New Appointments to the Faculty, 2017-18

**Africana Studies**

Tyeshia Redden, *Derrick K. Gondwe Visiting Scholar and Visiting Assistant Professor of Africana Studies*

- **Ph.D.** University of Florida, Expected 2017
- **M.S.** Savannah State University, 2014
- **B.A.** Armstrong Atlantic State University, 2011

Dissertation Title: *Passing the Torch: Forcible Evictions Preceding the 2016 Olympics.*
Area of Specialization: African Diaspora, history of American urbanization, house and community development, informal settlements, international development, social justice, and policy in the global south.

**Anthropology & Classics**

Benjamin Luley, *Assistant Professor of Anthropology & Classics* (tenure-track appointment)

- **Ph.D.** University of Chicago, 2011
- **M.A.** University of Chicago, 2007
- **B.A.** Pennsylvania State University, 2005

Dissertation Title: *The Material Dimensions of Colonialism: Hegemony and Consumption in Roman Southern Gaul (200 B.C. – A.D. 100).*
Area of Specialization: Archaeology of prehistoric Europe and the Mediterranean, with specialization in the Iron Age and Roman period; historical period Pennsylvania; colonialism; foodways; power and social inequality; ceramic analysis.

**Biology**

Michael Caldwell, *Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology* (one-year appointment)

- **Ph.D.** Boston University, 2010
- **B.A.** University of California at Santa Barbara, 2002

Dissertation Title: *The Use of Vibrational Information by Red-Eyed Treefrogs for Communication and Antipredator Defense.*
Area of Specialization: behavioral and cognitive ecology, animal communication, sensory physiology, tropical field biology.
Chemistry

Ryan Dwyer, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry (one-year appointment)

  Ph.D. Cornell University Expected 2017
  M.S. University of Notre Dame 2011

  Dissertation Title: Probing charge motion in next-generation semiconductors with scanned probe microscopy.
  Area of Specialization: physical chemistry.

Mary Layne Harrell, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry (one-year appointment)

  Ph.D. Texas A&M University Expected 2017
  B.S. University of Tennessee at Martin 2012

  Dissertation Title: Studies of Alternative Solvent Systems to Recycle Phase Selectively Soluble Catalysts.
  Area of Specialization: organic and polymer chemistry.

East Asian Studies

Matthew Chudnow, Visiting Assistant Professor of East Asian Studies (one-year appointment)

  Ph.D. University of California, Irvine Expected 2017
  M.A. The Ohio State University 2007
  B.A. Connecticut College 2002

  Dissertation Title: Soteriology in the Female Spirit Noh of Konparu Zenchiku.
  Area of Specialization: Pre-modern Japanese literature, medieval Japanese history, Japanese language
  and performance traditions, Kanbun literature.

Zhifang Liu, Chinese Teaching Assistant (one-year appointment)

  B.A. Tianjin Foreign Studies University 2013

Economics

Robert Cavender, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (one-year appointment)

  Ph.D. George Mason University 2015
  M.A. George Mason University 2012
  B.S. Missouri State University 2010
**English**

Taylor Broby, *Emerging Writer Lecturer (one-year appointment)*

- M.F.A. Iowa State University, Expected 2017
- M.A.L.S. Hamline University, 2013
- B.A. St. Olaf College, 2010

**Environmental Studies**

Emma Schneider, *Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies (one-year appointment)*

- Ph.D. Tufts University, 2017
- M.A. Tufts University, 2012
- B.A. Oberlin College, 2010


Area of Specialization: environmental justice and film, environmental literature and ecocriticism, place-based pedagogy, nature writing.

**French**

Anne Kerns, *Visiting Assistant Professor of French (one-year appointment)*

- Ph.D. University of California, Davis, 2002
- M.A. University of Colorado, Boulder, 1991
- B.A. Albright College, 1988

Dissertation Title: *La s’écriture chez les écrivaines francophones.*

Area of Specialization: critical theory.

Pierre Gauthier, *French Teaching Assistant*

- B.A. Universite De Nantes, France, 2017

Area of Specialization: modern languages, education.
Health Sciences

Emily Besecker, Assistant Professor of Health Sciences (tenure-track appointment)

Ph.D. Pennsylvania State University 2015
B.S. Shippensburg University 2010

Dissertation Title: *The Role of TRPV1 in Gastric Dysmotility of the Spinal Cord Injured Rodent Model.* Area of Specialization: human anatomy.

Anne Nixon Dower, Visiting Assistant Professor of Health Sciences (one-year appointment)

Ph.D. Pennsylvania State University Expected 2017
B.S. Pennsylvania State University 2010

Area of Specialization: anatomy.

History

David Hadley '05, Visiting Assistant Professor of History (one-year appointment)

Ph.D. Ohio State University 2015
B.A. Gettysburg College 2005


Interdisciplinary Studies

Aisha Mershani, Derrick K. Gondwe Visiting Scholar and Visiting Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies

Ph.D. Universitat Jaume I, Spain 2015
M.A. Universitat Jaume I, Spain 2007
B.A. University of Redlands 2001

Dissertation Title: *Palestinian Civil Resistance: Case Study of the Popular Struggle Against the Wall 2002-2013.* Area of Specialization: Middle Eastern studies, peace and conflict studies, social movements, civil resistance, Israel/Palestine, media and social justice, cinema and media studies.
Management

Marta Maras, *Assistant Professor of Management* (*tenure-track* appointment)

Ph.D. University of Pompeu Fabra 2012  
M.S. University of Pompeu Fabra 2005  
B.A. University of Zagreb 2003  

Dissertation Title: *Experiments on Financial and Donation Behavior: Decision-making Processes*.  
Area of Specialization: behavioral decision-making.

Alice Brawley, *Assistant Professor of Management* (*tenure-track* appointment)

Ph.D. Clemson University 2016  
M.S. Clemson University 2014  
B.A. Louisiana Tech University 2012  

Dissertation Title: *Performance Management in Family Microbusinesses*.  
Area of Specialization: industrial-organizational psychology.

Patturaja Selvaraj, *Visiting Assistant Professor of Management* (*one-year* appointment)

Ph.D. Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad 2011  
M.S. PSG College of Technology 1996  
B.A. PSG College of Arts and Science 1994  

Dissertation Title: *A Study of Executive Perceptions of Determinants of the Compensation Design and Satisfaction*.  
Area of Specialization: personnel and industrial relations.

Political Science

Scott Boddery, *Assistant Professor of Political Science* (*tenure-track* appointment)

Ph.D. Binghamton University 2015  
M.A. Binghamton University 2014  
J.D. Florida State University College of Law 2011  
B.A. Coastal Carolina University 2002  

Dissertation Title: *The Same Passions for Party and Power: The Executive’s Influence on Supreme Court Independence*.  
Area of Specialization: public law.
Franziska Boehme, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (one-year appointment)

Ph.D. Syracuse University 2017
M.A. Syracuse University 2012
M.A. University of Leipzig, Germany 2010
B.A. Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany 2008

Dissertation Title: Enabling Justice: State Cooperation with the International Criminal Court.
Area of Specialization: international relations.

Charles Phillips, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (one-year appointment)

Ph.D. Johns Hopkins University 2014
B.A. University of Redlands 2004

Dissertation Title: Bend, Engage, Wait, and Watch: Rethinking Political Agency in a World of Flows.
Area of Specialization: political theory and international relations.

Sociology

Alecea Standlee, Assistant Professor of Sociology (tenure-track appointment)

Ph.D. Syracuse University 2012
M.A. Syracuse University 2008
M.A. University of Cincinnati 2006
B.A. University of Idaho 2002

Dissertation Title: The Real Virtual World: Techno-mediated Relationships in Lives of College Age Adults.
Area of Specialization: sociological theory (classical and contemporary), gender and sexuality, digital media and technology, and sociology of family.

Spanish

Maria (Lola) Fernandez Perez, Lecturer (full-time appointment)

Licentiate University of Seville, Spain 1991

Aaron Lacayo, Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish (one-year appointment)

Ph.D. Rutgers University Expected 2017
M.A. New York University 2012
B.A. New York University 2000

Dissertation Title: Ecologies of Violence: Biopolitical Paradigms in Contemporary Central American Cinema.
Area of Specialization: 20th and 21st century Latin American and Spanish literature.
Monica Vallin, Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish (one-year appointment)

Ph.D. Georgetown University 2017
M.Phil. Columbia University 2007
M.A. University of Texas at Austin 2004
B.A. University of Texas at Austin 2000

Dissertation Title: “Para destruir por el gusto la naturaleza del hombre”: Gastronomia y construccion social colonial en Mexico y los Andes.
Area of Specialization: Latin American literature and cultural studies.

Sunderman Conservatory of Music

William O’Hara, Assistant Professor of Music (tenure-track appointment)

Ph.D. Harvard University 2017
M.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison 2010
B.M.Ed Miami University 2008

Dissertation Title: The Art of Recomposition: Creativity, Aesthetics, and Music Theory.
Area of Specialization: music theory.

Ari Isaacman-Beck, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music (one-year appointment)

Graduate Diploma New England Conservatory 2013
M.M. The Juilliard School 2009
B.M. The Cleveland Institute of Music 2007

Area of Specialization: violin.

Amanda Heim, Lecturer (full-time appointment)

D.M.A. University of North Carolina at Greensboro 2011
M.M. University of North Carolina at Greensboro 2008
B.S. Messiah College 2006

Dissertation Title: Using Post-Tonal Analytical Techniques for a Better Performance of Ida Gotkovsky’s “Quatuor de Saxophones.”
Area of Specialization: saxophone.
Part-time Appointments

**Biology**
- Christine Biggins ’00, Lab Instructor
- Rebecca Maldonado, Adjunct Assistant Professor and Lab Instructor
- David Wills, Adjunct Assistant Professor and Lab Instructor
- Jennifer Wysocki, Lab Instructor

**Computer Science**
- Spring Davidson, Adjunct Instructor

**Education**
- Lyne Aurand, Adjunct Instructor
- Gretchen Gates, Adjunct Instructor
- Amy Zeigler, Adjunct Instructor

**French**
- Michael Brown, Adjunct Instructor

**Management**
- Paul Adams, Adjunct Assistant Professor

**Mathematics**
- Renata Pereira, Adjunct Instructor

**Political Science**
- Stephen Arves, Adjunct Instructor
- Michael Newell, Adjunct Assistant Professor

**Sunderman Conservatory of Music**
- Gretchen Carlson ’09, Adjunct Assistant Professor
- Orlando Cotto, Adjunct Assistant Professor
- Paul Fadoul, Adjunct Assistant Professor
Administrative Appointments

Academic Division

Christopher Barnes, Scholarly Communications Librarian, Musselman Library

M.S.I. University of Michigan 2017
Ph.D. University of Michigan 2014
M.Phil. Trinity College, Dublin 2005

Dr. Barnes comes to us from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he earned a Ph.D. in English before studying library science at the School of Information. As our first Scholarly Communications Librarian, Chris will be working with faculty and students on expanding access to their scholarship, advocating for open and affordable textbook adoption, organizing campus programming related to copyright and fair use issues, as well as overseeing The Cupola, Gettysburg’s institutional repository.

Kevin Moore, Research and Instruction Librarian, Musselman Library

M.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2017
B.A. Whitman College 2009

Mr. Moore’s responsibilities will include providing general research desk assistance, and designing and leading instruction sessions that familiarize students with library resources. He will also serve as the liaison librarian to the Biology and Psychology departments.

Ashley Whitehead Luskey, Assistant Director, Civil War Institute

Ph.D. West Virginia University 2014
M.A. West Virginia University 2010
B.A. College of William & Mary 2008

Ms. Luskey worked extensively as a ranger-historian for the National Park Service at Richmond National Battlefield Park and is a specialist in nineteenth-century American history, with research interests in the long Civil War era, the American South, cultural history, southern women, and historical memory. At CWI, she will oversee the CWI Fellows program and the Institute’s digital presence, spearhead planning and content development for CWI’s annual summer conference, and conduct battlefield tours for guests of Gettysburg College.
College Life Division

The Reverend Dr. Kristin Largen, Associate Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life, and College Chaplain

Ph.D.  Graduate Theological Union  2002
M.Div.  Warburg Seminary  1997
B.A.  Colorado College  1990

Chaplain Largen is looking forward to expanding the presence of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life through bridge building with other College offices and programs. In addition, she will work to nurture the holistic formation of students, particularly through education, hospitality, and interfaith friendships. Finally, she will provide spiritual care to the whole community – students, faculty, and staff.

Valentina Cucuzza, Violence Prevention Coordinator, Office of Violence Prevention & Resolution

M.A.  George Mason University  2011
B.A.  West Virginia University  2006

Ms. Cucuzza provides day-to-day management and oversight of Gettysburg College’s Office of Violence Against Women Campus Grant to reduce sexual/relationship violence in the campus community. In the Office of Violence Prevention and Resolution, Ms. Cucuzza facilitates communication among campus and community partners to foster collaborative relations for improving prevention programs and victim response measures.

Enrollment & Educational Services Division

Desvan Moody, Admissions Counselor, Admissions

B.A.  York College of Pennsylvania  2012

Mr. Moody brings great customer service and admissions experience to the Admissions office. He will be the territory manager for Connecticut and southern California.

Sam Wilensky ‘17, Admissions Counselor, Admissions

B.S.  Gettysburg College  2017

Mr. Wilensky has been very involved in the Admissions office, most recently as an Admissions Assistant after graduation. He will be the territory manager for Long Island, Upstate New York, and Westchester County, New York.

Amy Wilkinson, Financial Aid Counselor, Admissions

Hired prior to May 1, 2017
Development, Alumni, and Parent Relations Division

Carl Fowlkes, *Director of Annual Giving*

B.A. University of Michigan 1995

Mr. Fowlkes brings more than 15 years of development experience and a record of successes at both small, private liberal arts colleges and large, research universities. Most recently, he was Director of Annual Giving at McDaniel College.

Finance & Administration Division

Christopher Elwood, *Project Manager for Facilities Services*

A.S. Pennsylvania College of Technology 2006

Prior to joining Gettysburg College, Chris worked for nearly 10 years at Holland Construction starting as a foreman and working his way up to superintendent. Chris’s role as Project Manager will be to represent the College’s interest in our many construction-related projects and tasks.
Promotions, Title Changes, Position Changes

Academic Division

- Jennifer Bloomquist, position change to Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Dean of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Programs
- Julia Hendon, position change to Associate Provost for Pedagogical Initiatives
- John Cadigan, Economics, promoted from Associate to Full Professor
- Sandra Gill, Sociology, promoted from Associate to Full Professor
- VoonChin Phua, Sociology, promoted from Associate to Full Professor
- Rutherford Platt, Environmental Studies, promoted from Associate to Full Professor
- James Udden, Cinema & Media Studies, promoted from Associate to Full Professor
- Eric Berninghausen, Theatre Arts, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Veronica Calvillo, Spanish, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Christopher D’Addario, English, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Jennifer Dumont, Spanish, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Amer Kobaslija, Art, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Craig Lair, Sociology, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Keir Lockridge, Mathematics, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Kaoru Miyazawa, Education, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- John P. Murphy, French, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Linus Nyiwul, Economics, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Joseph Radzevick, Management, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Lucas Thompson, Chemistry, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor
- Kerry Wallach, German, received tenure and promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor

Enrollment & Educational Services Division

- Andrea Buchanan, promoted from Admissions Counselor to Assistant Director of Admissions.
- Taylor Brown, promoted from Admissions Counselor to Assistant Director of Admissions.
- Heidi Fry, promoted from Admissions Assistant Director to Senior Assistant Director and Transfer Coordinator
- Maggie Fridinger Karpauskas, promoted from Admissions Assistant Director to Senior Assistant Director

Development, Alumni, and Parent Relations Division

- Betsy Diehl, promoted from Assistant Vice President for Development and Donor Relations to Associate Vice President
- Allison Singley, promoted from Director of Parent Relations to Executive Director
- Laura Runyan, promoted from Interim Director of Foundation, Government, and Faculty Grants to Director
- Fred Brown, promoted from Major Gift Officer to Senior Major Gift Officer
- **Tammie Brush-Campbell**, promoted from Assistant Director of Parent Relations to Associate Director
- **Nicki Redmond**, promoted from Data Analyst of Advancement Systems to Associate Director

**Finance & Administration Division**

- **Melissa Runk**, promoted from Supervisor of Housekeeping Services to Housekeeping Manager