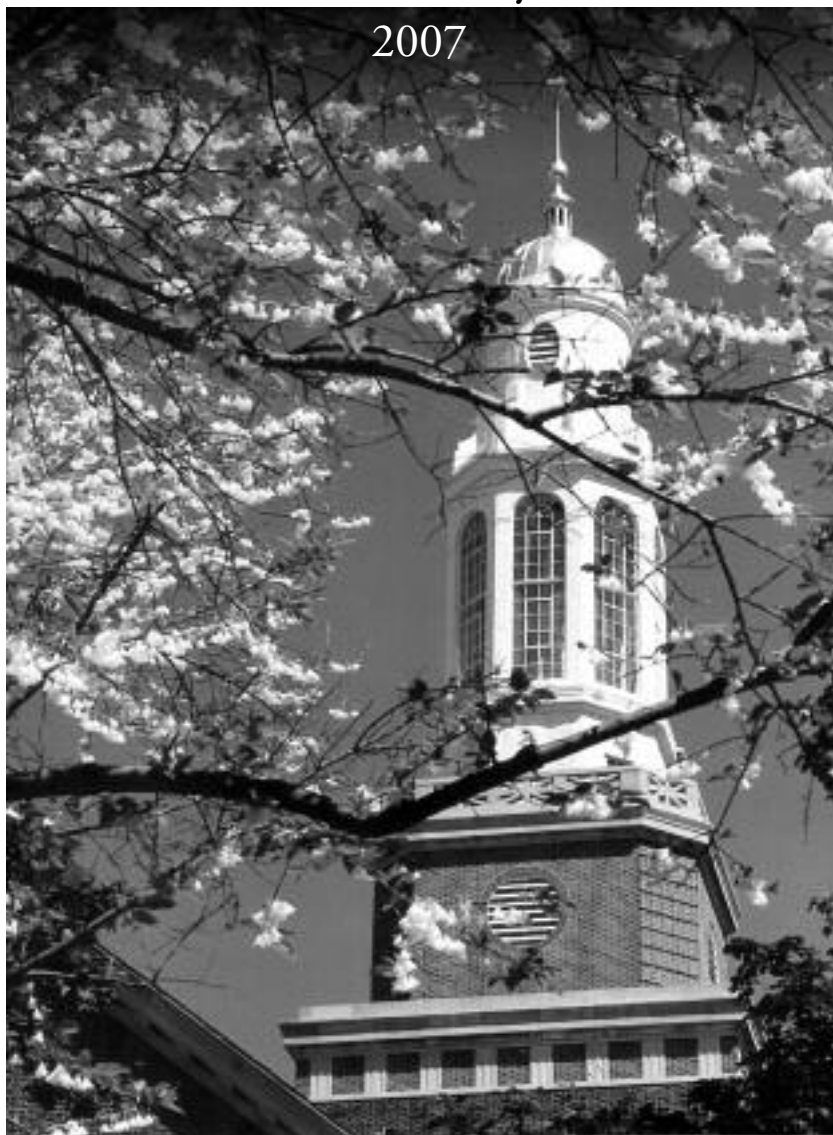


Brooklyn College

New Faculty

2007



Letter from the Acting Provost



The new academic year brings with it fresh talents and fresh energies. The generation of faculty that joins Brooklyn College this fall will become part of a proud tradition of strong teaching and innovative scholarship—and extend it into the future.

The guide to new faculty introduces new colleagues to each other and to the members of the College community. They come from places as distant as Katmandu, Nepal, and Houston, Texas, and as close to home as Brooklyn, with credentials from the great universities of the world, and they enrich us with unique wisdom, knowledge, and passion across the broad reaches of the arts and sciences.

As diverse as they are in background and interests, they are at one in their decision to come to Brooklyn College—and the greater Brooklyn community—at a time when, more than ever, the College is the place to teach, to learn, and to discover. They are part of the more than 230 teacher-scholars, now fully half of our full-time teaching faculty, who have been appointed since the turn of the new century.

This guide to new faculty is available both in print and online. It will help faculty, staff, and students to identify and contact colleagues with similar academic interests as well as those whose academic journey is totally different.

Please join me in welcoming these new colleagues to our midst and in helping ensure that their academic experience, and ours, remains ever-stimulating and rewarding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Hager". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

Nancy Hager
Acting Provost

Jennifer D. Adams

Assistant Professor, Education

Ph.D., City University of New York, 2006



Previous appointment: The American Museum of Natural History, as curriculum specialist and manager of curriculum initiatives for professional development programs. Research interests: science teaching and learning to teach science using informal or out-of-classroom resources; classroom practices in science teaching and cultural interactions in science teaching and learning.

Alan A. Aja

Assistant Professor, Puerto Rican and Latino Studies

Ph.D., The New School, 2007



Previous appointment: Brooklyn College. Research interests: race and ethnicity; ethnic enclaves; immigrant incorporation; globalization and sustainable development; Latino/African American studies.

Andrew W. Arlig

Assistant Professor, Philosophy

Ph.D., Ohio State University, 2005



Previous appointments: Hunter College and Fordham University. Research interests: ancient philosophy; medieval philosophy and metaphysics.

Christian Gabriel Beneš

Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Ph.D., Duke University, 2004



Previous appointments: Tufts University and Duke University. Research interests: probability (specifically, discrete models arising in statistical physics) and local central limit theorems.

Rebecca Boger

Assistant Professor, Geology

Ph.D., Virginia Institute of Marine Science,
College of William and Mary, 2002



Previous appointments: deputy director for international/U.S. partnerships and outreach and international project scientist at the GLOBE Program, a worldwide Earth system science and science-education program. Research interests: watershed, coastal, and climate change studies; primary and secondary geoscience education; community-based monitoring; environmental health. Awarded the Knauss Fellowship in Marine Science by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in 1998.

Reza Chamanara

Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Ph.D., City University of New York, 2002



Previous appointments: State University of New York at Stony Brook and Indiana University at Bloomington; postdoctoral fellow, Fields Institute, Toronto. Research interests: combinatorial and hyperbolic geometry; disk patterns and circle packings; Riemann surfaces, Teichmüller spaces, and Kleinian groups; real and complex dynamics; complex analysis.

Douglas Cohen

Lecturer, Music

Ph.D., State University of New York at Buffalo, 1992



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College and Houston Community College. Contemporary music composer and performer. Specializes in experimental music theater works and collaborative projects utilizing the Internet and in the development and dissemination of emerging technologies for artistic uses.

Tracy Daraviras

Assistant Professor, SEEK

Ph.D., Steinhardt School of Education, New York University, 2006



Previous appointment: Brooklyn College. Research interests: basic skills and critical inquiry learning methods for English and reading education; assessment, mentoring, and tutoring in urban education.

Mary Beth Easley

Assistant Professor, Theater

M.F.A., University of Georgia, 1982



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College, University of Iowa, and The Stella Adler Conservatory of Acting. Theater artist with numerous directing credits, including Off-Broadway, regional, and university theater productions. Has directed and supervised theater outreach for community groups, children, and the homeless with the Circle Repertory Company and the Directors Company in New York City.

Jason Eckardt

D.M.A. (composition), Columbia University, 1998



Previous appointments: Columbia University, New York University, Northwestern University, Rutgers University, and Oberlin College. Composer and promoter of contemporary music with numerous recording and commission credits. Director and cofounder of Ensemble 21, a contemporary music performance group in New York City.

Louis Fishman

Assistant Professor, History

Ph.D., University of Chicago, 2007



Previous appointments: Carleton College and Washington University. Research interests: Near Eastern languages and civilization; Jewish and Arab national movements in Palestine.

John Frankenstein

Assistant Professor, Economics

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1983



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College, Columbia University, New York University, and University of Hong Kong. Research interests: international economics and management; Asian studies; U.S.-China trade; cross-cultural management.

Olympia Hadjiliadis

Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Ph.D., Columbia University, 2005



Previous appointments: joint appointment as associate research scholar at Princeton University and assistant professor at Drexel University. Research interests: statistical surveillance and sequential detection; change-point detection as applied to quality control, finance, and medicine; mathematical finance and stochastic control problems.

Kathleen L. Haley

Assistant Professor, English
Ph.D., Harvard University, 2007



Previous appointments: Harvard University and University of Wisconsin-Madison. Research interests: Renaissance studies; Shakespeare; Rabelais; early modern drama and poetry; humor studies.

Amy E. Hughes

Instructor, Theater
Ph.D. Candidate, City University of New York, 2008



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College, Baruch College, and Hunter College. Research interests: nineteenth-century American theater; the influence of religion on arts and culture; pedagogical theory and method.

Sarumathi (Saru) Jayaraman

Assistant Professor, Political Science
J.D., Yale Law School, 2000
M.P.P., John F. Kennedy School of Government,
Harvard University, 1998



Previous appointments: New York University (Gallatin School), Queens College, and Brooklyn College. Research interests: social conditions and community organizing models for urban immigrant workforces. Founder and executive director of an immigrant workers' center for restaurant workers in New York City; cofounder and, until 2000, chair of Women and Youth Supporting Each Other in Los Angeles. Winner of Union Square Award for outstanding grassroots community work (2003).

Stephanie Jensen-Moulton

Instructor, Music
Ph.D. Candidate, City University of New York, 2007



Previous appointments: Hunter College, Boston University, Daniels Music Foundation and the Orchestra of St. Luke's, both in New York City. Research interests: American music; women's history in music; feminist theory and music.

Herman Jiesamfoek

Assistant Professor, Education
Ed.D., Teachers College, Columbia University, 2003



Previous appointments: New York City Department of Education and Teachers College, Columbia University. Research interests: the arts and artistic practices in material cultures of indigenous societies. His professional credits in the art world include ballet performance, choreography, costume and set design, and art exhibitions here and abroad.

Meral Kaya

Assistant Professor, Education

Ph.D., Ohio State University, 2002



Previous appointments: Feinsein School of Education and Human Development, Rhode Island College, Ohio State University, Afyon Kocatepe University and Mustafa Kemal University, both in Turkey. Research interests: literacy; reading; children's literature; language arts.

Catherine Kemp

Associate Professor, Philosophy

Ph.D., State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1995

J.D., University of Texas, School of Law, 1996



Previous appointments: Pennsylvania State University and University of Colorado. Research interests: philosophy of law; modern philosophy; history of philosophy.

Raymond W. Leung

Associate Professor, Physical Education and Exercise Science

D.P.E. (exercise science), Springfield College, 1999



Previous appointment: University of Southern Indiana, Evansville. Research interests: kinesiology; fitness; and exercise science.

Sharona A. Levy

Professor, SEEK

D. Phil., Oxford University, 1989



Previous appointments: Borough of Manhattan Community College, Brooklyn College, and Baruch College. Research interests: teaching and learning with technology; developing language, literacy, critical thinking, and reading skills with nontraditional students.

Hong-Jen (Abraham) Lin

Assistant Professor, Economics

Ph.D., State University of New York at Buffalo, 2004



Previous appointments: Nyack College and Queens College. Research interests: international finance (asset pricing, banking, and currency forecast); international business (productive and cost efficiencies).

Zhiheng Liu

Assistant Professor, Physics

Ph.D., Boston University, 2004



Previous appointments: Boston University and, as a joint appointment as postdoctoral research associate, the University of Minnesota and Vanderbilt University. Research interests: interdisciplinary studies on optical properties of such nanostructures as quantum dots and carbon nanotubes, and on light-induced processes on solid-state surfaces; selective adsorbate-surface bond scission using tunable lasers.

James A. Lynch, Jr.

Assistant Professor, Economics

J.D. University at Buffalo, Law School, 1994



Long-time legal practitioner in national and international real estate and banking, with expertise and lecture experience in corporate and personal finance, micro-loans and first-time home buying. Has also served as legal consultant to numerous non-profit housing and community groups.

Veronica Manlow

Assistant Professor, Economics

Ph.D., City University of New York, 2004



Previous appointments: Baruch College, St. Joseph's College, and Fashion Institute of Technology of the State University of New York. Research interests: the economics and sociology of fashion.

John Marra

Professor, Geology, and Director of the Aquatic Research and Environmental Assessment Center (AREAC)

Ph.D., Dalhousie University, Halifax, 1977



Previous appointments: Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, as associate director for biology and paleoenvironment and Doherty senior scholar, and NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Research interests: oceanography; phytoplankton processes and primary production in the global ocean.

Miranda J. Martinez

Assistant Professor, Puerto Rican and Latino Studies

Ph.D., New York University, 2002



Previous appointment: Vassar College. Research interests: urban sociology; community politics; community development; sociology of consumption; the U.S. Latino experience.

Genna Rae McNeil

Belle Zeller Visiting Professor in Public Policy and Administration for 2007–2008

Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1975



Previous appointments: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Howard University, and Hunter College. Research interests: African American history; race and history; and women in the civil rights and black power movements. Her book, *Groundwork: Charles Houston and the Struggle for Civil Rights*, won the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award in American Legal History.

Mim Lai Nakarmi

Assistant Professor, Physics

Ph.D., Kansas State University, 2005



Previous appointments: Kansas State University and Kathmandu University, Nepal. Research interests: material growth and characterization and design of nitride-based novel structures for electronic and photonic devices.

Sharon Anne O'Connor-Petruso
Assistant Professor, Education
Ed.D., St. John's University, 1998



Previous appointments: State University of New York at Old Westbury, and Molloy College. Research interests: secondary analyses of large databases; mathematics achievement; and instructional technology/asynchronous learning.

Vanessa Yvette Pérez Rosario
Assistant Professor, Puerto Rican and Latino Studies
Ph.D., University of California, Davis, 2006



Previous appointments: University of California, Davis, and Las Positas Community College, Livermore, California. Research interests: nineteenth- and twentieth-century U.S., Latino, Caribbean, and Latin American literatures; second-language acquisition; bilingualism.

James Alan Pletcher
Lecturer, Classics
Ph.D., University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 1997



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College and University of St. Andrews. Research interests: the ancient Greek novel; tragic and comic traditions; theories of reading and interpretation from the classical to the modern world.

Tanya Pollard
Associate Professor, English
Ph.D., Yale University, 1999



Previous appointments: Montclair State University and Macalester College. Research interests: Shakespeare; early modern drama; Greek drama; genre theory; theater in performance; literature and science; history of medicine and science.

Michael J. Rawson
Assistant Professor, History
Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005



Previous appointment: Stanford University. Research interests: United States social and cultural history; environmental history; urban history.

Abraham D. Reich
Lecturer, Economics
M.S.E.E., Polytechnic Institute of New York, 1976



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College and Seton Hall University. Research interests: operations management; digital engineering.

Penny S. Repetti

Lecturer, Philosophy

M.A., Brooklyn College, 1990



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College and Kingsborough Community College. Research interest: ethics.

Stanley Sauber

Lecturer, Economics

C.P.A., New York State, 1972



Previous appointment: Brooklyn College. Research interests: tax and public accounting.

Marie Rutkoski

Assistant Professor, English

Ph.D., Harvard University, 2006



Previous appointment: Harvard University. Research interests: Shakespeare; Continental medieval and Renaissance literature; childhood in Western literature; magic realism.

Douglas Schwab

Assistant Professor, Art

M.F.A., Brooklyn College, 2003



Previous appointments: Brooklyn College, Pratt Institute, and Adelphi University. Photographer; schooled in both the practical and artistic dimensions of the profession; his work has focused in part on photo portraiture and historical photographic processes.

Delida Sanchez-Page

Assistant Professor, Education

Ph.D., Teachers College, Columbia University, 2002



Previous appointments: Baruch College, Pace University, and Colorado College. Research interests: racial and cultural identity development among populations of color; cross-cultural psychology; consultation and outreach.

Karl Steel

Assistant Professor, English

Ph.D., Columbia University, 2007



Previous appointments: Columbia University, Barnard College, and Western Washington University. Research interests: medieval literature; medieval intellectual history; posthumanism.

Barbara Studamire

Visiting Professor, Biology

Ph.D., Cornell University, 2001



Previous appointments: Cornell University and, as a postdoctoral research scientist, Columbia University. Research interests: genetics and retroviral integration; experiments with the most commonly used retroviral vector in gene therapy (the MoMLV virus) to probe integration target site selection for leukemia and HIV-1 viruses.

Sheila Tejada

Visiting Professor, Computer and Information Science

Ph.D., University of Southern California at Los Angeles, 2002



Previous appointments: Tulane University and University of New Orleans. Research interests: artificial intelligence (machine learning, intelligent information agents); robotics (human-robot teams, human-robot interfaces); and databases (data mining, data cleansing, information integration). The project founder, in 2000, and current adviser for Gamebots, which provides virtual environments

for artificial intelligence research, at the USC/Information Sciences Institute.

Christine Vitrano

Assistant Professor, Philosophy

Ph.D., City University of New York, 2005



Previous appointments: Mount Sinai School of Medicine and City College of New York. Research interests: the concept of happiness in ethical thought; bioethics.

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