

Office of the Dean of the Faculty  
**NEW MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY**  
2015–2016

**Frederick Luis Aldama**, John J. McCloy '16 Professor of Spanish, earned a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. from Stanford University. He is Arts and Humanities Distinguished Professor of English and University Distinguished Scholar at The Ohio State University, where he teaches Latino and Latin American literature, film, comic books, and pop culture generally. He is the author, co-author or editor of more than twenty books.

**Charisse Burden-Stelly**, Five College Fellow in the Department of Black Studies, holds a B.A. from Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University, and an M.A. from the University of California, Berkeley; she expects to earn her Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in May 2016. Her research specialization is in African Diaspora theory, political economy, neoliberal globalization, postcolonial studies, decolonial studies, and gender and racialization.

**Brianne Cohen**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art and the History of Art, earned a B.A. from Pomona College, an M.A. from the Courtauld Institute of Art (London), and a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research and teaching interests include contemporary art and visual culture as they intersect with issues of global migration, political affiliation, state violence, and ecology.

**Adi Gordon**, Five College Assistant Professor of History, received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is a scholar of modern Jewish and European intellectual histories, with emphases on Central Europe in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries on the one hand, and Zionism and the Yishuv (the Jewish society in pre-1948 Palestine) on the other.

**Josh Guilford**, Visiting Assistant Professor of English in Film and Media Studies, holds a B.A. in English from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in modern culture and media from Brown University. His research focuses on the intersections among cinema, modernity, intimacy, and visibility, with special emphasis on the politics of privacy in the post-World War II American avant-garde film culture known as the New American Cinema.

**Rafeeq Hasan**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, earned his B.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. His research projects focus on the social dimensions of freedom and include papers on the relation between individual freedom and civic attachment in Rousseau's political thought; the role of meaningful work in a liberal society; Kant's justification of private property; and the concept of structural domination, i.e., threats to freedom that stem not from individual bad action, but from unjust social institutions.

**Alec Hickmott**, Visiting Lecturer in Black Studies and History, has a B.A. and an M.Phil. in American studies from the University of Sussex and an M.A. in history from the University of Virginia. His research focuses on the relationship between the long civil rights movement and American and international economic development policies, with a particular focus on the rural South.

**Mary Hicks**, Assistant Professor of Black Studies and History, earned her B.A. from the University of Iowa and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Her current research examines the maritime dimensions of the African Diaspora, with a particular focus on eighteenth- and early-nineteenth-century Colonial Brazil.

**Deborah Holoien**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, holds a B.A. from Northwestern University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University. Her current research program investigates the antecedents, moderating factors and consequences of achieving (or failing to achieve) understanding in interracial interactions.

**Yu-ting Huang**, Mellon-Keiter Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor of English, earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from National Taiwan University and will receive her Ph.D. in comparative literature from the University of California, Los Angeles, in September 2015. Her most immediate research interests include settler colonial literature, transpacific and Pacific island literature, Chinese immigrant and Sinophone literature and culture, and Indigenous literature and Native theories. Her dissertation is titled "Between Sovereignties: Chinese Minor Settler Literature Across the Pacific."

**Jean Jaminet**, Five College Visiting Lecturer in Architectural Studies, earned a B.S. in architecture from The Ohio State University and an M.Arch from Princeton University's School of Architecture. He teaches studios and seminars in the areas of contemporary design technology and theory.

**Jeeyon Jeong**, Assistant Professor of Biology, holds a B.E. from Yonsei University, an M.S. from Pohang University of Science and Technology, and a Ph.D. from Dartmouth College. Research in Jeong's laboratory focuses on unraveling the molecular mechanisms that regulate iron homeostasis in plants, using the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* and using approaches based on molecular genetics, cell biology, and biochemistry.

**Sarah Johnson**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought, received an A.B. from Bryn Mawr College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. Her current research focuses on the relationship between historical periodization and social and political thought, particularly in the works of Vico, Marx and Foucault.

**Jamie Juul**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, has a B.S. in mathematics from Niagara University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from the University of Rochester. Her research interests include arithmetic dynamics and algebraic number theory.

**Eunice J. Kim**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Statistics, has a B.A. in economics and mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.S. in statistics from Carnegie Mellon University, and a Ph.D. in statistics from Iowa State University. She is interested in developing methodology for analysis of spatial data, and she has applied her work to wind and climate data and to a remediation of contamination.

**Megan McCarty**, Robert E. Keiter 1957 Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, has a B.A. in psychology from Bowdoin College and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in social psychology from Purdue University. Her research integrates the psychology of gender and group dynamics, investigating how group processes can contribute to the persistence of gender stereotypes and the continued segregation of men and women across different roles.

**Max Perry Mueller**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion and Robert E. Keiter '57 Postdoctoral Fellow, has a B.A. from Carleton College, an M.T.S. from Harvard Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He studies American religious history, focusing on Mormonism and African American religious history.

**Yusra Naqvi**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, holds a B.A. in mathematics and physics from Swarthmore College and a Ph.D. in mathematics from Rutgers University. Her research interests include algebraic combinatorics, representation theory, and Lie theory.

**Franklin Odo**, John J. McCloy '16 Professor of American Institutions and International Diplomacy, has an M.A. in East Asia regional studies from Harvard University and A.B. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton. He has published and taught in Asian American studies and just relocated from Washington, D.C., where he was director of the Asian Pacific American Program at the Smithsonian Institution and chief of the Asian Division at the Library of Congress.

**Pooja Rangan**, Assistant Professor of English in Film and Media Studies, holds a B.A. from Oberlin College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in modern cultural and media from Brown University. Currently completing a book titled "Immediations: The Humanitarian Impulse in Documentary" and researching how the concept of the voice has shaped documentary, Rangan has also written about topics such as racism and postcoloniality, immaterial child labor, animal art, seriousness in documentary, and Indian cinema.

**Collin Raymond**, Assistant Professor of Economics, has a B.A. from Arizona State University, an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics, and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. His research focuses on the intersection of psychology and economics, using several approaches to improve understanding of human behavior especially in situations that feature risk, search and information acquisition.

**Yael Rice**, Assistant Professor of Art and the History Art and of Asian Languages and Civilizations, earned a B.A. from the University of North Carolina, an M.A. from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in the art and architecture of South Asia and Greater Iran, with a particular focus on manuscripts and other portable arts of the fifteenth through eighteenth centuries. Her current research concerns physiognomic analysis as a courtly and artistic practice, Mughal depictions of imperial dreams, paintings made for the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb, and material and object encounters across the globe during the early modern period.

**Peter B. Schmitz**, Visiting Resident Artist in the Department of Theater and Dance, has a B.A. in English and dance from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, University without Walls, and an M.F.A. from Smith College in dance/choreography. Creative and performing projects commissioned throughout the U.S, Europe, Turkey and recently Australia are his research, and investigations of place and identity through the languages of both movement and spoken word have challenged him for years.

**Raphael Sigal**, Assistant Professor of French, has B.A. and M.A. degrees from Université Paris-3 and a Ph.D. from New York University. Focusing on twentieth-century literature, his research engages literary theory, ethnology, and aesthetics to investigate the way that authors overturn preconceived systems of morality, utility and belief.

**Gabriel Sosa**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, has a B.Sc. from Universidad de Costa Rica and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. His research interests include computational and combinatorial aspects of commutative algebra and algebraic geometry, as well as mathematics education.

**Joachim Sturve**, STINT Fellow in the Department of Biology, has a B.Sc. in biology and a Ph.D. in zoophysiology from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. His recent research has focused on aquatic toxicology and ecotoxicology in connection with physiological changes in aquatic organisms.

**April Trask**, Visiting Assistant Professor of History, has a B.A. in international relations and history from the University of California, Davis, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of California, Irvine. Her research and teaching interests include the history of sexuality in modern Europe, with a particular focus on nineteenth- and twentieth-century sexology, social reform, and visions of sexual deviancy in modern Germany.

**Crystal Valentine**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, has an A.B. from Amherst College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Brown University. Her research addresses the question of how to store and analyze massive data sets efficiently, with a current focus on leveraging open-source big-data platforms, such as Apache Hadoop and Apache Spark, for scientific computing applications.

**Eric Wubbels**, Joseph E. and Grace W. Valentine Visiting Assistant Professor of Music, has an A.B. from Amherst College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. He has previously taught at Columbia, Amherst, and the Oberlin Conservatory and is a composer, pianist, and co-director of the Wet Ink Ensemble, a New York collective devoted to creating, promoting, and organizing adventurous contemporary music.

**Jason Young**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Astronomy, earned a B.S. from The University of Arizona and a Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University. His research focuses on star formation in a wide variety of galaxies, ranging from active quasar host galaxies to quiet low-surface-brightness galaxies.

**Sharif Youssef**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought, studied law at the University of Toronto, earned his doctorate in English and American literature at the University of Chicago, and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. He writes about the emergence of the categories of risk and information as figured in the use of mass casualty statistics in eighteenth-century literature and political economy, and he is also editing an anthology on the subject of human rights after corporate personhood.

**Andreas (Tom) Zanker**, Assistant Professor of Classics, has a B.A. from the University of Canterbury (New Zealand) and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University. His teaching and research interests include Latin literature of the Late Republic and Early Empire, conceptions of decline, and the philosophy of language and intellectual history. His books in progress are "Greek and Latin Expressions of Meaning" and "The Roman Rhetoric of Decline."

**Yongheng Zhang**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics, has a B.Eng. from Central South University in China, an M.S. from Purdue University Calumet, and a Ph.D. from Purdue University in West Lafayette. His interests include algebraic topology, homotopy theory and their interactions with engineering, science, and other fields of mathematics.