



UNIVERSITY OF
DENVER

New Faculty 2023

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Tatiana Brown

Music

Assistant Professor

Tatiana has a master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington, having previously served as an adjunct instructor for the University of North Texas and Cedar Valley College. She also plays piano and trombone, composes, and teaches voice and music theory.

Ashley Campbell

Media, Film & Journalism Studies

Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Ashley earned her PhD from the University of Colorado Boulder, where she was a fellow of the Center for Media, Religion, and Culture and a lecturer of media & religion. Her research examines the intersection of media, religion, politics and national narratives. She currently serves as the co-managing editor of the *Journal for Media, Religion, and Digital Culture*.

Namsuk Choi

Economics

Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Namsuk earned his PhD from the University of Colorado. He has researched on Korean trade policies with the U.S. His fields of research interest are international trade & investment and economic development. His current research focuses on the U.S. military installations and its influence on Christianity and demographics in Korea.

Tracy Durant

Sociology & Criminology

Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Michael Greenberger

Political Science

Assistant Professor

Michael is a PhD candidate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he also received his master's degree. His research focuses on political development, representation and geospatial research methods. He is interested in how American electoral institutions are shaped by the demands of elites and the public.

Kimberly Jones

History

Assistant Professor

Kimberly received her PhD from Rice University. She is a historian of slavery, focusing on disability gender law and capitalism in the Black/Afro Atlantic world. Her research includes topics related to age, resistance practice of disabled enslaved people, the performance of disability and the relationship between racial capitalism and disabilities in institutions in Early Republic America.

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Shirley Lung
Sociology & Criminology
Assistant Professor

Lung received her PhD in sociology from Johns Hopkins University. She is interested in ethnic and racial identity formation across transnational spaces. Her work to date investigates Taiwanese and Chinese religious and ethnicity-based organizations and how they construct and deploy narratives of ethnic identity.

Ellen Macfarlane
Art & Art History
Assistant Professor

Ellen received her PhD in 2018 from Princeton University and was previously a Mellon Postdoctoral Scholar in the Visual Studies Research Institute at the University of Southern California. Her first book, *Politics Unseen: Group F.64 Photography and the Problem of Purity* will be published in the fall of 2024.

Jared Nieft
Philosophy
Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Jared earned his PhD from the DU/Iliff Joint Doctoral Program in 2015 and joined DU's Philosophy Department as a visiting teaching assistant professor in 2019. His areas of specialization include post-Kantian philosophy and 20th-century Phenomenology. He is currently working on a paper titled, "The Material Transformation of Socrates in Plato's Phaedrus."

Daniel Ossa
Economics
Teaching Assistant Professor

Daniel received his PhD and master's degree from the University of Utah. Ossa's main research and teaching interests are in the areas of political economy and macroeconomics. In particular, he has worked on topics of income distribution, business cycles and financialization.

Jessica Paige-Rowe
Art & Art History
Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Jessica earned her MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute. Jessica's photographs investigate the human condition through her relationship with the landscape, family and home. In recent years, her studio practice has included working with visual language and neurodiversity.

Bryan Reckard
Communication Studies
Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Bryan earned his PhD from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where he researched and taught courses related to rhetoric and public and foreign policy discourses. Prior to graduate school, Bryan devoted six years to unique international and professional experience working as a military public affairs specialist and media producer in the U.S. Navy.

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Silvia Comuzzi-Sexton
Center for World Languages & Cultures
Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Silvia is from Northern Italy and earned both her Master's in didactics (specifically in teaching Italian to foreigners) and her Laurea in foreign languages and literatures from Ca' Foscari University of Venice. She moved to the United States in 2004 and has taught at the University of Colorado at Boulder and online at Arizona State University. Her research interests include second language acquisition and pedagogy.

Jennifer Soong
English & Literary Arts
Assistant Professor

Jennifer earned her PhD from Princeton University, previously serving as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Oxford. A poet and scholar of modern and contemporary Anglophone poetry, Jennifer is currently completing a book about poetry and forgetting.

Kristopher Tetzlaff
Center for World Languages & Cultures
Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Kristopher is a PhD candidate in curriculum and instruction at the University of Denver and cofounder of You be You Early Learning–Colorado's first and only nonprofit mobile preschool and teacher-led cooperative. His research foci include the applications and implications of a humanizing praxis for early childhood contexts and community-based participatory research with young children.

Tamara Trafton
Economics
Teaching Assistant Professor

Tamara received her PhD and master's degree from Vanderbilt University. She currently focuses on economic education, teaching courses that draw upon feminist economics and labor economics, as well as fields of previous study. Her most recently designed course examines the undercounted, undervalued work of women.

Natalie Wolfe
Center for World Languages & Cultures
Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Natalie earned her MA in Germanic languages and Literatures from the University of Kansas in 2011. She also holds a professional teaching license for German K-12 and has taught in many settings, including high school, university and language school. Natalie's interests include the role of peer-peer interactions in language development and the effect of study abroad on second language acquisition.

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Wayne Yeung
Languages, Literatures & Cultures
Assistant Professor

Yeung earned his PhD from Pennsylvania State University with the dual title of comparative literature and Asian studies. His research interests include modern Chinese and Sinophone studies, Hong Kong studies, social movements and postcolonial and empire studies with a comparative dimension drawn from Francophone — in particular Caribbean — studies.

Daniels College of Business

David Dassler

Accountancy

Teaching Assistant Professor

David brings over 32 years of accounting and finance experience to the classroom - working for firms including Xcel Energy, US WEST and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. He previously taught at Daniels from 2012 - 2022, as an adjunct professor for the Professional and Executive MBA programs. He is a Colorado native and a Daniels alumnus - earning his MAcc and BSAcc degrees in 1990. He is an active, licensed CPA in the state of Colorado and holds the Chartered Global Management Accountant designation from the American Institute of CPAs.

Saeed Janani

Marketing

Assistant Professor

Saeed earned his PhD from Arizona State University, where he specialized in quantitative marketing strategy. His research explores the marketing/technology interface and societal welfare outcomes from marketing. Saeed was an assistant professor of marketing at the University of Houston-Victoria and, before his PhD, held various marketing management positions for several years.

Amrita Dey

Marketing

Assistant Professor

Amrita earned her PhD from University of Utah. Her research focuses on visual elements in marketing - in areas of crowdfunding, innovation, prosocial products, and fairness - using machine learning for large-scale data analysis through econometric methods. She has previously held senior marketing positions at Tata and Mahindra groups in India.

Murat Kucukvar

Business Ethics & Legal Studies

Assistant Professor

Murat earned his PhD from the University of Central Florida and previously held tenure-track faculty positions at Qatar University and City University of Istanbul, Turkey. His research includes work in sustainability analytics, sustainable operations and supply chain management, circular economy, and quantitative methods for sustainable business decision-making.

Leo Dixon

Business Information & Analytics

Teaching Assistant Professor

Leo earned his MS in Database Technology and MBA from the University of Maryland and is working towards his EPhD at The University of Denver. He was previously a senior project manager for Warner Brothers/DC Comics division. His research interests lie in the areas of AI and Entrepreneurship.

Young Kwark

Business Information & Analytics

Assistant Professor

Young earned her MBA from the University of Washington and her PhD from The University of Texas at Dallas. She was previously an assistant professor at the University of Florida in the Information Systems and Operations Management Department. Her research interests are in online retailing, user-generated content, and health IT.

Daniels College of Business

Kyle Sopp
Accountancy
Visiting Assistant Professor

Kyle earned his PhD at Florida State University and holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Accountancy from Brigham Young University. His research focuses on whistleblowing, auditor-client dynamics, and innovative audit strategies. Off-campus, he enjoys snowboarding, tennis, and volleyball.

Cheng Zhang
Finance
Assistant Professor

Cheng earned her PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She has previously taught at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. Her research interests include derivatives, financial reporting, information economics, and empirical finance.

Graduate School of Professional Psychology

Lou Felipe

Associate Professor

Lou's clinical expertise is in culturally responsive treatment of complex trauma. Lou's research focuses on Filipinx American (FilAm) psychology, LGBTQ+ mental health, and internalized oppression.

Josh Francis

Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor

Josh earned his PhD from Sam Houston State University, and he is an alumnus of the University of Denver. He maintains professional interests in clinical and forensic assessment as well as in academia. His research interests include issues related to forensic assessment, including adjudicative competence, trauma, sensation seeking, and personality.

Karen Grabowski

Clinical Assistant Professor

Karen earned her PhD from Texas Tech University and previously worked in Colorado's Forensic Services Division. Her research includes topics such as forensic psychological evaluations and forensic psychological treatment, and her clinical work involves conducting psychological evaluations for the courts.

Iman Hassan

Clinical Assistant Professor

Iman completed her PhD in Sport Psychology from the University of Ottawa. Her research included working with sport members to better prepare and support Canadian Olympic and Paralympics athletes for their retirement from sport. Iman continues to work with high-performance athletes in her role as a Mental Performance Consultant.

Carrie Landin

Clinical Assistant Professor

Carrie earned her PsyD in 2003 from DU. In March 2023, Carrie returned to DU as assistant clinical faculty and director of the Internship Consortium and Psy.D. Practicum program. Previously, Carrie worked in clinical health psychology at UHealth. Her clinical interests include health psychology and mindfulness-based psychotherapy.

Jennifer McMahon

Research Assistant Professor

Jennifer earned her PhD from John Jay College, completed her forensic postdoc with DU at Denver FIRST, and was previously the Clinical Director of the Jail Based Restoration department at the Colorado Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health. Her research includes work with competency restoration, brain injuries in the competency system, and perceptions of sexually inappropriate behaviors.

Graduate School of Professional Psychology

Kelley Quirk

Teaching Assistant Professor

Ryan Rogers

Clinical Assistant Professor

Carwyn Sharp

Teaching Assistant Professor

Carwyn earned his PhD from the University of Texas Medical Branch and previously worked in professional Italian soccer, the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee, and NASA. His research and teaching interests include sports nutrition, exercise physiology, data analytics for sport performance, and resistance training for health and performance.

Graduate School of Social Work

Nikki Allen

Clinical Assistant Professor

Nikki graduated with her MSW from University of Denver and MASM from Iliff School of Theology. Her social work practice experience has focused on clinical service delivery for individuals experiencing homelessness, integrated health care, program management and clinical supervision.

Josef Korbel School of International Studies

Ritwick Ghosh

Assistant Professor

Ritwick studies and teaches environmental governance, specifically the interplay across state, market, and collective institutions. His current research centers on the politics of carbon offsetting in India, Europe, and the US. Ritwick received his PhD and Masters from Cornell University and has completed Fellowships at New York University and Arizona State University.

Morgridge College of Education

Matteo Bugatti
Counseling Psychology
Research Assistant Professor

Matteo's research interests include measurement-based care, psychotherapy process and outcomes, personalization of psychological interventions, technological advancements in psychotherapy, and training and deliberate practice.

Ruohua Han
Library & Information Science
Assistant Professor

Ruohua's research interests are in memory studies, personal archives, and cultural heritage. Ruohua uses qualitative methods to explore the ways that people engage with personal archiving in their everyday lives and how cultural institutions can equitably represent and preserve their archives.

David Furjanic
Teaching & Learning Science
Assistant Professor

David's research emphasizes equitable outcomes, high-quality instruction, and effective multi-tiered systems of support. He has published on oral reading fluency, reducing exclusionary discipline, and supporting students with disabilities.

Jackie Joseph
Teaching & Learning Science
Research Associate Professor

Jackie's work promotes high-quality inclusion across the early childhood care and education system. She focuses on family-partnerships and evidence-based strategies for fostering each and every young child's social, emotional, and behavioral development. She brings an applied understanding of implementing and scaling inclusive practices and models.

Marc Guerrero
Higher Education
Associate Professor and Associate Dean

Marc is Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs in the Morgridge College of Education. As a higher education and Critical Mixed Race Studies scholar, he studies racial dynamics on college campuses with a focus on multiracial identities and experiences. He received his PhD from UCLA.

Geneva Polser-Crabtree
Counseling Psychology
Clinical Assistant Professor

Geneva completed an internship at the Vanderbilt University Counseling Center and a post-doctoral fellowship at Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She has experience in relational psychodynamic, emotion-focused, clinical hypnosis, mindfulness-based interventions, EMDR, CBT, and ACT approaches.

Morgridge College of Education

Apoorvee Sawhney
Counseling Psychology
Clinical Assistant Professor

Apoorvee completed a post-doctoral fellowship at University of California, Berkeley. Apoorvee's work is focused on multicultural issues, mentorship, supportive advising relationships for international students and students with marginalized identities, self-compassion, and prevention and advocacy.

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Karen Gieseke
Biological Sciences
Teaching Assistant Professor

Karen has vast teaching experience at universities and medical schools. Her extensive professional experience includes epidemiological work at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment where she worked on the State's COVID response among other duties. She will teach in the Department's Human Health Minor and in pre-health advising.

Bethany Waddington
Biological Sciences
Teaching Assistant Professor

Bethany has been teaching physiology at the University of Glasgow Medical School. She will play a critical role in the Department's new undergraduate major in Physiology in Health and Disease.

Anh Le
Mathematics
Assistant Professor

After completing his PhD in mathematics at Northwestern University, Anh was a Zassenhaus Assistant Professor at Ohio State University. His research interests lie mainly in ergodic theory and dynamical systems, with an emphasis on applications to combinatorics, number theory, and harmonic analysis.

Tristan Weber
Physics & Astronomy
Teaching Assistant Professor

Tristan was previously a post-doctoral researcher at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, where he studied the influence of planetary magnetospheres on atmospheric evolution and habitability. He was a visiting faculty in our department last year, teaching physics and astronomy courses and focusing on creating an interactive and inclusive classroom environment.

Mandi Schaeffer Fry
Mathematics
Assistant Professor

Mandi comes to DU from the Metropolitan State University of Denver, where she held a position of Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Her research interests are in group and character theory. She is an associate editor of the journal Communications in Algebra.

Xi Yang
Biological Sciences
Assistant Professor

Xi comes from the University of Michigan where he was a postdoctoral fellow studying fundamental mechanisms of cellular processes of aging. At DU he will be teaching courses and conducting research related to Biology of Aging.

Daniel F. Ritchie School of Engineering and Computer Science

Iffat Anjum
Computer Science
Teaching Assistant Professor

Iffat finished her doctorate degree at North Carolina State University. Her research leverages emerging technologies, like software-defined networks, to design novel security enhancements for networks and systems. Her work has been published at different security conferences and recognized with the best paper award at the SACMAT.

Aaron Kraft
Computer Science
Teaching Assistant Professor

Aaron has worked in the Department of Computer Science as an Adjunct Professor and Graduate Teaching Assistant for the past 2 years. Previously, he worked as a software professional for 18 years. He earned a BS from the University of Colorado, an MS from the University of Denver, and is currently pursuing a PhD in Computer Science with a focus on Computational Geometry.

Dali Sun
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Assistant Professor

Dali earned his PhD from the University of Tokyo and previously was assistant professor at North Dakota State University, Biomedical Engineering Program. He is working on cancer detection device and cancer treatment funded by NIH and NSF.

James Xie
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Professor of the Practice of Systems Engineering

James earned his Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Saint Joseph's University and was a Dean and Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering at DeVry University. He was also a Managing Principal Enterprise Architect with distinguished achievements in enterprise systems architecture design, development and software engineering fields.

Sturm College of Law

Paige Snelgro

Visiting Assistant Professor of the Practice of Law

Paige is teaching Lawyering Process for the 2023-2024 academic year. She currently holds an appointment at the University of Florida Levin College of Law where she teaches Family Law, Pre-Trial & Trial Practice, and Legal Writing.

Nicholas Lutz

Visiting Assistant Professor

Nick earned his JD from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and spent the past several years in private practice. His practice focused on a wide variety of plaintiffs' civil rights matters including police excessive force, jail and prison conditions, and discrimination in education and employment.

Timothy Holbrook

Professor

Tim earned his JD from Yale Law School. He previously was Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Law and vice provost for faculty affairs at Emory University. His research focuses on intellectual property. He uses property theory to explore patent law and has explored the extraterritorial reach of U.S. IP laws.

Joseph McKay

Visiting Professor

Joseph holds a BS from Cornell University and a JD from the University of Maryland. He previously served as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Assistant Director of the Business Law Clinic at Loyola University Chicago. He also clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

Faith Lee

Assistant Professor

Faith is a reference librarian for the Westminster Law Library. In her role at the library, she provides reference services and teaches in the library's Certificate in Legal Research Program. Prior to her role in the Westminster Law Library, Faith was an English and Writing teacher at Austin Korean School. She holds a BA in English and a minor in Korean from the University of Texas at Austin, a JD from Texas A&M University School of Law, and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Washington.

Katherine Steefel

Assistant Professor of the Practice of Law

Katie earned her JD from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and BS from Georgetown University. She previously worked as an appellate public defender. Katie teaches in the Externship Program at the Sturm College of Law, and her research focuses on criminal law and professional identity development.

Sturm College of Law

Sabrina Strand

Assistant Professor of the Practice of Taxation

Sabrina earned her JD from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law and her LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Denver. She is the Director of the University of Denver's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic.

Baylee Suskin

Assistant Professor

Baylee is the Head of Access Services at the Westminster Law Library. In her role at the library, she manages the circulation department, provides reference and outreach services and teaches in the library's Certificate in Legal Research program. Her legal research interests include Popular Culture and the Law, Family Law, Elder Law, and Media Law.

Oladeji Tihamiyu

Assistant Professor

Before joining DU, Oladeji was a Clinician at Harvard's Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program. His research includes exploring reconciliation initiatives following national crisis and the intersection of technology and dispute resolution. He earned his JD from Harvard.

Lauren Valastro

Visiting Assistant Professor

Lauren earned her JD from Texas Tech University School of Law. She previously taught business law courses at Louisiana State University – Shreveport, and prior to that she was a partner at a litigation boutique. Lauren's recent research focuses on how retirement policies inequitably affect members of underserved communities.

University Academic Programs

Joe Walsh

**Living & Learning Communities - Pioneer
Leadership Program**

Teaching Assistant Professor

Joe is completing his PhD in leadership studies at Gonzaga University where he researches organizational and systemic capacities to process complexity. He has published on the topics of Servant-Leadership and education including co-editing an anthology on Servant-Leadership, Feminism, and Gender Equality. His research inquiry is in leadership education, adaptive leadership, servant-leadership, and the development of systems.

University Libraries

Meghan Connolly
Access Services Librarian
Assistant Professor

Meghan earned her MLIS from the University of Denver. Before accepting the position of Access Services Librarian, she worked for the University of Denver Libraries for six years in a number of different roles including Access Services Manager, Course Reserves Supervisor, and Hampden Center Technician. Her research interests are accessibility of materials and spaces, user services in libraries, Latin paleography, and the history of the book.

Brooky Parks
Reference Librarian
Visiting Assistant Professor

Brooky earned her MLS from Emporia State University and previously worked as a Teen Services Librarian at a public library. She teaches information literacy workshops and provides general reference consultations for students, staff, and faculty.



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