

# NEW FACULTY 2012

## 77 NEW FACULTY MEMBERS JOINED THE NOTRE DAME FAMILY THIS FALL

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

Neil Arner



Instructor, theology  
**Interests:** Moral and philosophical theology, including natural law theory, theological voluntarism, ecumenical ethics and evolutionary ethics  
**Courses:** Foundations of

Theology

**Recent position/institution:** Ph.D. candidate, Teaching Center fellow, and associate director of the Faith and Globalization Initiative, Yale University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.Phil., M.A., Yale University; S.T.M., Yale Divinity School; M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary; B.S., Georgia Institute of Technology

**Why Notre Dame:** *My scholarship and teaching have been shaped by engaging the work of numerous Notre Dame professors, and I am thrilled by the opportunity to become a local colleague of those whom I have come to consider intellectual friends-at-a-distance. I look forward to supporting the University's dual commitments not only to teaching and research but also to faith and learning.*

Wyatt Brooks



Assistant professor, economics  
**Interests:** International trade; macroeconomics  
**Courses:** Principles of Macroeconomics  
**Recent position/institution:** Graduate assistant, University of

Minnesota; research analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

**Education:** Ph.D., M.A., University of Minnesota; B.S., University of Washington  
**Why Notre Dame:** *Notre Dame is a university that is renowned for excellence in teaching and scholarship. In particular, the Department of Economics is a great environment and has a growing reputation for producing exciting new research.*

Patrick J. Deneen



Associate professor, political science  
**Interests:** History of political philosophy, with special interests in ancient Greek and American political thought; democratic theory; religion and

politics; literature and politics

**Courses:** Constitutionalism, Law and Politics; Political Theory

**Recent position/institution:** Associate professor, Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis Chair of Hellenic Studies, Georgetown University  
**Education:** Ph.D., B.A., Rutgers University  
**Why Notre Dame:** *Over the years I have had many occasions to visit the University of Notre Dame, and always came away deeply impressed by its spirit and sense of community. I have been drawn to join the University not only because of its excellent department of political science, but also because of the presence of a wider community of scholars and seekers who have been drawn to the University because of its mission, history and tradition.*

Carsten Dutt



Assistant professor, German and Russian languages and literatures  
**Interests:** Hermeneutics; philosophy of literature; history of concepts; German literature from the 17th to the 20th centuries  
**Courses:** Masterpieces of

German Literature

**Recent position/institution:** Assistant professor of German literature, University of Heidelberg

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Heidelberg; M.A., University of Konstanz

**Why Notre Dame:** *Though not myself a Catholic, I decided to come to Notre Dame because of its unique appeal as a modern Catholic university that renews the ideal of holistic knowledge and fosters integration of the descriptive and normative worlds. Combining first-class research with the best elements of a liberal arts education, Notre Dame is a distinctive place where my goals as a scholar and a teacher may be nurtured and realized. I am thrilled to join its outstanding academic community.*

Elizabeth F. Evans



Assistant professional specialist, University Writing Program and English  
**Interests:** British and Anglophone literature; modern fiction; writing and rhetoric; gender studies; cultural

geography

**Courses:** Writing and Rhetoric; Narrating the Nation; Gender in Modernism; Representing Race in Colonial and Post-Colonial Fiction

**Recent position/institution:** Assistant professor of English, Penn State DuBois

**Education:** Postgraduate research fellow, University of Warwick; Ph.D., M.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison; B.A., The University of Puget Sound

**Why Notre Dame:** *I began to look for a position when my husband became an assistant professor in the English Department. I was already attracted to Notre Dame's commitment to excellence in both research and teaching. Upon interviewing, I became excited as well by the University's emphasis on social responsibility and ethical leadership.*

John T. Fitzgerald



Professor, theology  
**Interests:** Early Christianity and its Greco-Roman context  
**Courses:** Foundations of Theology: Biblical and Historical  
**Recent position/institution:** Professor

and Chair of Religious Studies, University of Miami

**Education:** Ph.D., M.Div., Yale University; B.A., Abilene Christian University

**Why Notre Dame:** *I have always admired Notre Dame, its staunch commitment to excellence, and its laudable desire to educate the whole person. The prospect of participating in one of its highly regarded doctoral programs was highly attractive to me and proved compelling.*

Mary Flannery



Special professional specialist, economics  
**Interests:** Economics education; telecommunications  
**Courses:** Principles of Microeconomics  
**Recent position/institution:** Lecturer,

University of California, Santa Cruz  
**Education:** Ph.D., University of Maryland; M.A., B.A., University of Notre Dame

**Why Notre Dame:** *It is a thrill to be back at Notre Dame as part of the faculty this time. I am excited about being part of a dynamic, growing department and working with such dedicated, interesting colleagues and students. I especially appreciate Notre Dame's commitment to excellent undergraduate education, and I am looking forward to being part of that mission.*

Timothy S. Fuerst



Professor, William and Dorothy O'Neill Chair in Economics  
**Interests:** Monetary theory and policy; business cycles  
**Courses:** Principles of Macroeconomics  
**Recent position/institution:** Professor, Bowling Green State

University; senior economic adviser, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

**Education:** Ph.D., M.A., The University of Chicago; B.S., Ohio Northern University

**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose Notre Dame so that I could contribute to the vibrant intellectual life at a great Catholic university. I am delighted to be under the Dome.*

Anne García-Romero



Assistant professor, film, television, and theatre  
**Interests:** Playwriting; Latino theater studies  
**Courses:** Playwriting; Latina Theatre; New Play Process

**Recent position/institution:** Moreau

Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Notre Dame

**Education:** Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara; M.F.A., Yale School of Drama; B.A., Occidental College

**Why Notre Dame:** *My wonderful experience over the past two years as a Moreau postdoctoral fellow taught me that Notre Dame is a truly remarkable community. I'm honored by this opportunity to continue to contribute to the Notre Dame family.*

Lee Gettler



Research assistant professor, anthropology  
**Interests:** Evolution of human fatherhood; behavioral physiology; reproductive ecology  
**Courses:** Anthropology of Parenting  
**Recent position/institution:** Ph.D. student, Northwestern

University

**Education:** Ph.D., Northwestern University; B.A., University of Notre Dame

**Why Notre Dame:** *Theoretically, anthropology is supposed to be a wide-reaching, holistic discipline that draws on many, variable lines of evidence to explore human cultural and biological diversity in a broad scope. Notre Dame's anthropology faculty bring this perspective to fruition. The department embraces the "four-field" approach, placing a heavy emphasis on respecting diverse ways of practicing anthropological scholarship and instruction.*

Gary Goertz



Professor, political science; Kroc Institute  
**Interests:** Peace; international institutions; methodology  
**Courses:** Qualitative methods and research design  
**Recent position/institution:** Professor, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Michigan; M.S., University of Iowa; B.A., Bethel College

**Why Notre Dame:** *The University of Notre Dame is an obvious choice for me given my interest in peace and conflict management, because the Kroc Institute is one of the top places in the country for this kind of research.*

Andreas Hagemann



Assistant professor, economics  
**Interests:** Econometrics, urban economics  
**Courses:** Econometrics (undergrad and grad)  
**Recent position/institution:** Graduate assistant, University of

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Diplom, University of Regensburg

**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose Notre Dame because of its excellent support for young researchers, its exceptionally collegial faculty and its commitment to research and teaching at a high level.*

Daniel Hobbins



Associate professor, history  
**Interests:** Late medieval cultural and intellectual history; backgrounds to print culture  
**Courses:** Early Middle Ages; Unsolved Historical Mysteries  
**Recent position/institution:** Associate professor of history, The Ohio State University

**Education:** L.M.S., University of Toronto; Ph.D., M.M.S., University of Notre Dame; M.A., Bowling Green State University; B.S., Pensacola Christian College

**Why Notre Dame:** *The University of Notre Dame has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to the study of the Middle Ages. Over the past two decades, the Medieval Institute has emerged as one of the most important training centers of medievalists in North America. I came to Notre Dame because of this institutional commitment, to help train the next generation of medieval historians.*

Tala Jarjour



Assistant professor, music  
**Interests:** Ethnomusicology, with a focus on how music interacts with culture and society; religion (Christianity and Islam); popular culture; higher education, with particular

relevance to Levantine music, inside as well as outside their lands of origin

**Courses:** Understanding World Music

**Recent position/institution:** Assistant professor of music, New York University Abu Dhabi

**Education:** Ph.D., M.Phil., University of Cambridge; M.Mus., Ohio State University; B.A., Higher Institute of Music, Damascus

**Why Notre Dame:** *Notre Dame is heading steadily toward the forefront of research in the humanities and social sciences, particularly in areas of sacred music, religion and world Christianity. It is a privilege to be part of this enterprise.*

Pascal Jean-Pierre



Assistant professor, Walther Cancer Foundation Collegiate Chair of Psychology  
**Interests:** Cancer and treatment-related neurocognitive dysfunction; cancer-related fatigue; psychological

distress

**Courses:** Healthy Psychology; Applied Behavioral Medicine/Oncology; Seminar in Applied Psychophysiology/Neuroscience

**Recent position/institution:** Assistant professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

**Education:** M.P.H., postdoc, University of Rochester; Ph.D., M.A., University of Rhode Island; B.A., Brooklyn College, CUNY

**Why Notre Dame:** *I was attracted to the University of Notre Dame because of its collegial atmosphere, tradition of teaching excellence, commitment to research and service, and the opportunity to develop a biobehavioral oncology research program at the psychology department. I am very excited about the opportunity to teach and develop my Neurocognitive Translational Research Lab and Cancer Control Research Program. I am looking forward to collaborating with colleagues from multidisciplinary backgrounds at the University, the Mike and Josie Harper Cancer Research Institute and local community institutions, hospitals and cancer clinics.*

Claire Taylor (CJ) Jones



Assistant professor, German and Russian languages and literatures  
**Interests:** Medieval German mysticism; mystical experience and worship practice  
**Courses:** German:

Advanced Composition and Conversation  
**Recent position/institution:** Ph.D. candidate, University of Pennsylvania  
**Education:** Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania; M.A., Dartmouth College; B.A., Mount Holyoke College  
**Why Notre Dame:** *Notre Dame combines a rigorous and stimulating environment for research in the humanities, especially medieval studies, with a passionate commitment to undergraduate education. I am greatly looking forward to teaching in the intimate and intellectually curious atmosphere of a liberal arts college while enjoying all the resources of a premier research institution.*

#### Diana Roxana Jorza



Instructor, Romance languages and literatures  
**Interests:** Modern and contemporary Peninsular Spanish literature and culture; comparative literatures and cultures; film and cultural studies; alternative public spheres

**Courses:** Survey of Spanish Literature II; Survey of Spanish Cinema  
**Education:** Ph.D. candidate, Princeton University; M.A., Johns Hopkins University; M.A., B.A., Babes-Bolyai University, Romania  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose Notre Dame because of its research excellence, its dedication to teaching and mentoring, and because of the invaluable opportunity to collaborate with other University departments and centers. The unique Ph.D. program in literature was also a major attraction to me, given my strong interest and experience in other literatures and cultures. Last but not least, the warm, collegial atmosphere of everybody I have met made me feel truly at home at Notre Dame.*

#### Congcong Ma



Assistant professional specialist, East Asian languages and cultures  
**Interests:** Second language acquisition  
**Courses:** First-year and second-year Chinese

**Recent position/institution:** Visiting instructor, Asian and Middle Eastern studies, Duke University  
**Education:** M.A., Beijing Normal University; B.A., Minzu University of China  
**Why Notre Dame:** *Notre Dame is a big family, where students and teachers can expand their knowledge and get continuous improvement.*

#### Barry McCrea



Professor, English  
**Interests:** Modern European, Latin-American and Irish literature; narratology; queer studies; minor languages; the creative impulse  
**Courses:** Modern Irish Literature; James Joyce;

Class, Desire and the Novel  
**Recent position/institution:** Professor of comparative literature, Yale University  
**Education:** Ph.D., Princeton University; B.A., Trinity College, Dublin  
**Why Notre Dame:** *There couldn't be a better place for me to find an intellectual home than Notre Dame, with its unparalleled resources and talent in English literature, Irish studies, Irish language and Romance languages.*

#### Christine E. Merrilees



Research assistant professor, psychology  
**Interests:** Youth development in contexts of conflict and violence; quantitative methods  
**Recent position/institution:** Research specialist, University of

Notre Dame  
**Education:** Ph.D., University of Notre Dame; B.S., Cornell University  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose to continue my work at Notre Dame because of the University's commitment to fostering both academic excellence and social justice. The research support, talented undergraduates and the warm and welcoming community make Notre Dame an ideal place to work.*

#### Kinohi Nishikawa



Assistant professor, English  
**Interests:** African-American literature; U.S. media and print culture; history of the book  
**Courses:** Identity in Performance; Black Skin, White Masks  
**Recent position/institution:** Postdoctoral fellow, African-American Studies, Northwestern University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.A., Duke University; A.B., Dartmouth College  
**Why Notre Dame:** *Notre Dame offered the most supportive environment for my intellectual and professional development. The institution's resources will both enhance my research in African-American culture and encourage interdisciplinary engagement with my work among students and faculty.*

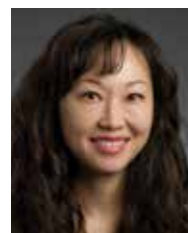
#### Stacey Noem



Assistant professional specialist, theology  
**Interests:** Formation of those preparing to serve the Catholic Church as lay ecclesial ministers; community formation and development especially concerning communication and conflict resolution;

formation for marriage and family life  
**Courses:** Human and Spiritual Formation for Lay Ecclesial Ministers  
**Recent position/institution:** Assistant director of faith formation, University of Portland (Ore.)  
**Education:** M.Div., B.S., B.A., University of Notre Dame  
**Why Notre Dame:** *My position in the M.Div. program captured my attention because it taps directly into my vocational interest in lay formation, and it captured my heart because of the opportunity to be of service to future ecclesial ministers, and ultimately the Church, in the context of my alma mater.*

#### Tricia Park



Assistant professional specialist, music  
**Interests:** Music performance  
**Recent position/institution:** First Violinist of the Maia Quartet, quartet-in-residence at the University of Iowa; faculty,

University of Iowa School of Music  
**Education:** Professional studies, M.M., B.M., Juilliard School  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I am excited to join Notre Dame and contribute to this vibrant community of development in the arts, research and performance.*

#### Andre Redwood



Assistant professor, music  
**Interests:** History of music theory; music and rhetoric; 20th-century tonal music; music and culture in Brazil; law and the arts  
**Courses:** Music Theory I (Harmony and Voice

Leading); Music Theory III (Chromatic Harmony)  
**Education:** Ph.D., M.Phil., M.A., Yale University; B.M., Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester  
**Why Notre Dame:** *For me, Notre Dame offers an ideal combination. Much of my research centers on the intellectual history of music theory in the early modern Catholic world, and it is difficult to imagine a more suitable place to conduct that research. Equally important in my choice, though, was Notre Dame's commitment to high-quality teaching in the liberal arts, which fits particularly well with my own long-standing dedication to pedagogy and mentorship.*

#### Patrick Regan

Professor, political science  
**Interests:** Conflict management; civil wars; external interventions; politics of climate change  
**Recent position/institution:** Professor of political science, Binghamton University  
**Education:** Ph.D., University of Michigan; M.A., New York University; B.S., Western Michigan University

#### Carmen-Helena Tellez



Professor, music  
**Interests:** Sacred music; interdisciplinary art  
**Courses:** Master's Seminar in Choral Literature; Choral Conducting Studio; Master Singers  
**Recent position/institution:** Sonneborn

Professor of Music, director of graduate choral studies, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University-Bloomington  
**Education:** D.Mus., Indiana University-Bloomington  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I believe Notre Dame is in the best position to develop the most important sacred music program with a focus on the Catholic tradition in the United States, and probably internationally. The relationship of methodologies between sacred music and interdisciplinary musical arts also permit a strong development of the latter area, which is now emerging with great strength in the professional artistic milieu. At this point in my career, Notre Dame permits me time and resources to develop long-term creative work in these two fields, with students who resonate with these concerns, and with whom I can exercise meaningful teaching.*

#### Gabriel Alejandro Torres Colón



Assistant professional specialist and director of undergraduate studies, anthropology  
**Interests:** Political anthropology; multiculturalism; race; sexuality; sports; history and theory of

anthropology  
**Courses:** Introduction to Anthropology; Anthropology of Race  
**Recent position/institution:** Postdoctoral fellow and visiting assistant professor, Saint Mary's College  
**Education:** Ph.D., M.A., University of New Mexico; B.A., University of Maryland  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose Notre Dame because of the University's dedication to excellence in undergraduate research. Also, the Department of Anthropology is committed to fostering an intellectual environment where collaboration among the different anthropological subfields can thrive.*

#### Guillermo Trejo



Associate professor, political science; Kellogg Institute  
**Interests:** Social movements in autocracies; organized crime in new democracies  
**Courses:** The Logic of Political Violence;

Elections and Social Protest in Latin America  
**Recent position/institution:** Assistant professor of political science, Duke University; research professor, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico City  
**Education:** Ph.D., University of Chicago; M.A., Columbia University; B.A., Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City  
**Why Notre Dame:** *Notre Dame has a rich and dynamic community of scholars and students doing fascinating work on democracy, social justice and human rights. It is a community that deeply cares about social scientific progress and about making a difference in the world.*

#### Azareen Van der Vliet Oloomi



Assistant professor, English/MFA Creative Writing  
**Interests:** Twentieth-century world literature; Iranian cinema; disability studies; critical and literary theory  
**Courses:** Fiction Writing;

Fiction Writing for English Majors  
**Recent position/institution:** Fulbright Scholar, Universidad de Girona, Spain  
**Education:** M.F.A., Brown University; B.A., University of California, San Diego  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose Notre Dame because of its commitment to internationalism and social justice. The institution's academic excellence across departments and its thriving M.F.A. program in creative writing made Notre Dame a very attractive choice for me. I am honored to form part of such a warm and vibrant community!*

#### Sarah Ann Wells

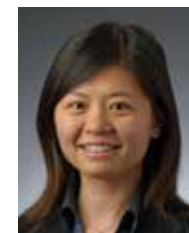


Assistant professor, Romance languages and literatures  
**Interests:** Brazilian and Argentine literature; modernism and the avant-gardes; film and media studies; science fiction; Latin-American cultural

theory  
**Courses:** Latin-American Cinema; Brazilian Literature of the 19th Century to the Present; Latin-American Modernism in a Global Context  
**Recent position/institution:** Assistant professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Iowa  
**Education:** Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley; B.A., Brown University  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I was drawn to Notre Dame for its strong support for faculty research and the strength of its undergraduates. I am also interested in forming part of an institution with a distinguished line of Latin Americanists and with a long-standing commitment to the region.*

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

#### Ruilan Guo



Assistant professor, chemical and biomolecular engineering  
**Interests:** Design, synthesis and characterization of novel membrane materials for sustainable environment and clean energy

production  
**Courses:** Chemical Engineering Laboratory I; Materials Science and Engineering  
**Recent position/institution:** Postdoctoral associate, Department of Chemistry and Macromolecules and Interfaces Institute, Virginia Tech  
**Education:** Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology; M.E., B.E., Beijing University of Chemical Technology  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I came to Notre Dame to join an outstanding community that is committed to excellence in teaching and research.*

#### David Hoelzle



Assistant professor, aerospace and mechanical engineering  
**Interests:** Automation and process control for the manufacture of biomaterial constructs and bioanalysis tools; tailored artificial biomaterials and more

efficient diagnosis tools  
**Courses:** Differential Equations, Vibrations and Controls II  
**Recent position/institution:** Postdoctoral research, University of California, Los Angeles  
**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; B.S., The Ohio State University  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose Notre Dame because of its balanced emphasis on teaching excellence and research achievement. The College of Engineering is making strategic investments in its engineering graduate program, and I am excited to contribute to its continual quest for excellence.*

#### Anthony Hoffman



Assistant professor, electrical engineering  
**Interests:** Optical quantum devices; THz photonics  
**Courses:** Introduction to Quantum Computing; Semiconductor Physics  
**Recent position/institution:** Postdoctoral research associate, Princeton University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.A., Princeton University; B.S., University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
**Why Notre Dame:** *I believe in Notre Dame's mission as a Catholic university, and I am excited to join a tradition of world-class undergraduate education and scientific research. I look forward to working and interacting with so many outstanding colleagues and students.*

**Aleksandar Jemcov**



Research assistant professor, aerospace and mechanical engineering  
**Interests:** Computational fluid dynamics algorithms; design optimization; multiphysics algorithms; numerical schemes for algorithm acceleration and

stabilization

**Courses:** Aircraft Propulsion

**Recent position/institution:** Lead development engineer, ANSYS Inc.

**Education:** Ph.D., M.A., B.Sc., University of Belgrade

**Why Notre Dame:** Notre Dame's Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering is well-known for its research and education. Opportunities for research work in the fields of turbomachinery, flow control, flow physics and numerical algorithms are abundant given Notre Dame's mission to become a premier research institution. In particular, computational fluid dynamics is a growth area in AME and this is well-aligned with my research interests. The support provided and high-quality researchers employed by the University create fertile ground for research in fluid mechanics.

**Michael Kitz**



Assistant professional specialist  
**Interests:** Innovation  
**Courses:** Integrated Engineering and Business Fundamentals; Advanced Integrated Engineering and Business

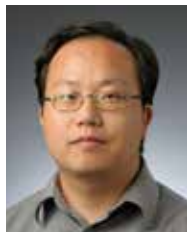
**Recent position/**

**institution:** Chief marketing officer and vice president – product development, OfficeMax Inc.

**Education:** MBA, University of Michigan; B.A., B.S., University of Notre Dame

**Why Notre Dame:** I chose Notre Dame to teach and mentor students, and to help Notre Dame fulfill its mission.

**Hai Lin**



Assistant professor, electrical engineering  
**Interests:** Building complex engineered systems  
**Courses:** Control Systems; Hybrid Dynamical Systems

**Recent position/**

**institution:** Assistant professor, National University of Singapore

**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., University of Notre Dame; M.S., Chinese Academy of Sciences; B.Eng., University of Science and Technology Beijing

**Why Notre Dame:** I really love the peaceful life, supportive infrastructure, excellent reputation and friendly community at Notre Dame and want to be part of it. Also, very importantly, Notre Dame is my alma mater, and I am a big Fighting Irish football fan. Go Irish!

**Tengfei Luo**



Assistant professor, aerospace and mechanical engineering  
**Interests:** Molecular-level energy and mass transport  
**Courses:** Thermodynamics; Engineering at the Molecular Level

**Recent position/institution:** Postdoctoral associate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Education:** Ph.D., Michigan State University; B.S., Xi'an Jiaotong University

**Why Notre Dame:** I chose Notre Dame because I get strong support from the department and the University. I also found the best fit between my research and the University's sustainable energy initiative program.

**Collin McMillan**



Assistant professor, computer science and engineering  
**Interests:** Software engineering; software maintenance; repository mining; source code search and retrieval  
**Courses:** Software

Engineering

**Recent position/institution:** Research

assistant, College of William & Mary

**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., College of William &

Mary; B.S., University of Tulsa

**Why Notre Dame:** Notre Dame builds on a tremendous reputation for scientific discovery and intellectual challenge, and simultaneously adheres to its Christian identity and mission. The result is a rare and enjoyable academic community.

**Antonio Simonetti**



Associate professor, civil and environmental engineering and earth sciences  
**Interests:** Isotope geochemistry; nuclear forensics; petrology; tracing environmental pollution  
**Courses:** Analytical

Methods; Engineering Geology; Geology Field Trip

**Recent position/institution:** Research assistant professor, University of Notre Dame

**Education:** Ph.D., Carleton University; M.Sc., B.Sc., McGill University

**Why Notre Dame:** My family and I are extremely happy to remain part of the Notre Dame family. Notre Dame is committed to continue its stellar undergraduate teaching, and enhancing its research pursuits in years to come. Thus, I wish to help contribute in both these areas in years to come. Go Irish!

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

**Travis J. Bailey**



Research assistant professor, biological sciences  
**Interests:** Developmental biology; organ regeneration  
**Recent position/**

**institution:** Research assistant, University of

Notre Dame

**Education:** Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine; M.S., B.S., Brigham Young University

**Why Notre Dame:** Notre Dame has a strong commitment to blend high-quality research with excellent undergraduate education.

**Justin R. Crepp**



Assistant professor, physics  
**Interests:** Search for planets orbiting stars other than the Sun  
**Courses:** Scientific Writing for Physicists

**Recent position/**

**institution:** Senior postdoctoral scholar,

California Institute of Technology

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Florida; B.S., Pennsylvania State University

**Why Notre Dame:** Notre Dame offers a rare combination of cutting-edge research in astrophysics (providing access to the largest optical telescope in the world), dedication to its students through quality teaching, and an overall family-friendly environment.

**Kenjiro K. Gomes**



The Frank M. Freimann Assistant Professor of Physics  
**Interests:** Experimental condensed matter  
**Courses:** General Physics Lab

**Recent position/**

**institution:** Postdoctoral

scholar, Stanford University

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; B.S., Pontificia

Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro  
**Why Notre Dame:** I was attracted by Notre Dame's reputation of academic excellence and its commitment to become a world-leading scientific research institution.

**Lacey Haussamen**



Assistant professional specialist, Assistant director of global health training, Eck Institute for Global Health  
**Courses:** Master's Project Research

**Recent position/**

**institution:** Assistant

director for community engagement and research, Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity (Kellogg Institute) at Notre Dame

**Education:** M.P.H., Emory University; B.S., University of Notre Dame

**Reginald Hill**



Assistant professor, biological sciences  
**Interests:** Pancreatic cancer; tumor microenvironment; chemoresistance

**Recent position/**

**institution:** Postdoctoral fellow, University of

California, Los Angeles

**Education:** Ph.D., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; B.S., Florida A&M University

**Why Notre Dame:** I was impressed by Notre Dame's commitment to building a strong research program by recruiting talented, young faculty and providing them with the resources they need to be successful. I also believe that the truly collaborative environment that exists here will lead to many fruitful collaborations in the future.

**Huy Huynh**



Assistant professional specialist, applied and computational mathematics and statistics  
**Interests:** Biological diversity; multinomial maximum and its application; probability and statistics for risk

management

**Courses:** Statistics for Business and Economics; Introduction to Probability

**Recent position/institution:** Graduate student and graduate teaching assistant, Georgia Institute of Technology

**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., Georgia Institute of Technology; B.S., Kennesaw State University

**Why Notre Dame:** I was drawn to Notre Dame's tradition for academic excellence and the excitement of participating in building a new department in applied and computational mathematics and statistics.

**Ankita Jain**



Assistant professional specialist, applied and computational mathematics and statistics  
**Interests:** Stochastic Modelling; Probability and Statistics  
**Courses:** Statistics for Life Sciences; Mathematical

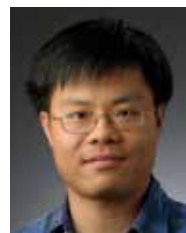
Statistics

**Recent position/institution:** Graduate student, University of Houston

**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., University of Houston; B.A., Delhi University, India

**Why Notre Dame:** I've always wanted to work in applied mathematics. I appreciate the opportunity to help develop a new department and work with the best students. The way I was made to feel at home in the interview made my decision clear!

**Jun Li**



Assistant professor, applied and computational mathematics and statistics  
**Interests:** Applied statistics; biostatistics  
**Courses:** Categorical/Discrete Data Analysis

**Recent position/**

**institution:** Ph.D.

student, Stanford University

**Education:** Ph.D., Stanford University; M.S., B.E., Tsinghua University

**Why Notre Dame:** I love the beautiful campus and nice people here. The department is very young but I can feel how hard it strives to grow and excel, and how likely I can contribute to and succeed with it. I'm just excited being here.

**Laurie Littlepage**



Campbell Family Assistant Professor of Cancer Research, chemistry and biochemistry  
**Interests:** Cancer biology and therapies  
**Courses:** Cancer Biology; Biochemistry

**Recent position/**

**institution:** Associate specialist and postdoctoral fellow, University of California, San Francisco

**Education:** Ph.D., Harvard University; B.S., M.S., University of Texas at Austin

**Why Notre Dame:** When I interviewed at Notre Dame, I saw clear evidence of a strong, thoughtful community that accomplishes exceptional research and trains students both to be excellent scholars

and to contribute positively to society. As a new faculty member, I also am impressed by the consistent University commitment to ensuring the success of its junior faculty. I am thrilled now to be a part of the Notre Dame family.

**Sonja Mapes**



Research assistant professor, mathematics  
**Interests:** Combinatorial commutative algebra  
**Courses:** Calculus 3; Honors Algebra 3  
**Recent position/**

**institution:** Assistant

University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.Phil., M.A., Columbia University; B.S., University of Notre Dame

**Why Notre Dame:** I was eager to return to Notre Dame because I felt that the community as a whole had a lot to offer both mathematically as well as culturally. Professionally, I wanted to be at an institution with a dynamic research environment as well as a commitment to undergraduate education.

**Adrian Rocha**

Assistant professor, biological sciences  
**Interests:** Biological and environmental controls on ecosystem exchanges

**Recent position/institution:** Research

associate, Marine Biological Laboratory, Ecosystems Center, Woods Hole, Mass.

**Education:** Ph.D., University of California, Irvine; M.S., Ohio State University; B.S., California State University of Monterey Bay

**Siyuan Zhang**



Assistant professor, biological sciences  
**Interests:** Tumor microenvironment, cancer metastasis and resistance to anti-cancer therapies  
**Courses:** Tumor Cell Biology

**Recent position/**

**institution:** Instructor, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

**Education:** Ph.D., National University of Singapore, Republic of Singapore; Bachelor of Medicine, Peking University, Beijing

**Why Notre Dame:** I chose to join Notre Dame because of its strong tradition, excellence in higher education and exciting opportunities to perform integrated multidisciplinary cancer research at the new Harper Cancer Research Institute. I am honored and very grateful to be part of ND.

**LAW SCHOOL**

**Roger Alford**



Professor  
**Interests:** International law, particularly the intersection of private and public international law  
**Courses:** International Trade; International Arbitration; Public International Law;

International Business Transactions

**Recent position/institution:** Professor of Law, Pepperdine University School of Law

**Education:** LL.M., University of Edinburgh; J.D., New York University; M.Div., Southern Seminary; B.A., Baylor University

**Why Notre Dame:** I am excited to work with outstanding colleagues and students at the premier faith-based university in the country.

**Barry Cushman**



John P. Murphy Foundation Professor  
**Interests:** American legal and constitutional history  
**Courses:** American Legal History; Trusts and Estates  
**Recent position/**

**institution:** James Monroe Distinguished Professor

of Law and Professor of History, University of Virginia

**Education:** Ph.D., J.D., M.A., University of Virginia; B.A., Amherst College

**Why Notre Dame:** I was attracted to Notre Dame by the excellence of a faculty that is impressive both personally and professionally, by talented students devoted to learning and service, and by a common commitment to the integration of faith and reason in the advancement of human understanding.

**Rev. William R. Dailey, C.S.C.**

Associate professional specialist  
**Interests:** Constitutional law; legal ethics; jurisprudence; immigration; evidence  
**Courses:** Professional Responsibility; Jurisprudence;

Immigration; Evidence

**Education:** J.D., Columbia Law School; M.Div., B.A., University of Notre Dame

**Why Notre Dame:** *I'm thrilled and honored to be able to contribute to the project of teaching and inquiry at the Catholic university that inspired me to join the priesthood.*

**Kristine Kalanges**

Associate professor

**Interests:** Comparative law; law and development; legal and political philosophy; religion and human rights

**Courses:** Comparative Law and Religion; International Business Transactions; Torts

**Recent position/institution:** Assistant professor of Justice, Law and Society, American University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.A., Georgetown University; J.D., Yale Law School; B.A., University of Puget Sound

**Why Notre Dame:** *If law and politics are to serve justice rather than power, they must be informed by truth, including a proper understanding of the human person and society. I was drawn to Notre Dame because, as a mission-driven Catholic research university, it is specially able to engage the complex problems of our age with integrity, wisdom and humanity.*

**Veronica Root**

Assistant professional specialist

**Interests:** Legal ethics; employment discrimination; racial diversity within the legal profession

**Courses:** Professional Responsibility;

Employment Discrimination

**Recent position/institution:** Associate attorney, Gibson Dunn

**Education:** J.D., University of Chicago Law School; B.S., Georgetown University

**Why Notre Dame:** *When I came to visit Notre Dame, I found a culture that valued intellectual rigor while also maintaining a welcoming and friendly community. That balance is difficult to achieve, and I am very happy to be a part of this community.*

**MENDOZA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS****Walter L. Clements**

Professional specialist, finance

**Courses:** Advance Corporate Finance; Strategic Finance to Executive MBA students

**Recent position/institution:** Lecturer, Kelley School of Business,

Indiana University

**Education:** MBA, University of Chicago; B.S., Kelley School of Business, Indiana University

**Why Notre Dame:** *I now come to Notre Dame because I very much identify with its mission and teaching philosophy, especially the opportunity and the obligation to build students' confidence that business decisions made with the highest integrity and ethics have tremendous pay-offs, not trade-offs. On a personal note, my family has more than 100 years of connection to Notre Dame, most recently our two daughters have graduated from ND, and my parents live in South Bend so it is a chance to be closer to them.*

**Martijn Cremers**

Professor, finance

**Interests:** Investments; corporate governance

**Courses:** Corporate Governance; Fixed Income

**Recent position/institution:** Associate professor of finance, Yale School of Management

**Education:** Ph.D., Stern School of Business, New York University; Master's, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

**Why Notre Dame:** *I am thrilled to join Notre*

*Dame for many reasons, including its outstanding strengths in the business school in both teaching and research, excellent collegiality and Notre Dame's Catholic identity and mission, while the area seems a wonderful place for our whole family. I look forward to the challenge of teaching business in light of the truth, goodness and beauty of the Catholic faith.*

**Priyank Gandhi**

Assistant professor, finance

**Interests:** Financial intermediation; credit risk; computational finance; liquidity risk; contagion risk

**Courses:** Advanced Corporate Finance

**Education:** Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles; M.F.E., University of California, Berkeley

**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose Notre Dame not only because of the strength and diversity of its faculty but also because of a positive and collaborative culture that I experienced on my visit here. It will be an honor and a privilege to teach students who attend the No. 1 undergraduate program in business in the U.S. I hope to make a positive contribution to the University's commitment to teaching and research.*

**Frank Germann**

Assistant professor, marketing

**Interests:** Marketing strategy

**Courses:** Principles of Marketing; Marketing Management

**Recent position/institution:** Ph.D.

candidate, Pennsylvania State University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.A.S., Pennsylvania State University; MBA, University of Notre Dame; Diploma, ESB Business School at Reutlingen University, Germany; Diploma, University of Savoy, France

**Why Notre Dame:** *I came to Notre Dame because of the University's commitment to research, teaching and service, and because of the high standards promoted by faculty, students and staff.*

**Sean Handley**

Assistant professor, management

**Interests:** Outsourcing; offshoring; inter-organizational relationships

**Courses:** Process Analytics (MBA); Introduction to Process Analytics

**Recent position/institution:** Assistant professor, Rutgers

University

**Education:** Ph.D., MBA, Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University; B.S., University of Cincinnati

**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose the University of Notre Dame so that I would have the opportunity to work with renowned scholars at a world-class institution. Notre Dame's strong sense of community was an important differentiator for me and my family.*

**Lin Hao**

Assistant professor, management

**Interests:** Mobile commerce; electronic commerce; business analytics

**Courses:** Business Intelligence

**Recent position/institution:** Ph.D., University of Washington

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Washington; M.S., B.S., Tsinghua University, Beijing

**Why Notre Dame:** *There are enormous reasons why I chose Notre Dame: prestigious reputation, world-class colleagues, brilliant students, excellence in research and teaching, etc. But what attracts me most is the high sense of community where people help each other like an entire family. I feel really privileged to be a part of this big Notre Dame family and hope I can be of assistance to others as well as contribute to the community's missions.*

**Bruce Harris**

Assistant professional specialist, management

**Courses:** IT Management Applications

**Recent position/institution:** On-call OIT applications instructor, University of Notre

Dame; adjunct faculty,

Notre Dame; independent IT consultant and contractor

**Education:** M.S., B.A., University of California, Irvine

**Why Notre Dame:** *Since I first started doing part-time work at Notre Dame, I knew this was the place I wanted to stay because of the professionalism as well as the kindness and caring of just about everyone I have met here. The students are pretty amazing also!*

**Jasmine (Jia) Hu**

Assistant professor, management

**Interests:** Leadership; teams; and human resource practices

**Courses:** Principles of Management

**Recent position/institution:** Research

assistant and instructor, Department of Managerial Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago; M.A., Renmin University of China; B.A., Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing

**Why Notre Dame:** *It is my great honor and privilege to join the academic family at such a wonderful university and have the opportunity to work with many leading experts in the field of organizational behavior and human resources.*

**Jennifer L. Sustersic**

Assistant professor, accountancy

**Interests:** Financial reporting and the capital markets; how accounting information is used in credit markets and debt

**Courses:** Accounting

Measurement and Disclosure I

**Recent position/institution:** Ph.D. student, The Ohio State University

**Education:** Ph.D., The Ohio State University; M.Acc., B.S., Miami (Ohio) University

**Why Notre Dame:** *Coming from a strong Catholic background, I am honored to have the opportunity to work at the premier Catholic research university. I look forward to researching with some of the top accounting academics on the faculty here at Notre Dame and teaching some of the best undergraduate business students in the country.*

**Jennifer Waddell**

Associate professional specialist, management

**Interests:** Quantitative methodology; social psychology

**Courses:** Statistics in Business

**Recent position/institution:** Assistant

professor of psychology, Villanova University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.A., University of Notre Dame; B.A., Muhlenberg College

**Why Notre Dame:** *The University has been an important part of my life since I first arrived on campus as a graduate student in the fall of 1995. I am excited to be back as a faculty member in this vibrant academic setting, and I look forward to being a part of the greater ND community.*

**Michael D. Whitt**

Associate professional specialist, management

**Interests:** Early detection of cardiovascular disease and heat stress; socioeconomic improvement of a

community following a model encompassing

biological physical laws

**Courses:** Statistics; Principles of Management

**Recent position/institution:** Vice president and chief technical officer, Cordex Systems; assistant professor and graduate student special

appointment, mechanical engineering and technology, Purdue University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., Rutgers University/University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey; MBA, UCLA Anderson School of Management; B.S., Purdue University

**Why Notre Dame:** *My wife, Michele C. Whitt, M.D., FACOG, is an OB-GYN at South Bend Clinic. Additionally, it is an honor to be part of the Notre Dame mission that combines academic excellence with community.*

**James Wilkie**

Assistant professor, marketing

**Interests:** Consumer psychology

**Courses:** Marketing Research

**Recent position/institution:** Ph.D.

student, Kellogg School of

Management, Northwestern University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., Northwestern University; B.B.A., University of Notre Dame

**Why Notre Dame:** *I was excited about the opportunity to return to Notre Dame to take a position on the faculty. My time at ND as an undergraduate was very special, and I was looking forward to rejoining the ND community.*

**Jennifer A. Ziegler**

Associate professional specialist, management, Fanning Center for Business Communication

**Interests:** The management and practice of safety in high-risk occupations, the rhetoric and culture of accident

investigation, recovery and renewal in wildland firefighting

**Courses:** Management Communication; Management Writing

**Recent position/institution:** Associate professor, chair and graduate program director, Department of Communication, Valparaiso University

**Education:** Ph.D., University of Colorado at Boulder; M.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; B.S., Georgetown University

**Why Notre Dame:** *I appreciate the emphasis of the Fanning Center for Business Communication on communication as an important managerial skill. The case-driven approach of many of the courses allows students to critically analyze*

*recurring and unique communication situations faced by actual managers. Plus, the Mendoza College of Business challenge to its graduates—to*

*"ask more of business"—creates a unique context for guiding students to develop ethical and sustainable solutions to communication problems.*

**JOINT APPOINTMENTS****Sidney D'Mello**

Assistant professor, psychology and computer science

Colleges of Arts and Letters and Engineering

**Interests:** Psychology and psychophysiology of emotion; affective computing; learning

sciences; intelligent tutoring systems

**Courses:** Human-Computer Interaction; Artificial Intelligence

**Recent position/institution:** Research assistant professor, University of Memphis

**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., University of Memphis; B.S., Christian Brothers University

**Why Notre Dame:** *I chose Notre Dame due to its commitment to interdisciplinary research, its vibrant student population and its collegial atmosphere.*

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**Laura Hirschfeld Hollis**

Associate professional specialist, Mendoza College of Business;

Concurrent associate professional specialist, Law School

**Interests:** Entrepreneurship; business law; public policy

**Courses:** Business Law; Introduction to Entrepreneurship; Law and the Entrepreneur

**Recent position/institution:** Associate director, Academy for Entrepreneurial Leadership, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Education:** J.D., B.A., University of Notre Dame

**Why Notre Dame:** *Having received a remarkable undergraduate and legal education at Notre Dame, it is a real pleasure to be able to return to the institution and give back to the next generation of students here.*

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**Roxana Smarandache**



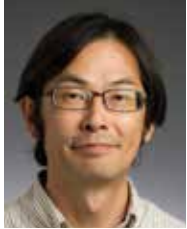
Associate professor, mathematics and electrical engineering, Colleges of Science and Engineering  
**Interests:** Coding theory; combinatorics; discrete mathematics  
**Courses:** Coding Theory  
**Recent position/**

**institution:** Associate professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, San Diego State University

**Education:** Ph.D., M.S., University of Notre Dame; B.S., University of Bucharest

**Why Notre Dame:** *I am very happy to come back to Notre Dame, my alma mater, as a faculty member of two great departments, and to experience and benefit from the strength and collegiality of their faculty and the excellent students.*

**Tetsuya Tanaka**



Research associate professor, chemical and biomolecular engineering and biological sciences, Colleges of Science and Engineering  
**Interests:** Cancer and stem cell engineering  
**Courses:** Introduction to

Systems Biology

**Recent position/institution:** Assistant professor, Department of Animal Sciences, Institute for Genomic Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; member of the University of Illinois Cancer Center

**Education:** D.Sc./Ph.D, M.S., B.S., Osaka City University, Japan

**Why Notre Dame:** *My position provides me with a unique opportunity to be a nexus for interdisciplinary research conducted by biological scientists, physical scientists and engineers at Notre Dame. I am pleased to be contributing to such outstanding groups of the researchers.*

MATT CASHORE



*New faculty toured the football stadium in August.*

**HESBURGH LIBRARIES**

**Hye-jin Juhn**



Assistant librarian, research and learning services  
**Interests:** East Asian Studies collection development  
**Recent position/**

University of Washington

**Education:** M.L.I.S., University of British Columbia; M.F.A., University of Arizona; M.A., University of Washington; B.A., Kwangwoon University

**Why Notre Dame:** *Notre Dame is a community where people are both academic and friendly. I'm especially happy to belong to the library that serves all members of our community.*

**institution:** Data indexer, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation,

**MOREAU POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS**

This fall, the University welcomes three new Moreau Postdoctoral Research Fellows: **Z'étoile Imma** (English); **Miguel J. Romero** (theology); and **Deondra Rose** (political science).

The **Moreau Academic Diversity Postdoctoral Program** provides a comprehensive research, teaching and mentoring experience to promising candidates, with the goal of increasing the number of scholars who will contribute to the University's intellectual vibrancy and research excellence.

Candidates meet one or more of three criteria:

- Represent populations that are historically underrepresented in American higher education, including women and minority groups;
- Conduct research focusing on gender or ethnic groups;
- Engage in interdisciplinary research projects that aspire to enhance cultural competency and diversity within the American educational landscape with an interest in exploring the implications of such work for liberal education in the Catholic tradition;
- Have track records of involvement in initiatives aimed at promoting diversity in higher education through teaching.

Fellows devote their time to research and teach two courses each year, including one in their area of specialization and one core undergraduate offering for their home academic departments. They also participate in mentoring initiatives geared toward long-term professional development and evaluation for potential appointment to a faculty position. For more information, visit [diversity.nd.edu](http://diversity.nd.edu).

The Moreau Fellowship Program is named in honor of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame's founding religious community.

**Z'étoile Imma**



Moreau Postdoctoral Research Associate, English  
**Interests:** Postcolonial studies; African and Caribbean literature; film, gender and sexuality studies  
**Courses:** Introduction to African Literature; Love Stories From Africa  
**Education:** Ph.D.: University of Virginia;

B.A.: Brooklyn College

**Reflection:** *I find it very fulfilling to have the opportunity to engage in conversation about literature and film from Africa and African Diaspora with the Notre Dame community. As the University of Notre Dame continues to broaden its commitment to global dialogue and exchange, I find that my students are very enthusiastic about exploring the very rich cultural and intellectual production that is emerging from contemporary Africa and the Caribbean, and it's thrilling to be part of their experience. As a recent Ph.D., my Moreau fellowship award affords me the time and space to work on my book manuscript, which discusses how African women writers and filmmakers reconfigure gender, sexuality and spatial politics in their texts. Given the pressures faced by junior faculty on the tenure track and those seeking academic employment, I realize I am very fortunate to have such an opportunity and I am keen to make the most of it. I am also delighted to find that I can depend on the Moreau Fellows from the last two years to serve as helpful resources and as models of success.*

**Miguel J. Romero**



Moreau Postdoctoral Research Associate, theology  
**Interests:** Thomas Aquinas; moral theology; theologies of disability; theologies of liberation; Catholic social teaching  
**Courses:** What Does It Mean to Do Theology?; Disability in the Catholic

Intellectual Tradition

**Education:** Th.M., Th.D., Duke University Divinity School; M.Div., Fuller Theological Seminary; B.A., Colorado College;

**Why Notre Dame:** *The principle concern of my theological and philosophical research concerns the virtuous response to human suffering. The University of Notre Dame is an institution committed to helping Catholic women and men faithfully respond to their suffering neighbor. Specifically, the practical performance of our grave moral option for the good of those who suffer as a result of extreme poverty, physical and psychological affliction, or political oppression.*

**Deondra Rose**



Moreau Postdoctoral Research Associate, political science  
**Interests:** Public/social policy; the politics of gender; American political development; political behavior; race and politics, inequality  
**Courses:** Politics and Policy; Inequality and American Politics

**Education:** Ph.D., M.A., Cornell University; B.A., University of Georgia

**Reflection:** *It has been an absolute honor to join the Notre Dame community as a Moreau Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Political Science. The political science program represents an ideal environment in which to continue my research on the influence that U.S. public policies have had on equality and inclusion in American politics. With the support of the Moreau Fellowship, I am currently working on a book manuscript and two scholarly journal articles that examine the development of landmark higher education programs—like federal student loans, Pell Grants, and Title IX—and the impact that these programs have had for the gender dynamics of U.S. higher education and the nation's political landscape. In addition to the Moreau Fellowship's immense value to my research, I am thrilled that the program will allow me to offer undergraduate courses on public policy and inequality.*