

NEW FULL-TIME AND VISITING FACULTY, 2009-2010

ARTS & SCIENCES

Creative Arts

Fine Arts

Talinn Grigor (PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2005), Assistant Professor. Dr. Grigor's primary area of research involves recent architectural developments in the Middle East and how they relate to those of western Europe and the US. She has published several articles and has two books under contract, one of which is based on her dissertation, "Cultivat(ing) Modernities: the *Society for National Heritage*, Political Propaganda, and Public Architecture in Twentieth-Century Iran." After receiving her PhD in 2005, Dr. Grigor took up appointment as assistant professor at Florida State University, where she worked for two years. She has received a number of awards, including two prestigious grants: a fellowship at the Center for the Advanced Study of Visual Arts in Washington, DC; and a residential fellowship at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles where she has spent this past year.

Humanities

Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

Carl Sharif El-Tobgui (PhD, McGill University, expected 2010), Senior Lecturer in Arabic Studies and Director of the Arabic Language Program. Mr. El-Tobgui's area of expertise is Islamic thought, including Islamic law and legal theory. Since 2004, he has served as a preceptor in Arabic Language at Harvard University, where he was a six-time recipient of a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching. Mr. El-Tobgui is currently evaluating the Arabic Language Program at Brandeis in advance of his arrival in fall 2009 when he will begin to develop and introduce a program-wide curriculum while at the same time contributing Arabic language courses and content courses in English.

Philosophy

Jennifer A. Smalligan (PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 2008), Assistant Professor. Dr. Smalligan's fields of expertise include history of modern philosophy, philosophy and history of science, epistemology, and metaphysics. She also has a teaching interest in logic. Her dissertation, "Explaining Human Nature: Explanation and Belief in David Hume's *A Treatise of Human Nature*," explored the way in which David Hume applied a model of scientific explanation to the study of human nature. In fall 2009 Dr. Smalligan will teach the First Year Seminar, "Science, Evolution and Design."

Sciences

Biochemistry

Emily J. Westover (PhD, Washington University in St. Louis, 2003), Lecturer. Dr. Westover carried out her PhD studies in Bioorganic Chemistry; her dissertation was entitled, "The Unnatural Enantiomer of Cholesterol: Chemical Synthesis and Biological Studies." She was a postdoctoral fellow at the Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine in the Department of Molecular Biology and Pharmacology, then served as an adjunct instructor in the

University College of Washington University in St. Louis where she taught post-baccalaureate students a year-long organic chemistry course.

Biology

Nelson Chi-Wang Lau (PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Whitehead Institute, 2004), Assistant Professor. Prior to his arrival at Brandeis, Dr. Lau was a Helen Hay Whitney Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Molecular Biology at Massachusetts General Hospital and at the Department of Genetics at Harvard Medical School. His research focuses on the study of RNA interference mechanisms.

Satoshi Yoshida (PhD, The University of Tokyo, 2003), Assistant Professor. Dr. Yoshida comes to Brandeis from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard Medical School where he has worked as a Research Associate in the Department of Pediatric Oncology since 2003. His background is in cell biology, biochemistry and yeast molecular genetics, and his research focuses on the mechanism that coordinates cell cycle progression and cytoskeletal remodeling.

Chemistry

Claudia Novack (PhD, Brown University, 1992), Lecturer. Dr. Novack has served as a Staff Laboratory Instructor at Brandeis since 1997. In 2009 she begins a faculty appointment that involves teaching in the course Chemistry 11, “General Chemistry,” as well as acting as Supplemental Instructor Coordinator for that course. In addition, Dr. Novack will assist with the delivery of the large, foundational “General Chemistry Laboratory,” a required course for Biochemistry, Biology and Chemistry majors.

Mathematics

Thomas J. Barnet-Lamb (PhD, Harvard University, expected June 2009), Lecturer. Mr. Barnet-Lamb’s areas of interest are number theory, potential automorphy and Rapoport-Zink spaces. Since 2004, Mr. Barnet-Lamb has been a delegation leader of the British delegation to the International Olympiad in Informatics, a prestigious international competition. He was recently awarded an in-residence fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton.

Social Sciences

Anthropology (and the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies)

Maoz Azaryahu (PhD, Tel Aviv University, 1988), Visiting Professor. Dr. Azaryahu is an associate professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Haifa. He has written extensively on urban landscapes, memory, and society, and has recently published *Tel Aviv: Mythography of a City* (2006). He has been a visiting professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Penn State University, and at Lakehead University, Ontario, Canada.

Yoram Bilu (PhD, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1979), Visiting Professor. Dr. Bilu holds a joint appointment at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the Department of Psychology, where he is the Sylvia Bauman Professor, and in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. A clinical psychologist turned anthropologist, he is interested in the interface of culture and psychology as reflected in mental health, folk-religion, and altered states of

consciousness. He received the Bahat Prize for his book, *The Saint Impresarios: Dreamers, Healers, and Holy Men in Israel's Urban Periphery*, Haifa University Press (2005).

Economics

Elizabeth Brainerd (Ph.D., Harvard University, 1996), Professor. Dr. Brainerd will be joining Brandeis as the Susan and Barton Winokur Professor in Economics and Women's and Gender Studies. Dr. Brainerd is one of the leading American scholars of transition economies, especially those of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Her research has focused especially on the impact of economic transitions on population health and gender equity (notably increasing wage inequalities). The scope of her work also includes studies of the impact of war on the health, mortality, and fertility of the Russia in both the Soviet and post-Communist eras, especially impacts on women, as well as the impacts of trade on gender/wage equity in the contemporary United States. She will be offering course in both the Department of Economics and the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

International & Global Studies

Chandler Rosenberger (PhD, Boston University, 1999), Assistant Professor. Chandler Rosenberger is coming to Brandeis from Boston University, where he has been teaching International Relations since 2001. He also holds degrees in history and philosophy from Dartmouth College, and studied philosophy of religion at the University of Oxford. His doctoral dissertation examined Czech dissident movements during the Communist era, and from 1992 to 1994, he covered the collapse of Czechoslovakia and the war in Yugoslavia as a fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs. Dr. Rosenberger has written about post-Communist Central Europe for scholarly journals and public interest and he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Current World Affairs.

Latin American and Latino(a) Studies

Marysa Navarro Aranguren (PhD, Columbia University, 1964), Madeleine Haas Russell Visiting Professor. Dr. Navarro is the Charles Collis Professor of History at Dartmouth College, where she has taught Latin American history, women's history, and women's studies since 1968. Dr. Navarro has authored or co-authored numerous books and articles on Argentine history (including a study of Eva Perón and Peronism), Brazilian history, general Latin American history, Latin American feminism, and women's history. She was elected President of the Latin American Studies Association in 2003.

International Business School

Alon Raviv (PhD, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2005), Lecturer. Dr. Raviv is an expert in finance, with over ten years of work experience in the banking industry. His fields of interest are derivatives, corporate finance, and the management of financial institutions. He has articles published in *The Journal of Banking and Finance*, *The Journal of Future Market*, *The Journal of Money Credit and Banking*, *The Israel Economic Quarterly*, and the *Bank of Israel Banking Review*.