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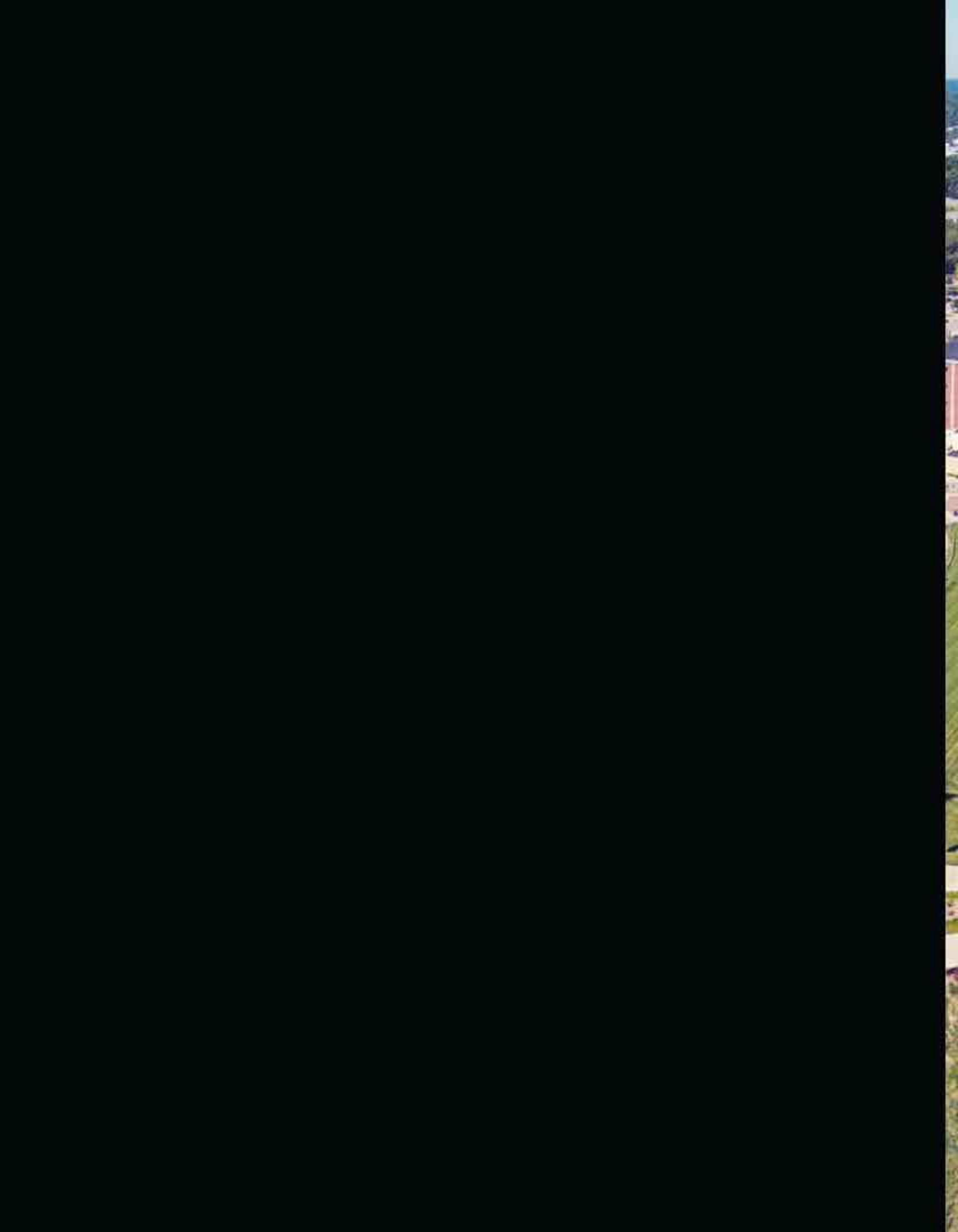




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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BIOLOGY



JODI H. MCKAY SHE/HER/HERS

Ph.D. Biology, Iowa State University | J.D. Law, University of Iowa

After earning her degrees, Jodi McKay completed postdoctoral fellowships where she investigated intracellular trafficking and signal transduction. In 2009, McKay began teaching at Morningside College. Since then, she has taught at numerous institutions in the United States and abroad. Most recently, she served as a curriculum developer for high schools in Seoul, Korea before returning to UNO as an instructor.

CHEMISTRY



JUSTIN M. BOERMA

M.S. Science Education, Northwest Missouri State University | B.S. Chemistry, Northwest Missouri State University

Justin Boerma has served as a science teacher at Blair High School and adjunct faculty member at UNO where he taught a variety of chemistry courses. In his spare time, Justin coaches soccer, baseball, and softball for his kids and enjoys traveling, having made trips to Ireland and Italy so far. Justin is originally from Spring Lake, Michigan, and he loves University of Michigan football and basketball. His favorite soccer team is Manchester United. He is joining UNO as an instructor.



XINQIU (JOE) YAO HE/HIM/HIS

Ph.D. Biomechanics and Medical Engineering, Peking University | B.S. Applied Physics, Hunan University

Xinqiu (Joe) Yao is an assistant professor. His research focuses on developing and applying computational tools to solve fundamental biochemical problems. His primary approach combines molecular simulations and bioinformatics to elucidate the atomistic mechanism underlying biomolecular function. His long-term goal is to gain new insights into essential cellular processes that can be leveraged for drug discovery and biomolecular design. He has approximately 40 peer-reviewed publications and serves as a referee for more than 20 scientific journals. Joe's teaching interests include biochemistry, physical chemistry, and computational chemistry. In his leisure time, he likes hiking.

HISTORY



LEONARDO BARLETA HE/HIM/HIS

Ph.D. History, Stanford University | M.A. History, Universidade Federal do Paraná | B.A. History, Universidade Federal do Paraná

Leonardo Barleta is an assistant professor focusing on Latin American history. His research examines topics ranging from territorial formation and mobility to land tenure and environmental change to urbanization. Currently, Leo is working on a monograph, "Empire in the Backlands: Mobility, Empire-Building, and Commerce in Brazil," about the expansion of the Portuguese occupation in South America during the colonial era. He is also a practitioner of the digital humanities and is excited about the creative uses of computational methods in the humanities. Leo enjoys cooking and woodworking in his free time and watching his hometown soccer club, Athletico Paranaense.



POLITICAL SCIENCE



SALLY J. BONSTALL THEY/THEM/THEIRS

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Virginia | M.A. Political Science, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona | B.A. History and Politics, London School of Economics

Sally Bonsall is an instructor of comparative politics and has taught a variety of classes including Introduction to Comparative Politics, Populism and Protest Politics, and Politics of Developing Areas, among many others. Their Ph.D. dissertation focused on the links between globalization, democracy, and party politics in Europe. Sally's emerging research aims to expand this project to other regions of the world and initiate new research in indigenous rights and women's political participation. They enjoy hiking, songwriting, and spending time with their cats. Follow Sally on Twitter @SalBonsall or learn more at www.sallybonsall.com.

PSYCHOLOGY



JOO YOUNG (JOO) YANG SHE/HER/HERS

Ph.D. Psychology, University of Alabama | M.A. Psychology, University of Alabama

Joo Young (Joo) Yang is an assistant professor. Her research focuses on how important people (e.g., peers, family) in youth and young adults' lives influence their social cognitions around emotional and self-relevant experiences (e.g., peer victimization, receiving feedback on prejudice). She is particularly interested in studying the role of social/cultural context in these processes. Joo enjoys taking care of her houseplants and spending time with her dog, Mary.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ACCOUNTING



MING (MIKE) YUAN

Ph.D. Accounting, University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Ph.D. Management Information Systems, University of Arizona

Ming (Mike) Yuan is joining UNO as an assistant professor after teaching for one year at South Dakota State University. His research interests include auditing and financial accounting. He presented research work at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Accounting Association and the 2023 Auditing Section Midyear Meeting. He has taught courses in financial accounting. Mike has a 14-year-old daughter who loves math and a 9-year-old son who enjoys playing soccer on his Gladiators team.

ECONOMICS



JOSE MANUEL MOTA AQUINO

Ph.D. Economics, University of Houston | M.A. Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile | B.S. Economics, Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo

Jose Manuel Mota Aquino is an assistant professor. He spent a year at the University of Pennsylvania as a visiting Ph.D. student and a summer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta as a visiting scholar. His research and teaching interests are macroeconomics, development, migration, and family economics. His current research studies the causes and consequences of international migration. Jose has presented his research at leading economics conferences and central banks.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SCIENCES

BIOMECHANICS



AHAD BEHBOODI

Ph.D. Biomechanics and Movement Science, University of Delaware | M.S. Biomedical Engineering, Iran University of Science and Technology

Ahad Behboodi specializes in translational rehabilitation technologies for children and has expertise in neurotherapeutics, neuromechanics, brain-computer interfaces, and artificial muscle technology. As a postdoctoral researcher at the National Institutes of Health, Ahad designed an EEG-based neurofeedback system to improve motor coordination in children with brain injury. He is joining UNO as an assistant professor.



MADHUR MANGALAM

Ph.D. Psychology, University of Georgia Athens | M.S. Life Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research

Madhur Mangalam is an assistant professor. He is a life scientist, ethologist, experimental psychologist, and neurophysiologist by training. Much of his work focuses on deciphering the "choreography" (aka., complex patterns in temporal structure) of physiological fluctuations associated with complex behaviors and functions. Madhur is broadly interested in the philosophy of statistics, the process of scientific investigation, and nonlinearity in micro and meta processes that have fueled his research and teaching activities in the philosophy of science, statistical physics, experimental psychology, and physiology.

COUNSELING



ALEXANDER (ALEX) M. FIELDS HE/HIM/HIS

Ph.D. Counselor Education and Supervisor, University of South Carolina | M.A. Counselor Education, University of Central Florida | B.S. Neuroscience, The Ohio State University

Alexander (Alex) Fields is an assistant professor, a nationally certified counselor, and a licensed professional counselor associate finishing supervision hours. His research interests include the integration of primary and behavioral healthcare, improving care for individuals with disabilities, client therapeutic outcomes, and factors that enhance holistic client wellness. Additionally, Alex serves as the webmaster for the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling, an editorial board member of Teaching and Supervision in Counseling, Chi Sigma Iota Leadership Fellow, and Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Emerging Leader.



REBECCA (BECCA) E. MOORE SHE/HER/HERS

M.S. Education, University of Nebraska at Kearney | M.A. Education, University of Nebraska at Kearney | B.A. Education, York College

Rebecca (Becca) Moore will be the clinical coordinator at the UNO Community Counseling Clinic and will supervise graduate practicum students as well as teach Marriage and Family Counseling and Appraisal Techniques in Counseling. She is interested in treating trauma in children and adolescents. Becca has previously served as the president of the Nebraska Counseling Association and during her tenure, she was able to grow the membership by roughly 400 counselors. She enjoys traveling and spending time in nature in her free time. Follow Becca on Twitter: @becca_e_moore Instagram: @counselinginsights



COUNSELING (CONTINUED)



THANG S. TRAN

Ph.D. Counselor Education and Supervision, Oregon State University | M.S. Counseling, University of Nebraska at Omaha | B.S. Secondary Education, Pennsylvania State University

Thang Tran has been in education for over 20 years, serving students and families as a middle school science teacher in Illinois and Nebraska and as a middle and high school counselor in Nebraska. As an assistant professor, he teaches multiple courses in school and clinical mental health counseling. His research interests include cultural humility in school counseling, school counseling and mental health counseling collaboration and integration, and adolescent digital media usage. Thang takes teaching very seriously but is learning to not take himself too seriously. He is grateful that his students teach him as much, maybe even more, than he teaches them.

HEALTH AND KINESIOLOGY



BRIANNE GONZALEZ

B.S. Kinesiology, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Brianne is a full-time instructor. With over 18 years of experience within the field, she has dedicated her life's work to understanding the intricacies of the human body through movement. Brianne owned two facilities in the past, focused on developing programs for professional athletes, youth, and adults. She aspires to be a doctor of physical therapy. Brianne enjoys finding new challenging activities with her husband and two children and traveling to new cities. She also holds a blue belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu and enjoys attempting new things often.



GWENAEL LAYEC

Ph.D. Kinesiology, Université de la Méditerranée, Aix-Marseille II | M.S. Kinesiology, Montpellier I University

Gwenael Layec is an assistant professor. His research interests focus on human physiology. Specifically, he is interested in the role of oxidative stress and environmental pollutants (cigarette smoke) in mediating vascular and skeletal muscle bioenergetics abnormalities. Gwenael also explores pharmacologic and lifestyle (e.g. heat therapy) strategies to improve mobility and health in clinical populations, with the ultimate goal of reducing disease burden. He has taught a variety of classes including exercise physiology, bioenergetics, and biostatistics. Gwenael enjoys outdoor activities and visiting national parks with his family.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION DISORDERS



SHAWN R. SHANNON

M.A. Sign Language Teaching, Gallaudet University | B.S. Physical Education, Gallaudet University

Shawn R. Shannon's first language is American Sign Language (ASL). He loves to learn the many different sign languages used around the world. He enjoys sharing their language and learning about other communities along the way. For the past 11 years, Shawn has taught ASL to K-12 students, college students, and to parents who have deaf children. Currently, he is teaching adults who work as interpreters, employees at a few different companies, and is a language mentor to deaf children. Shawn has a wonderful wife and two beautiful boys.



TEACHER EDUCATION



DANA A. BOYLE

M.S. Elementary Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha | B.S. Elementary Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dana Boyle is currently a co-leader instructional coach. She works with elementary and secondary teacher candidates in the intermediate and advanced field practicums and the UNO classroom. As a leader in the instructional coaching team, she helps guide teacher candidates to success on their journey toward certification. She has a strong interest in justice and equality in education, was a former classroom teacher in the Omaha community, and continues to volunteer in non-profit organizations that support opportunities for urban youth to succeed. Dana enjoys spending time with her husband and three children and being an active part in their activities.



GABRIEL GUTIÉRREZ HE/HIM/HIS

M.S. Secondary Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha | B.S. Secondary Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Gabriel Gutiérrez is an assistant professor and helps prepare future educators. He is also an affiliated faculty member of the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies. He will be finishing his Ed.D. in the upcoming year. Gabriel's teaching and research interests revolve around educational equity, culturally sustaining pedagogies, critical pedagogy, ethnic studies, and the recruitment/retention of teachers and students of color. He is a native of South Omaha. Prior to teaching at UNO, he was a high school history teacher for the Omaha Public Schools. He has also served as an advisor/consultant on educational equity and culturally relevant pedagogy for local school districts and educational agencies.



JULIE T. HOOGSTRAAT

M.S. Educational Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha | B.S. Elementary Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Julie Hoogstraat joins UNO this year as an instructor. Her teaching interests include early childhood and elementary education. She recently retired after working for 30 years in the Omaha Public Schools (OPS). While working for OPS, she was an elementary teacher as well as an administrator. She also served as an adjunct instructor at Midland University teaching early childhood courses. Julie enjoys going to sporting events and spending time with her husband and family. She has four grown children and two grandchildren.



MIKE STIEHL

M.A. Education, Iowa State University | B.A. Physical Education, Bellevue University

Mike Stiehl is an instructor in the Early Childhood Education program. He has been in the early childhood education field for over 40 years. He spent 15 years as a preschool teacher and 20 years as an Iowa Western Community College instructor. While there, he received the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Award for teaching from the University of Texas at Austin. He is currently a self-employed consultant, trainer, and coach. Mike enjoys anything related to baseball and spending time with his wife Jean, two adult sons, and two grandchildren.



COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION, FINE ARTS AND MEDIA

ARTS



TERESA CARMODY SHE/THEY

Ph.D. English, University of Denver | M.F.A. Creative Writing, Antioch University

Teresa Carmody is a writer of fiction, creative nonfiction, inter-arts collaborations, and hybrid forms. Her most recent novel, *The Reconception of Marie*, is about a queer teenage girl's search for love and freedom outside the religious strictures of her evangelical home in the Midwest. A co-founding director of Les Fignes Press in Los Angeles, Teresa has taught at Cal Arts, UC San Diego, University of Denver, and most recently at Stetson University, where they also directed Stetson's MFA program. She joins UNO as an assistant professor in Writer's Workshop – Fiction.



AB GORHAM SHE/HER/HERS

M.F.A. Book Arts, University of Alabama | M.F.A. Creative Writing - Poetry, University of Alabama

AB Gorham creates experimental book structures and dynamic reading experiences, with an emphasis on text as both a semantic and visual element of the book. She incorporates handmade paper into her artist's books, book objects, and sculptural paper forms. AB's poems are published or are forthcoming in *Puerto del Sol*, *American Letters and Commentary*, *DIAGRAM*, and *Gulf Coast*, among other outlets. Her artist's books are collected nationally, and *Unidentified Found Object Song* was a semi-finalist for the 2022 Minnesota Center for Book Arts prize. AB is originally from Montana and enjoys collecting rocks with her husband, two daughters, and dog.



KIMBERLY MINOR

Ph.D. Art History, University of Oklahoma | M.A. Art History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Kimberly Minor currently serves as an instructor. Her research and teaching interests focus on Native American art. She has taught a variety of classes such as Global Indigenous Art, Native American Art, and African American Material Culture. Her research has been supported by a Luce/American Council of Learned Societies dissertation fellowship in American art and a fellowship at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. Kimberly has traded the swamps of coastal Georgia for the vast fields of prairie grass in Nebraska. She enjoys walking her border collie Lucy, long-distance road trips, and volunteering at the local Humane Society.



ADAM WHITTREDGE HE/HIM/HIS

M.F.A. Theatre, Scenic Design, University of Oregon | B.S. Theatre, Emporia State University

Adam Whittredge is joining UNO as an assistant professor. Originally from Kansas, Adam served as a high school theatre teacher before earning his M.F.A. He has held positions at Eastern New Mexico University and most recently Wabash College in Indiana. Adam has designed the past two summers in Maine and served as an assistant designer for the Des Moines Metro Opera this summer. In his free time, Adam loves to travel; in the past two years he's traveled to over 20 states and also visited Iceland last fall.



COMMUNICATION



ROBYN BLAKEMAN

Masters of Liberal Arts Advertising, Southern Methodist University | B.S. Advertising, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Robyn Blakeman worked in advertising in both production and design before leaving to work as a freelance designer. Robyn's academic credentials include teaching advertising, graphic design, and strategy at the Art Institute of Dallas, Southern Methodist University, West Virginia University, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Robyn is the author of eight books on advertising design and integrated marketing communication creative strategy.



CHAD S. OWSLEY

Ph.D. Journalism, University of Missouri-Columbia | M.S. Journalism, Boston University | B.A. Photography, Art Institute of Colorado

Chad Stuart Owsley is an assistant professor. His research area is media history, and he studies how emerging digital innovative technology impacts the production and consumption of news communication. He teaches a variety of courses on visual media communication, including photojournalism, multimedia communication, television production, broadcast journalism, convergent journalism, and principles of journalism in a democracy. Chad has a passion for outdoor adventures and traveling, having lived in mainland China for 12 years and having visited 27 countries across four continents.

MUSIC



DALAN M. GUTHRIE HE/HIM/HIS

D.M.A. Choral Conducting, Michigan State University | M.M. Choral Conducting, Brigham Young University | B.A. Music Education, Brigham Young University

Dalan Guthrie currently serves as the Director of Choral Activities and as an instructor of music. His research interests focus on Brazilian choral music, the intersection of solo vocal pedagogy and choral singing, and adolescent vocal development. He has taught a variety of courses including conducting and vocal development. As a professional tenor, Dalan has appeared as a soloist for the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and Michigan State University and is an active member of the professional ensembles Sound of Ages and Brevitas. He enjoys martial arts, a good video game, and spending time with his wife and two children.



MATTHEW STORIE HE/HIM/HIS

D.M.A. Jazz Performance, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | M.M. Jazz Performance, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | B.M. Saxophone Performance, Furman University

Matthew Storie is an assistant professor, teaching classical and jazz saxophone. He has had the opportunity to perform with many jazz greats including Christian McBride, Ron Blake, Steve Wilson, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Matthew is the bandleader of the jazz group, Simply This Quintet. His playing can be heard on their album, *Stepping Up*, as well as his solo debut album, *Hwy 538*, which features his original compositions. His research focuses on developing resources in jazz saxophone performance for the classical saxophonist. When not playing music, Matthew enjoys hiking, fishing, and spending time outdoors.



MUSIC (CONTINUED)



THOMAS L. WILSON HE/HIM/HIS

Ph.D. Music Composition, Louisiana State University | M.M. Music Composition, University of Alabama

Thomas L. Wilson currently serves as a lecturer in the Music Technology and Music Entrepreneurial Studies programs. His research includes the music and sound of video games. He recently presented at the North American Conference on Video Games. His dissertation, *Rougarou Concerto*, is a cello concerto for flex ensemble written for Eduard Teregulov. He enjoys collaborating with local performers in venues outside of the concert hall. Outside of work and on the weekend, you can find Thomas playing video games and board games with his wife, friends, and four cats.

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE



JESSICA R. DEITZER SHE/HER/HERS

Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland | M.S. Criminal Justice, University of Birmingham | B.A. Psychology and Sociology, Pennsylvania State University

Jessica Deitzer currently serves as an assistant professor. Her research works to better understand criminal decision-making by placing it in the context of self, social, and environmental factors. Specifically, she studies how one's identity, peers, environments, and prior experiences alter criminal behavior and how choices unfold over time. Jessica uses both quantitative and qualitative methodology. Her research has appeared in outlets including *Criminology and Justice Quarterly*. She primarily teaches criminological theory. Jessica enjoys the outdoors, reading, and traveling. She can be found on Twitter as @jessicadeitzer.



MATTHEW R. KAFAFIAN HE/HIM/HIS

Ph.D. Criminology and Justice Policy, Northeastern University | M.S. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northeastern University | B.A. Criminology, West Virginia University

Matthew Kafafian is currently an assistant professor. His research interests focus on victimization, human trafficking, criminological theory, and international and comparative research. Through his research on human trafficking, he has collaborated with local stakeholders to increase institutional capacity for the collection and sharing of data. He has taught a variety of classes on criminology and global criminology. Matthew's research has been published in outlets such as *Criminology and Public Policy*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Child Abuse and Neglect*, and *Child Maltreatment*. Outside of teaching and research, he enjoys cooking, baking, and watching football.



LING REN

Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha | M.S. Criminalistics, Chinese People's Public Security University

As a professor, Ling Ren has taught 14 courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Her current research interests include police-citizen relations, law enforcement response to opioid overdoses, and cross-national research on crime and delinquency. She has worked with various criminal justice agencies providing research assistance and evaluations. She has published 45 peer-reviewed journal articles, many of which appeared in high impact journals in her discipline. She was the recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Mentor Award by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, one of the two major disciplinary organizations in criminal justice in the United States.



CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CONTINUED)



JENNIFER (JENN) TOSTLEBE

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder | M.S. Sociology, Iowa State University | B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Iowa State University

Jenn Tostlebe is an assistant professor. Her research focuses primarily on incarceration and reentry, mental and physical health, gangs and criminal networks, and criminological theory. Jenn has been involved in original data collection including a study investigating the impact of solitary confinement on prisoners and prisons in Oregon and a project examining gangs and prisoner reentry in Texas. She has published in *Criminology*, *Health and Justice*, *Homicide Studies*, and the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, among other journals. Jenn is the co-host of a criminological research-based podcast, *The Criminology Academy*. Find Jenn on Twitter @JennTostlebe.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



WILLIAM (WILL) L. SWANN HE/HIM/HIS

Ph.D. Public Administration, Florida State University | M.P.A. Public Administration, University of Rhode Island

William (Will) Swann is an assistant professor and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Chair in Health Care Administration and Policy. His research and teaching focus on health and social policy, local government, and public administration. Supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, his current project focuses on collaborative opioid response in rural Colorado. For seven years, he taught research methods at the University of Colorado Denver, where he received the Graduate School Dean's Doctoral Mentoring Award. Will enjoys sports, nature, animals, performing arts, and spending time with his wife, family, and friends.

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COMPUTER SCIENCE



XIAOQIAN (TIFFANY) ZHANG

Ph.D. Computer Science, University of Massachusetts Boston | M.S. Mathematics, New York University | B.A. Mathematics, Skidmore College

Xiaoqian (Tiffany) Zhang is an assistant professor. Her research and teaching interests focus on cloud computing, computer networking, machine learning, and cybersecurity. Tiffany earned her Ph.D. in 2023; her dissertation title was "Developing an Effective Network Congestion Control Solution for Large-scale Disaggregated Storage Systems." Tiffany enjoys exploring nature, such as hiking and camping with her family. Recently, she successfully climbed to the top of Mt. Washington with her 10-month-old daughter and husband as a road trip celebration for graduating with her Ph.D.



INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS



CHRISTIAN HAAS HE/HIM/HIS

Dr. rer. pol. Information Systems, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology | M.S. Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology | Diplom Industrial Engineering and Management, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Christian Haas is an associate professor. His work focuses on data science and machine learning approaches for various application scenarios, with a specific emphasis on addressing challenges such as fairness in algorithmic decision-making and explainability of prediction models. Christian has taught a variety of courses in data analytics, statistics, and machine learning, and he brings his prior experience as a data scientist at IBM Germany into the classroom. He re-joins UNO after spending several years in Austria. Christian enjoys traveling and a good glass of wine.



MARGERET HALL

Dr. rer. pol. Information Systems, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology | M.A. International Relations, Webster University Geneva

Margeret Hall is an associate professor who has previously been an assistant professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. She is a socio-technical scholar who is curious about digital vulnerability and challenges and success mechanisms for individuals learning technical skills. Her pedagogical research is on active learning classrooms and upskilling. Her work in asynchronous upskilling courses tailored to adults experiencing homelessness has been funded by Facebook Research and the National Science Foundation. She previously held roles in civil society and public education, including with the United Nations.



HOLLIE K. ROSSER SHE/HER/HERS

Ph.D. Information Technology, University of Nebraska at Omaha | M.S. Management Information Systems, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Hollie Rosser is a lecturer whose teaching interests are in human-computer interaction, information security, and management of information systems. Her research interests focus on informal science learning in citizen science. She was one of nine recipients of the SciStarter Boost award in 2022 for her work in citizen science research. Hollie enjoys taking road trips with her husband, Dave, spending time in her pollinator garden, and working with fiber arts. Her family includes three adult children, their spouses, and a grandson, Max.



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We are independent thinkers.

Explorers. Risk Takers.

We are willing to go against the grain;

ask the hard questions; and

look at challenges in a different way.

We collaborate. We serve.

We represent. We grow.

We are doing things that

people said would never happen.

We are loud. We are proud.

WE ARE MAVERICKS

On this occasion, it is appropriate to acknowledge that UNO occupies the traditional treaty lands of the Omaha (UMÓ^{HO}) and Otoe-Missouria Tribal Nations. We would also like to express our respect to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, and the 170 plus other tribes represented within the Omaha area today.

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