2012-2013

New Faculty
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University Writing Program
Arts & Humanities

School of Art and Art History

Marisa Lerer, Assistant Professor
PhD, Art History, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
MPhil, Art History, The Graduate Center, City Univeristy of New York
MA, Latin American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles
BA, Individualized Studies, New York University

A Latin American specialist, Marisa employs memory studies to analyze construction of visual memorials in contemporary culture. She has held fellowships at CUNY, NYU and the Smithsonian Latino Center Museum Studies Program as well as a Fulbright grant in Argentina.
Conor McGarrigle, Assistant Professor
PhD, Media Art, Graduate School of Creative Arts & Media, Dublin & Dublin Institute of Technology
MFA, Art in the Digital World, National College of Art & Design, Dublin
BS, Biochemistry, University College Dublin

Conor joins DU as part of the Emergent Digital Practices faculty. He is a digital artist in the areas of locative media and mobile applications and has exhibited widely at international art events in Italy, Brazil and Spain. Conor has presented his research at international academic conferences and has taught courses for and coordinated the MA in Art in the Digital World at the National College of Art & Design in Dublin, Ireland.

Department of English

Graham Foust, Assistant Professor
PhD, English Literature, The University at Buffalo, State University of New York
MFA, Creative Writing, George Mason University
BA, Literature and Creative Writing, Beloit College

Graham comes to DU from St. Mary’s College of California where he directed the MFA program and helped implement a minor in creative writing. He has published five books of poetry, two translations of the German poet Ernst Meister, and a series of critical essays.
Billy Stratton, Assistant Professor
PhD, American Indian Studies, University of Arizona
MA, American Indian Studies, University of Arizona
BA, English and Philosophy, Miami University

Billy’s dissertation and subsequent publications have concentrated on intersections of colonization and historical trauma as evidenced especially in captivity narratives. He specializes in Native American literature and theory, and has held lectureships at Bowling Green State University and the University of Denver. He is a recent recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship.

Department of History

Robb Haberman, Lecturer
PhD, History, University of Connecticut
MA, History, Georgia State University
BA, History, University of Alabama

Robb has held visiting assistant professorships in history at Trinity and Colby Colleges and was a postdoctoral fellow at Fordham University. A specialist in post-revolutionary America and the history of the book and media, he has published essays on provincial nationalism and periodical networks.
Lamont School of Music

Kristin Taavola, Assistant Professor
PhD, Music Theory, Eastman School of Music
MA, Music Theory, Eastman School of Music
BM, Flute Performance, University of Iowa

A flautist with specialties in music theory, Asian music and mathematical models of perception, Kristin brings teaching experience in music theory and world music courses from previous positions at Cornell University and Sarah Lawrence College. She has recently been a lecturer in the Lamont School of Music at DU.

Department of Languages & Literatures

Setsu Kawada, Lecturer
MA, Japanese Pedagogy, University of Colorado
MA, Liberal Studies, Duke University
BA, English Linguistics, Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya, Japan

Setsu has taught Japanese widely throughout the Denver/Boulder university systems from Arapahoe Community College to the University of Colorado. She is an officer of the Colorado Japanese Language and Education Association and the chair of the Japan Cup Question Making Committee.
Yevgeny Slivkin, Lecturer
PhD, Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
MFA, Creative Writing, Gorky Institute for Literary Studies, Moscow
MA, Russian Literature, Gorky Institute for Literary Studies, Moscow

Yevgeny has taught a variety of Russian language and literature courses from Contemporary Russian Prose and Poetry to the Russian Fairy Tale. He was an instructor in the Middlebury College summer Russian program and has held lectureships at the University of Oklahoma and the Defense Language Institute. A published poet and translator, he is also the author of a number of scholarly essays on Russian literature.
Department of Philosophy

Marco J. Nathan, Assistant Professor
PhD, Philosophy, Columbia University
MPhil, Philosophy, Columbia University
MA, Philosophy, Columbia University
Laurea Magistrale, Philosophical Sciences, University of Milan, Italy
Laurea Triennale, Philosophy, University of Milan, Italy

Marco brings to DU’s philosophy department expertise in the philosophy of science with a dissertation on philosophical issues in molecular developmental biology. He has held a number of fellowships and appointments at Columbia University and abroad, including one at the American Museum of Natural History and another at the European Center for Stem Cell Research at the University of Milan.
Department of Theatre

Gregory Ungar, Assistant Professor
PhD, Theatre and Drama, University of California, Irvine/University of California, San Diego
MFA, Acting, University of California, Irvine
MA, Sociology, University of Colorado
BA, Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley

Gregory brings his talents as an actor, director and instructor to DU, having recently received an Orange County award for best male actor in *Waiting for Godot*. He has taught theatre history at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and Chapman University and acting and theatre workshops at the South Coast Repertory Theatre.
Social Sciences

Department of Communication Studies

Joshua S. Hanan, Assistant Professor
PhD, Communication Studies, University of Texas
MA, Communication Studies, San Diego State University
BA, Communication, Humboldt State University

Joshua brings expertise in the philosophy of communication and critical rhetorical theory with a focus on the rhetoric of political economy in the context of neoliberalism. He has published essays on communication and the economic crisis and has taught a range of courses from rhetorical theory to political communication.

Pavithra Prasad, Lecturer & Postdoctoral Fellow
PhD, Performance Studies, Northwestern University
MA, Performance Studies, Northwestern University
BA, English and Theatre, Ohio Wesleyan University

Pavithra joins the AHSS postdoctoral fellows working in migrations and diasporas. She specializes in performance studies with subspecialties in religion and ritual theory in addition to directing and performing herself. At both the Art Institute of Chicago and Northwestern University, she has taught courses in travel theory and performance and cross-cultural perspectives on women.
Department of Political Science

Mark W. Denniston, Lecturer
PhD, Political Science, University of Colorado,
JD, University of Iowa College of Law
MA, Political Science, University of Colorado,
BA, Political Science and History, Simpson College

A practicing attorney and former associate editor of the Iowa Law Review, Mark has taught courses in law and American politics at Colorado State University and Regis University. His dissertation draws on the New Judicial Federalism movement to analyze state supreme courts.

Department of Psychology

Elysia Poggi Davis, Associate Professor
PhD, Child Psychology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
BA, Psychology, Vassar College

A recipient of NIH/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development grants, Elysia specializes in infant and child development and prenatal stress. She has been an assistant professor of pediatrics and psychiatry and human behavior at University of California, Irvine, where her research has been multidisciplinary ranging from psychology to obstetrics and pediatrics.
**Omar Gudiño, Assistant Professor**  
PhD, Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles  
MA, Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles  
BA, Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles  

Omar specializes in clinical child psychology with an emphasis on Latino youth exposed to violence. As a postdoctoral research fellow at the New York University School of Medicine, he taught in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and served as a clinical psychologist in the NYU Child Study Center.

**Pilyoung Kim, Assistant Professor**  
PhD, Developmental Psychology, Cornell University  
MA, Developmental Psychology, Cornell University  
MEd, Human Development and Psychology, Harvard University  
BA, Psychology and English Language & Literature, Korea University, South Korea  

A fellow of the Career Development Institute for Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh, Pilyoung specializes in developmental psychology, researching the effects of childhood poverty on brain development, and mood disorders. She has been lead author on a number of articles on infant and childhood development, maternal care, and postpartum depression.
Pamela Miller, Lecturer
PhD, Psychology, University of Texas
MA, Psychology, University of Texas
BA, Psychology, University of Notre Dame

Pamela specializes in child and adolescent developmental psychology and has co-authored journal articles on parenting and family conflict. She has taught a wide variety of psychology courses both at DU and the University of Houston. Since 1999, she has served as a reviewer for *Journal of Marriage and the Family*.

Department of Sociology and Criminology

Jared Del Rosso, Assistant Professor
PhD, Sociology, Boston College
MA, Sociology, Boston College
BA, Sociology, Brandeis University

Jared’s dissertation, from which he has published an essay, focuses on political discourses of torture via analysis of U.S. congressional hearings. He has recently held a lectureship in the Department of Sociology and Justice Studies Program at the University of New Hampshire and has taught a class on torture and the modern world at Tufts University.
Ahmed Abu-Hajar, Lecturer  
PhD, Electrical Engineering, University of South Florida  
MS, Engineering Management, University of South Florida  
MS, Electrical Engineering, University of South Florida  
BS, Electrical Engineering, University of Idaho  

Ahmed previously held the position of lecturer at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, focusing on controls systems, circuits, and complex variables calculus. He was the founder and executive software engineer for DIGITAVID, Inc.
Arash Hajjam, Lecturer
PhD, Electrical Engineering, University of Denver
MS, Bio-Electrical Engineering, Iran University of Science and Technology
BS, Electrical Engineering, University of Tehran

Arash recently completed his PhD in electrical engineering at DU. His research areas include Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS) sensors and resonators, and image and signal processing on ultrasound images.

Division of Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Department of Biological Sciences

Julie Morris, Lecturer
PhD, Biology, Kent State University
MS, Biology, Kent State University
BS, Biology, Mesa State College

Julie was previously an instructor at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Georgia. Her research focus is on plant systematics. Her teaching focus has been on introductory Biology for both majors and non-majors, and on science education and STEM projects.
Scott Nichols, Assistant Professor
PhD, Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley
BS, Marine Biology, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Scott recently completed his postdoctoral studies at UC Berkeley in Molecular and Cell Biology. The focus of his research and teaching is on comparative genomics, and cell and developmental biology. The broader objective of this research is to address fundamental questions about the origin and early evolution of animals.

Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

Bryan Cowen, Assistant Professor
PhD, Chemistry, Yale University
BS, Chemistry, Binghamton University

Bryan comes to us from the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center where he held a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral research fellowship. His research interests include the development of enantioselective reagents for synthesis of pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals.
J. Alex Huffman, Assistant Professor
PhD, Analytical Chemistry, University of Colorado
BS, Chemistry, Pepperdine University

Alex was previously a postdoctoral researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry in Mainz, Germany. His research focuses on atmospheric aerosols (small particles suspended in air), including their roles in various environmental processes and human health concerns.

Candace Kristensson, Lecturer
PhD, Organic Chemistry, University of Utah
MPH, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
AB, Chemistry, Dartmouth College

Candace has previously taught general and organic chemistry lectures and labs at Pacific Lutheran College and University of Washington at Tacoma. Her research interests include palladium-catalyzed organic synthesis and strategies to improve student learning.
Kristopher Kuzera, Lecturer
PhD, Geography, San Diego State University/
University of California, Santa Barbara
MA, Geographic Information Science for
Development and Environment, Clark University
BA, Geography, Illinois State University

Kristopher previously held a Visiting Assistant
Professorship at Clark University, where he taught
coursework in quantitative methods and geographic
information science, and he has also lectured in
physical geography and climate change at DePaul
University. Kris’ research has focused on the effects
of climate and climate change on the spread of
infectious disease, mainly dengue fever in Thailand.
His future work will further explore the relationship
between climate and health using spatial methods in
GIScience and remote sensing.
Jing Li, Assistant Professor
PhD, Earth Systems and Geoinformation Science, George Mason University
MS, Earth System Science, George Mason University
BS, Geographic Information Science, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China

Jing’s research and teaching interests are in geographic information science (GISc), specifically 3D/4D Geovisualization and Visual Analytics, Spatial Temporal Modeling and Analysis, Web-based GISc, High Performance Geocomputation, and Spatial Cloud Computing. In her PhD research, she developed and implemented a framework to handle dynamic 3-D features, with specific applications including reconfigurations of airspace sectors in the aviation industry and geovisualizing simulated dust storm events.

Department of Mathematics

John Griesmer, Lecturer
PhD, Mathematics, The Ohio State University
MS, Mathematics, The Ohio State University
BS, Mathematics, Miami University

John most recently held a postdoctoral position at the University of British Columbia in Victoria. His research interests are in ergodic theory, additive combinatorics, and harmonic analysis.
**Abby Johnson, Lecturer**  
MS, Mathematics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
BS, Mathematics and Physics, University of Denver

Abby earned her BS degree in Math and Physics here at DU, and most recently held a position as visiting lecturer at Amherst College in Massachusetts.

**Zhe Liu, Lecturer**  
PhD, Mathematics, University of New Hampshire  
BS, Mathematics and Math Education, Hebei Normal University, Hebei, China

Zhe was most recently a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania. Her research interests are in functional analysis, operator algebras, and mathematical physics.

**Florian Sobieczky, Lecturer**  
PhD, Mathematics, University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany  
Diploma, Physics, University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany

Florian was most recently a visiting professor at CU-Boulder. His research interests are in heat kernel estimates, structure of graphs and random walks on graphs.
Bushra Aryan, Clinical Assistant Professor
PhD, Higher Education, University of Denver
MA, Higher Education, University of Denver
BS, Psychology, University of Colorado, Denver

Bushra previously held a position at the American Psychological Association where she managed the Minority Fellowship Program. Her research interests include postsecondary access, equity, and achievement in higher education for populations of color, specifically women of color; institutional accountability, and commitment to diversifying staff, faculty, and student populations.
Linda S. Bowman, Lecturer
PhD, Public Administration, University of Colorado, Denver
MPA, Public Administration, University of Colorado, Denver
MA, English, University of New Orleans
BA, English and Spanish, University of South Alabama

Linda has served as president of the Community College of Aurora, Arapahoe Community College, Lamar Community College, and Parks Junior College, and as Vice President for the Colorado Community College System. Her interests include executive leadership development, work satisfaction/motivation, adjunct faculty issues, higher education policy, and administration.

Douglas H. Clements, Professor and Kennedy Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Learning
PhD, Elementary Education, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
MEd, Elementary and Remedial Education, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
BA, Sociology, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Doug is a researcher and curriculum developer who directs research funded by the National Science Foundation and the Institute of Education Sciences. He has published over 100 refereed research studies, 8 books, 50 chapters, and 250 additional publications in mathematics and technology education.
William E. Cross, Jr., Clinical Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, Higher Education Program
PhD, Clinical Psychology, Princeton University
BA, Psychology, University of Denver

Bill has 40 years in academia specializing in the psychology of the African American experience. Professor Cross is President-elect of Division 45 [Society for Study of Ethnic Minority Issues] for the American Psychological Association and was recently accorded the honorific status of “Elder” for the 2013 National Multicultural Conference & Summit.

Patton O. Garriott, Assistant Professor
PhD, Counseling Psychology, University of Missouri
MS, Counseling Psychology, University of Kentucky
BA, Psychology, University of Kentucky

Pat recently completed his pre-doctoral internship at the University of Texas at Austin Counseling and Mental Health Center. His research interests include the academic and career development of students underrepresented in higher education, motivational interventions for health behaviors, and professional training issues.
Ryan E. Gildersleeve, Assistant Professor
PhD, Education, University of California, Los Angeles
MA, Education, University of California, Los Angeles
AB, Theatre, Occidental College

Ryan’s research investigates the social and political contexts of higher education, with a particular interest in higher education policy and college access/success for historically marginalized communities, especially Latina/o immigrant families. As a critical qualitative methodologist, he seeks to foster radically democratic and humanizing modes of social inquiry.

Richard S. Kitchen, Professor and Kennedy Endowed Chair in Urban Education
PhD, Curriculum and Instruction, University of Wisconsin
MA, Mathematics, University of Montana
BA, Mathematics, University of Colorado, Denver

Richard was previously a professor of leadership in mathematics education at the University of New Mexico where he held a dual position in Educational Leadership and Mathematics & Statistics. His research interests are in mathematics education, specifically in the areas of equity and diversity, teacher education, and assessment.
Andrea Pusavat, Clinical Assistant Professor and Co-Director, Counseling and Educational Clinic
PhD, Counseling Psychology, University of Denver
MA, Counseling Psychology, Loyola Marymount University
BA, Psychology, University of California, Santa Barbara

Andi has served as Director of the Iliff Counseling Center; President of Colorado Society of Psychologists in Private Practice; founding member of the Colorado Psychological Association Society for the Advancement of Multiculturalism and Diversity; and presenter at American Psychological Association and National Summit on Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Across the Lifespan. Andi's research interests are multicultural counseling, social justice, trauma, interpersonal partner violence, training and supervision.
Sharolyn D. Pollard-Durodola, Associate Professor and Morgridge Endowed Professor in Literacy
EdD, Curriculum and Instruction, University of Houston
MS, Developmental and Remedial Reading, City University of New York
MAT, Teaching of Spanish, Teachers College, Columbia University
AB, Romance Languages, Mount Holyoke College

Sharolyn previously was an associate professor in the Bilingual Education Program in the Department of Educational Psychology at Texas A&M University. Her scholarship attends to the prevention and intervention of language and literacy difficulties (Spanish/English) among students with identified disabilities or at risk of later academic difficulties.

Julie Sarama, Professor and Kennedy Endowed Chair in Innovative Learning Technologies
PhD, Mathematics Education, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
MEd, Mathematics Education, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
BA, Mathematics, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Julie has taught high school mathematics and computer science, gifted, and early mathematics. She directs 6 projects funded by the National Science Foundation and the Institute of Education Sciences and has authored over 50 refereed articles, 4 books, 30 chapters, and 20 computer programs.
Josef Korbel School of International Studies

**Erica Chenoweth, Assistant Professor**
PhD, Political Science, University of Colorado  
MA, Political Science, University of Colorado  
BA, Political Science and German, University of Dayton

Erica was previously the Director of the Program on Terrorism and Insurgency Research at Wesleyan University. Her research includes issues of terrorism and counterterrorism, violence among non-state actors, and non-violent civil resistance.

**Shane Day, Lecturer**
PhD, Public Policy, Indiana University  
MA, International Studies, University of Washington  
MPA, Public Administration, University of Washington  
BA, Political Science, University of Washington

Shane previously held a lecturer position teaching courses in comparative politics and public administration at Iowa State University. His research interests include public policy and environmental policy analysis, trans-boundary resource management, and comparative indigenous group politics.
**Sachin Desai, Lecturer**  
MBA, Finance, University of Denver  
MS, Computer Science, University of Denver  
BS, Computer Engineering, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India

Sachin was previously a lecturer at the Department of Business Information and Analytics at the University of Denver. He focuses on quantitative and statistical methods as well as financial modeling.

**Rebecca Galemba, Lecturer**  
PhD, Anthropology, Brown University  
MA, Anthropology, Brown University  
AB, Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies, Dartmouth College

Rebecca comes from a lecturer position at Harvard University in the social studies program. Her research interests include Latin America, legal and economic anthropology, international migration, and border studies.
Oliver Kaplan, Lecturer
PhD, Political Science, Stanford University
BA, Political Science, University of California, San Diego

Oliver was previously a postdoctoral research associate in Conflict Studies at the Woodrow Wilson School, housed by Princeton University. His research interests include civilian autonomy in civil war, land reform policy, and “peace zones.”

Heather Roff Perkins, Visiting Assistant Professor
PhD, Political Science, University of Colorado
MA, Political Science, University of Colorado
MA, Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
BA, Political Science/Classics, University of Arizona, Tucson

Heather is visiting from the Department of Political Science at the University of Waterloo. Her research interests include issues of humanitarian intervention and the responsibility to protect, as well as gender implications in conflict.
Aaron Schneider, Associate Professor and Leo Block Endowed Chair in International Studies
PhD, Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
MA, Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
BA, Economics and Development Studies, Brown University

Aaron was previously associate professor in the Department of Political Science at Tulane University. His research interests include politics of development, state-building in Central America, and tax regimes and development bank policy.

Graduate School of Professional Psychology

Leah James, Clinical Assistant Professor
PhD, Social Work and Social Psychology, University of Michigan
MSW, Social Work, University of Michigan
MS, Psychology, University of Michigan
BA, English Literature, University of California, Los Angeles

Leah’s practice and research focuses on the development, implementation, and evaluation of culturally-adapted mental health services for trauma and disaster survivors, including work in Haiti, Africa, and the VA system.
Nicole Taylor, Clinical Assistant Professor
PhD, Counseling Psychology, University of Maryland
MA, Counseling Psychology, University of Maryland
BA, Biology, Smith College

Nicole was an assistant professor at Drake University and completed a fellowship in psychosocial oncology. Her research and clinical interests are in health psychology and she also serves labor and delivery and NICU families as an obstetrics psychologist.
Graduate School of Social Work

Yolanda “Yoli” Anyon, Assistant Professor
PhD, Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
MSW, Social Work, University of California, Berkeley
BA, Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University

Yoli's research and professional experiences have focused on positive youth development approaches in policy and practice, racial disparities in public education and social welfare systems, and the provision of social services in urban high schools. Her dissertation examined racial group differences in teachers' referrals to and students' use of school-based health centers.

Ramona Beltrán, Assistant Professor
PhD, Social Welfare, University of Washington
MSW, Social Work, Portland State University
BA, Sociology, Willamette University

Ramona’s scholarship focuses on the intersections of historical trauma, embodiment, and environmental/social determinants of health as they affect health and risk behaviors in indigenous communities. She specializes in using decolonizing theories and methodologies with an emphasis on qualitative and innovative geo-spatial and photographic technologies in community-based research and practice.
Kathryn Johnson, Clinical Assistant Professor and Field Education Coordinator
MSW, Social Work, University of Denver
BS, Elementary Education, Eastern Montana College

Kathy has worked at GSSW as a field liaison, field coordinator, adjunct faculty, and off-site MSW supervisor. She has worked in the Denver community in the area of families and high risk youth for over 20 years as a clinician, team leader, program director and administrator with the Denver Children’s Home.

Jeanette “Jae” McQueen, Clinical Assistant Professor
MSW, Social Work, University of Denver
BSW, Social Work, Winthrop University

Jae has taught at GSSW as an adjunct for the past five years. Her social work career has included work at Savio and Denver Public Schools working with children and families involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
Daniels College of Business

School of Accountancy

Erin Nickell, Assistant Professor
PhD, Accounting, University of Central Florida
MS, Accounting, University of Central Florida
BS, Accounting, University of Florida

After completing her undergraduate degree, Erin worked in public accounting before beginning her doctoral work at the University of Central Florida. Before pursuing a career in academia, she worked as a senior auditor for Grant Thornton LLP. Her research interests focus primarily on the judgment and decision making of auditors in public accounting.

Alicia Yancy, Instructor
MBA, Rice University
BBA, Accounting, University of Houston

Alicia is currently completing her PhD in Accounting at the University of Southern California. Her research focuses on the use of non-financial performance measures, including the Balanced Scorecard. Prior to beginning her PhD studies, she held management positions with BMC Software and Weston Solutions, Inc.
Philipp Schaberl, Assistant Professor
PhD, Accounting, University of Cincinnati
MA, Business Administration and Economics,
Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria
BA, Business Administration and Economics,
Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria

Philipp recently completed his PhD at the University of Cincinnati where he taught courses on financial accounting and international financial accounting (IFRS). His research interests include the role of financial accounting information in capital markets and the relevance and properties of analysts’ earnings forecasts.

Department of Business Ethics & Legal Studies

Brittany Scantland-Lall, Lecturer
JD, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
BA, Religious Studies, Duke University

Brittany has recently been serving as a municipal attorney for towns and cities in Colorado. Her practice has involved providing legal counsel to public officials and staff on topics such as public records, open meetings, elections and municipal tax.
Reiman School of Finance

Peter Pei Lung, Associate Professor
PhD, Finance, Texas Tech University
MBA, Finance, Michigan State University
BA, Finance, Tamkang University, New Taipei, Taiwan

Peter has taught at the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Dayton. His current research explores the equity mispricing. Before joining academia, Peter worked as a currency option trader in interbank.

Fritz Knoebel School of Hotel, Restaurant, & Tourism Management

Haragopal “H.G.” Parsa, Professor and Barron Hilton Chair in Hospitality
PhD, Hospitality Management, Virginia Tech
MS, Food Science, University of Arkansas
MSc, Genetics, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India
BSc, Chemistry, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India

H.G. is an associate editor of the Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research and a Fulbright Visiting Scholar (2005). He will serve as the Barron Hilton Chair in Hospitality. His research interests include corporate social responsibility, marketing and pricing strategies, and analysis of restaurant and food trends.
Department of Management

Aimee Hamilton, Assistant Professor
PhD, Management and Organization, The Pennsylvania State University
MBA, Finance and Public Policy, Yale School of Management
AB, Psychology and Social Relations, Harvard College

Aimee’s research interests include identity, image and reputation, as well as fluid organizing and sustained innovation in organizations.

Kathie Novak, Lecturer
MS, Management, University of Colorado, Denver
BS, Organizational Management, University of Colorado

Kathie has served both as Mayor and as a council member for the City of Northglenn. She consults in the areas of leadership development, management training, team building, and facilitation, and has been teaching management since 1991.
Department of Marketing

Melissa Archpru Akaka, Assistant Professor  
PhD, International Management, University of Hawaii at Manoa  
MBA, Marketing, University of Hawaii at Manoa  
BBA, Marketing, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Prior to her graduate studies, Melissa spent several years working in the retail and travel industries, as well as the not-for-profit sector. Her research interests include value and value co-creation, service-oriented innovation, and cross-cultural issues.

Ali Besharat, Assistant Professor  
PhD, Marketing, University of South Florida  
MBA, Operations Management, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran  
BS, Mechanical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran

Ali worked as a consultant and manager in the energy industry before deciding to move to the United States to pursue a PhD in business administration with a marketing concentration from the University of South Florida. His research interests include behavioral decision-making, marketing communications, and branding.
Katina Banks, Lecturer
JD, Capital University Law School
BA, Communications and Political Science, University of Pennsylvania

Katina is a lecturer teaching intellectual property law. Her research centers upon intellectual property law with a substantive focus on trademarks, copyright, and the interaction between different intellectual property protections. Katina previously practiced law in the trademarks, copyrights and brand management group at Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

Stacey Bowers, Lecturer
PhD, Curriculum and Instruction Studies, University of Denver
JD, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law
MLIS, Library and Information Science, University of Denver
BS, Business/Accounting, University of Pittsburgh

Stacey is a lecturer with the corporate and commercial law program at the Sturm College of Law. She practiced corporate/securities law for 14 years and worked as a law librarian for 6 years.
Kelly Brewer, Lecturer
JD, Valparaiso University School of Law
BA, Psychology and Humanities, Valparaiso University

Kelly previously served as an adjunct professor in the legal writing program at Valparaiso University. Prior to beginning his teaching career, Kelly served as a judicial law clerk for Federal Magistrate Judge Christopher A. Nuechterlein and Federal District Court Judge Jon E. Deguilio, both in the Northern District of Indiana.

Katherine Caldwell, Lecturer
JD, Columbia Law School
MA, History, University of Chicago
BA, Literature and Society, Brown University

Kate has a background in human rights and U.S. litigation. Most recently, Kate was the director of the workers' rights program at the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Columbia Law School.
**John Campbell, Lecturer**  
JD, Saint Louis University School of Law  
BA, Education, Concordia University at Austin

John is an accomplished appellate and trial attorney, a recognized scholar regarding consumer law, and an accomplished teacher. Before joining DU, John was named one of the “Most Influential Appellate Attorneys” in Missouri. He has published articles and chapters on consumer issues, and served as an adjunct professor at Saint Louis University.

**Kelly Davis, Lecturer**  
LLM, Georgetown University Law Center  
JD, University of Texas School of Law  
BA, Social and Environmental Justice, Warren Wilson College

Kelly previously held a fellowship position as a clinical supervisor and staff attorney at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. She is interested in pursuing scholarship on issues involving public interest environmental litigation and clinical pedagogy.
Michael Duff, Visiting Professor
JD, Harvard Law School
BA, Philosophy, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Michael is visiting from the University of Wyoming where he is a professor of law. Before entering academia he practiced labor law for 11 years in the private and public sectors. He is a 1995 graduate of the Harvard Law School, and was a blue collar worker for 15 years before attending Harvard Law.

Lisa Graybill, Lecturer
JD, University of Texas School of Law
BA, Government and Women’s Studies, Smith College

Lisa graduated from the University of Texas School of Law with honors in 1999; clerked for a federal judge from 2000-2001; then joined the U.S. D.O.J. Civil Rights Division through the Attorney General’s Honors Program. Lisa then served as legal director of the ACLU of Texas from 2005-2012.
Matthew Lister, Lecturer
PhD, Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania
JD, University of Pennsylvania Law School
MA, Philosophy, State University of New York at Albany
BA, Philosophy, Boise State University

Matt comes to DU from Villanova, where he was a visiting assistant professor. He writes on immigration, international law, criminal law, and other topics.

Nicole Porter, Visiting Professor
JD, University of Michigan Law School
BA, Advertising, Michigan State University

Nicole is visiting from the University of Toledo College of Law, where she is a professor of law and recently finished an appointment as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. She will be teaching employment discrimination, disability law, and contracts. Her research includes employment rights of individuals with disabilities and women.
Mark Sidel, Visiting Professor
JD, Columbia Law School
MA, History, Yale University
AB, History, Princeton University

Mark Sidel is Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a specialist in nonprofit organizations and philanthropy and comparative law in China, Vietnam, and India. He is visiting at the Sturm College of Law for the fall semester, teaching torts and a seminar on human trafficking.

Michael Siebecker, Professor
PhD, Political Science, Columbia University
MPhil, Philosophy, Columbia University
LLM, Columbia Law School
JD, Columbia Law School
BA, Political Science, Yale University

After graduating magna cum laude from Yale University, Michael earned JD, LLM, and PhD degrees from Columbia University. He taught at the University of Florida College of Law for seven years, and spent four years prior at the New York firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore. His research addresses the intersection of law and political theory.
Kyle Velte, Lecturer  
LLM, Harvard Law School  
JD, American University, Washington College of Law  
BA, Women’s Studies, Hamilton College

Kyle is a lecturer in the legal externship program. Before joining DU, Kyle was a litigator with Reilly Pozner, prior to which she was a law clerk for Justice Alex Martinez of the Colorado Supreme Court.

The Women’s College

Mary Ann Villarreal, Clinical Associate Professor and Associate Dean  
PhD, History, Arizona State University  
AB, Women’s Studies, Mount Holyoke College

Mary Ann has previously held faculty positions at the University of Utah and the University of Colorado history departments. Her research examines the development of Mexican American women and family businesses in the south Texas region and her manuscript is under review at the University of Oklahoma Press.
Penrose Library

Andrew Miller, Assistant Professor and Interim Access Librarian
MLS, Library and Information Sciences, University of Denver
BA, Geography/Geographic Information Systems, University of Missouri

With his library science degree from the University of Denver, Andrew Miller is particularly experienced with large-scale projects and logistics, and is currently completing another degree in the Daniels College of Business with a focus in this area. Andrew is serving as our interim Access Librarian.

Kathleen Gregory, Assistant Professor and Interim Science Reference Librarian
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MA, Curriculum and Instruction, University of Colorado
BS, Neuroscience, Regis University

With a science background, teaching experience, and master’s degrees in both education and library science, Kathleen is well prepared to serve as our Interim Science Librarian. Prior to joining the library faculty, she worked in Stuttgart, Germany, and she is interested in information services and technology.
Sheila Yeh, Assistant Professor and Library Digital Infrastructure and Technology Coordinator
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With broad and deep experience in libraries and information technologies, Sheila is interested in the use of data to assess the success of technologies to support library program goals. She has recent publications on the use of mobile technologies, faceted information discovery, and Web 2.0 services in health science libraries.
Irina Berger, Lecturer
MA, English as a Second Language (ESL), University of North Texas
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Irina has over nine years of experience teaching ESL in the U.S. and abroad. Before her position at the ELC, she worked in Texas, Kazakhstan, Russia and Poland. Additionally, Irina is a certified rater for the TOEFL and TOEIC tests offered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

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After 10 years of travel as a C-130 Navigator in the U.S. Air Force, Maryanna completed her Masters in TESOL and back in her home state of Colorado as a lecturer at the ELC.
Meghan Dolny, Lecturer
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Meghan joined the ELC as a lecturer in September 2011. After completing her Master’s in Second Language Teaching at Utah State, she worked as an instructor in an Intensive English Program at la Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Additionally, she taught at the Global Academy in Northern Utah.

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Before joining the ELC in June 2011, Cheyne taught ESL at CSU. His academic and professional interests include second language writing, ESL curriculum and course design, linguistics, and cultural studies. He pursues research in second language writing and cross-cultural rhetoric, the use of technology in ESL learning, and pragmatics.
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Before arriving at the ELC in June 2012, Tim taught ESL on three different continents including two years in Venezuela as an English Language Fellow. He has presented at professional conferences in Venezuela, Costa Rica, San Francisco and at US Embassy events. Additionally, he has been published in the US State Department’s journal *English Forum.*

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Erin came to the ELC two years ago after completing her Master's in TESOL. She began her career in ESL as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Republic of Georgia. She has traveled throughout Europe, Asia and the former Soviet Union.
University Writing Program

Cydney Alexis, Lecturer
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Cydney researches the material practices of writers and writing, focusing on writing environments and tools. At Wisconsin, she was Assistant Director of the Writing Fellows Program and Director of the Rose Writing Workshop.

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Amber comes to DU via California Lutheran University, where she was assistant professor of English and directed the writing center. She taught in Indonesia as a U.S. Department of State Fellow, reflecting her interests in English as a second language.
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PhD, English/Writing Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
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Lauren Picard, Lecturer
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In addition to teaching at Emerson, Lauren has worked as a freelance writer and photographer and as a graphic consultant. She has done community literacy work with Americorps and the Claderwood-Snowden Writing Center in Boston.

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Melissa served a number of years as the Associate Director of the Writing Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she coordinated the Community Writing Assistance Program and the Greater Madison Writing Project.