

NEW FULL-TIME AND VISITING FACULTY, 2006-2007

ARTS & SCIENCES

Creative Arts

Fine Arts

Peter R. Kalb (Ph.D., New York University, 2000), Assistant Professor of Contemporary Art on the Cynthia L. and Theodore S. Berenson Chair in the Department of Fine Arts. Dr. Kalb currently teaches at Ursinus College, and previously taught at Middlebury College. He is the author of *High Drama: The New York Cityscapes of Georgia O'Keeffe and Margaret Bourke-White*, and is a regular contributor to the journal *Art in America*. He is at work on a second book, *Art at the Turn of the Millennium*.

Music

Yu-Hui Chang (Ph.D., Brandeis University, 2001), Assistant Professor. Since 2001, Dr. Chang has taught theory and composition at all levels at the University of California, Davis, where she has also co-directed the new music ensemble. Dr. Chang has expressed interest in developing a course on Chinese/Taiwanese traditional music at the undergraduate level; she also has the capacity to develop various performance-related courses. In the coming fall, Dr. Chang will teach "Theory and Musicianship I: Part 1."

Humanities

Classical Studies

Yumna Khan (Ph.D., University of London, 2002). Dr. Khan's principal areas of research are Hellenistic poetry and Greek literature of the Roman Empire, but her interests include Greek and Latin poetry of all periods, geography in antiquity, and issues of identity in the Greco-Roman world. She has published pieces on Hellenistic poetry and its influence in the *Revue des Études Anciennes* and the *Classical Review*. Her doctoral thesis, a commentary on Dionysius the Periegete's *Guide to the Inhabited World*, is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press. She has taught a wide range of courses in Greek and Latin language and literature at Birkbeck College London, King's College London, and Boston University. Dr. Khan will teach "Continuing Ancient Greek" in the fall semester.

English and American Literature

Aliyyah Abdur-Rahman (Ph.D., New York University, 2005), Assistant Professor. Dr. Abdur-Rahman is currently Assistant Professor of English and of African-American Studies at Gettysburg College. Her research focuses on African-American literature and culture, along with feminism, race theory, and sexual politics. She received the Outstanding Dissertation Award from N.Y.U. in 2005, and is currently working to turn her dissertation into a book entitled *The Erotics of Race: Identity, Sexuality, and Black Figuration*. She earned her B.A. at Stony Brook University.

Franz Wright (B.A., Oberlin College, 1977) has been appointed as the Jacob Ziskind Visiting Poet-in-residence in the Department of English and American Literature.

Mr. Wright is the author of *Walking to Martha's Vineyard*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 2004; other honors include The Denise Levertov Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and two Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. Mr. Wright is also a noted translator, primarily from French and German, and is especially well-known for his translations of Rainer Maria Rilke. Two new books, *God's Silence*, and *Early Poems*, are forthcoming from Knopf in 2006. Mr. Wright will teach one course in poetry each semester in academic year 2006-2007.

Florence Levy Kay Fellowship

Marisol Negrón (A.B.D., Stanford University), Kay Fellow in Latino Studies and Lecturer in the Department of Romance and Comparative Literature, and in the Latin American and Latino Studies Program. Ms. Negrón is currently a doctoral candidate at Stanford University, where she is soon to defend her dissertation entitled "Salsa as Commodity and Cultural Signifier: An Analysis of a Nuyorican Musical Form." The dissertation is a study of the production, circulation, and consumption of salsa during the 1970s "boom" and its social value as a cultural commodity for New York's Puerto Rican communities. As a Kay Fellow, Ms. Negrón will teach one course each semester, beginning in Fall 2006 with the course "Hispanic Topics in Translation."

German, Russian, and Asian Languages and Literatures

Marina Aptekman (Ph.D., Brown University, 2004), Lecturer in Russian. A native speaker of Russian, Dr. Aptekman earned her bachelor's degree from Hebrew University in English Literature, Russian Literature, and Jewish Studies. She subsequently received a master's degree from Clark University, before moving on to Brown for her doctoral studies. She has published scholarly articles in English and Russian, and Penn State Press is currently reviewing her manuscript (based on her dissertation), entitled *Kabbalah and Russian Cultural History: From Religious Mythopoeics to Political Myth*. From 2003-2006, she was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Wheaton College.

Matthew Fraleigh (Ph.D., Harvard University, 2005), Assistant Professor of East Asian Literature and Culture. After graduating from Stanford with a degree in Asian Languages and Biological Sciences, Dr. Fraleigh elected to pursue the former interest professionally. He is the author of articles in both English and Japanese, and also has a number of translations of Japanese articles to his credit. His teaching experience includes three years as a language teacher in Japan following graduation from college, as well as more recent service as an instructor at Harvard.

Hsiao-wei Wang Rupprecht (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1984), Lecturer in Chinese. Over the past two decades, Dr. Rupprecht has taught Chinese at schools and universities in China, Taiwan, Germany, Canada, and the United States. Since 2003, she has been a Lecturer in the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Toronto, where she also served for a year as Acting Director of the Chinese Language Program. She also holds a master's degree in Library and Information Science, and has worked as a librarian in Beijing, Bonn, and Los Angeles. Her publications include a book, plus a number of articles in Chinese for various periodicals.

Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

Lutf Al-Kebsi (M.A., Sana'a University, 2004), Lecturer in Arabic. A native of Yemen, Mr. Al-Kebsi earned his B.A. in Arabic Language and Literature from Dhamar University. He spent the next nine years teaching Arabic to non-native speakers at the Center for Arabic Language and Eastern Studies at the University of Science and Technology (Sana'a, Yemen); during this time, he also earned an M.A. in Arabic Language from the Sana'a University. He has taught in the Arabic Summer Immersion Program at Middlebury College over the past six years.

Joseph E. B. Lumbard (Ph.D., Yale University, 2003), Assistant Professor of Classical Islam. After completing his doctorate, Dr. Lumbard joined the faculty of the American University in Cairo, where he went on to head the Arabic Literature Unit. He currently serves as Special Advisor for Interfaith Affairs to the King of Jordan. Well-versed in both Arabic and Persian texts, he has published a number of translations along with his scholarly articles. He edited and contributed to the volume, *Islam, Fundamentalism, and the Betrayal of Tradition: Essays by Western Muslim Scholars*.

Romance and Comparative Literature

Scott A. Gravina (M.A., Middlebury College, 1999), Lecturer in Spanish. Since 2000, Mr. Gravina has served as Senior Lector of Spanish at Yale University where he taught introductory to advanced level courses in Spanish language, literature and culture. He has experience developing materials using technology for use in the classroom and he is the author of an intermediate Spanish language and civilization textbook to be released in the fall of 2006.

Fernando J. Rosenberg (Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins University, 2001), Associate Professor of Latin American Literature and Culture. Dr. Rosenberg is the author of numerous scholarly articles in both English and Spanish, and his book, *The Avant-Garde and Geopolitics in Latin America*, was recently published by the University of Pittsburgh Press. He has also published poetry in Spanish, and serves on the editorial board of *Hispanic Poetry Review*. He currently teaches at Yale University.

Lisa L. Walters (Ph.D., Brown University, 2003), Lecturer in French. Since 2002, Dr. Walters has served as Visiting Assistant Professor of French at Salem State College. Her interests include national identity, francophone literature and cinema, multicultural education, second language acquisition, and pedagogy. Dr. Walters also brings experience as a teaching consultant having worked at the Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning at Brown University.

Science

Biology

Paul A. Garrity (Ph.D., California Institute of Technology, 1993), Associate Professor. After a post-doctoral fellowship at U.C.L.A., Dr. Garrity joined the faculty of M.I.T. His research focuses on how nervous systems control complex animal behaviors and how behavior is modified by sensory experience. He has been a Special Fellow of the

Leukemia and Lymphoma society, as well as a McKnight Scholar in Neurosciences and a Sackler Foundation Scholar.

Melissa Kosinski-Collins (Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2004), Assistant Professor (outside the tenure structure). Dr. Kosinski-Collins is currently a postdoctoral associate in the HHMI Education group at M.I.T. She has significant experience developing and teaching laboratory exercises for undergraduates, most lately those undergraduates enrolled as biological science majors in the M.I.T. program; she has also taught advanced seminar courses on a variety of topics including protein folding diseases and virus structure and assembly. In the coming year Dr. Kosinski-Collins will teach the General Biology Laboratory course and an upper-level elective on Molecular Biotechnology.

James R. Morris (Ph.D., Harvard University, 1999; M.D., Harvard Medical School, 1999), Assistant Professor (outside the tenure structure). Dr. Morris, whose Ph.D. is in genetics, has a broad background in science, medicine, science education, and curriculum development. Currently, he teaches “Introduction to Genomics” and a course in critical reading and writing in the sciences at Harvard Extension School. Dr. Morris will contribute four courses a year to the Biology curriculum.

Daniela Nicastro (Ph.D., Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Germany, 2000), Assistant Professor. Dr. Nicastro has a strong background in electron microscopy as well as in biological systems. She is currently a Research Associate at the Boulder Laboratory for 3-D Electron Microscopy of Cells where she has been largely responsible for introducing cryo-electron tomography and for establishing it as a standard structural research technique. Dr. Nicastro has held two postdoctoral positions in addition to her current role, the first at the Max-Planck-Institute for Biochemistry and later at the Boulder Laboratory, University of Colorado.

Mathematics

Ivan E. Horozov (Ph.D., Brown University, 2004), Lecturer. Dr. Horozov is currently at the Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik. His research interests lie in arithmetic groups, number theory, and algebraic geometry. A native of Bulgaria, Dr. Horozov earned a bachelor’s degree at M.I.T., before going on to graduate study at Brown.

Physics

Louis M. Colonna-Romano (M.S., Stevens Institute of Technology, 1971; M.B.A., Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1989), Lecturer. Mr. Colonna-Romano has spent most of the last ten years as an instructor at Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he has been teaching a broad range of physics courses for undergraduates as well as the occasional graduate course. His research interests include computational physics, and the evaluation and optimization of algorithms. Mr. Colonna-Romano is expected to receive the Ph.D. this fall. While at Brandeis he will offer two courses each semester: Physics for the Life Sciences I, and Introduction to Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics in the fall; and Physics for the Life Sciences II, and Introductory Laboratory II in the spring.

Zvonimir Dogic (Ph.D., Brandeis University, 2001), Assistant Professor. Dr. Dogic's research interests lie in the area of soft condensed matter physics and its interface with biology. He spent 15 months as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Pennsylvania before joining the Rowland Institute at Harvard in 2003, where he currently runs an independent research group as a junior fellow. Dr. Dogic's thesis was entitled "Liquid Crystalline Phase Transitions in Rod-like Virus Suspensions," and examined various aspects of liquid crystalline ordering in colloidal systems.

Michael F. Hagan (Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 2003), Assistant Professor. Since November 2003, Dr. Hagan has worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, Berkeley. His thesis was entitled "Simulation of Biomolecular Nanomechanical Systems," and his research centers on trying to understand how fundamental physical principles lead to forces that control assembly and dynamic pattern formation in biological and synthetic systems. As well as contributing courses to the Department of Physics' curriculum, Dr. Hagan will also teach one course each year in the interdepartmental program in Quantitative Biology.

Azadeh Samadani (Ph.D., Clark University, 2002), Assistant Professor. Dr. Samadani's research expertise is experimental soft condensed matter physics, specializing in biological physics. Specifically, she is interested in investigating the complex interaction between cells and their external environment both at the level of the single cell and the population. Dr. Samadani has been a postdoctoral associate at M.I.T. since July 2002. At Brandeis, she will work with undergraduate and graduate students and the biological physics group. Dr. Samadani will teach physics and biophysics courses.

Social Science

American Studies

Maura Jane Farrelly (Ph.D., Emory University, 2002), Assistant Professor of American Studies and Director of the Journalism Program. Since earning her doctorate in history in 2002, Dr. Farrelly has worked as a reporter for the Voice of America. For four years preceding that, she was a reporter/producer for Georgia Public Radio, for which she received a number of awards, including Radio Journalist of the Year, from the Atlanta Press Club. She has also been an adjunct professor at Emory and Fordham universities. In addition to her scholarly work, she has produced a radio documentary and is at work on a novel.

Economics

George J. Hall (Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1996), Associate Professor of Economics, with a secondary appointment in IBS. Dr. Hall has served on the faculty of Yale University since 1997, and for two years before that was a member of the Economic Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. He is also a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He has been a Visiting Scholar at four branches of the Federal Reserve Bank and at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Linguistics

Sophia Malamud (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, 2005), Assistant Professor of Language and Linguistics. After earning her bachelor's degree in both linguistics and mathematics, Dr. Malamud continued to pursue both interests, earning a master's degree in mathematics along with her doctorate in linguistics. A native speaker of Russian, she is also fluent in Ukrainian as well as English, and has a working knowledge of Italian, Latin, and Sanskrit. Her areas of specialization are formal semantics, formal pragmatics, and the interfaces of syntax-semantics and semantics-pragmatics.

Psychology

Xiaodong Liu (Ed.D., Harvard University, 2003), Assistant Professor (outside the tenure structure). Dr. Liu began his career as a school-teacher in China, and came to this country to pursue graduate studies at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Since completing his doctorate there he has taught at The Ohio State University. He has participated in and managed research projects at the McLean Hospital, Harvard, and Ohio State, and is the author or co-author of a number of scholarly articles.

Ellen J. Wright (Ph.D., University of Iowa, 2005), Lecturer. Since 2002, Dr. Wright's doctoral research focused on the emotion regulation and risks of depression in females after the onset of puberty. Since 2002, she has been the project director for Pathways into Young Adulthood, a program for enhancing resilience in children at risk for depression funded by the Department for Health and Human Resources. She has also taught at Simmons College. At Brandeis, she will be teaching courses on adolescence and the transition to maturity, sex differences, and introduction to psychology.

Sociology

Wendy Cadge (Ph.D. Princeton University, 2002), Assistant Professor. She will be joining the University from Bowdoin College, where she has been an Assistant Professor of Sociology since 2003. Dr. Cadge is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research at Harvard University, where she has been while on leave from Bowdoin College. Dr. Cadge's first book *Heartwood: the First Generation of Theravada Buddhism in America* was published in 2005 by the University of Chicago Press. Her current research, which explores religious practices and spirituality in institutional medical settings such as hospitals and hospices, brings her expertise in the sociology of religion into the field of medical sociology.

Sara Shostak (Ph.D. University of California at San Francisco, 2003), Assistant Professor. Dr. Shostak is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar at Columbia University, and prior to that was a DeWitt Stetten Jr., Memorial Fellow in the History of Biomedical Sciences and Technology at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Shostak's scholarship and teaching experience includes medical sociology, science and technology studies, social theory, and qualitative methodologies. Her current research focuses on mapping and analyzing emerging relationships between science, medicine, subjectivity, and social organization.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL

International Economics and Finance

Catherine L. Mann (Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1984), Professor. Prior to joining the University this fall, Dr. Mann was a Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C. for nine years. She has also been an Adjunct Professor at the Owen School of Management at Vanderbilt University and the Paul H. Nitze School for Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University, where she taught on the economic and policy implications of global internet commerce. Dr. Mann is internationally recognized economist who has served on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, the President's Council of Economic Advisors at the White House, and the World Bank. Her current research focuses on two related topics: information technology and services trade in global markets, and the US trade deficit and the dollar.

Marketing

Xin Wang (Ph.D. Carnegie-Mellon University, 2004), Assistant Professor. Dr. Wang joins the University from Purdue University, where she was a member of the faculty at the Krannert School of Management. Dr. Wang's research interests include pricing, service and international marketing, and consumer behavior under various pricing formats. Currently she is conducting research on understanding the customer and supplier behavior in a B2B exchange market. Dr. Wang teaches marketing research, global marketing and functions of the capitalist enterprises. Her teaching interests also include marketing management and pricing.