



New Faculty 2019

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Anthropology

Kelly Fayard

Kelly previously held the position of Assistant Dean and Director of the Native American Cultural Center at Yale University. Her research investigates what it means to identify as a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians given the stereotypes and assumptions about what it means to be Native.

Anthropology

Nicole Herzog

Nicole previously held the position of lecturer in the Anthropology Department at Boise State University. Her active research investigates the role of processing technology and environmental determinates in diet choice in the Northern Plains and Great Basin/Colorado Plateau. This involves characterizing past plant use via macro and microbotanical analysis.

Art & Art History

Jennifer Ghormley

Jennifer previously held an Artist-in-Residence at RedLine, Museum of Outdoor Arts, Children's Museum of Denver, and Facebook, and is on the Artist Roster for Think360 Arts in Denver. Jennifer has been a part-time instructor for the Art Student's League of Denver, Art Garage, CU Boulder, and DU.

Economics

Yijiang (Vincent) Huang

Vincent was previously a Visiting Instructor of Economics at the Franklin & Marshall College. He is a heterodox economist with the primary fields of political economy of China and East Asia, money and banking, and ecological economics. Vincent is also a National Level II Table Tennis Athlete of China.

Economics

Henning Schwardt

Henning was previously a Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor at DU with the Economics department. His research is focused on complexity economics, with particular interest on its application to institutional and technological change.

Emergent Digital Practices

Noah Phillips

Noah's interdisciplinary research interests integrate personal mythology, the anthropocene and the posthuman. Their methodologies engage appropriation and digital/analog collage and montage strategies with the assistance of algorithmic systems. They create adaptable and multicentered artworks via a practice that includes 2D / 3D digital fabrication, videos, books, performance, and the internet.

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English & Literary Arts

Ryan Perry

Ryan specializes in late medieval and early modern literature and critical theory. He is working on two books: *Chaucerian Coteries and the Beginnings of the English Literary Tradition* looks at the role of coterie poetics in the formation of an English canon and *The Complete 'Canterbury Tales'* examines aesthetics of incompleteness.

English & Literary Arts

Lindsay Turner

Lindsay's first book of poems, *Songs & Ballads*, was published in 2018 by Prelude Books. Her French translations include the poetry collection *The Next Loves* (Stéphane Bouquet, Nightboat Books 2019). Her essays have appeared in journals including *Contemporary Women's Writing*, *Lana Turner Journal*, and *Los Angeles Review of Books*.

History

Angela Parker

Angela researches 20th century Native American history particularly from 1910 to the 1980s. She is interested in the genealogy of tribal sovereignty claims, oil extraction and activism in indigenous communities, the interplay of place/space and community identity, and photographic representations of Native Americans.

Languages & Literatures

Thomas Bell

Thomas previously held lectureships at North Dakota State University and the University of Muenster in Germany. His research focuses on postsecularism, continental philosophy, and critical theory, as well as the work of Musil and Kant.

Languages & Literatures

Kathleen Guerra

Kathleen previously held teaching positions and assistantships in Spanish at the University of California - Davis, American River College and Portland State University in Oregon. Her research in sociolinguistics focuses on Andean Ecuadorean Spanish, and her scholarly and pedagogical interests include first- and second-language identity and hybrid course design.

Languages & Literatures

Miho Hamamoto

Miho previously held teaching positions in English as a Second Language and Japanese at Southern Illinois University and the University of Denver. Her teaching and scholarly interests include second language learning and pedagogy, and the roles of identity and culture in language education.

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Languages & Literatures

Odette Kugler

Odette previously held teaching positions in French at the University of Delaware and the University of Denver, as well as at all levels of primary and secondary education. Her scholarly interests include Francophone cultures and literature. She has led language-focused study abroad programs throughout the Francophone world.

Languages & Literatures

Masako Onakado

Masako previously held teaching positions in Japanese at Arizona State University and Oklahoma State University, as well as at the secondary level. Her scholarly interests include second language pedagogy and instructional technology.

Languages & Literatures

Murat Rodriguez-Nacif

Murat previously held teaching positions in Spanish at Texas A&M University and the University of Denver, where he has been a visiting faculty member since 2014. His scholarly interests include Mexican literature, 20th Century Hispanic poetry and Latin American narrative, as well as second language acquisition.

Languages & Literatures

Jing Wang

Jing has held teaching positions in Chinese at the University of California, Berkeley, and Middlebury language summer schools. Her scholarly interests include language pedagogy and language testing and assessment.

Media, Film & Journalism Studies

Joseph Brown

Joe is a documentary filmmaker who focuses on environmental media. His work has screened at film festivals across the world. Before coming to DU Joe taught at Marquette University in Wisconsin. Joe sits on the board of the University Film & Video Association and the Colorado Environmental Film Festival.

Media, Film & Journalism Studies

Curtis Coats

Curtis has taught media studies in higher education since 2009. His research explores intersections among US media and religions, and, most recently, has focused on Protestant influences on Hollywood films. Curtis has co-authored two academic books, and his scholarly work now takes form in visual storytelling.

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Media, Film & Journalism Studies

Kareem El Damanhoury

Kareem previously served as a postdoctoral research associate at Georgia State University's Communication Department. He has worked as a journalist for over seven years in Arab and American outlets, including CNN International. His research interests include violent, non-state actors' use of new media, visual communication in warfare, and international media.

Music

David Byrd-Marrow

David is hornist in the International Contemporary Ensemble (ICE), one of the country's most renowned music collectives. He frequently performs at festivals including the Ojai Music Festival, Bay Chamber Concerts, Mostly Mozart, Tanglewood, and the Banff Music Center. He will be teaching horn and chamber music at DU.

Music

Sahar Nouri

In addition to her teaching and directing duties at DU, Sahar serves as chorus master, assistant conductor, and principal coach for Opera Colorado. Engagements in 2019 included San Francisco Opera and San Francisco Contemporary Opera, Philadelphia Orchestra at Bravo! Vail, and Opera North Carolina.

Music

Igor Pikayzen

An award-winning Russian-American violinist, Igor is establishing himself as one of the most in-demand soloists of his generation, praised on four continents by critics and audiences alike for his “astounding technical ability.” At DU he will be teaching studio violin and chamber music.

Music

John Rot

John's compositions have been performed by the International Contemporary Ensemble, Talea Ensemble, and Tak Ensemble, among others. His string octet, *glide idly by*, won first prize in the 2015 Abell Young Composer Competition for New Chamber Music. At DU he will teach composition and composition-related courses, as well as coach contemporary music groups.

Music

Aleysia Whitmore

Aleysia's research focuses on the world music industry, globalization and cultural policy. She teaches popular music, world music and classical music courses. She just completed a EURIAS research fellowship, conducting research on cultural policy and world music at the IMéRA research institute in Marseille, France.

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Philosophy

Jared Niefert

Jared was an outstanding graduate of our Joint Doctoral Program and often taught in our department as a graduate student. He has been a much valued instructor at CU-Denver and continues to publish in the areas of the philosophy of technology, modern critical theory, and the philosophy of art and aesthetics.

Political Science

Lucy Cane

Lucy's first book, *Sheldon Wolin and Democracy*, is forthcoming in 2020. Her work appears in journals such as *Political Theory*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, and *Contemporary Political Theory*. Lucy previously taught at Beloit College and with the Prison and Neighborhood Arts Project.

Psychology

Jenalee (Jena) Doom

Jena was previously a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan Department of Pediatrics. Her research focuses on how childhood stress affects mental and physical health throughout the lifespan.

Psychology

Kathryn Fox

Kathryn completed her Clinical Psychology Internship at UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic this past year. Her research seeks to improve the understanding and treatment of self-injurious thoughts and behaviors (broadly defined) and to help reduce these behaviors on a large-scale.

Psychology

Sarah Huff

Sarah joins us from Amherst College where she was a Visiting Professor and Postdoctoral Fellow. She is passionate about teaching and mentoring; her research on multiple identity integration, tolerance and cultural adaptation informs her pedagogy.

Religious Studies

Jason Jeffries

Jason's research focuses on Black religious traditions, using social scientific approaches to highlight connections between African American religion, embodiment, and popular cultures. He was previously a post-doctoral fellow at Amherst College. His planned courses include Religion and Popular Culture in North America, African-American Religions, and Religion and Hip-Hop Culture.

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Sociology & Criminology

Michael Gibson-Light

Michael is an ethnographer whose research explores various intersections of punishment, work, culture, and the economy. He is currently preparing a book manuscript examining the structure and practice of prisoner labor, as well as the reproduction of social inequality within penal institutions.

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Biological Sciences

Jennifer Hellier

Jennifer's research expertise lies in the neurobiology underlying disorders such as epilepsy and schizophrenia. She held a faculty position at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus where she conducted extensive work in the area of developing health care professionals.

Sociology & Criminology

Amie Levesque

Amie has been teaching courses in gender, sexuality, childhood, schooling and research methods for over 10 years. She has also served as a lead faculty member for the Community-Based Research Program at the Colorado Women's College, guiding students through original research projects in collaboration with local non-profit organizations.

Chemistry & Biochemistry

Sunil Kumar

Sunil's research interests are in the design and synthesis of new compounds that mimic natural ones that bind to molecules that are associated with neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. A wide variety of biophysical and cellular assays will be used to study the interactions between the synthesized molecules and their biological targets.

Mathematics

Sara Botelho-Andrade

This is Sara's first academic job after receiving her PhD. She works in functional analysis, specifically in phase retrieval and quantum error correction. At the University of Missouri, she worked as a student researcher at the Frame Research Center. Sara enjoys teaching students of varying interests and ability levels.

Mathematics

Christopher Jennings-Shaffer

Chris most recently worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Mathematics Institute of the University of Cologne, following a visiting assistant professor position at Oregon State University. He published over 20 papers on partition functions in number theory and co-organized two special sessions at AMS conferences.

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Mathematics

Wojciech Kossek

Wojciech is an experienced college instructor with previous appointments at UC Denver, UC Colorado Springs and Colorado Technical University. He was an adjunct at DU during 2018/19. He works in math education and is the author of the textbook *Calculus for the Forgetful: How to understand more and memorize less*.

Mathematics

Scott Schmieding

Scott is joining us from Northwestern University where he was an RTG Postdoctoral Fellow. He works in several related fields of mathematics: symbolic dynamics, algebraic k -theory, topological dynamics, ergodic theory, and aperiodic tilings. Scott co-organized an AMS special session on dynamical systems.

Daniels College of Business

Accounting

Adam Booker

Adam comes to DCB after successfully defending his dissertation, "Collaborative Speculation and Overvaluation: Evidence from Social Media," this past spring at the University of Arkansas where he was a distinguished doctoral fellow. His research focuses on financial accounting, social media, and information systems. He is interested in how crowdsourced information reflects investor beliefs and influences markets.

Accounting

S. Andre Fall

Andre brings more than 25 years of accounting, audit and advisory experience to the classroom. He will focus on teaching intermediate accounting and managerial accounting. Andre earned his MBA in 2012 through the Daniels Executive MBA program, and is now pursuing his PhD through the Daniels Executive PhD program.

Accounting

George Ruch

George's teaching and research interests are in the area of financial accounting. Prior to arriving at DU, George was an assistant professor for four years at the University of Oklahoma. He earned his PhD in accounting at the University of Alabama and worked as an auditor at Deloitte.

Business Information & Analytics

Benjamin Williams

Ben joins the BIA Department as an assistant professor after completing his PhD in Statistics at Southern Methodist University this May. His research focuses on blending data sources, especially big data sets. He has also worked on text-mining applications for British Parliament. Ben's research interests include sampling, statistical computing, and sports analytics.

Management

Bud Bilanich

Bud is interested in developing effective organizations. In addition to his teaching, he is an organization effectiveness consultant, executive coach, motivational speaker, bestselling author, and influential blogger. His work centers on culture creation, executive team development, merger and acquisition integration, cross function team facilitation, and leadership training and development.

Management

Kerry Mitchell

Kerry consults with organizations on employee empowerment and general communication. She has taught communication and leadership for more than 16 years. Kerry looks forward to teaching classes that combine her love of management and communication. Her research focuses on employee empowerment, generational differences and women's leadership.

Management

Michael Nalick

Michael joins Daniels from the University of Memphis where he taught strategic management and oversaw PhD students. His research interests are in corporate misconduct, the intersection of politics and business, and CEO activism. He has published in a number of journals in the management field and has presented his research at top conferences in his area of study.

Graduate School of Social Work

Marketing

Yashar Atefi

Yashar is an Assistant Professor of Marketing and the Director of the Sales Leadership Center (SLC). Throughout his career, Yashar has focused his research on various management topics and has appeared in top scientific journals, such as the *Journal of Marketing Research*, *Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science*, *International Journal of Research in Marketing*, and *Journal of Personal Selling and Sales Management*.

Social Work

Janelle Doughty

Janelle is an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Navajo from the Red Running into the Water Clan. She is also a graduate of the State of New Mexico Police Academy. Janelle has held senior leadership positions with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe over more than a decade of public service. These include serving as the Tribe's Crime Victim's Advocate, Executive Officer, Director of the Tribe's Department of Justice & Regulatory, and the Director of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe's Social Services Department.

Social Work

Stephanie George

Prior to joining GSSW, Stephanie spent six years as a Clinical Associate Professor with University of Southern California, Graduate School of Social Work. During that time Stephanie also received her Doctorate of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership, where her research focused on homelessness education in Masters of Social Work curriculum. Stephanie also served 10 years with the Department of Veteran Affairs as the National Clinical Project Coordinator with National Center on Homelessness among Veterans.

Graduate School of Social Work

Social Work

Marquisha Scott

With a background in macro social work, community organizing, and understanding religious congregations as organizations of faith and service, Marquisha's work centers on non-governmental institutions as solvers of social problems. Currently, she researches how non-governmental organizations impact youth's economic and social outcomes in a globalizing society.

Josef Korbel School of International Studies

International Studies

Robert Basil

Robert has held several positions in different agencies of the United Nations in Africa and the Middle East. He has more than ten years working experience in humanitarian assistance, gender issues, gender based violence, protection and partnership, post disaster needs, and rural development. He has a master's degree in business administration and is pursuing a PhD in development studies.

Social Work

Miriam Valdovinos

Prior to joining GSSW, Miriam spent three years at the University of Connecticut teaching and conducting research. Her areas of scholarship include: intimate partner violence (IPV) in Latinx communities, IPV health effects on Latina immigrant survivors and their children, and social belonging and social exclusion for undocumented immigrant families.

Morgridge College of Education

Counseling Psychology

Jillian Blueford

Jillian has been a clinician for the past three years serving children, adolescents, adults, and families across East Tennessee in a hospice bereavement center, a psychiatric behavioral hospital, the Tennessee Department of Children Services, and an outreach program for college students from rural Appalachian areas. Her clinical work has informed her research interests: grief and loss, attachment and grief, and counselor preparedness in grief counseling.

Counseling Psychology

Lisa Brownstone

Lisa previously served as a Psychologist at EDCare Eating Disorder Treatment Denver after completing her pre-doctoral internship at Denver Veterans Health Administration Medical Center. Her specialty areas include: disordered eating, trauma, LGBTQ+ health, risk behavior, multicultural psychology, couples therapy, and qualitative methods.

Higher Education

Sarah Hurtado

Prior to becoming a faculty member, Sarah worked in residence life for several years and also held a position with the National Survey of Student Engagement at the IU Center for Postsecondary Research. Her research focuses on how colleges and universities work to eliminate sexual violence on campus, specifically looking at the role and responsibility of faculty members.

Morgridge College of Education

Higher Education

Mike Nguyen

Mike's research examines the benefits and consequences of public policy instruments in expanding or constraining the academic operations of colleges and universities, with a specific focus on federal diversity initiatives. Prior to earning his doctorate, Mike served as a senior staff member in the United States Congress.

IRISE

Cheryl Matias

Cheryl is visiting the University of Denver as a Visiting Faculty for the Interdisciplinary Research Institute for the Study of (In)Equality (IRISE). She is an Associate Professor at the University of Colorado, Denver School of Education and Human Development. Cheryl is a nationally and internationally known scholar in the field of Whiteness and Critical Race Studies and in 2018, *Diverse* journal named her one of the Top 25 Women Making a Difference in Higher Education.

Research Methods & Information Science

Elizabeth Anderson

Elizabeth has been instructing introductory level statistics courses as an adjunct at Morgridge and will be instructing the advanced statistics courses (SEM, HLM, Latent Growth) this coming year. Elizabeth's research interests focus on online/hybrid learning, applied research, and psychometrics/measurement.

Research Methods & Information Science

Keren Dali

Keren is an award-winning researcher and educator in the field of Library & Information Science (LIS). Her research interests are community engagement in libraries, diversity and inclusion at the workplace, relationships between LIS and Social Work, disabilities, LIS education with a focus on humanistic pedagogies, and reading practices of adults.

Teaching & Learning Sciences

Korrie Allen

Korrie was previously the director of Innovative Psychological Solutions and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Her research interests include autism spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, and disruptive behavior disorders. She has received research funding from the Commonwealth Health Research Board, US Department of Education, and the Society for the Study of School Psychology.

Teaching & Learning Sciences

Rashida Banerjee

Rashida's interests include inclusive services, teacher preparation, and effective community, family, and professional partnerships. She has been a professor at the University of Northern Colorado, editor and associate editor for international journals, Board member for Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children, and a Ford Foundation Fellow.

Morgridge College of Education

Teaching & Learning Sciences

Mary Kay Delaney

Mary Kay previously served as faculty in Education at Meredith College in North Carolina. Her interests include equity in education, special education, and teacher education. She is program chair for the AERA SIG Constructivist Theory, Practice, and Research and co-editor of *Professing Education*, an online journal of the Society of Professors of Education.

Teaching & Learning Sciences

Eldridge Greer

Eldridge was a school psychologist and administrative leader in Denver Public Schools and Adams 14 school districts, most recently as Associate Chief of Student Equity and Opportunity. He serves on the Colorado Association of School Based Health Centers board and is a governor's appointee to the Colorado Child Protection Ombuds board. His research interests focus on strategies to eliminate racial disparities in school discipline and the use of restorative approaches to create more equitable school environments.

Teaching & Learning Sciences

Sarah Killion

Sarah is a two-time graduate from the Morgridge College of Education. She worked as a School Psychologist in Denver Public Schools for 10 years with professional interests in Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD and Executive Functioning Skills; Universal Crisis Prevention and Response; and Legal and Ethical Issues related to Special Education.

Ritchie School of Engineering and Computer Science

Computer Science

Nate Evans

Nate has been a visiting assistant professor at the University of Denver since 2017, teaching courses in the professional master's degree in computer science. His research includes networking, cyber security, low-level networking, systems design and implementation, and breaking things and fixing things.

Computer Science

Kerstin Haring

Kerstin recently completed her postdoctoral research at the US Air Force Academy in human machine teaming. Her research includes cross-cultural work in human-robot interaction, cognitive science, robotics, android science, computer science, computational modeling, psychology, autism, and assistive technology.

Computer Science

Daniel Pittman

Dan has been with the University of Denver in a variety of roles from master's student to TA, to his most recent post as Adjunct Professor. He also works as the Principal Software Architect for Comcast Technology Solutions. His research interests includes computer networks, massively multiplayer online (MMO) games, modeling player behavior in MMO's, and peer to peer technology.

Ritchie School of Engineering and Computer Science

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Wendell Chun

Wendell has been an adjunct professor at the University of Denver since 2002, teaching undergraduate classes in robotics and graduate courses in robotics and space robotics. His research includes work with robotics, automation, autonomy, unmanned vehicles, cyber-physical systems, integrated vehicle health management (IVHM), system design, and hardware/software integration.

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Rui Fan

Rui previously held a Power System Research Engineer position at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in the Washington area. His expertise lies in MATLAB simulation, power systems analysis, simulation and modeling, distributed generation, and wind energy.

Mechanical & Materials Engineering

Ann Deml

Ann joined the University of Denver as a visiting teaching professor in 2017, teaching materials science and engineering design courses. Her work includes guiding student development in problem definition, systems thinking, successful team collaborations, effective communication, and the impact of engineering solutions in a global, environmental, and social context.

Sturm College of Law

Mechanical & Materials Engineering

Siavash Rezazadeh

Siavash previously worked with the Locomotor Control Systems Laboratory at the University of Texas, Dallas. His areas of expertise lie in advanced kinematics and dynamics analysis and control design, programming, modeling and real-time control, and mechanical design.

Law

Maikieta Brantley

As a scholar who is both African American and a woman, Maikieta's general research interest is rooted in the intersection of race, gender, and the law. Maikieta's research is a product of her daily existence in predominately-white spaces, which has contributed to her commitment to increasing diversity and inclusion in the legal academy and the legal profession. Her personal experiences led Maikieta to believe that inclusion of diverse individuals in any environment is the strongest contributing factor of their retention.

Law

Diane Kraft

Diane taught legal research and writing for ten years at the University of Kentucky College of Law, where she also served as the Director of the Academic Success Program for three years. Teaching is in Diane's blood: before becoming a lawyer, she taught English as a Second Language for five years in South Korea and Texas, as well as Russian language classes.

Sturm College of Law

Law

Michelle Penn

Michelle worked at Fordham Law School as Faculty Services Librarian before coming to DU. She received her JD from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. After law school, Michelle taught English in Tbilisi, was a research fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and obtained her PhD in History from the University of Colorado. Michelle received her MLIS degree from the University of Arizona, where she served as a Law Library Fellow. Her scholarly research is focused on legal history.

University Academic Programs

Pioneer Leadership Program

Trisha Teig

Trisha is a leadership educator passionate about leadership learning and college student development. Her teaching and research interests include women and leadership, gender and leadership, training student affairs professionals as leadership educators, and integrating social justice in leadership programs.

University College

Communication Management

Cindy Cragg

Cindy is an alumna of the University of Denver and served as an adjunct faculty through University College for nearly four years prior to becoming the director. Cindy has over 20 years of industry experience in marketing and communication with a focus on marketing analytics, search marketing, and strategy.

Healthcare Management

Rachel Rogers

Rachel previously worked in direct patient care, nursing education and leadership, and clinical informatics. She holds a certificate in clinical informatics and was adjunct faculty with the Community College of Aurora and University College. Her most recent work centered around the implementation and adoption of technology in ambulatory care at Denver Health.

Information & Communications Technology

Catherine Wilson

Cathie has been in the IT field for almost 15 years, specializing in database technologies. She is a proven leader in Oracle product delivery and management. In addition to Cathie's industry experience, she has been an affiliate faculty member for over 10 years.



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