East Asian Languages and Cultures

Recently Position/Institution: Lecturer, The Ohio State University
Education: B.A., Beijing University; M.A., Tsinghua University; Ph.D., The Ohio State University

Why Notre Dame: As one of America's leading institutions of higher education, Notre Dame attracts a large number of accomplished faculty and intelligent students. I am thrilled to be part of this outstanding community of scholars, teachers and students.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Gilbert Gorski
Associate Professor

Recently Position/Institution: Visiting
Education: B.Arch., M.Arch., Illinois Institute of Technology

Why Notre Dame: Abstraction, the primary means for investigating architecture through the last century, is enhanced in Architecture. The department for researching traditional methods of planning and construction is the only possible course for our built environment to become efficient.

Thomas John
Assistant Professor

Recently Position/Institution: Visiting
Education: Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame education in being a leader in both specific research and undergraduate teaching. The incredible new facilities, collegial faculty and staff, and talented students help create a productive and enjoyable work environment. My research interests are centered on such areas in urban design, education and the NDIF.
Karen Imgrund Deak
Assistant Special Professional, National Faculty
Courses: Molecular Genetics
Recent position/institution: Parent Agent, NSW Dakota University of South Carolina – Chapel Hill, Ph.D., University of Chicago

Why Notre Dame: Before coming to Notre Dame, I spent three years at a law firm, working on patent applications as a patent agent. A patent agent has passed the U.S. Patent Office’s examination, and is allowed to practice patent law before the Patent Office, even though she has not gone to law school. I was recruited to Notre Dame to create and teach in a new program that will train patent agents.

James Dillon Delany
Assistant Professional Specialist, Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics
Interests: Engineering statistics; probability and statistics for risk management
Courses: Applied Probability; Statistical Methods
Recent position/institution: Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Tulane University

Why Notre Dame: Considering Notre Dame's international reputation for academic excellence and my interest in interdisciplinary quantitative problems, it seemed like the new Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics would be a great place to work with statistics. Then when I visited Notre Dame, it felt as though I were at home and among family.

Haifeng Gao
Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Interests: Polymer chemistry and materials
Courses: Polymer Chemistry and Materials Science
Recent position/institution: Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of California, Berkeley, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Education: B.S., Fudan University, Shanghai, China; Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University

Why Notre Dame: I choose the University of Notre Dame because I want to be part of its commitment in academic excellence. This is also a great place for young faculty to develop their careers with balanced family life.

Alan Hueter
Assistant Professional Specialist, Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics
Interests: Educational statistics
Courses: Elements of Statistics; Managerial Statistics
Recent position/institution: Research Associate, ACT Inc.

Education: B.A., Concordia University Chicago; M.S., DePaul University; Ph.D., University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign

Why Notre Dame: I choose to come to Notre Dame because of its tradition in excellence of teaching in education.

Vlad M. Huc
Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Interests: Catalytic systems for activation and functionalization of inert molecules
Courses: Organometallic Chemistry
Recent position/institution: Postdoctoral

Salya Kryjeva
Research Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Interests: Nanomaterials, catalysis
Recent position/institution: Postdoctoral, Future Nano Science National Laboratory

Education: B.S., M.S., Chemistry National University, Ukraine; Ph.D., Institute of Surface Chemistry, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame is one of the best universities in the Midwest.

Jihan Li
Assistant Professor, Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics
Interests: Development of statistical methodology and its applications in biological, health, social, business and other scientific domains
Courses: Experimental Design
Recent position/institution: Senior Biometrician, Merck Research Labs

Education: B.S., Peking University Medical School, M.S., Iowa State University; Ph.D., University of Michigan

Why Notre Dame: The opportunity to participate in building a new department in statistics, the opportunities to work with world-class scholars, and the opportunity to collaborate with top scientists in various fields.

Edwin Michaeli
Professor, Biological Sciences
Interests: Disease epidemiology with focus on mathematical modeling, disease ecology, climate change and intervention analysis
Courses: Modern Infectious Disease Modeling (undergraduate senior level); Global Health Challenges (graduate level)

Recent position/institution: Senior Lecturer, Imperial College London, U.K.

Education: B.Sc., M.Sc., Madras University, India; Ph.D., University of London, U.K.

Why Notre Dame: I was attracted by Notre Dame ambition to develop world-class research in the area of global health, the University commitment to creating an environment for conducting leading-edge research, and the real desire to use knowledge toward bettering the world.

Miguel A. Morales
Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences
Interests: Molecular and Chemical Genomics and proteomics
Courses: Topics in Infectious Diseases
Recent position/institution: Research Associate, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France; Postdoctoral Fellow, University of North Carolina

Education: M.Sc., Ph.D., Complutense University, Madrid, Spain

Why Notre Dame: The opportunity to be part of a world-class, welcoming environment, excellent colleagues and ambitious goals.

Jung Ping
Research Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Harper Cancer Research Institute)
Interests: Cancer research using gene knockout models
Recent position/institution: Project staff, Cleveland Clinic

Education: B.S., M.D., Hebei Medical University; M.Sc., Peking Union Medical College and Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences

Why Notre Dame: I am very proud of being a member of the Notre Dame community. I like to learn from others and contribute my knowledge to fight cancer and make our life more beautiful.

Gregory Ragain
Research Assistant Professor, Environmental Change Initiative
Recent position/institution: Postdoctoral Associate, University of Florida

Education: B.A., University of San Diego; M.S., Washington State University, Ph.D., University of North Carolina

Why Notre Dame: I accepted a position at Notre Dame because the University provides excellent research support, high caliber students, and a diverse and talented group of colleagues.

Matthew J. Rauza
Professor, Biological Sciences
Interests: Evolutionary molecular biology and paleoecology of the mammalian skull, feeding apparatus and musculoskeletal system
Courses: Undergraduate anatomy, graduate seminars in evolution and bone biology
Recent position/institution: Professor of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences, University of Missouri School of Medicine

Education: B.A., University of Rochester; M.A., Northwestern University; Ph.D., Northwestern University

Why Notre Dame: Initially, my wife was recruited to the scientific environment of the Harper Cancer Research Institute. Upon interviewing at Notre Dame, I became excited about the many campusinitiatives and opportunities to collaborate with top scientists.

M. Sharon Stack
Professor, Biological Sciences (Harper Cancer Research Institute)
Interests: Proteinase regulation, tumor progression and metastasis
Recent position/institution: Professor and Vice Chair for Research, Department of Pathology, University of Michigan School of Medicine, Columbus

Education: B.S., Clasimson University, M.S.; East Tennessee State University; Ph.D., University of Louisville; Postdoc, Duke University

Why Notre Dame: My position provides a unique opportunity to promote basic cancer research involving the study of scientific community at Notre Dame and USD to stimulate collaboration with local clinical partners. I am pleased to inaugurate the Harper Cancer Research Institute as an outstanding resource for innovative and integrative cancer research.

Zali Syed
Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences
Interests: Sensory physiology, behavior, neurogenetics of olfaction
Courses: Neurobiology of sensory systems

Recent position/institution: Postdoctoral researcher, University of California, Davis
Education: B.Sc., Osmannia University, India; M.Sc., Aligarh Muslim University, India; Ph.D., University of Neuchatel, Switzerland

Why Notre Dame: Biological sciences department faculty at the Notre Dame have been at the forefront of studying various aspects of insect-ecology, epidemiology and genome sequencing of important species. With my expertise in chemical ecology, sensory physiology and organizational behavior, I am looking forward to developing exciting collaborations across disciplines, and offering a great platform for students to develop and translate their ideas.

Gabor Szekelydi
Howard J. Kenna, C.S.C., Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Interests: Complex geometry
Courses: Elements of Calculus I

Recent position/institution: Ritt Assistant Professor, Columbia University

Education: B.A., MA., University of Cambridge, U.K.; Ph.D., Imperial College London

Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame because of the great math department and especially the geometry program. Moreover, visiting the campus I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the University as a whole.

Pamela Tamez
Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences
Interests: Molecular interactions between human host and malaria parasite
Recent position/institution: Research Associate, University of Notre Dame

Education: B.A., Northwestern University; Ph.D., University of Illinois – Chicago

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame is investing a great deal of resources to build research.

Dominic O. Yachin
Director, Research
Research Assistant Professor, Biomedical Sciences
Interests: Psychology and spirituality of caring in the helping professions
Courses: Medical Counseling Skills; Compassionate Care in the Medical Professions; Spirituality of Caring in the Helping Professions; Fundamentals of Pastoral Counseling

Recent position/institution: Director of Behavioral Medicine and Caring Science Training, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program

Education: B.A., M.Div., University of Notre Dame; Ph.D., Loyola University Chicago

Why Notre Dame: The Ruth M. Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine at Notre Dame is dedicated to laying a foundation of compassion care and patient-physician interpersonal skills for students aspiring to medical professions. I am very committed to the field of caring versus a passive role in the care of patients and so this opportunity is what led me to return to Notre Dame.

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Why M.A., Ph.D., political science, University of Dartmouth College and further the common good. I chose to come to Notre Dame to join such an important tradition. I am excited by the potential and the challenge of amending property law in a real-world environment. I have been impressed by the strength and diversity of faculty, and I have always considered myself a part of the Notre Dame family to help shape business for good.

**LAW SCHOOL**

**Judi Clifford**

Associate Professor
Specialist and Director, Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic
Recent position/institution: Parent Attorney at Thompson Frick LLP in Cleveland, Ohio
Education: B.S., The Ohio State University; J.D., University of Virginia School of Law
Why Notre Dame: I was drawn to Notre Dame based upon the quality and character of the institution and the people, and have been tremendously impressed with the faculty, staff and students that I have met here. I will be developing a new clinical law program, designed to provide students the opportunity to apply intellectual property law in a real-world environment. I am excited by the potential and the challenge of creating a program that will allow law students to gain valuable experience working with clients.

**Bruce Huber**

Associate Professor
Interests: Environmental and natural resources law, energy law
Courses: Energy Law, Property
Recent position/institution: Visiting Assistant Professor, Dartmouth College
Education: A.B., Stanford University; J.D., M.A., Ph.D., political science, University of California, Berkeley
Why Notre Dame: I have long admired Notre Dame’s commitment to the integration of faith and reason. I’m honored to have the opportunity to give back to the university and to carry on such an important tradition.

**James J. Kelly Jr.**

Clinical Professor of Law, Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic
Interests: Real property and nonprofit law issues raised by community control of land resources, especially title clearing, land banking and community land trusts
Courses: Legal Aid I & II Ethics; Legal Aid II
Recent position/institution: Visiting Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University
Education: B.A., The University of Virginia; J.D., Columbia University
Why Notre Dame: As a teacher of new transactional lawyers, I want my students to learn how to support ventures that create social justice and further the common good. I chose to come to Notre Dame because here the authentic connection with those most vulnerable is at the heart of what we understand to be excellence.

**Randy J. Kazel**

Associate Professor of Law
Interests: Freedom of speech, legal change, contract law
Courses: Contracts; Freedom of Speech
Recent position/institution: Special Counsel, General Electric Co.
Education: B.B.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison; J.D., Harvard Law School
Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame Law School because of its faculty and a faculty atmosphere of excellence that makes Mendocino College of Business a stimulating academic environment, in which I believe I can successfully develop my research and teaching potential.

**Antalism Tor**

Professor of Law
Interests: My main research focus is the study of competitive and cooperative behaviors in market settings and their legal regulation by the antitrust laws.
Courses: Behavioral analysis of law; antitrust, technology and intellectual property; seminar on corporate governance
Recent position/institution: Senior Lecturer, University of Haifa Faculty of Law
Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame Law School because of its reputation for research and service and because I believe in the mission of the Kroc Institute to be a leader in the field of peace research. The opportunity to help shape the field through creating and managing a top Ph.D. program in the field is an exciting prospect.

**MENDOZA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**Wendy August**

Associate Professor
Specialist, Management
Interests: Health information technology
Courses: Business Problem Solving; Commercialization; Analytics; Principles of Management
Recent position/institution: CEO of CapMed Education: B.S., Michigan State University; M.H.A., University of La Verne
Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame endowed value-driven leadership. I am honored to be a part of the Notre Dame family to help shape business for good.

**Benjamin Golze**

Assistant Professor, Finance
Interests: Asset pricing, derivatives
Courses: Investments
Recent position/institution: Ph.D. candidate, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Education: B.Sc., University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; M.Sc., Ph.D., Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Why Notre Dame: I was initially attracted to Notre Dame because of its reputation for research and teaching excellence, but what ultimately convinced me to accept the offer to join Notre Dame was the sense of community that seems to pervade every part of the University. I count myself very fortunate to be joining such a special place.

**Srikanth Sarathy**

Assistant Professional Specialist, Management
Interests: Use of Lean and Six Sigma methodology for process improvement
Courses: Process Analytics; Business Statistics
Recent position/institution: Owned my own company doing engineering services and consulting in Lean Six Sigma and Operational Excellence
Education: B.S., Bangalore University, India; M.S., MBA, Georgia Tech
Why Notre Dame: I have always considered myself a teacher, and so I am excited to be at Notre Dame where educating and teaching students is given high importance.

**KROC INSTITUTE**

**Parmita Fichrow**

Associate Director of Doctoral Studies, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
Interests: Security and development, transitional justice, theories of revolution, Latin America
Courses: Development and Conflict, Peace Studies 1 and 2 (with Asher Kaufman)
Recent position/institution: Adjunct Research Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota
Education: B.A., Carleton College; M.Sc., London School of Economics; M.A., Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires; Ph.D., Universidad de Urbana–Champaign
Why Notre Dame: I chose Notre Dame because of its commitment to research, teaching and service and because I believe in the mission of the Kroc Institute to be a leader in the field of peace research. The opportunity to help shape the field through creating and managing a top Ph.D. program in the field is an exciting prospect.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**John Lukho**

Associate Professional Specialist, Associate Dean of Students, Graduate School
Interests: Professional issues in sport psychology with a specific focus on supervision practices
Recent position/institution: Associate Professor of Sports and Exercise Sciences and Associate Dean of College of Nursing and Health Sciences, West Texas A&M University
Education: B.A., University of Notre Dame; M.A., Ed.S., James Madison University; Ed.D., West Virginia University
Why Notre Dame: As an alumna of Notre Dame, I have the opportunity to give back to the university that has meant so much to me. I am excited to be in a position where I am able to work closely with both graduate students and administrators in achieving the educational mission of Notre Dame.