THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

NEW FACULTY

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From the Chancellor

Welcome! I’m so pleased you’re joining the University of Mississippi as the newest member of our exceptionally talented and dedicated faculty. It’s an outstanding time in the life of this flagship institution — we’re Mississippi’s oldest public university, we have the state’s largest enrollment, and we’re growing our stellar research enterprise.

As chancellor, I’m committed to capitalizing on our tremendous momentum and achieving new heights of excellence. I know you’ll be a valuable, contributing member of our academic community, boosting our national profile and accelerating our growth, impact, and success. I encourage you to learn about our new strategic plan by visiting FlagshipForward.OleMiss.edu.

I look forward to the upcoming faculty meeting to share more about our recent successes as well as our aspirational goals and universitywide transformative initiatives.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Vitter, Chancellor

From the Provost

Welcome to the University of Mississippi. We are glad that you are joining our vibrant community of scholars that is committed to educating and serving the citizens of our state, nation, and world. The work you do here will be incredibly meaningful. Quite simply, it changes lives.

We are dedicated to fostering an atmosphere that unleashes your creativity. The University of Mississippi is a better place when you succeed. We are committed to nurturing a culture that respects the dignity of every person.

This is fundamental to our community’s values and is critical to fairness, civility, integrity, academic honesty, and academic freedom. We are glad you are here and look forward to the great things you will accomplish as members of our community.

Sincerely,

Noel E. Wilkin, Provost
### College of Liberal Arts

**JAKE V. BENNETT**  
**Physics and Astronomy**  
*Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy*

Dr. Bennett received his Ph.D. from Indiana University. He specializes in experimental high-energy particle physics.

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**MICAH-SHANE BREWER**  
**Theatre and Film**  
*Instructional Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre*

Mr. Brewer received his M.F.A. from the University of Tennessee. He specializes in musical theatre, voice, and acting.

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**LAUREN CARDENAS**  
**Art and Art History**  
*Assistant Professor of Art in Printmaking*

Ms. Cardenas received her M.F.A. from Washington University in St. Louis. She specializes in lithography, letterpress, digital processes, and book arts.

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**YI-TAI CHUNG**  
**Theatre and Film**  
*Instructional Assistant Professor of Lighting Design*

Mr. Chung received his M.F.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. He specializes in theatrical lighting design and photography.

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**RYAN FORTEBERRY**  
**Chemistry and Biochemistry**  
*Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

Dr. Fortenberry received his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech and was a NASA Postdoctoral Program Fellow at the NASA Ames Research Center in California. He specializes in astrochemistry, quantum chemistry, and science communication.

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**GARTH GREENWELL**  
**English**  
*2018-19 Grisham Writer-in-Residence*

Mr. Greenwell received his M.F.A. from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop. He specializes in creative writing and is the author of the novel *What Belongs to You* (FSG 2016).
SARAH HENNIGAN
Theatre and Film
Assistant Professor of Film Production
Ms. Hennigan received her M.F.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. She specializes in narrative and documentary directing, cinematography, and post-production.

RIZWANUR KHAN
Mathematics
Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Khan received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He specializes in number theory.

JONATHAN DAVID KLINGLER
Political Science
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Dr. Klingler received his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester. He specializes in the U.S. Presidency and Congress.

SOOYEON LEE
Mathematics
Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Lee received her Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. She specializes in matroid theory and graph theory.

PAUL MARSZALKOWSKI
Theatre and Film
Instructional Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre
Mr. Marszalkowski received his M.A. from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. He specializes in music direction, accompanying, and vocal coaching for musical theatre.

VERONICA MENALDI
Modern Languages
Assistant Professor of Spanish
Dr. Menaldi received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. She specializes in pre-modern (medieval and early modern) Iberian literatures and cultures.
JENNIFER A. MEYER
Physics and Astronomy
Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy

Dr. Meyer received her Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She specializes in planetary dynamics and undergraduate physics education.

KRISTOFER RAY
History
Visiting Assistant Professor of History

Dr. Ray received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He specializes in 16th-18th Century North America and the Indigenous American South.

STEPHAN ROBERTS
Mathematics
Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Roberts received his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. His research specialty is real analysis in the area of orthosymmetric maps and polynomial valuations.

CARMEN SANCHIS-SINISTERRA
Modern Languages
Instructional Assistant Professor of Hispanic Studies

Dr. Sanchis-Sinisterra received her Ph.D. from the City University of New York. She specializes in peninsular contemporary literature and film by women and gender studies.

LEO C. STEIN
Physics and Astronomy
Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy

Dr. Stein received his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He specializes in using black holes and gravitational waves to probe strong-field gravity and constrain theories beyond general relativity.

ISAAC STEPHENS
History
Assistant Professor of Early Modern European History

Dr. Stephens received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside. He specializes in early modern British history, with a particular interest in the interplay between religion, politics, and culture.
DONALD UNGER
Writing and Rhetoric
Assistant Professor of Writing and Rhetoric

Dr. Unger received his Ph.D. from Purdue University. He specializes in professional and community writing.

RAFAEL VALADÉZ
Modern Languages
Visiting Croft Assistant Professor of Spanish

Dr. Valadéz received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He specializes in modern peninsular literature and Spanish electronic literature.

JASON BURTON
University of Mississippi Libraries
Lead STEM Librarian and Assistant Professor

Mr. Burton received his M.A. from the University of South Florida. He manages the Science Library and acts as the liaison to science departments across campus.

CASSIE SWAYZE
University of Mississippi Libraries
Digital Assets Librarian and Assistant Professor

Ms. Swayze received her master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas with advanced study in archival management and digital curation.

DANIEL VALLE
Modern Languages
Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish and Linguistics

Dr. Valle received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. He specializes in documentary and descriptive linguistics, information structure, and machine learning.

ROBYN WRIGHT
Modern Languages
Assistant Professor of Spanish and Linguistics

Dr. Wright received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. She specializes in Hispanic linguistics, sociolinguistics, and language variation and change.
MATTHEW J. O’KEEFE
Chemical Engineering
Executive Director of the Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence and Professor of Chemical Engineering

Dr. O’Keefe received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research focuses on processing, characterization, and industrial application of thin films and coatings. He is a Fellow of ASM International.

DAVID PULEO
Biomedical Engineering
Dean of the School of Engineering and Professor of Biomedical Engineering

Dr. Puleo received his Ph.D. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He specializes in developing biomaterials for regenerating tissues by applying an understanding of tissue physiology and pathophysiology. He is a Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, the Biomedical Engineering Society, and International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering.

DANA NICOLE (NIKKI) REINEMANN
Chemical Engineering
Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering

Dr. Reinemann received her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. She specializes in biophysics of the cytoskeleton, molecular motors, and optical trapping.

GLENN WALKER
Electrical Engineering
Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering

Dr. Walker received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was postdoc in molecular physiology and biophysics at Vanderbilt University. His research uses micro- and nanotechnology to develop devices that solve problems in medicine and biology. His focus is on using an interdisciplinary approach to problem solving.

THOMAS WERFEL
Chemical Engineering
Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering

Dr. Werfel received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He specializes in the development of polymeric nanomaterials for gene and drug delivery.
PHILIP MOSIER
BioMolecular Sciences
Assistant Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Research Assistant Professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dr. Mosier received his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He specializes in the design, development, and use of computational tools to understand the structure and function of proteins, as well as their interactions with small-molecule and macromolecular modulators, with applications to molecular modeling, computational chemistry, structural biology, chem/bioinformatics, and drug design.

VITOR POMIN
BioMolecular Sciences
Assistant Professor of Pharmacognosy and Research Assistant Professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dr. Pomin received his Ph.D. from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He specializes in biological chemistry, glycobiology, structural biology, and NMR spectroscopy.

WHITNEY WHITE
Pharmacy Practice
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. White received her Pharm.D. from the Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy. She specializes in adult medicine.

ARUP GANGULY
Finance
Assistant Professor of Finance

Dr. Ganguly received his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. His research interests are in empirical corporate finance.

SERGIO GARATE
Finance
Assistant Professor of Finance

Dr. Garate received his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He specializes in commercial real estate and mortgage finance.

LIN GE
Finance
Assistant Professor of Finance

Dr. Ge received her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. She specializes in empirical corporate finance.
JISUN KIM
Management
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Dr. Kim received her Ph.D. from Arizona State University. She is interested in how a firm’s approach to social and environmental issues affects its competitiveness.

JEREMY D. MEUSER
Management
Assistant Professor of Management

Dr. Meuser received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He specializes in the study of leadership.

EUGENE TAEHA PAIK
Management
Assistant Professor of Management

Dr. Paik received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. He is interested in innovation, social networks, and status.

CHRISTINE CHENG
Patterson School of Accountancy
Assistant Professor of Accountancy

Dr. Cheng received her Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. She specializes in international, state, and local taxation and will be teaching in the school’s new Master of Taxation and Data Analytics program.

CHERYL T. METREJEAN
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Clinical Associate Professor of Accountancy

Dr. Metrejean received her Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. She specializes in various areas of taxation and will be teaching in the school’s new Master of Taxation and Data Analytics program.

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Dr. Metrejean received his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. He specializes in accounting information systems and auditing.
OVUOKERIE ADDOH
Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management
Assistant Professor of Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management

Dr. Addoh received his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. He specializes in physical activity epidemiology research, with emphasis on translational applications of hedonic theory to physical activity promotion. Dr. Addoh is also serving as the director of research engagement for the Jackson Heart Study Vanguard Center in Applied Sciences.

THOMAS ANDRE
Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management
Assistant Professor of Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management

Dr. Andre received his Ph.D. from Baylor University. His areas of research focus include exercise physiology and nutrition/supplementation.

MINJUNG KIM
Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management
Assistant Professor of Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management

Dr. Kim received her Ph.D. from Florida State University. Her research focuses on psychological capital and well-being for sport employees and student-athletes.

TAEYEON OH
Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management
Assistant Professor of Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management

Dr. Oh received his Ph.D. from the Seoul National University in South Korea. He specializes in sport analytics and management. His research interests span both sport athletes and sport fan behavior with applying diverse data analytic methods. Dr. Oh served previously as the postdoctoral research fellow of the Centre for Global Sport and Recreation Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University in Hong Kong.

VISHAKHA W. RAWOOL
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Chair and Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Dr. Rawool received her Ph.D. from Purdue University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. Her research interests include prevention, diagnosis, and intervention of age-related deficits in speech perception.
SHAUN RIEBL
Nutrition and Hospitality Management
Visiting Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Hospitality Management

Dr. Riebl received his Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is also a registered dietitian. His research has focused on nutrition venues, including child, adolescent, sport, and renal nutrition behaviors, interventions, and outcomes.

ZENEBE BEYENE
Meek School of Journalism and New Media
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Dr. Beyene received his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He specializes in media in conflict and post conflict societies.

BRAD CONAWAY
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Visiting Professor of Journalism Instruction

Mr. Conaway received a dual B.A. in radio/TV/film and English literature from the University of North Texas. He retired from his job as corporate digital content manager for Raycom Media in 2018 and now specializes in emerging forms of digital communication, especially social media.
IVETA IMRE
Meek School of Journalism and New Media
Assistant Professor - Visual Storytelling

Dr. Imre received her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. She specializes in video production and multimedia journalism.

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Mr. Steele received his master's degree from the University of Mississippi. He specializes in integrated marketing communications.
The University of Mississippi is a community of learning dedicated to nurturing excellence in intellectual inquiry and personal character in an open and diverse environment. As a voluntary member of this community:

I believe in respect for the dignity of each person.
I believe in fairness and civility.
I believe in personal and professional integrity.
I believe in academic honesty.
I believe in academic freedom.
I believe in good stewardship of our resources.
I pledge to uphold these values and encourage others to follow my example.