New Faculty 2017–2018

Tulane University
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The new university faculty members we celebrate in this publication join an institution that has provided more than 175 years of scholarship and service to its community. Founded in 1834 as the Medical College of Louisiana to address public health concerns in the New Orleans region, the Tulane University of today is recognized as a national and world leader in public service and social engagement, enhancing its stature as a tier 1 research university carrying out path-breaking research and creative work.

Tulane professors have been awarded the most prestigious honors in the academic world, and have been elected to membership in the National Academies and in the American Academy for Arts and Sciences. In the past 35 years alone, Tulane colleagues have received 27 Fulbright Fellowships, 13 National Science Foundation CAREER Awards, nine Guggenheim Foundation Fellowships, eight National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships, four Alfred P. Sloan Fellowships and two Nobel Prizes in Medicine.

Our schools and our undergraduate college offer an impressive array of degrees in architecture, business, law, liberal arts, medicine, public health and tropical medicine, science and engineering, and social work. Interdisciplinary research is flourishing, as our students and faculty are crossing both geographic and intellectual boundaries in their efforts to ask new questions, create new knowledge and improve the lives of people around the world.

Each year we recruit some of the smartest and most talented students in the world, attracted to Tulane because of their interest in a demanding, rigorous education, and their desire, through our service-learning offerings, to make meaningful contributions beyond the campus. We are very proud that our faculty—path-breaking scholars who are also dedicated and engaged teachers—create a truly exceptional student experience. It is the faculty of Tulane who define what is possible, and through their efforts we have become the extraordinary institution of today. It is their excellence and leadership that inspires our students and that will always enlighten, sustain, strengthen and improve the wider communities we serve. Please join me in welcoming our new faculty colleagues and in wishing them every success in all their endeavors.

With all best wishes,

ROBIN FORMAN
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Professor of Mathematics
Tonette Krousel-Wood is associate provost and an associate dean and professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

BETTINA AVENT, MA  
Professor of Military Science, Army ROTC  
Newcomb-Tulane College  
Lt. Col. Bettina Avent earned her BA in communication at Mississippi State University and an MA in human resource management at Webster University. She is currently a strategy scholar at the U.S. Army War College and expects to complete an MA in higher education administration from the University of Louisville next year. Previously she was a fellow with Joint Advertising Market Research and Studies and a program manager for Army marketing and public affairs.

MARA BAUMGARTEN FORCE, MBA  
Professor of Practice, Finance  
A. B. Freeman School of Business  
Mara Baumgarten Force began teaching at Tulane as an adjunct professor in 2017. Loving the experience, Force is honored to join the faculty as a professor of practice in finance. Previously, Force was a managing director and the head of private client trust for JPMorgan. An 18-year veteran of the firm, she managed 150-plus trust professionals serving 13,000 clients with more than $13 billion under management. Force received a BA in political science from Yale University and an MBA with a major in analytical finance from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management. In New Orleans, Force serves on the boards of the Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Services. She was also honored to complete the Zin Fellows program at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in 2015. She is currently a Young Leadership Fellow at the National Committee on U.S./China Relations.

ADRIANE BEZUSKO, PhD  
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of English  
School of Liberal Arts  
Adriane Bezusko completed her doctoral work in American literature and poverty studies at Rice University in 2014. She is currently working on two books: The Traffic in Poverty and The Un-Making of American Geographies and Narratives of Grit: Markets of Sorrow. The former project develops a critical poverty studies approach to contemporary American literature and culture, illustrating how the poor are subjected to slow violence through state interventions that cross private and public spaces and national and international frames; the latter focuses on the turn toward character traits, particularly “grit” and “growth,” in contemporary education reform narratives that obfuscate scientific research on what poverty does to the body and brain.

Mike Cunningham is associate provost for graduate studies and research, director of the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and a professor of psychology and Africana studies in the School of Liberal Arts.
KATELYN BLACK, PhD
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Neuroscience
School of Science and Engineering
Katie Black completed her doctoral work in neuroscience in 2017 at Tulane University. Her research interests are at the intersection of hormones, sex and cognition. She is currently teaching Methods in Neuroscience, Careers in Health Sciences and Trends in Neuroscience.

TRANG BORDES, DNP
Instructor, Department of Surgery
School of Medicine

KHEDIDJA BOUDABA, PhD
Professor of Practice, Department of French and Italian
School of Liberal Arts

THERESA BROWN, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Hayward Genetics Center
School of Medicine
Theresa Brown began her career in cytogenticst as a technician in the bone marrow cytogenticst lab at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis. She received a PhD from the University of Alabama–Birmingham and did a postdoctoral fellowship and cytogenticst fellowship at the National Institutes of Health and Georgetown University. In addition to working as a cancer cytogenticst at large reference labs (IMPATH, Genzyme), Brown has grown and started cytogenticst labs in Atlanta (CSI) and Buffalo (Empire Genomics) and was a director at City of Hope.

Expertise: Cytogenetics

NATHALIE BUSSCHAERT, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry
School of Science and Engineering
Originally born in Antwerp, Belgium, Nathalie Busschaert completed a BS in chemistry at the K. U. Leuven, Belgium, and continued studying for an MS in chemistry at the same university. She then moved to the University of Southampton (UK) in 2010 to undertake a PhD under the supervision of professor Philip A. Gale, with research stays at A*STAR, Singapore, and the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. In 2015 she joined the group of professor Andrew Hamilton at the University of Oxford to work as a postdoctoral researcher. In January 2016 she followed Hamilton to New York University. Her research interests are ion transport, membrane processes and medicinal applications of supramolecular systems.

MUSA CAGLAR, PhD
Visiting Assistant Professor, Management Science
A. B. Freeman School of Business
Musa Caglar received his PhD in industrial engineering at the Middle East Technical University. He was a visiting research scientist at a data mining and management lab at the State University of New York–Albany. He has 10 years of experience in technology and innovation management in the public sector in Turkey. His current research interests include mathematical optimization under uncertainty, fairness in resource allocation problems and application of analytics methods to solve real world problems.

Expertise: Mathematical optimization, data analytics with actionable business insights, R&D portfolio management, strategy development, and business process re-engineering

KEVIN CALLISON, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Global Health Management and Policy and Murphy Institute
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
Kevin Callison’s research focus includes issues related to healthcare use, health insurance markets and policy
evaluation. His work also extends to analyses of health determinants and substance abuse.

Expertise: Health economics, health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, health policy, substance abuse

CATHERINE CASHMAN, DO
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry
School of Medicine
Dr. Catherine Cashman earned her medical degree from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. She trained in adult and child and adolescent psychiatry at LSU–New Orleans, and forensic psychiatry at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. Currently, Cashman also works with forensic inpatients at the Eastern Louisiana Mental Health Systems facility in Jackson, Louisiana.

AMY CHAFFEE, MFA
Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance
School of Liberal Arts
Amy Chaffee comes to Tulane from Los Angeles, where she was an adjunct faculty member at UCLA’s School of Theatre, Film and TV. She has worked as a dialect coach in film and television for the past 15 years and has been a professional actor, director and playwright on four continents for nearly 40 years.

Expertise: Voice and speech

KONG CHEN, PhD
Research Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
School of Medicine

DOROTHY CHERUIYOT, PhD
Professor of Practice, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
School of Science and Engineering
Dorothy Cheruiyot earned her PhD in biological sciences from Auburn University in 2012. Her research focused on the elemental defense by plants against herbivores and the trophic transfer of metals. A native of Kenya, she has been teaching science and coaching cross-country at Brookstone School in Columbus, Georgia. Cheruiyot was a 2014–2015 New Science Teacher Academy fellow.

Expertise: Plants and animal interactions

KRISTAL CLEARY, PhD
Professor of Practice, Department of Communication
School of Liberal Arts
Krystal Cleary earned her PhD in gender studies from Indiana University in 2017. Her work brings together critical disability studies, feminist and queer theory, and media studies in analyses of contemporary popular culture representations of disability.

ELISHA COLLINS, MSN
Instructor, Clinical Neurology, Department of Neurology
School of Medicine

OLIVIA CORNU, DNP
Instructor, Clinical Neurology, Department of Neurology
School of Medicine

KATHERINE STAMMEN COX, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology
School of Medicine
Dr. Katherine S. Cox completed medical school training at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center–Shreveport. She also completed an anesthesiology internship and residency at LSUHSC–Shreveport and became a diplomate for the American Board of Anesthesiology in
2015. She has served as the assistant program director for LSUHSC–Shreveport’s anesthesiology residency prior to joining as faculty at Tulane. She has also served on the board of directors for the Louisiana Society of Anesthesiologists and is currently an active member. She has written and published several book chapters and peer-reviewed manuscripts related to anesthesia. In addition to enjoying the varied complexity in all fields of anesthesia, Cox’s particular interests include acute and multimodal pain management, regional anesthesia and neuroanesthesia.

**MARIANA CRACIUN, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology*  
*School of Liberal Arts*

Mariana Craciun completed her PhD in sociology at the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor and a postdoctoral fellowship at Northwestern University. She is working on a book project, funded by the National Science Foundation, titled *Chasing Freud’s Dream: Psychotherapy Between Science and Emotion.*

**ADAM CROSSON, MFA**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Art*  
*School of Liberal Arts*

Adam Crosson holds a BArch from the Fay Jones School of Architecture at the University of Arkansas and an MFA in sculpture and extended media from the University of Texas–Austin. Most recently, he was a fellow in the Core Program at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and has received additional fellowships to attend the Royal College of Art, London, and the Vermont Studio Center. His interdisciplinary approach to art making and teaching has been informed by a background in architecture and looks to disassemble traditional boundaries of media, particularly in sculpture and photography. His studio-based practice focuses on contemporary identities of place, and his installations often seek congruency between object and image. He has exhibited and curated both nationally and internationally.

**ANITA DABON, MN, FNP-C**  
*Instructor, Department of Family and Community Medicine and Tulane University Employee Wellness Center*  
*School of Medicine*

Anita Dabon received an MS in nursing from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. Prior to joining Tulane University, Dabon worked as an advanced practice registered nurse in primary care with a focus on health and wellness. She also completed several clinical rotations in women’s health, pediatrics, health assessments, endocrinology and acute/chronic care management. She is a member of and is also board-certified through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Dabon is also a member of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

**SUBAH DAYAL, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of History*  
*School of Liberal Arts*

Subah Dayal completed her doctoral work in the history department at UCLA in 2015. She is a cultural and social historian of early modern South Asia and is currently working on her book titled *The Household State: Regional Elites and the Making of Mughal Conquest in South India.* 

**MARIANNE DESMARAIS, MArch II**  
*Professor of Practice*  
*School of Architecture*

Marianne Desmarais received an MArch II from Cranbrook Academy of Art in 2002, holds an MArch I from Tulane University and has studied abroad at the
Edinburgh College of Art. Through parallel practices in architecture and art, productive cross-pollination shapes her work between disciplines. Techniques from architectural design and fabrication are often applied in her artwork to effect space through manipulation of optics and surface. Explicit material characteristics are deployed as devices of amplification to shape space with the potential to transgress normative boundaries and produce meaning. In her work across fields, as in her teaching, drawing is the primary tool of investigation and translation. Recent shows include Transpositions, a solo show at Staple Goods Gallery, as well as group shows at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art and the Contemporary Arts Center in New Orleans. Her collaborative work with fiber artist Liz Sargent is on permanent display at the SCAD galleries in Shanghai, China, after their award of the New Works Residency from the Banff Centre in Alberta, Canada. With artist Sarah Kabot, she has installed a permanent facade public artwork for the Westin Downtown, Cleveland.

**LANIE DORNIER, PhD**  
*Professor of Practice*  
*School of Professional Advancement*  
Lanie Dornier is a professor of practice and director of the Health and Wellness Program in the School of Professional Advancement. She received her BS from Louisiana State University in health, physical education and recreation and her master’s and PhD from Auburn University in health and human performance. Dornier comes to Tulane from Louisiana Tech University, where she served as professor and department chair in the Department of Kinesiology for 11 years. Prior to her tenure at Louisiana Tech, she served on the faculty at Texas Tech University and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. Her background is in kinesiology, specifically teaching and conducting research in motor learning and control.  
Expertise: Examining how people learn and acquire skills, specifically examining stimulus-response compatibility, gender issues in sports participation

**TREY DRONYK-TROSPER, PhD**  
*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics*  
*School of Liberal Arts*  
Trey Dronyk-Trosper earned his PhD from the University of Oklahoma in 2015. He specializes in public finance and urban/regional economics. Recent publications include work in regional science and urban economics and real estate economics. His current work focuses on infrastructure and state finance issues.  
Expertise: Public finance, urban/regional economics

**THOMAS DRUETZ, PhD**  
*Research Assistant Professor*  
*Department of Tropical Medicine*  
*School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine*  
Thomas Druetz focuses his research on malaria epidemiology and evaluation of interventions under routine program conditions of implementation. His current work includes operational research projects in Haiti to help inform the malaria-elimination strategy in Hispaniola. He is also conducting research on the implementation and effects of the user-fee abolition policy in Burkina Faso. He holds a PhD from the University of Montreal School of Public Health, a master’s degree in international studies from Laval University, and a BA in political science from Louvain-la-Neuve University.  
Expertise: Malaria epidemiology, evaluation of health interventions, health systems

**RAJENDRA DULAL, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Economics*  
*School of Liberal Arts*  
Rajendra Dulal completed a doctoral degree in health economics at Wayne State University in 2016. He also completed an MA in economics from Western Illinois University in 2011, and an MS in physics from the University
of Massachusetts–Boston in 2010. Before joining Tulane University as a visiting assistant professor, he worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford University. Dulal’s research areas are health economics and environmental economics with a research focus on cost and quality of care, health policy, green economy, and public health.

**CASEY DUNN, MD**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosurgery School of Medicine*

**ARTHUR MARTIN EDWARDS, JD**  
*Instructor in Legal Writing and Forrester Fellow School of Law*

Martin Edwards is a Forrester Fellow in Tulane Law School. He earned his JD from Duke University School of Law and his BAccy from the University of Mississippi. His current research focuses on business, securities and financial technology. His prior publication appeared in *Administrative Law Review*.

**DAVID ELKINS, LLM**  
*Visiting Assistant Professor School of Law*

**JONATHAN FADOK, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor Department of Neuroscience and Psychology School of Science and Engineering*

Jonathan Fadok received his PhD in neurobiology and behavior from the University of Washington, where his dissertation research was supported by a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award. He then completed his postdoctoral fellowship at the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research in Basel, Switzerland. This work was funded in part by grants from the European Molecular Biology Organization and the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation. His research program is focused on understanding how the brain controls emotional states and adaptive behavior, especially those related to fear and anxiety. Work in his laboratory incorporates large-scale in vivo recordings of neuronal activity, targeted manipulations of neurobiological function and cell-type specific neuroanatomical tracing techniques.  
*Expertise: Neuroscience, electrophysiology, optogenetics, neural circuits, microscopy, emotional behavior*

**ALLISON FERRARA, MD**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine School of Medicine*

Dr. Allison Ferrara was born in Lafayette, Louisiana, and grew up in Orange Park, Florida. She completed her BS in food science and human nutrition at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She earned her medical degree from Florida State University College of Medicine in Tallahassee. She served her internal medicine residency at Brookwood Baptist Health Systems in Birmingham, Alabama, where she also served as chief resident. She works as an academic hospitalist at Tulane Medical Center, where she supervises residents on the internal medicine ward service.

**SAMANTHA FRANCOIS, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor School of Social Work*

Samantha Francois earned her PhD in psychological sciences with a concentration in developmental psychology in 2009 from Tulane University, where her research focused on school- and neighborhood-based risk and protective factors that influence exposure to community violence and academic outcomes among African-American adolescents.

Maria Galazo, left, and Jonathan Fadok, right, are both assistant professors in the School of Science and Engineering.
Maria Galazo completed her doctoral work at the Autónoma University of Madrid, Spain, where she studied the development of input connectivity to the cerebral cortex. For her postdoctoral work at Harvard University, Galazo studied the molecular mechanisms regulating neuronal differentiation and diversity in the cerebral cortex. She completed her postdoctoral training at MIT, working on functional interrogation of neural circuits involved in learning and memory consolidation. Her research interests center on understanding the mechanisms controlling the development and function of brain circuits underlying higher cognitive skills and how disruptions in these mechanisms lead to neurodevelopmental disorders.

**BORJA GAMA DE COSSIO, PhD**
*Visiting Lecturer, Department of Spanish and Portuguese*
*School of Liberal Arts*

**AMANDA GARCIA, PhD**
*Professor of Practice and Director of Digital Design and Media Arts*
*School of Professional Advancement*

Amanda Garcia holds a PhD in curriculum and instruction with a research focus in socially responsible design in higher education from Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi and an MFA in graphic design and visual communication from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She comes to Tulane from TAMU-CC, where she was a faculty fellow, program coordinator and community advocate for the Greater South Texas coastal region. While her award-winning design work

*Expertise: Adolescent development, African-American psychology, socio-ecological theory, social determinants of health, quantitative research design, quantitative data analysis*
has garnered international acclaim, Garcia continues to publish and pursue her research in using design as powerful tool to create positive change.

**LESLIE GEDDES, PhD**
**Assistant Professor, Department of Art**
**School of Liberal Arts**
Leslie Geddes received her PhD in the history of art from Princeton University in 2014. For the past two years she has taught as a visiting faculty member in Tulane’s Newcomb Art Department. She specializes in Renaissance art and architecture. Her research focuses on how early modern architects and engineers studied, depicted and manipulated the natural landscape. Her book project, *Watermarks: Leonardo da Vinci and the Renaissance Mastery of Nature*, analyzes the subject of water in art in conjunction with the practical undertakings of hydraulic engineering.

**MARCIA GLASS, MD**
**Associate Professor, Department of Medicine**
**School of Medicine**
Dr. Marcia Glass graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine and then completed a residency in internal medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine. She was part of the Tulane faculty from 2006–2012. From 2012–2017, she was on the faculty of the University of California–San Francisco. She is board-certified in internal medicine and palliative medicine. Glass provides inpatient consultations as a member of the University Medical Center Palliative Medicine and Supportive Care group. She provides care for hospitalized medical patients as part of the UMC hospitalist group, as well as teaching medical students and residents. She has worked internationally with Doctors Without Borders, the Yale/Stanford Johnson and Johnson Global Health Program, Columbia University, UCSF, and Partners in Health. Her domestic volunteer work includes being a founding faculty sponsor for the Ozanam Inn Outreach Clinic in New Orleans and a faculty volunteer for the UCSF/USF Clinica Martin-Baro in San Francisco.

**MAURYA GLAUDE, PhD**
**Assistant Professor**
**School of Social Work**
Maurya Glaude attended Texas Southern University for undergraduate studies in psychology and completed her MSW at Tulane School of Social Work. For almost seven years, she provided clinical social work services in nonprofits and parish government in Greater New Orleans. Glaude returned to New Orleans after completing her PhD studies at the University of Houston with support from a SAMHSA-funded Council on Social Work, MFP doctoral fellowship. Her research interests include adolescent mental health and substance use disorders and the use of recovery high schools for continuing care.

**TEWODROS GODEBO, PhD**
**Assistant Professor, Department of Global Environmental Health Science**
**School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine**
Tewodros Godebo received his PhD in environmental geochemistry from Ferrara University in Italy. Prior to joining Tulane, he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. His research interests lie in identifying the origins and mechanisms of water-soil-food contamination including fluoride, arsenic,
cadmium, lead and others, as well as utilizing and developing elemental and isotopic biomarkers to understand the links between exposure to contaminants and human health. These methods use mass spectrometric techniques traditionally rooted in geochemistry and study how chronic diseases disrupt the chemical and isotopic balance in the human body as a result of exposure to low or high levels of environmental contaminants. Included in his work is understanding the role of other non-chemical factors such as sociodemographics, nutrition and lifestyle on health outcomes. Godebo received the NIH K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award for research focusing on understanding the health effects of fluoride and metals on teeth, joint, cartilage and bone. His works also include characterizing the effects of toxic metals on kidneys; cancer in populations in developing countries and in the United States; linkages among climate change, water resources and health. His research integrates epidemiologic and biostatistical methods, and uses geographic information systems to represent the distribution of environmental contaminants and health outcomes.

**BENJAMIN HAN, PhD**
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication
School of Liberal Arts

Benjamin Han received his PhD in cinema studies from New York University. His research interests include TV theory and history, critical race theory, global media, and the cultural intersections between East Asia and Latin America. His work has been published in the *Journal of Korean Studies, Post Script, Television & New Media,* and *The International Journal of Communication.*

**ROBERT HENDEL, MD**
Professor and Chief, Section of Cardiology; Director, Tulane University Heart and Vascular Institute; and Sidney W. and Marilyn S. Lassen Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine
School of Medicine

Dr. Robert Hendel received a BA in biological sciences and education from Northwestern University and a medical degree with distinction from George Washington University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Northwestern University and went on to receive fellowship training in cardiovascular disease at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. After specialized training in nuclear cardiology, he returned to Northwestern University, where he remained for almost 10 years, before he moved to Rush University Medical Center. While in Chicago, Hendel also spent five years in a large single-specialty practice before moving to Miami in 2010. While at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Hendel was the director of cardiac imaging and outpatient services, director of the Cardiac Care Unit, and the interim chief of the Cardiovascular Division. He was also the associate chief medical officer at the University of Miami Hospital.

**JOHN HOOPES, PhD**
Visiting Professor and Greenleaf Distinguished Chair of Latin American Studies, Stone Center for Latin American Studies

John Hoopes is a graduate of Yale (BA, archaeology, 1980) and Harvard (PhD, anthropology, 1987) and has been a member of the anthropology faculty at the University of Kansas since 1989. He specializes in the archaeology of the Isthmo-Colombian Area (between Honduras and Colombia), with a special focus on Costa Rica, and the
evolution of social complexity, religious ideology and technology in indigenous cultures of the Americas. His books include The Emergence of Pottery: Technology and Innovation in Ancient Societies and Gold and Power in Ancient Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia. His interests include Chibchan-speaking cultures, pre-Columbian art, environmental studies, religious studies, the history of anthropology and pseudoarchaeology. 

**Expertise:** Latin American studies, anthropology, archaeology, pre-Columbian art and pseudoarchaeology

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**RACHEL HOROWITZ, PhD**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology

School of Liberal Arts

Rachel Horowitz received her PhD in anthropology from Tulane University in 2017. She is an anthropological archaeologist whose research examines ancient Maya economic organization and the role of different actors in these economic activities. She specializes in the study of lithic technology, using organizational approaches to link tool production to economic organization. She is currently conducting research in western Belize and has previously conducted research in Mexico and Guatemala, as well as in other regions including the western and southeastern United States and southern Africa.

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**KEITH HUDE, MD**

Associate Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology, Department of Anesthesiology

School of Medicine

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**LAURA-ZOË HUMPHREYS, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Department of Communication

School of Liberal Arts

Laura-Zoë Humphreys completed a joint PhD in anthropology and cinema and media studies at the University of Chicago. Her first book, *Fidel Between the Lines: Ambivalence and Paranoia in Late Socialist Cuban Cinema*, is forthcoming from Duke University Press and addresses the changing dynamics of social criticism and censorship in post-Soviet Cuba. She has also begun work on a new project on media piracy in Cuba. 

**Expertise:** Digital media and media piracy in Cuba and the global south; Cuban politics, economic reform and relations with the United States; Cuban and Latin American cinema

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**ROBYN ICE, JD**

Professor of Practice and Director of Paralegal Studies Program

School of Professional Advancement

Robyn Ice joined Tulane in 2014 after practicing environmental and toxic tort law for over 22 years, first in Atlanta and then in New York City, including 12 years as a partner with the firms Alston & Bird, LLC, Rosenberg & Estis, PC, and Troutman Sanders, LLC, and four as claims counsel with Zurich Insurance. She received her BFA from West Virginia University, magna cum laude; MFA from the University of Georgia; and JD, cum laude, from Georgia State University College of Law, where she served as editor in chief of the *Georgia State University Law Review*. She also served as research assistant to torts professor David Maleski, with whom she authored two chapters of the 1992 treatise *Georgia Tort Law*. Before she entered law school, Ice performed as a puppeteer and designed costumes and puppets for theater and television.

**Expertise:** Environmental law, insurance law and job placement

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**Z’ÉTOILE IMMA, PhD**

Assistant Professor and Michael S. Field Assistant Professor of English and Africana Studies, Department of English

School of Liberal Arts

Z’étoile Imma’s work studies gender and sexuality in contemporary Anglophone African literature, visual culture, performance and new media. Through her teaching and research, Imma seeks to contribute to African gender
analysis, black feminism, postcolonial queer studies and the larger project of decolonizing knowledge production. Due to her commitment to exploring transdisciplinary spatial epistemologies, with the support of a Ford Postdoctoral Fellowship, Mellon Mays Fellowship and numerous travel grants, she has engaged in literary-critical fieldwork in Ghana, Benin, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Senegal, Gambia and Eritrea. Her major work in progress analyzes a diverse set of visual and discursive texts that archive the life and times of South African anti-apartheid, gay/lesbian rights and AIDS activist Simon Nkoli. Before joining the faculty at Tulane, Imma was assistant professor of English and gender studies at the University of Notre Dame and guest lecturer of English at the University of Witwatersrand.

Expertise: South Africa gender and politics, black feminism, black social justice movements and intersectionality

WALTER ISAACSON, MA
University Professor, Department of History
School of Liberal Arts
Walter Isaacson has been the CEO of the Aspen Institute, the chairman and CEO of CNN, and the editor of TIME magazine. He is the author of *Leonardo da Vinci* (2017), *The Innovators* (2015), *Steve Jobs* (2011), *Einstein: His Life and Universe* (2007), *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life* (2003), and *Kissinger: A Biography* (1992), and co-author of *The Wise Men: Six Friends and the World They Made* (1986). Born in New Orleans, he is a graduate of Harvard College and of Pembroke College of Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He began his career at *The Sunday Times of London* and then the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*. He joined *TIME* in 1978 and served as a political correspondent, national editor and editor of new media before becoming the magazine’s 14th editor in 1996. He became chairman and CEO of CNN in 2001, and then president and CEO of the Aspen Institute in 2003. From 2005–2007 he was the vice chair of the Louisiana Recovery Authority, which oversaw rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina. He was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as the chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, which runs Voice of America and Radio Free Europe. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and serves on the board of United Airlines, the New Orleans Tricentennial Commission, Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Society of American Historians, the Carnegie Institution for Science, and My Brother’s Keeper Alliance. He is a member of the New Orleans City Planning Commission.

Expertise: History of technology, media

HOONBAE JEON, MD
Professor of Clinical Surgery, Department of Surgery
School of Medicine

HEATHER JOHNSON, JD, PhD CANDIDATE
Research Assistant Professor
Newcomb College Institute
Heather Johnson completed her undergraduate work at the University of Chicago, where she studied law, letters and society as well as psychology. She also holds an MS in psychoanalytic developmental psychology from the Anna Freud Centre at the University College London and a JD from Michigan State University College of Law. Johnson is currently a doctoral candidate completing dual doctoral degrees in education policy and higher, adult and lifelong education at Michigan State University. Johnson’s broad scholarly interests lie in the areas of gender, law, education and leadership. She is thrilled to join the Newcomb College Institute and to focus her research on ways to diversify the judiciary.

Expertise: Women, law, leadership, judicial diversity, higher education law, education policy, sexual orientation and gender identity law
CARLOS JUAN LOZANO, PhD
Lecturer
Newcomb-Tulane College
Carlos Juan Lozano completed his PhD in Hispanic linguistics at the University of Valencia in Spain. He has taught at Hampden-Sydney College, the University of Virginia in Valencia/Hispanic studies program, and the University of Valencia.

NICOLE KATIN, PhD
Professor of Practice, Department of Anthropology
School of Liberal Arts
Nicole Katin received her doctorate in cultural anthropology at Tulane University in 2017, an MS in environmental studies from Florida International University, and a BA in biology from the University of Pennsylvania. She has conducted ethnographic fieldwork in Belize and Brazil, and her research interests are in the area of human-environment relations.

HYUNSEOB KIM, PhD CANDIDATE
Visiting Lecturer, Management
A. B. Freeman School of Business
Hyunseob Kim is near completion of a PhD in strategy from the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University. He explores topics related to dynamic competition, industry evolution, technology and innovation management, and mergers and acquisitions. His current research focuses on the importance of resource allocation in the firm's strategy to identify opportunities and adaptation to changing environments when the firm does not have sufficient capabilities.

JAY KOLLS, MD
Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine; John W. Deming Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine; and Director, Center for Translational Research in Infection and Inflammation and Tulane Cancer Center
School of Medicine
Prior to his recruitment to Tulane, Dr. Jay Kolls was professor of pediatrics and director of the Richard King Mellon Foundation Institute for Pediatric Research at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. He earned his medical degree at the University of Maryland and completed his residency training in internal medicine/pediatrics at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. After that he completed fellowships in adult and pediatric pulmonology at LSU and Tulane Health Sciences Center, respectively. He performed his research fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. Bruce Beutler at Howard Hughes Medical Institute, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas. Kolls was recruited in July 2003 to the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, where he was division chief of pediatric pulmonary medicine and named the inaugural Niels K. Jerne Professor of Pediatrics and Immunology in 2007. Kolls has been member of the American Thoracic Society since 1989. He is also a member of the American Association of Immunology, American Society of Microbiology, American Society of Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians. Kolls has authored or co-authored more than 250 peer-reviewed articles. The major goal of his research is to investigate mechanisms of mucosal host defenses in the lung in normal and immunocompromised hosts using genetic models. Presently, his lab is investigating how IL-23, IL-17 and IL-22 regulate host defense against extracellular pathogens and epigenetic regulation of macrophage function. Additionally, he researches host susceptibility to opportunistic infection such as pneumocystis and is developing novel therapies against this pathogen. Kolls has been co-chair and chair of the Gordon Conference on the biology of acute respiratory infection and has co-organized a Keystone symposia on Th17 cells and asthma and COPD.

Expertise: Pediatric lung diseases, vaccines, pneumonia

Dr. Jay Kolls is the School of Medicine’s John W. Deming Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine.
KATHERINE KRAIL, MSN
Instructor, Department of Pediatrics
School of Medicine

L. SPENCER KRANE, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Urology and Tulane Cancer Center
School of Medicine

Dr. L. Spencer Krane returned to his hometown of New Orleans, joining the urology faculty of Tulane University School of Medicine. He is a graduate of Isidore Newman High School, and after majoring in mathematics and art history at the University of Michigan, he graduated from Tulane School of Medicine in 2007. Subsequently he elected to pursue a fellowship in minimally invasive and robotic urology at Henry Ford Hospital. He trained on regenerative medicine techniques at Wake Forest Baptist Health and then completed his urology residency. Later he pursued additional specialized training at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. At Tulane, Krane specializes in personalized medicine for patients with urologic malignancies. His goal is to use new biomarkers, genomic classifications, epigenetic signatures and imaging modalities to allow patients to receive care individualized to their tumor and produce improved cancer outcomes while minimizing the side effects of therapy.

Expertise: Urologic oncology, prostate cancer, kidney cancer, bladder cancer, minimally invasive surgery

ILIANNA KWASKE, PhD
Professor of Practice and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
School of Professional Advancement

Ilianna Kwaske is an industrial/organizational psychologist with over 15 years of experience in higher education and business consulting. Her teaching and administrative roles have primarily been in programs designed for working adults. A passionate educator, Kwaske is committed to teaching and learning in various modalities, whether through evening on-ground courses, online, weekend intensive or hybrid (online and on-ground) courses. In her previous roles, she has led teams that have developed and launched innovative, high-quality academic programs in organizational leadership, industrial organizational psychology and business psychology. With a strong quantitative foundation in assessment and testing, Kwaske is also very interested in program evaluation and identifying and measuring learning outcomes. As an independent consultant, she has conducted psychological assessments for executive searches, employee selection and development, and she has helped leaders manage organizational change. She has published and presented on the use of psychological assessments for employee selection. She holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from University of Illinois–Chicago and an MS in psychology with a specialization in clinical psychology and a PhD in industrial-organizational psychology from Illinois Institute of Technology.

Expertise: Employee selection, person–organization fit, leadership development, organizational culture and change

ROB LALKA, MPP
Professor of Practice, Management; Executive Director, Albert Lepage Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation
A. B. Freeman School of Business

Rob Lalka is the co-founder of Medora Ventures, a consulting firm that supports investments with returns for shareholders, the local community, society overall and generations to come. He moved to New Orleans from Washington, D.C., where he was a director at Village Capital and a senior adviser at the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. Before that, Lalka served in the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Global Partnerships and was on the Secretary of State’s policy planning staff. Lalka graduated from Yale University and holds his master’s degree in global public policy from Duke University. He and his wife, Lynn, reside in New Orleans’
JUNCHAO LI, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Management  
A. B. Freeman School of Business

Junchao Li joins the Freeman School from the University of Washington, where he earned his PhD in organizational behavior and human resource management. His research interests include employee voice behavior, employee turnover, leadership and microdynamics of entrepreneurship. His work has been published in the Journal of Applied Psychology, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology and Journal of Organizational Behavior. He has a BS in economics from the Sun Yat-Sen University and an MS in business administration from the University of Washington.

SANGHO LEE, PhD  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance  
A. B. Freeman School of Business

Sangho Lee completed his doctoral work in finance in 2017 at Georgia State University. His dissertation examines the informational impacts of strategic alliances on corporate investment decision and valuation. Lee is currently working on research projects on alliances, interlocking directorates, financial reporting and socially responsible investments.  

GERALD LENAZ, MBA  
Professor of Practice and Program Director, Business and Leadership Studies  
School of Professional Advancement

Jerry Lenaz has over 15 years’ experience helping small businesses and startup ventures grow through strategic planning, marketing and business development efforts. He owns a consulting firm, Firestarter Consulting, and has been teaching BSMK-3200 Introduction to Marketing Principles at the School of Professional Advancement since 2010. Prior to joining Tulane, Lenaz was the director of business services at Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program at Delgado Community College in New Orleans, helping entrepreneurs grow their business by providing greater access to education, capital and support services. Lenaz also worked in the telecommunications industry as a business development and product manager, launching new industrial and consumer products and initiatives throughout the Gulf South. Originally from New Jersey, Lenaz has a BS in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from Tulane University’s A. B. Freeman School of Business. He is passionate about helping students, entrepreneurs and businesses achieve their dreams by providing the education, tools and support services needed to succeed.

ANDREW LILES, MArch  
Professor of Practice  
School of Architecture

Camilo Leslie is an assistant professor of sociology in the School of Liberal Arts.
Faculty members who were honored for excellence in teaching in 2017 include, top left to right: Weiss Fellows Elisabeth McMahon, associate professor in the School of Liberal Arts, and Beth Wee, associate dean for undergraduate studies and senior professor of practice in the School of Science and Engineering. Bottom left to right: President’s Awards for Graduate and Professional Teaching went to Janet C. Hoeffel, Catherine D. Pierson Professor of Law at Tulane Law School, and Victor Moll, mathematics professor at the School of Science and Engineering.
Award and the Prosser Award. Marquis’ research focuses on constitutional law. In particular, Marquis’ research interests include constitutional issues related to reproductive rights and justice, youth law, and immigration law. Marquis holds a JD from the University of California–Berkeley School of Law, a master’s degree in international affairs from Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, and a BA from Williams College. Prior to law school, Marquis, a native of New Orleans, taught English and history in a public elementary school in New Orleans.

SABIA MCCOY-TORRES, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
School of Liberal Arts
Sabia McCoy-Torres has a PhD in social and cultural anthropology from Cornell University. She comes to Tulane from Oberlin College, where she completed a postdoctoral fellowship. Her research focuses on the English- and Spanish-speaking African diaspora, race, gender/sexuality, place/space, transnationalism and black popular culture. McCoy-Torres’ current book project uses reggae culture as an ethnographic lens to interpret these dynamics within the West Indian diaspora in Costa Rica and Brooklyn, New York. She has forthcoming articles in the Black Music Research Journal and in Transforming Anthropology, for which she is a contributing editor.

Expertise: Afro-diasporic theory and culture, urban anthropology, Caribbean cultures, performance, popular music and culture, Costa Rica, West Indians, gender/sexuality, transnationalism, race

BETUL MOLLAHALiloglu, PhD
Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance
A. B. Freeman School of Business
Betul Mollahaliloglu received her PhD in finance from Tulane University. Her research interests are financial intermediation, financial analysts, private equity and entrepreneurial finance. She is also the CFO of a biomedical startup company, Flux Diagnostics. She holds a master’s degree in finance from Tulane University and a BS in business administration degree from Anadolu University in Turkey.

DAVID MORRIS, PhD
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
School of Liberal Arts
An Ohio native, David Morris received his bachelor’s degree from Miami University, then attended the University of Virginia for doctoral training. Morris’ research and teaching interests traverse the areas of education, the criminal justice system, inequality, politics and quantitative methodology, and his research often lies at the intersection of these sub-fields of sociology. In particular, he is interested in analyzing and understanding how interactions within and between the schooling system and criminal justice system affect academic success, opportunities in young adulthood, political behavior and future life chances—especially as they pertain to racial/ethnic and class inequality.

MARY MULCAHEY, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedics
School of Medicine
Dr. Mary Mulcahey received her medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in Rochester, New York, in 2006. She completed her orthopedic residency at Brown University, followed by a fellowship in orthopedic trauma at the same institution. Mulcahey then went on to a fellowship in sports medicine at San Diego Arthroscopy and Sports Medicine. While in fellowship, she assisted with team coverage for the San Diego Padres and San Diego State University. Mulcahey was in practice in the Department of
Orthopaedic Surgery at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia for four years before joining the faculty at Tulane. While in Philadelphia, she provided coverage for professional boxing and mixed martial arts. Mulcahey has a strong interest in women’s health, and she is the director of the Women’s Sports Medicine Program at Tulane University. Her clinical interests include arthroscopy of the shoulder and knee, sports medicine, shoulder instability, rotator cuff disease, ligament reconstruction of the knee, shoulder reconstruction including total shoulder and reverse total shoulder replacements, and fracture care. She practices at Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine in uptown New Orleans and at Tulane Lakeside Hospital for Women and Children in Metairie.

**Expertise:** Sports medicine, shoulder and knee arthroscopy, shoulder instability, ACL tears, meniscus tears

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**BEAU PAGE, PhD**  
*Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance*  
*A. B. Freeman School of Business*  
Beau Page completed his doctoral work at the Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester in 2012. His research focuses on issues in corporate finance and CEO compensation, and where the two coincide.

**MORGAN PALMER, PhD**  
*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies*  
*School of Liberal Arts*  
Morgan Palmer earned her BA in classics and comparative literature from Brown University and her MA and PhD in classics from the University of Washington. Her research explores the intersections between Latin literature, epigraphy, and Roman history and religion. In June she presented a paper at the University of Paris Est-Crétteil on the Roman historian Livy’s descriptions of ancient inscriptions on the Capitoline Hill. Her article on the Robigalia, a Roman agricultural festival (forthcoming in *Classical World*), compares literary evidence with fragments of an inscribed Roman calendar. Before coming to Tulane, she taught at the University of California–Irvine, Montclair State University, the University of Maryland–College Park and the University of Mississippi.  
*Expertise: Latin literature, epigraphy, Roman history*

**QIYUAN PENG, PhD**  
*Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance*  
*A. B. Freeman School of Business*  
Qiyuan Peng completed her doctoral work in business administration in 2017 at Tulane University, with a dissertation entitled “Managerial Incentives and Firm Performance.” Peng is currently working on projects related to executive compensation design and disclosure.

**RYAN PETERS, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor, Finance*  
*A. B. Freeman School of Business*  
Ryan Peters comes to the Freeman School from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his PhD. His research focuses on corporate finance, investment dynamics and macroeconomics. Prior to pursuing graduate studies, Peters was an associate economist in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago’s Macroeconomic Policy Research Group. Peters also holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Chicago with concentrations in mathematics, statistics and economics.  
*Expertise: Corporate finance, private equity, venture capital, intangible assets*

**MENAKA PHILIPS, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Gender and Sexuality Studies Program*  
*School of Liberal Arts*  
Menaka Philips’ research interests include democratic theory, feminist and postcolonial studies, and American political thought. She has published in the *European Journal of Political Theory*, and has contributed to news outlets like *The Washington Post’s* The Monkey Cage. Her current book project, *A Crisis of Certainty*, examines how liberalism is used as a frame of interpretation in political theory.

**MARK POWERS, JD**  
*Professor of Practice, Finance*  
*A. B. Freeman School of Business*  
Through November 2016, Mark Powers served as the chief financial officer of New York-based JetBlue Airways, where for more than a decade he worked to improve the firm’s financial position and performance. Prior to JetBlue, Powers held a series of executive roles with leading investment banks and management consulting firms.  
*Expertise: Finance, strategy, business valuation, business development*

**Political science professor Thomas Oatley is the Corasaniti-Zondorak Chair of International Relations in the School of Liberal Arts.**
of senior finance and operating roles with Northwest Airlines, General Electric’s Aircraft Engines and Continental Airlines. Powers graduated from the University of Minnesota and received his JD from Southern Methodist University School of Law in Dallas, where he was editor of the Journal of Air Law & Commerce. Powers joins the vast legion of New Orleans transplants whose spouse decided it was time for the family to move back to her home city. After 10 hard years in New York, it was hard to refuse. One of his principal responsibilities and greatest joys as CFO was the opportunity to teach talented members of his finance team, peers and other crew members, and he is grateful to Tulane for the chance to continue this important task.

JOSHUA PRICE, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
School of Liberal Arts
Joshua Price received his PhD in economics from the University of North Carolina–Greensboro in 2016. His research interests focus on pedagogy and the relationship between substance use and public assistance.

AMINA RAFIQUE, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics
School of Medicine

MARK RATCHFORD, PhD
Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing
A. B. Freeman School of Business
Mark Ratchford spent the past eight years as assistant professor of marketing at the Owen Graduate School of Business at Vanderbilt University. He has taught master’s level courses in marketing strategy and new product development, as well as undergraduate courses in marketing research and consumer behavior. Among his primary research interests are heuristics and biases in decision-making, interfirm strategic alliances, consumer perceptions of price fairness and new technology adoption. Ratchford’s business background includes eight years in various marketing and technical roles in the telecommunications industry. He holds a PhD in marketing from the University of Colorado–Boulder, an MBA from the Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester, and a BA in economics from Virginia Tech University.

Expertise: Economic and psychological models of managerial and consumer decisions in marketing: heuristics and biases, coalitions in marketing channels, perceptions of price fairness, technology acceptance, choice and choice deferral

ROBERT RICHARDS, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
School of Medicine

LT. COL. ROBERT RUSSELL, MBA
Professor of Aerospace Studies, Air Force ROTC
Newcomb-Tulane College
Lt. Col. Robert “Brady” Russell is the commander of a satellite Air Force unit that administers a college-level officer-training program serving nine universities in the New Orleans area. He is responsible for recruiting, training, educating and mentoring Air Force officer candidates. Russell earned his commission through the U.S. Air Force Academy in May 1996. He has served in a variety of positions as an intelligence officer at the flight, squadron and major command staff levels. He has deployed to Italy, Iraq and Djibouti. Prior to his current position, Russell served as the senior analytic tradecraft officer at United States Central Command.

LEIA SALTZMAN, PhD
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
Leia Y. Saltzman received her PhD in social work from Boston College in 2016. She also holds an MSW in clinical

2017 MacArthur Fellow Jesmyn Ward is an associate professor of English in the Tulane School of Liberal Arts.
social work from Boston College. As a social science researcher trained in both qualitative and quantitative methods, she infuses a strengths-based approach to studying the process of adaptation following exposure to trauma. Saltzman has had the privilege of participating in both national and international collaborations with leading experts in the field of psychological trauma, chronic violence and disaster. She is passionate about translating her research to mental health policies and clinical practice with trauma-affected populations, with the goal of promoting well-being and building stronger families and more cohesive communities that can withstand the impact of mass-trauma events.

**Expertise:** Trauma, resilience, post-traumatic growth, violence and disaster

**ALEXANDRIA SCHWARTZ**  
*Master’s Candidate in Homeland Security*  
*Professor of Aerospace Studies, Air Force ROTC*  
*Newcomb-Tulane College*

**LESLIE SCOTT, MFA**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance*  
*School of Liberal Arts*

Leslie Scott is a researcher of movement in the studio and classroom, on screen and stage. She holds an MFA in choreography from California Institute of the Arts and is the artistic director of BODYART, a multimedia contemporary dance theater company. Her work has been performed in both traditional and non-traditional spaces across the United States, United Kingdom and Asia. Focusing on the intersection of movement and technology in both her performances and teaching, Scott created “The Decay Project,” a dance/film residency program that partners with local communities. This residency program just finished its fourth international collaboration in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 2016. Scott has been an educator at the Center for Cultural Innovation in Los Angeles teaching creative entrepreneurship and marketing and branding workshops, and has been a guest artist and lecturer at leading universities and institutions across the country. As
an international dance producer, Scott has organized festivals across the globe for more than 10 years. She is also a certified sommelier and enjoys incorporating all five senses into her choreographic projects.

**Expertise: Contemporary dance, intersection of movement and technology**

**JAMES SIMMONS, PhD**
**Professor of Practice and Senior Director, Academic Computing Programs**
**School of Professional Advancement**

Jim Simmons has been the senior director of academic computing programs since 2005 and was named a professor of practice in 2017. After completing his PhD, he taught mathematics at Baylor and Loyola universities before entering the workforce in the computing industry. He enjoyed a 20-year career with Litton Data Systems, Entergy, and Science and Engineering Associates before returning to the academic world. Simmons earned a BS in mathematics from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana–Lafayette), and a doctorate in mathematics from Tulane in 1983. The results from his thesis were published in a paper in the *Houston Journal of Mathematics* in 1987. In 1994 he won the prestigious Mullin Award from the Computer Measurement Group for his paper “Integrating UNIX Measurements Reporting Into an Existing Automated Reporting System in a Windows Environment.” He served as a referee and on the editorial review board for *CMG* until 1999. Simmons is also an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church.

**RONALD SLIPMAN, MD**
**Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine**
**School of Medicine**

Dr. Ronald Slipman studied biology and French at Washington University in St. Louis. He earned his medical degree from Tulane University and completed his residency in family medicine at East Jefferson General Hospital.

**Expertise: Family medicine**

**MENTOR STafa, PhD**
**Professor of Practice, Department of Mathematics**
**School of Science and Engineering**

Mentor Stafa received his PhD from the Department of Mathematics at the University of Rochester in 2013. Following graduate studies, he held a postdoctoral position at Tulane University, and later at ETH Zürich, where he was supported by a Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarship. Before joining Tulane, he was a postdoctoral fellow at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis. Stafa shares a strong passion for undergraduate and graduate teaching. His research focuses on a field of mathematics called algebraic topology, where he studies high-dimensional phenomena and structures using algebra and topology.

**Expertise: Algebraic topology, toric topology**

**JIANWEI SUN, PhD**
**Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Engineering Physics**
**School of Science and Engineering**

Jianwei Sun received his PhD in physics from Tulane University in 2010 and did his postdoc work there till 2013. He then moved to the College of Science and Technology at Temple University as a research assistant professor of physics, and was promoted to research associate professor of physics in 2015. He joined the Department of Physics at the University of Texas–El Paso as an assistant professor in fall 2016 before moving to Tulane. He has been working on the development of density functional theory (DFT) and its applications for more than 10 years. He was awarded the 2016 Young Scientist Prize of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics in computational physics for his work in DFT.
Expertise: Computational and theoretical materials science, condensed matter physics and chemistry, with emphasis on density functional theory for electronic structures and its applications for energy and information technology

KIM TALUS, JD
Professor, James McCulloch Chair in Energy Law;
Founding Director of the Tulane Center for Energy Law
School of Law
Kim Talus is a professor of European economic and energy law at University of Eastern Finland Law School and the director of the Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law. He is also a professor of energy law at the University of Helsinki. His research and consultancy focus on international, comparative and European energy law. More specifically, his activities focus on European Union energy law and policy and international oil and gas. He has published widely in these areas and is a frequent speaker at international conferences. He has held teaching positions at University College London, University of Houston and Bonn University. He is the editor in chief for Oil, Gas and Energy Law and a member of the editorial board for the Journal of World Energy Law and Business. He works frequently with companies, public authorities and governments in various areas of energy law and policy. He has been involved in many interesting cases over the years, including Yukos arbitration and the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project.

ERICA TATE LEE, MD
Instructor, Clinical Neurosurgery, Department of Medicine
School of Medicine
Dr. Erica Tate received her BA in biology at the University of California–Riverside in 2009. She completed her medical degree at UCLA in 2013. She joined the UCLA-Olive View Internal Medicine Program in 2013 and completed her internal medicine residency. She stayed on as chief resident, supervising and teaching internal medicine residents until June 2017. She is board-certified in internal medicine. In 2017 she moved to New Orleans and joined the Section of General Internal Medicine at Tulane University as a clinical instructor in Medicine. She currently works at the Ruth U. Fertel/Tulane Community Health Center supervising internal medicine residents and managing her own patients.

RYDER THORNTON, PhD CANDIDATE
Professor of Practice, Department of Theatre and Dance
School of Liberal Arts
Ryder Thornton received his MFA from Temple University and is completing his dissertation at the University of California–Santa Barbara. He has been working as a theater artist for over 15 years and has directed over 40 productions in the United States and abroad. He is also a published theater scholar specializing in modern tragedy, the history of directing and the work of Eugene O’Neill.

IAN TOWNLEY, PhD
Professor of Practice, Department of Cell and Molecular Biology
School of Science and Engineering
Ian Townley has been an instructor and postdoc at the University of New Orleans, managed the RCMI Core facility at Xavier University of Louisiana, and taught high school biology at St. George’s School in Spokane, Washington. Townley will be weaving his diverse background into the classes he teaches as a professor of practice. He is also researching the functional consequences of SNPs in the HIF genes of killifish and is the science editor for the startup SquidBooks.

CAROLE TREVISE, PhD
Visiting Professor, Department of French and Italian
School of Liberal Arts
Carole Trevise completed a double PhD with honors at La Sorbonne and Tulane University in 2017. Her thesis,
“From Anthropology to Literature: The Sacrificial Scheme in Balzac and Barbey d’Aurevilly’s Novels,” examines the discourse around the religious object in the aftermath of the Enlightenment and prior to the birth of social sciences at the end of the 19th century.

SANTIAGO TRUFFA, PhD
Visiting Assistant Professor, Finance
A. B. Freeman School of Business
Santiago Truffa's research interests focus on the empirical aspects of household behavior on credit markets and on how firm investment behavior is influenced by their geographic localization. He received his PhD in business economics from the University of California–Berkeley. Before his PhD studies, he worked as an economic adviser to the minister of finance in Chile.

Expertise: Household finance and corporate finance

BRENDON VAYO, PhD
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of English
School of Liberal Arts
Brendon Vayo completed his doctoral work in English at the University of Louisiana–Lafayette. His dissertation, “Iconology and Iconoclasm in Contemporary American Fiction,” argued that dirty realism is an extension of postmodernist literature. Now his interests include a semiotic approach to historiographic metafictions and historical novels that lie in their retelling.

Expertise: American literature, semiotics, historical novels, historiographic metafictions

JUAN VILES GONZALEZ, MD
Associate Professor
Director of the Cardiac Electrophysiology Section,
Department of Medicine
School of Medicine
Dr. Juan Viles Gonzalez was previously assistant professor in medicine (cardiology) at the University of Miami’s Miller School of Medicine. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in clinical cardiac electrophysiology, cardiovascular disease and internal medicine, and is a long-standing member of the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, the American Medical Association and the Heart Rhythm Society. At the latter, he holds the position of co-chair of the Journal Committee and is part of the editorial board of the society’s journal.

Expertise: Atrial fibrillation, supraventricular and ventricular tachycardias, congestive heart failure and patients requiring cardiac devices

MICHAEL WALLACE, EDD CANDIDATE
Professor of Practice and Director, Emergency and Security Studies
School of Professional Advancement
Michael Wallace is a retired military intelligence officer with 20 years of active service. His military assignments included Naval Special Warfare, Defense Human Intelligence, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Office of Naval Intelligence. Post-military, he worked as a senior intelligence analyst in the Joint Chiefs of Staff Intelligence Directorate.

Expertise: Counterterrorism, counterproliferation, special warfare, and intelligence collection and analysis

CHARISSE WARD, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
School of Medicine
Dr. Charisse Ward is an interventional cardiologist leaving private practice to join the interventional cardiology faculty. After finishing medical school at Boston University, she served as a U.S. Naval officer for five years. She completed an internal medicine residency at Yale New Haven Hospital and trained in interventional cardiology, peripheral vascular disease, advanced heart failure, heart transplant medicine and mechanical circulatory support. She is board-certified in internal medicine, cardiology, vascular medicine and endovascular medicine.

Expertise: Cardiology, interventional cardiology, vascular medicine, limb salvage, amputation prevention, diabetic ulcers, coronary artery disease, women’s health, heart failure, heart transplant medicine, mechanical circulatory support

BARRETT WHEELER, PhD
Assistant Professor, Accounting
A. B. Freeman School of Business
Barrett Wheeler completed his PhD in accounting at Indiana University. His research focuses on financial accounting, with an emphasis on issues related to bank accounting. His dissertation, motivated by the FASB’s current expected credit-loss model, examines the pricing of expected credit losses by bank investors. Prior to his doctoral studies, Wheeler spent six years in public accounting with Ernst & Young and four years as the head of financial reporting for a community bank.
bank in Virginia. He holds a master’s degree in business from Indiana University and a bachelor’s degree in commerce from the University of Virginia.

LAURA WILLIAMS, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology
School of Medicine
Dr. Laura Williams returned to New Orleans after undergraduate study at Dartmouth College to earn her medical degree from Louisiana State University in New Orleans. She also completed her residency in dermatology at LSU with a fellowship in cutaneous mycology. After 14 years in private practice in New Orleans, Williams’ focus at Tulane is general dermatology as well as harder-to-diagnose and more-difficult-to-manage skin conditions. She participates in resident and medical student education as well as clinical research in the department. Williams holds clinics at the Tulane University Medical Center Clinic downtown and at the Tulane Multispecialty Clinic in Covington, as well as staffing residents’ clinics at University Medical Center and the VA Dermatology Clinic in Biloxi, Mississippi.

MARK WILSON, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Global Environmental Health Science
School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
Mark Wilson earned his PhD in 2010 by conducting a molecular toxicology assessment, using in vitro systems, of industrially relevant wood dusts. He has been involved in dietary health risk assessments following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. His current research centers on how obesity functionally alters key events associated with chemical metabolism, resulting in increased risk of chronic disease. 

YUBO ZHANG, PhD
Research Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Engineering Physics
School of Science and Engineering
Yubo Zhang finished his doctoral work in 2012 at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He then did postdoctoral research at Temple University and University of Texas–El Paso. His research interest is in computational materials physics.

LIDIA ZHIGUNOVA, PhD
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies
School of Liberal Arts
Lidia Zhigunova, who originally came from the North Caucasus region of Russia, holds a master’s degree in comparative literature from Louisiana State University (2002) and a PhD from Tulane University (2016). Her dissertation “From Harem to Feminocracy: De-Orientalizing the Circassian National Imaginary in Literature and Art From the Early Modern to the Post-Soviet Periods” explores the politics of representation and continuous identity formation of Circassians, the indigenous peoples of the North Caucasus. Her publications can be found in Lichnost, Kultura, Obshestvo, the Journal of Caucasian Studies and Ediciones del signo.

Expertise: Postcolonial and decolonial literary theories, travel literature, Russian literature and empire, post-Soviet and Caucasian/Circassian studies

Lidia Zhigunova is visiting assistant professor in the School of Liberal Arts.
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