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*New Faculty  
Luncheon*

*Friday, October 2, 2015*

*12:00pm – 1:30pm*

*Governor's Ballroom*

*Driscoll Student Center*

# **ACADEMIC UNITS**

Arts & Humanities

Social Sciences

Ritchie School of Engineering &  
Computer Science

Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Morgridge College of Education

Josef Korbel School of International  
Studies

Graduate School of Social Work

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# Arts & Humanities

## Emergent Digital Practices Program

### **Dan Wilcox, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

MA, Fine Arts, Carnegie Mellon University  
MS, Art and Technology, Chalmers University of  
Technology – Sweden  
BS, Computer Engineering, Iowa State University  
– Ames

Dan is an artist, engineer, performer, and musician who combines live performance techniques with experimental electronics and software for exploration into themes of science fiction, space travel, cyborgification, and far futurism.

## Department of English

### **Nichol Weizenbeck, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, English, University of Denver  
MA, Literature, University of Colorado – Denver  
BFA, Film Production, University of Colorado –  
Boulder

Nichol's primary areas of interest are Restoration prose fiction and the eighteenth-century novel.

Most of her research has centered on eighteenth-century women authors, in particular Mary Davys, who was also the subject of her dissertation. Nichol's research and interests also include early women Victorian novelists and film.

## **Lamont School of Music**

### **Stephanie Cheng, Teaching Assistant Professor**

DMA, Piano, University of New York – Stony Brook

MM, Piano, Peabody Conservatory of Music

BM, Piano, Peabody Conservatory of Music

Stephanie has performed in the US, France, Italy, Japan, the Middle East and Taiwan. She has distinguished herself by winning first prizes in the IBLA Grand Prize Competition in Italy, Kingsville International Competition and Association of Pianists and Piano Teachers of America International Piano Competition.

### **Johanna Frymoyer, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Musicology, Princeton University

MFA, Musicology, Princeton University

BM, Musical Arts – Violin, Vanderbilt University

Johanna specializes in music semiotics, topic theory in modernist repertoires, and the historiography of Stravinsky. She is currently preparing a book that will refine the analytic,

stylistic and interpretive applications of texture to instrumental music. She teaches theories of expression, ballet history, and representations of Islam in western music.

**Matthew Plenk, Assistant Professor**

Artist Diploma, Opera, Yale University  
MM, Vocal Performance, Yale University  
BM, Vocal Performance, University of Hartford

Matthew performed at the Metropolitan Opera for eight seasons, was a grand finalist in the 2007 Metropolitan Opera Auditions, first place winner of the Five Towns Music Competition and grand prize winner at the Music Lovers Competition. He has performed at Carnegie Hall, Tanglewood, and Aspen Music Festival.

**Matthew Zalkind, Assistant Professor**

DMA, Cello Performance, University of Michigan  
MM, Cello Performance, The Julliard School  
BM, Cello Performance, The Julliard School

Praised for his “impressive refinement, eloquent phrasing, and singing tone” by *The New York Times*, Matthew has performed throughout the US and abroad as a recitalist, soloist, and chamber musician. He was the top-ranked American and one of the final eight concerto semi-finalists in Moscow’s International Tchaikovsky Competition.

## Department of Languages & Literatures

### **Yuki Arita, Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Japanese, University of Wisconsin-Madison

MA, Language and Culture, Osaka University,  
Japan

MEd, Education, Middle Tennessee State  
University

BA, English, Kansai Gaidai University – Japan

Yuki taught as a teaching assistant for all levels of Japanese at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her dissertation focused on the use of enactment in Japanese ordinary conversations. Research interests also include native/non-native interactions.

### **Mamadou Ly, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Romance Languages & Literature,  
University of Michigan

MA, Modern Languages – French, Kansas State  
University

DEA, English & Anglophone African Literatures,  
Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar – Senegal

MA, English and Anglophone Literatures,  
Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar – Senegal

BA, English and Anglophone Literatures,  
Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar – Senegal

Mamadou previously held a post-doctoral fellowship position in romance languages and literatures at the University of Michigan. His

research and teaching interests are French Caribbean fiction, satire in the postcolonial African novel of disillusionment, and postcolonial and diaspora studies.

**Ping Qui, Teaching Assistant Professor**

MA, English, East China Normal University – China

BA, English, Jiangsu Institute of Technology – China

Ping taught Chinese language and literature at Wofford College in South Carolina and Valparaiso University in Indiana. Her research focuses on Chinese and Chinese diaspora literature and cultural studies with particular interests in transnational movement and cross-cultural aesthetics.

**Jing Wang, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Applied Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh

MA, Applied Linguistics, University of Kansas

MA, Chinese Linguistics, Beijing Normal University

BA, Chinese Language & Literature, Beijing Normal University

Jing is a language acquisition specialist with extensive teaching experience. She will be in charge of Chinese language instruction and assessment at the introductory and intermediate levels.

# Social Sciences

## Department of Anthropology

### **Esteban Gomez, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Anthropology, University of California – Berkeley

MA, Anthropology, University of California – Berkeley

BA, Anthropology, University of California – Santa Cruz

Esteban previously taught in the Department of Anthropology at Colorado College. He has done archaeological research on Pre-Columbian and historic sites in Mexico and Central America. His research is concerned with colonial encounters in the Americas, post-colonial narratives, cultural representation, and rituals of citizenship performed at museums and heritage sites.

## Department of Communication Studies

### **Armond Towns, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Communication Studies, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

MA, Communication Studies, University of North Carolina – Greensboro



BA, Media Studies, University of North Carolina  
– Greensboro

Armond previously served as an instructor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His scholarly work includes intercultural communication, media theory, performance studies, cultural studies, and black studies.

## **Department of Political Science**

### **Jeffrey Chadwick, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Political Science, Purdue University  
MA, Political Science, New York University  
BA, Political Science and Philosophy, Fordham University

Jeffrey studies social capital - the collective benefits that we receive from cooperation through our social networks. His recent work focuses on a declining ability for citizens to “read” each other and foster relationships, a problem that cuts across political and demographic divisions.

### **Shawn Fettig, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

MPA, Public Administration, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee  
BS, Political Science, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Shawn taught for several years at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, where he is now finishing his doctoral studies. His research focuses on the perceived legitimacy of different branches of government, investigating why people might perceive one branch (judicial, legislative, or executive) to be more competent than others in a given issue area.

## **Department of Psychology**

### **Daniel Hipp, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Binghamton University – New York

MSc, Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Binghamton University – New York

BA, Psychology, State University of New York – Oswego

Daniel's research is in the area of applied neuroscience and developmental psychology. It focuses on the use of developmental visual psychophysics and novel imitation learning methods to understand what aspects of the learning environment control knowledge transfer when learning from digital media.

## Department of Sociology & Criminology

### **Karen Albright, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Sociology, New York University

MA, Sociology, New York University

MSW, Clinical Social Work, University of Denver

BS, Sociology, James Madison University

Karen comes to DU after several years at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Her primary research interests focus on health behaviors among socioeconomically disadvantaged populations and on the barriers to their care. She is particularly interested in how disadvantaged populations interact with the U.S. health care system.

### **Ellen Berrey, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Sociology, Northwestern University

AB, Environmental Studies, Brown University

Ellen is the author of *The Enigma of Diversity: The Language of Race and the Limits of Racial Justice* (University of Chicago Press, 2015). Her research interests include inequality, race, diversity, law, culture, and organizations. Prior to her appointment at DU, she was Assistant Professor of Sociology at SUNY-Buffalo.

### **Raul Nguyen-Perez, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Sociology, University of California – Irvine

MA, Sociology, University of California – Irvine

BA, Sociology, University of California – Irvine

Raul's research and teaching interests include race/ethnicity, social inequality, and law. His dissertation, "Navigating the Hurt Line: Race in American Stand-Up Comedy from Civil Rights to Colorblindness," examines the evolution of racial discourse from the civil rights era to the present. Raul has won several awards for this research.

# Ritchie School of Engineering & Computer Science

## Department of Computer Science

**Benjamin Jones, Teaching Assistant  
Professor**

PhD, Computing - Scientific Computing Track,  
University of Utah

MSc, Computer Science, University of British  
Columbia

BS, Computer Science and Engineering Physics,  
Colorado School of Mines

Ben's research is focused on integrating physics into the toolboxes of animators. He has worked on character control and the simulation of deformable solids. He has developed tools for

animating both realistic and highly exaggerated, cartoon-like deformations.

## **Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering**

### **Goncalo Martins, Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Mechatronic Systems Engineer, University of Denver

MS, Electrical and Computer Engineering,  
Faculty of Science and Technology – Portugal  
Licenciado, Universidade Nova De Lisboa

Goncalo previously held a postdoctoral fellowship at Vanderbilt University in the School of Engineering. His areas of research include cyber security for cyber physical systems, wireless communications, and embedded systems design for unmanned systems.

## **Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering**

### **Shihao Hu, Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Mechanical Engineering, University of Akron

MS, Materials Physics and Chemistry, Hebei University of Technology – China

BS, Materials Science and Engineering, Hebei University of Technology – China

Travis (Shihao) previously held a postdoctoral position in the Center for Composite Materials at University of Delaware. His expertise spans both experimental and computational areas. His teaching interest focuses on solid mechanics and materials science. He seeks organisms, biological materials, and structures as ‘elegant’ models to solve intricate engineering problems.

# **Division of Natural Sciences & Mathematics**

## **Department of Biological Sciences**

**Peter Dobelis, Teaching Assistant Professor**  
PhD, Anatomy and Neurobiology, Colorado State University  
BS, Exercise Physiology, Colorado State University

Peter did postdoctoral studies in neurophysiology and neuropharmacology at CU Medical School and the Institute for Behavior Genetics in Boulder. His teaching and research focuses on the areas of neuroscience and exercise physiology.

**Barbekka Hurtt, Teaching Assistant  
Professor**

PhD, Neuroscience, University of Colorado –  
Boulder

BS, Kinesiology, University of Colorado –  
Boulder

BA, EPO Biology, University of Colorado –  
Boulder

Barb did postdoctoral studies at Harvard School of Public Health. She has extensive teaching experience at levels ranging from introductory biology for undergraduate students to neuroscience for medical students. Her teaching and research focuses on the areas of neuroscience and anatomy.

**Yan Qin, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Neuroscience, Ohio University – Athens

MS, Physiology, Nanjing University – China

BS, Biological Sciences and Technologies,  
Nanjing University – China

Yan was previously a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Colorado. Her research combines genetically engineered sensors and biophysics to study signaling in neurons.

## **Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry**

### **John Latham, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Chemistry, University of New Mexico

MS, Chemistry, Eastern New Mexico University

BS, Chemistry, Eastern New Mexico University

John recently completed a postdoctoral appointment at the University of Berkeley where he studied the function of a biosynthetic protein. His research involves the study of structure-function relationships in proteins through the use of enzymology, molecular biology, and biophysical techniques.

### **Deborah Mitchell, Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Chemistry, University of Denver

BS, Chemistry, Brigham Young University

Deborah organized the Science and Engineering Center in Anderson Academic Commons and taught part-time in the department. Her research interests are in the application of electron paramagnetic resonance to biological systems and communicating science to general audiences.



## **Department of Geography & the Environment**

### **Michael Minn, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Geography, University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign

MA, Geography, Hunter College – CUNY – New York

MS, Computer Science, North Texas State – Denton

BM, Music Education, North Texas State – Denton

As a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Illinois, Michael investigated the detection of foreclosure-related landscape management changes using Landsat satellite imagery. Michael is an avid street photographer and student of the built environment, and he has assembled extensive photographic collections of American cities (especially New York City), railroad infrastructure, bridges, and theatres.

## **Department of Mathematics**

### **Riquelmi Cardona, Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Mathematics, University of Denver

MS, Mathematics, University of Denver

BS, Computer Science, University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign

Riquelmi is from El Salvador. He completed a PhD at DU in mathematics in spring 2015 under the direction of Nick Galatos. Riquelmi's research interests are in logic and lattice theory.

**Aysel Erey, Visiting Assistant Professor**

PhD, Mathematics, Dalhousie - Canada  
MS, Mathematics, Boğaziçi University – Turkey  
BS, Mathematics, Boğaziçi University – Turkey

Aysel earned her PhD from Dalhousie University in 2015 under the direction of Jason Brown. Her research interests are in combinatorics and graph theory.

**Daniel Hathaway, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Mathematics, University of Michigan  
MS, Co-terminal Mathematics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
BS, Mathematics and Computer Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Daniel earned his PhD in 2015 from the University of Michigan under the direction of Andreas Blass. His research interests are in set theory.

**Jose Mijares, Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Mathematics, Central University of Venezuela  
BS, Mathematics, Central University of Venezuela

Jose's research interests are in topological Ramsey theory. He has held positions in Venezuela and in Colombia. From fall 2013 through spring 2015, he was a postdoctoral scholar at DU.

# Morgridge College of Education

## Department of Counseling Psychology

**Elizabeth Muiño, Clinical Assistant Professor**

PhD, Counseling Psychology, University of  
Denver

MA, Counseling Psychology, University of  
Colorado – Denver

BA, Psychology, University of Redlands –  
California

Lizzie previously held a staff psychologist candidate position at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan. She currently has a small private practice. Her research areas include dyadic adjustment in interracial couples, barriers to outpatient discharge, emotionally abusive intimate partnerships, and insight into mental illness.

## **Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Studies**

### **Doris Candelarie, Clinical Assistant Professor**

PhD, Educational Administration and Policy  
Studies, University of Denver

MA, Education, Regis University

BA, Elementary Education, University of  
Northern Colorado

Doris has served as a public school teacher, principal, and central office administrator. Her research interests include turnaround schools, interculturally responsive education, and social-emotional learning and supports in schools. A DU/MCE/ELPS alumna, Doris served as principal of Sanchez International Elementary School located in Lafayette and was selected as the 2014 Colorado National Distinguished Principal of the Year.

## **Department of Higher Education**

### **Cecilia Orphan, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Higher Education, University of  
Pennsylvania

BA, Political Science, Portland State University

Cecilia is a recent graduate of Penn's higher education program where she was a predoctoral fellow for the Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy. Her research interests include the

effects of public policy on the public purpose of higher education and the role of public colleges in facilitating democracy and opportunity.

**Laura Sponsler, Clinical Assistant Professor**

PhD, Higher Education, University of

Pennsylvania – Philadelphia

MEd, Higher Education Management, University of Pennsylvania – Philadelphia

BS, Biology, St Joseph’s University – Philadelphia

Laura joins MCE from the national association for student affairs, NASPA - Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education, where she served as the founding director of a civic learning and democratic engagement initiative. Her professional practice and research focuses on civic engagement, the civic development of college students, and organizational change in higher education.

## **Department of Teaching & Learning Sciences**

**Tara Raines, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Psychology, Georgia State University

MS, School Psychology, Nova Southeastern University – Davie, FL

MS, Special Education, Florida State University - Tallahassee

BA, Special Education, Florida State University – Tallahassee

Tara was previously the Lincy Foundation Assistant Professor of School Psychology at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Her research includes investigating early identification of behavioral and emotional risk as well as reducing disproportionality in special education referrals. She also focuses on improving cultural competence in mental health and education professionals.

**Devadrita Talapatra, Assistant Professor**

PhD, School Psychology, Georgia State University  
ME, School Psychology, Georgia State University  
BS, Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology and English, Emory University

Tanya was previously an Assistant Professor of Educational and School Psychology at Indiana State University. Her research focuses on facilitating educational services that support individuals with intellectual disabilities, including expanding the role of school psychologists in post-school transition services and exploring interventions aiding adaptive and academic growth.

# Josef Korbel School of International Studies

## **Marie Berry, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Sociology, University of California – Los Angeles

MA, Sociology, University of California – Los Angeles

BA, International Studies and Political Science, University of Washington

Marie is a political sociologist with a focus on mass violence, gender, institutions, and social and political development. Her current research examines the political and social consequences of war, genocide, or ethnic conflict. She seeks to understand how mass violence affects social institutions, gender relations, ethnicity, and social and political development.

## **Keith Gehring, Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, International Studies, University of Denver

MA, Global Finance, Trade, and Economic Integration, University of Denver

MBA, Business Administration, University of Arkansas – Little Rock

BBA, Computer Information Systems, University of Arkansas – Little Rock

Keith has been working with the International Futures' team in the Frederick Pardee Center for International Studies since September 2009. His research interests concern the intersection of technology and domestic institutions in enabling economic growth. He also has consulting experience in providing operations and technology solutions in many diverse industries.

**Thomas Laetz, Professor of the Practice of International Studies**

PhD, Engineering, University of Washington  
MRP, Urban and Regional Planning, Cornell University – Ithaca

BS, Environmental Planning and Design,  
Michigan State University – East Lansing

Tom was a senior policy analyst for the U.S. Government Accountability Office for 29 years and has been an adjunct professor at the Josef Korbel School for 15 years. His professional interests include conducting project, program, and policy evaluations of health and environmental issues in the U.S. and internationally.

**Emily Van Houweling, Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Planning, Governance & Globalization,  
Virginia Polytech Institute and State University  
MA, Urban and Regional Planning, Virginia Tech – Blacksburg

BA, Sociology, Occidental College – Los Angeles



Emily previously held the position of Associate Director for Women and Gender in International Development at Virginia Tech University. Her academic interests include gender analysis, rural water supply, and livelihoods research. Emily has also been involved in two large, collaborative water research projects in Senegal and Mozambique.

# Graduate School of Social Work

**Jesse Burne, Assistant Professor of the  
Practice of Social Work and Executive  
Director – Bridge Project**

MSW, Advanced Social Work Practice, Columbia  
University

BA, Psychology, University of Colorado –  
Boulder

Jesse managed youth programs in New York City, California, and Colorado for agencies such as the American Red Cross and Mental Health Center of Boulder. He was the executive director for Minds Matter, which helps low-income students prepare for college. His background is in nonprofit management, fundraising and strategic planning.

**Brian Gonzales, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor**

MSW, Social Work – Clinical Practice, University of Denver

BA, Biopsychology, Boston College

Brian brings extensive practice, teaching, and training experience to GSSW.

Brian has worked in a variety of clinical settings specializing in work with those involved in the criminal justice system. Brian also serves as the executive director for a private non-profit that provides mental health and substance abuse treatment in community corrections, county jails, and outpatient settings throughout the state of Colorado.

**Shannon Sliva, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Social Work, University of Texas – Arlington

MS, Social Work – Community and Administrative Practice, University of Texas – Arlington

BS, Social Work, Texas Christian University

Shannon conducts national and local research on the impacts of criminal justice policy, with an emphasis on innovative justice alternatives. Her most recent work focuses on the predictors of state-level restorative justice legislation across the U.S. Currently, Shannon is partnering with Colorado policymakers to evaluate leading-edge restorative justice laws.

# Daniels College of Business

## School of Accountancy

### **Kelsey Dworkis, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Business Administration-Accounting,  
University of Southern California – Marshall  
School of Business

BBA, Accountancy and Business Administration,  
University of Kansas

Kelsey was previously Senior Lecturer of  
Accounting at Australia's University of  
Melbourne and practiced as a senior auditor with  
Deloitte & Touche LLP. Her research interests  
focus on behavioral decision making.

### **Tom Hall, Assistant Professor of the Practice of Accountancy**

MA, Accountancy, Brigham Young University

BA, Accountancy, Brigham Young University

Tom is a CPA who was a senior vice president  
with Pacific Investment Management Company  
(PIMCO), and was head of Fund Reporting and  
Treasury. He was also a member of affiliate  
faculty at Regis University and has practiced with  
Deloitte & Touche, Goldman Sachs, and Schroer  
Capital.

**Ronald Thompkins, Teaching Assistant  
Professor**

BA, Accounting, Howard University

Ronald is a CPA who was managing partner of the Florida offices, and executive committee member, of BCA Watson Rice in Miami, Florida. He also practiced accounting with Deloitte & Touche, and is a member of the AICPA, FICPA, Government Finance Officers Association, and National Association of Black Accountants.

**Department of Business  
Information & Analytics**

**Tianjie Deng, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Computer Information Systems, Georgia State University – Atlanta

MS, Human Computer Interaction, Georgia Institute of Technology

BE, Software Engineering, Nanjing University – China

Tianjie's research interests include data mining, big data, business intelligence, and open source software development. She received the 2012 GTA Teaching Excellence Award, at J. Mack Robinson School of Business, Georgia State University.

**Ryan Elmore, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Statistics, Pennsylvania State University

MS, Statistics, Miami University

BS, Mathematics, Morehead State University

Ryan practiced as a senior specialist at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and was a faculty affiliate with the Department of Statistics at Colorado State University. He is a member of the American Statistical Association.

**Eric Tucker, Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Industrial Engineering, University of Central Florida – Orlando

MA, National Security and Strategic Studies,

Naval War College – Rhode Island

MS, Engineering and Technology Management, Oklahoma State University – Stillwater

BS, Aeronautical Engineering, US Air Force Academy

Eric was Dean of Faculty at the USAF Academy from 2010-2013, and again from 2014-2015, spending 2013-2014 in Afghanistan with the North American Treaty Organization Air Training Command. His professional affiliations include the International Society of Systems Engineering, the Academy of Management, and Decision Science Institute.

## **Department of Management**

### **Andrew Schnackenberg, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Organizational Behavior, Case Western Reserve University

MBA, Business Administration, University of Adelaide

BS, International Business, University of Nevada – Las Vegas

Andrew was previously Assistant Professor of Management at American University's Kogod School of Business and also held positions as director and partner at PRC, a Tokyo-based private equity company. He is a member of the Academy of Management, the Strategic Management Society, and the Organizational Behavior Teaching Society. His research interests include organizational stakeholders, information transparency, trust, and institutional practices.

## **Reiman School of Finance**

### **Andrew Detzel, Assistant Professor**

PhD, Finance and Business Economics, University of Washington

MS, Mathematics, University of Oregon

MSBA, Finance and Business Economics, University of Washington

BS, Mathematics, California State University – San Marcos

Andrew's teaching experience includes courses in finance at the University of Washington, Seattle, and math at the University of Oregon. Among his research interests are empirical asset pricing, macro finance, and mutual funds. He was the recipient of the Gittinger Fellowship for the years 2010-2013.

**Kenneth Leung, Teaching Assistant Professor**  
PhD, Economics, Johns Hopkins University  
BA, Economics, International Christian  
University – Japan

Kenneth was a Daniels College of Business and Sturm College of Law adjunct faculty member from 2010-2015. He was also a managing partner at CHLL Partners, chief economist at First Data Corp and managing director with Deutsche Bank.

## **Sturm College of Law**

**Courtney Cross, Visiting Assistant Professor  
of the Practice of the Law**

LLM, Law, Georgetown University Law Center  
JD, New York University School of Law  
BA, Linguistics, Political Science and History,  
University of California – San Diego

Prior to joining the Civil Litigation Clinic, Courtney was a Clinical Teaching Fellow in the Domestic Violence Clinic at Georgetown University Law Center. Before she began teaching, Courtney worked at a holistic women's reentry organization in Washington, D.C. where she provided holistic civil legal services to incarcerated and reentering women.

**Carol Larkin, Visiting Associate Professor of the Practice of the Law**

JD, University of Missouri – Columbia  
MA, Political Science, University of Missouri – St. Louis  
BA, Philosophy, Millsaps College – Jackson, MS

Before coming to DU, C.J. taught alternative dispute resolution classes and supervised student mediators at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. She has experience and interest in educational, employment, environmental, family, multi-cultural, and public conflict resolution.

**Komal Vaidya, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Practice of Law**

JD, University of Miami  
BS, International Studies and Psychology,  
University of Illinois

Prior to coming to DU, Komal taught at the University of Illinois Law Clinics. There she supervised students on consumer and housing law cases. Her scholarly interests which



include community development, housing, consumer, and employment law stem from her practical experience in Chicago, Miami, and central Illinois.

# University Libraries

## **Erin Elzi, Assistant Professor**

MLIS, Library Science, Pratt Institute

MS, Art History, Pratt Institute

BA, Philosophy, University of Colorado –  
Boulder

Erin is the Cataloging and Metadata Librarian for the University Libraries. She came to DU from the Bard Graduate Center, where she was the Senior Technical Services and Systems Librarian. Research interests include diversity issues in taxonomies, UX, and the library catalog, and the social responsibility of art exhibitions.

## **Ellwood Colahan, Assistant Professor**

MLIS, Library Science, University of Denver

MA, Music Theory, University of Denver

BM, Classical Guitar Performance, University of  
Denver

Ellwood is Music and Performing Arts Reference Librarian. His research interests include the bibliography of guitar and lute music, contemporary practices in Balinese gamelan music, and metric structure and conflict in

Baroque music. He formerly taught at Colorado State University in Pueblo, Adams State College, and Pueblo Community College.

**Naomi Bishop, Assistant Professor**

MLIS, Library Science, University of Washington  
BA, German Studies and Political Science,  
University of Arizona

Naomi is the Science and Engineering Reference Librarian. Previously, she was the Research Librarian at Roche Tissue Diagnostics in Tucson, Arizona. From 2010-2012 she worked as the Librarian in Residence at University of Notre Dame. As an undergraduate she studied German at Friedrich Alexander University in Erlangen Germany.

**Anna Harper, Visiting Assistant Professor**

MLIS, Library Science, University of Denver  
BA, Liberal Studies, Portland State University

Anna recently joined the University of Denver Libraries as a Reference and Instruction Librarian. She previously worked as the Reference and Instruction Librarian at Santa Fe University of Art and Design. Her research interests include identity in the arts and higher education.

# English Language Center

**Cheyne Kirkpatrick, Teaching Assistant  
Professor**

MA, English, Colorado State University – Fort  
Collins

BA, English, Western Michigan University

Cheyne has taught in several university-based intensive English programs, including most recently as a Senior Teacher in DU's English Language Center. His research, conference presentations, and areas of interest include inter-cultural rhetoric, second language writing, and second language assessment.

# University Writing Program

**Daniel Singer, Teaching Assistant Professor**

PhD, Rhetoric and Theory, University of Denver  
MEd, Teaching of Writing and English

Education, Plymouth State University

BA, English – Writing, Plymouth State University

Previously a lecturer at the University of Colorado-Boulder, Dan taught courses in rhetoric, travel writing, and business writing,

including through simulations. His research includes work in multimodal and digital composing, online circulations of texts and pedagogies, poetics, and field theories of writing.

## University College

**Joseph Hutchison, Teaching Assistant  
Professor**

MFA, Creative Writing, University of British  
Columbia

BA, English and Secondary Education, University  
of Northern Colorado

Joseph, named Colorado Poet Laureate by Governor John Hickenlooper in 2014, has published 16 books of original poems, edited two anthologies, and translated a selection of flash fictions by Mexican author Miguel Lupián. His poems, stories, and essays have appeared in over 100 journals in the U.S. and abroad.