



FALL 2007
CONVOCATION
AND
NEW FACULTY PROFILES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

NEW ASSISTANTS, ASSOCIATES,
FULL PROFESSORS 2007

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ART AND DESIGN

Paul Karabinis

Assistant Professor of Photography

Degree: MFA

Degree Year: 1993

Degree Institution: University of Florida

Area of Study: Photography/ History of Photography

Research Interest:

Historical Photographic Processes, Integration of Digital Photography with historical processes, 19th Century Photographic History (English and French Amateurs)

Emily Arthur Douglass

Assistant Professor of Art

Degree: MFA

Degree Year: 2000

Degree Institution: Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art, Philadelphia

Area of Study: Printmaking

Research Interest:

International printmaking, relationship to the natural world

BIOLOGY

Courtney Hackney

Professor of Biology and Director of the Coastal Biology program

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 1977

Degree Institution: Mississippi State University

Area of Study: Coastal Ecology

Research Interest:

Ecology of shallow water and tidal wetlands; Impact of Sea Level Rise on coastal ecosystems; Restoration and creation of wetland communities, Flux of silica in estuaries

Cliff Ross

Assistant Professor of Biology

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2005

Degree Institution: University of California, Santa Barbara

Area of Study: Marine Biology

Research Interest:

Cellular mechanisms of stress responses in marine algae, seagrasses, and corals

CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS

Gregory Wurtz

Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2000

Degree Institution: University of Troyes (France)

Area of Study: Nanotechnology

Research Interest:

Plasmonics, organic and inorganic semi-conductors, polymers, non-linear optics, nano-optics, scanning probe microscopy

COMMUNICATION

Brian Patrick Thornton

Associate Professor of Communication

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 1994

Degree Institution: University of Utah

Area of Study: Communication

Research Interests:

History of letters to the editor, media law, history, ethics

ENGLISH

Tiffany Beechy

Assistant Professor of Early British Literature

Degree: PhD, MFA

Degree Year: 2007, 2001

Degree Institution: University of Oregon, Columbia University

Area of Study:

Old English poetics, creative writing (poetry)

Research Interest:

Poetry and poetics, Old English poetry, comparative Indo-European poetics, medieval aesthetics, linguistics and literature

Sangeeta Mediratta

Assistant Professor of English

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2005

Degree Institution: University of California, San Diego

Area of Study: Literature

Research Interest:

Sensational culture and empire in 19th century Britain and US

HISTORY

Denise Ileana Bossy

Assistant Professor of History

Degree: PhD (in progress)

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: Yale University

Area of Study: American History

Research Interest:

Cross Cultural Encounters, Slavery, Colonial Southeast (America),
Sexuality and Gender

Alison Bruey

Assistant Professor of History

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: Yale University

Area of Study: Latin American history

Research Interest:

20th century Latin America, social movements, labor and working-class
history, Latin American Left, urban history, women's and gender history,
economic transitions.

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Raluca Alina Dumitru

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: University of Cincinnati

Area of Study: Mathematics

Research Interest:

C*-algebras, Quantum Groups

Daniela Genova

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: University of South Florida

Area of Study: Mathematics

Research Interest:

Unconventional Models of Computation, Formal Languages, Biomolecular
Computing, Graph Theory

James Gleaton

Assistant Professor of Statistics

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2000

Degree Institution: University of South Carolina

Area of Study: Statistics

Research Interest:

Reliability, probability models, properties of lifetime distributions

MUSIC

Lynne Arriale

Assistant Professor of Piano

Degree: MM

Degree Year: 1981

Degree Institution: Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Area of Study: Piano Performance

Research Interest: Piano Performance

James Nixon Curry

Assistant Professor of Cello

Degree: DM

Degree Year: 2006

Degree Institution: Northwestern University

Area of Study: Cello Performance

Research Interest:

Cello playing; How string playing compares to sports in both the mental and physical aspects

PHILOSOPHY

Laura Ammon

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2006

Degree Institution: Claremont Graduate University

Area of Study: History of Christianity

Research Interest:

Religion and Colonialism; History of Religion in Social Theory; Early Modern Christianity in Latin America; Method and Theory in Religious Studies

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Kyle Scott

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2005

Degree Institution: University of Houston

Area of Study: Political Science

Research Interest:

American Politics, Political Theory, Public Law and Research Methodology

PSYCHOLOGY

Juliana K. Leding

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Area of Study: Cognitive Psychology

Research Interest:

False Memories, Memory Errors, Eyewitness Identifications

Jacob Vigil

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: University of Missouri - Columbia

Area of Study: Developmental Psychology

Research Interest:

Social Development, health psychology, cognitive development, evolutionary psychology, affective response, sex differences

Suzanne L. Simon

Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2005

Degree Institution: New School University

Area of Study: Cultural Anthropology

Research Interests:

Development and Globalization in Latin America, Transnationalism, and Law, Sustainable Development, Mexico.

COGGIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

John Calvin Adams

Assistant Professor of Finance

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2005

Degree Institution: Texas Tech University

Area of Study: Finance

Research Interest:

Finance, Corporate finance (governance) and its impact on asset pricing, investments

ECONOMICS AND GEOGRAPHY

Lian An

Assistant Professor of Economics

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2006

Degree Institution: University of Kentucky

Area of Study: Macroeconomics

Research Interest:

International Finance

Robert Pavasuthipaisit

Assistant Professor of Economics

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: Princeton University

Area of Study: Economics

Research Interest:

Monetary Policy and Theory, International Finance

MARKETING AND LOGISTICS

David Cantor

Assistant Professor of Transportation and Logistics

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2006

Degree Institution: Smith School of Business, University of Maryland

Area of Study: Supply Chain Management

Research Interest:

Information Technology and Supply Chain Management, Motor Carrier Safety, Behavioral Operations Management, Experimental Economics

BROOKS COLLEGE OF HEALTH

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Irma B. Ancheta

Assistant Professor of Nursing

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2006

Degree Institution: University of South Florida

Area of Study: Nursing

Research Interest:

Nursing

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Lei-Shih Chen

Assistant Professor of Public Health

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: Texas A&M

Area of Study: Health Education

Research Interest:

Public Health Genomics

James R. Churilla

Assistant Professor of Exercise Physiology and Epidemiology

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: University of Tennessee

Area of Study: Physical Activity Epidemiology and Clinical Exercise Physiology

Research Interest:

Physical Activity Epidemiology, Clinical Exercise Physiology and
Metabolic Syndrome

**COLLEGE OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING
AND CONSTRUCTION**

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING

Karthikeyan (Karthik) Umopathy

Assistant Professor

Degree: PhD (in progress)

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: Pennsylvania State University

Area of Study: Information Sciences, Information Systems

Research Interest:

Web Services, Enterprise integration, ICT standardization process, co-
design of business process and information systems, system analysis and
design, information systems development

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Thobias Sando

Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2005

Degree Institution: Florida State University

Area of Study: Transportation Engineering

Research Interest:

Traffic operations, transportation planning, network traffic flow modeling and simulation, roadway design, applications of global positioning system (GPS) in transportation, application of geographical information systems (GIS) in transportation, modeling of safety data, applications of remote sensing technologies, evaluation of emerging transportation technologies

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

FOUNDATIONS AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Wanda G. Lastrapes

Assistant Professor of Educational Foundations

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2004

Degree Institution: Old Dominion University

Area of Study:

Urban Services – Education and Academic Leadership

Research Interest:

Multicultural perspectives and dispositions of pre-service teachers; reflective autobiographical journaling process; teacher induction and retention; secondary school reform initiatives

Meiko Negishi

Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology/Foundations

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: Mississippi State University

Area of Study:

Cross-Cultural Study, Conceptual Understanding, Motivation Research
Interest: Effects of Culture on Teaching, Learning, and Motivation

COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Christopher A. Janson

Assistant Professor of Counseling

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2007

Degree Institution: Kent State University

Area of Study: Counselor Education

Research Interest:

Counselor pedagogy; school counselor leadership and collaboration; school counselor professional standards

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AND DEAF EDUCATION

Donald Moores

Professor of Deaf Education

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 1967

Degree Institution: University of Illinois

Area of Study:

Educational Psychology/Psycholinguistics and Psychodiagnostics

Research Interest:

Educational and Linguistics Development of Deaf Children, School Placement, Communication, Assessment

Sherry Shaw

Associate Professor

Degree: EdD

Degree Year: 2001

Degree Institution: University of Memphis

Area of Study: Instruction and Curriculum Leadership

Research Interest:

Instruction and Curriculum Leadership, Special Education

THOMAS CARPENTER LIBRARY

NEW LIBRARIANS

Laurel Crump

Director of Public Services

Degree: MLS

Degree Year: 1989

Degree Institution: University of Arizona

Area of Study: Public Services

Michael Kucsak

Director of Library Systems and Technology

Degree: MLS

Degree Year: 1995

Degree Institution: Florida State University

Area of Study: Information Science

D. Courtenay McLeland

Assistant University Librarian

Degree: MS Library and Information Sciences

Degree Year: 1995

Degree Institution: Florida State University

Area of Study: Reference and Government Documents

Lauren O'Shields

Reference Librarian / Instructional Services

Degree: MLIS

Degree Year: 2006

Degree Institution: University of South Carolina

Area of Study: Reference and Instructional Service

Ya'aqov Ziso

Director of Technical Services

Degree: MLS

Degree Year: 1988

Degree Institution: University of Illinois

Area of Study: Technical Services

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ART AND DESIGN

Raymond Gaddy

Instructor of Art and Design

Degree: MFA

Degree Year: 2000

Degree Institution: University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa

Area of Study: Painting

ENGLISH

Brenda Maxey-Billings

Instructor, Writing Program

Degree: PhD (in progress)

Degree Year: 2008

Degree Institution: University of Florida

Area of Study: Rhetoric and Composition/Literary Theory

Research Interest:

Literary and rhetoric/composition theory including Derridean and psychoanalytic strategies, spatial studies, narratives and identities, problems of writing, juxtaposition of Deleuzian "intralingual translations" with "the uncanny," writing in corporate America, related socio/political and pedagogical issues

Marcus Pactor

Instructor of Writing

Degree: MFA

Degree Year: 2004

Degree Institution: Texas State University, San Marcos

Area of Study: Fiction Writing

Research Interest: Fiction Writing

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Paul Rowe

Instructor of Mathematics

Degree: MAT

Degree Year: 1996

Degree Institution: Jacksonville University

Area of Study: Teaching Mathematics

BROOKS COLLEGE OF HEALTH

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Kristen Vandenberg

Instructor of Nursing

Degree: MSN

Degree Date: 2006

Degree Institution: Mercer University

Area of Study: Nursing Education

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Julie W. Merten

Instructor of Community Health

Degree: MS

Degree Year: 2005

Degree Institution: University of North Florida

Area of Study: Health Education and Health Promotion

Jackie Shank

Instructor of Nutrition

Degree: MS

Degree Date: 1987

Degree Institution: Florida State University

Area of Study: Nutrition

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

EDUCATIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCES

Crystal Timmons

Instructor of Educational Field Experiences

Degree: MEd

Degree Date: 1999

Degree Institution: University of North Florida

Area of Study: Educational Leadership

FOUNDATIONS AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Frederick Nelson

Instructor of Science Education

Degree: MS

Degree Date: 2003

Degree Institution: Kansas State University

Area of Study: Science Education

Research Interests:

Assessment for learning science, National Board Certification

Jenifer Thorn

Instructor of Physical Education

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2006

Degree Institution: Florida State University

Area of Study: Physical Education and Motor Learning

Research Interests:

Childhood Obesity, Attentional Focus Strategies

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AND DEAF EDUCATION

David B. Snow

Instructor of American Sign Language

Degree: MS

Degree Year: 1993

Degree Institution: William McDaniel College

Area of Study: Deaf Education

Research Interests:

Mastery of English Language through using ASL as first language

Michael Stultz

Instructor of Deaf Education

Degree: MA

Degree Year: 1992

Degree Institution: McDaniel College

Area of Study: Deaf Education

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Mary Anne Jagnow

Instructor of Childhood Education

Degree: MEd

Degree Year: 1989

Degree Institution: National Louis University

Area of Study: Interdisciplinary Study, Curriculum and Instruction

Jin-Suk Byun

Instructor of ESOL/TESOL Education

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 2006

Degree Institution: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Area of Study: Second language acquisition, TESOL, applied linguistics

Research Interest:

Input, Interaction, Output and Automaticity from both Second Language Acquisition (SLA) and psycholinguistic perspectives.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BIOLOGY

Harriet S. Mathews

Lab Lecturer

Degree: MA

Degree Year: 1983

Degree Institution: University of South Florida

Area of Study: Microbiology

David P. Webb

Lab Lecturer

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 1977

Degree Institution: University of Georgia

Area of Study: Entomology

CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS

Rachel Cruz

Lab Lecturer

Degree: PhD

Degree Date: 2006

Degree Institution: University of Florida

Area of Study: Experimental Astrophysics

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEANS OFFICE

Barbara Hetrick

Professor of Biology and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Degree: PhD

Degree Date: 1978

Degree Institution: Oregon State University

Area of Study: Plant Pathology/Mycology

Research Interests:

Mycorrhizal fungi, soil microbiology, higher education

ART AND DESIGN

Matthew Clay-Robinson

Visiting Gallery Director

Degree: MFA

Degree Year: 2003

Degree Institution: University of Maryland

Area of Study: Studio Art

COMMUNICATION

David Goff

Professor and Chair, Department of Communication

Degree: PhD

Degree Year: 1975

Degree Institution: University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Area of Study: Communication Studies

Research Interest:

Economic, regulatory, and social impact dimensions of media and mediated communication, especially with respect to evolving communication media technologies