

Brooklyn College  
New Faculty

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## Letter from the Provost



The faculty is the pride of Brooklyn College. This guide to new faculty, the first of what will become an annual print and Web-based publication, introduces new colleagues to each other, to the more than 150 faculty members who have joined the College over the last six years, and to the faculty at large. The photographs, accompanied by some basic professional information, will help not only faculty but also staff and students to identify and contact those with similar teaching and research interests across all the academic disciplines.

Our goal is to encourage new faculty to become productive members of the College community in ways that draw on the unique skills, talents, and interests they bring with them. In the past few years, the College has expanded its efforts to make new faculty feel part of the greater Brooklyn community by looking beyond the traditional new faculty orientation to institute a Brooklyn College bus trip through the neighborhoods where our students live, a tour of our splendid new library, and a welcoming reception attended by the administration and chairpersons. To further help new faculty plant their feet on Brooklyn ground, we this year added a second full day of orientation, facilitated by accomplished faculty from various disciplines and organized by the Center for Teaching, dedicated to promoting the joys, opportunities, and challenges of teaching and learning at Brooklyn College.

We hope the orientation and welcome process, of which this new guide is part, will, in its own fashion, facilitate communication and collaboration, and will contribute to the richness of the academic community that is Brooklyn College and to the historic community that is Brooklyn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta S. Matthews". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Roberta S. Matthews  
Provost

## **Vito Acconci**

Distinguished Lecturer, Art



Visual artist also known for his writing. Conceptual art, performance, film/video, multimedia, and architectural sculpture. Numerous solo exhibitions. Holds honorary doctorates from Pratt Institute and the Maine College of Arts.

## **Caroline Arnold**

Instructor, Political Science

Ph.D. Candidate, University of California at Berkeley, 2006



Previous appointments: University of California at Berkeley and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai (Bombay). Research interests: comparative politics, Middle Eastern and South Asian politics, and comparative political economies.

## **Swapna M. Banerjee**

Associate Professor, History

Ph.D., Temple University, 1998



Previous appointment: University of Florida, where she was also a member of the affiliate faculty of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research and of the Asian Studies Program. Research interests: race, gender, and class in colonial India.

**Stacey E. Brenner**

Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Ph.D., Stanford University, 2005



Previous appointment: postdoctoral research associate at the University of Cambridge in England. Research interests: development and synthesis of bryostatin, a chemical that may be used in cancer and Alzheimer's treatment.

**J. Dillon Brown**

Instructor, English

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Pennsylvania, 2006



Previous appointments: Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and University of Pennsylvania. Research interests: Anglophone Caribbean literature, British modernism, postcolonial literature and theory, postwar London literature and culture, and film.

**Pauline E. Bullen**

Instructor, SEEK

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Toronto, 2006



Previous appointment: Equity Department, Toronto District School Board. Research interests: undergraduate and graduate education; race, class, and urban education; and race and gender studies (black feminism).

## **Daniel G. Campos**

Assistant Professor, Philosophy

Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University, 2005



Previous appointments: Visiting postdoctoral scholar at the Center for Pragmatism Studies at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil, and Pennsylvania State University. Research interests: philosophy of mathematics and science, environmental philosophy, Latin American thought, and philosophy of sport.

## **Judith Corbett Carter**

Instructor, SEEK

Ph.D. Candidate, Loyola College, 2006



Previous appointments: University of Phoenix, Pierce College, Drexel University (all in Philadelphia) and Philadelphia University. Served as a probation officer for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and as a mental health and child welfare social worker in Toledo, Ohio. Research interests: personality traits in leadership styles, particularly in the pastoral community.

## **Zhongqi (Joshua) Cheng**

Assistant Professor, Geology

Ph.D., Ohio State University, 2001



Previous appointment: associate research scientist at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University in Palisades, New York. Research interests: aqueous metal geochemistry and analytical methods, and environmental arsenic and lead contamination and remediation, most recently regarding well water in Bangladesh.

## **Maria Contel**

Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Ph.D., Public University of Navarra, Spain, 1996



Previous appointment: University of Zaragoza in Spain.

Research interests: gold-homogenously catalyzed organic reactions and fluororous biphasic catalysis.

## **Christopher Ebert**

Assistant Professor, History

Ph.D., Columbia University, 2004



Previous appointments: Pratt Institute and Columbia

University. Research interests: Central and South American history, particularly sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Brazilian sugar trade with Portugal and northwestern Europe.

## **Namulundah Florence**

Assistant Professor, Education

Ph.D., Fordham University, 1998



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College and Bronx

Community College. Research interests: bell hooks and pedagogy, spirituality and education, and Kenyan and African culture.

## **Kenneth Alan Gould**

Professor and Chair, Sociology

Ph.D., Northwestern University, 1991



Previous appointments: St. Lawrence University, where he also served as department chair; and Northwestern University. Research interests: injustice and unsustainability in the global economy; blue-green coalitions; ecotourism and sustainable development in the Americas. Arrives in spring 2007.

## **Mobina Hashmi**

Instructor, Television and Radio

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2006



Previous appointment: Middlebury College in Vermont. Research interests: science fiction and the cultural politics of labor; technology and citizenship, critical media, new media, and cyberculture.

## **Claire Joubert**

Visiting Professor, English

Ph.D., Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, 1993



Previous appointment: Université de Paris 8, where she teaches English Literature and to which she will return next year. Research interests: modernist literature and literary theory.

## **Laura Jeanne Juszczak**

Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Ph.D., New York University, 1993



Previous appointment: faculty associate in physiology and biophysics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University. Research interests: the structure of pathological solid state proteins, and spectroscopic study of pathological aggregating proteins.

## **Danielle L. Kellogg**

Assistant Professor, Classics

Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, 2005



Previous appointment: University of Central Arkansas. Research interests: Greek political and constitutional history, epigraphy and topography of the Greek countryside, and Roman political history.

## **Ciara Leydon**

Assistant Professor, Speech

Ph.D., Northwestern University, 2005



Previous appointments: College of New Rochelle, New York, and, as a speech language pathologist, RCM Health Care Services in New York. Research Interests: inhibition of transepithelial anion fluxes across vocal fold epithelium.

**Peter N. Lipke**

Professor, Biology

Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley, 1977



Previous appointments: Hunter College and, as a visiting scholar, Rutgers University and Shenyang Agricultural University in China. Research interests: fungal growth, especially how fungus cells synthesize and build walls, used to develop antifungal drugs that may combat diseases that are often the immediate cause of death for cancer and AIDS/HIV patients.

**Ruth McChesney**

Associate Professor, Health and Nutrition Sciences

Ph.D., Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 1988



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College, Barnard College and, as researcher in epidemiology, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Research interests: reproductive and developmental biology, and risk assessment of environmental effects on fertility and pregnancy.

**Sonia E. Murrow**

Assistant Professor, Education

Ph.D., New York University, 2000



Previous appointment: Long Island University. Research interests: adolescent urban education and the history of American education.

## **Premilla Nadasen**

Visiting Associate Professor, History/Women's Studies

Endowed Chair in Women's Studies

Ph.D., Columbia University, 1999



Previous appointments: a member of the faculty at Queens College, where she coordinated the Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program. Her book, *Welfare Warriors: The Welfare Rights Movement in the United States* (2005), won the John Hope Franklin Publication Prize. Research interests: history of welfare, poverty, race, gender, and African American history.

## **Rafael Ovalle**

Assistant Professor, Biology

Ph.D., Cornell University, 1994



Previous appointment: postdoctoral fellowship at Hunter College. Research interests: cell walls in yeast.

## **Robert A. Padgug**

Associate Professor, Health and Nutrition Sciences

Ph.D., Harvard University, 1970



Previous appointments: executive director, Friends and Relatives of Institutionalized Aged (FRIA), and independent consultant on HIV/AIDS, health finance and policy, grants and grant management. Research interests: Healthcare financing in the United States, alternative medicine and health insurance, and AIDS and private health insurance.

**Margaret-Ellen (Mel) Pipe**

Associate Professor, Psychology  
Children's Studies Center

Ph.D., University of Auckland, New Zealand, 1982



Previous appointments: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in Bethesda, Maryland, and University of Otago in New Zealand. Research interests: sexual abuse of children, psychology and family law, and memory and trauma.

**Maria R. Scharrón-del Rio**

Assistant Professor, Education

Ph.D., University of Puerto Rico, 2005



Previous appointments: Psychiatric Institute of New York at Columbia University and, as assistant psychologist with the Integrated Mental Health Program in child psychiatry, New York-Presbyterian Hospital. Research interests: relevance of cultural differences in therapy and psychology, spirituality and psychology, and child and adolescent issues.

**Abraham Schwab**

Assistant Professor, Philosophy

Ph.D., Loyola University, 2005



Previous appointments: Loyola University, Chicago and the American Medical Association's Institute for Ethics. Research interests: bioethics and moral philosophy.

## **Jacqueline D. Shannon**

Assistant Professor, Education

Ph.D., New York University, 2002



Previous appointment: research scientist in Early Head Start (EHS) Projects, Department of Applied Psychology, New York University. Research interests: parenting practices, family processes, and the development of children from low-income, minority, and immigrant families.

## **Jessica Siegel**

Assistant Professor, English/School of Education

M.A. (Education) and M.S. (Journalism), Columbia University, 1980, 1992



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College; Baruch College, the State University of New York at New Paltz, and the College of Staten Island. Writing and editing credits include publications such as *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, *The New York Observer*, *The Village Voice*, and *Columbia Journalism Review*. Her work focuses on urban education and the arts.

## **Robert Sinclair**

Assistant Professor, Philosophy

Ph.D., Simon Fraser University, Canada, 2001



Previous appointment: Simon Fraser University. Research interests: twentieth-century analytic philosophy, epistemology, and American pragmatism and naturalism.

## **Charles A. Stone**

Associate Professor, Economics

Ph.D., City University of New York, 1989



Previous appointment: University Paris-Dauphine. Research interests: global securitization, the business of life insurance, and such topics as whether bookmakers can offer valuable corporate hedging opportunities.

## **Stephanie A. Walker**

Professor, Library

M.L.B., University of Toronto, 1995



Previous appointment: Francis Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, where she managed collection services. Administered numerous academic libraries, developed a national database of organ donor and transplant recipient records, and converted management systems from paper to electronic formats.



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