



2023-2024

***FACULTY REPORT
OF EXCELLENCE***



Southwestern University's faculty are passionate educators, distinguished scholars, and accomplished experts in their fields. In addition to educating and inspiring students, they produce remarkable work, from books and articles to presentations and performances. They receive numerous awards and accolades; are appointed to boards and other leadership roles; and engage with the community. They earn coveted and competitive grants and are regularly consulted by the media for their expertise. Every step of the way, they seek out ways to involve and collaborate with students as they prepare them for both the workplace and the world beyond.

The following pages celebrate the many achievements of our faculty and staff from April 1, 2023, through March 30, 2024.



Assistant Professor of Business Raji Kunapuli

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<i>Forewards and Book & Film Reviews</i>	14	Southwestern University honors and remembers Mary Visser , Professor Emeritus of Art, for her profound contributions to both the university and the broader art community. A pioneering sculptor, Visser's innovative work in rapid prototyping and digital technologies garnered numerous accolades and international acclaim. Her enduring legacy includes over 125 juried exhibitions, significant public commissions, and a pivotal role in advancing digital sculpture as vice president of <i>Ars Mathematica</i> .	
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STUDENT/FACULTY COLLABORATION

BIOLOGY

Max Taub

Professor Taub and **Marcelo Salazar-Barragan '23** published "The Effects of Elexacaftor, Tezacaftor, and Ivacaftor (ETI) on Blood Glucose in Patients With Cystic Fibrosis: A Systematic Review" in *Cureus* in July 2023. This work developed from Salazar-Barragan's capstone project.

CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY

Sara Massey

Assistant Professor Massey presented a poster titled "The Light-Harvesting Response of the Diatom *P. Tricornutum* to External Stressors Varies by Native Environment" at the 2023 Photosynthesis Gordon Research Conference in Newry, Maine, in July 2023. She conducted the research with **Yusuf Buhari '23**, **Sanjana Nittala '24**, **Meghana Nittala '24**, and **Noor Nazeer '24**.

Emily Niemeyer

Professor Niemeyer, **Bailey Meyer '20**, **Haley White '20**, and **Jared McCormack '22** published an article titled "Catechin Composition, Phenolic Content, and Antioxidant Properties of Commercially Available Bagged, Gunpowder, and Matcha Green Teas" in *Plant Foods for Human Nutrition* in November 2023.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Lamiyah Bahrainwala

Associate Professor Bahrainwala, **R'Yani Vaughn '24**, and **Sydney Wahl '24** attended the 2024 20th Annual Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference hosted by the Western States Communication Association in Reno, Nevada, in February 2024. Lamiyah supervised the students' senior projects, which were presented at the conference. Vaughn's presentation was titled "Exploring Depictions of Black Motherhood in the Music Industry," and Wahl's presentation was titled "From Samoan Warrior to American Traitor: The Media Framing Creations Plus Exceptionalism, Nationalism, and Masculine Perfectionism Reactions That Changed the Course of Football Star Manti Te'o's Life."



EDUCATION

Michael Kamen

Professor Kamen presented "Hands-on Science Lessons Presented by Preservice Teachers" with **Hailey Arrington '25**, **Alexiz Quintanilla '25**, and **Terri Ray '25** at the Science Teachers Association of Texas's 2024 Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching in Houston in November 2023.

Raquel Sáenz Ortiz

Assistant Professor Sáenz Ortiz, along with **Rebecca Ramirez '24** and **Aminadab Corral Arras '24**, presented a paper titled "Towards a LatCrit Youth Program Evaluation: Tensions and New Directions" at the Critical Race Studies in Education Association 2023 Conference in Chicago in October 2023.

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Debika Sihi

Associate Professor Sihi and **Abigail (Abby) Ryan '25** presented "Proactively Leveraging AI Tools in Marketing Courses: A Process for Prompt Engineering Assignments" at the 2024 Marketing Management Association Virtual Spring Conference in March 2024.

KINESIOLOGY

Jennifer Stokes

Assistant Professor Stokes and Professor of Psychology Fay Guarraci published "Prepubescent Electronic Cigarette Exposure Affects Sexual Motivation and Puberty in Female But Not Male Long-Evans Rats" with **Natalie Williams '24**, **Mila Fisher '24**, **Amanda Gale '23**, **Megan Kelly '23**,

and **Jasmine Belfield '23** in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* in January 2024. Stokes also:

- Published "A Single 10-Minute E-Cigarette Vapor Exposure Reduces Tidal Volume and Minute Ventilation in Normoxia and Normobaric Hypoxia in Adult Rats" with **Mila Fisher '24** in *Cureus* in October 2023.
- Published "Fourteen-Day E-Cigarette Exposure Disrupts Ventilation Patterns and Serum IL-1B Levels in Adolescent Rats" with **Mila Fisher '24** and **Alicia Peters '23** in the *Journal of Student Research* in November 2023.

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

Katy Ross

Professor Ross and **Andrea Stanesco '24** presented their paper "La Doble Alteridad en *Carmen & Lola*" at the Northeast Modern Language Association 55th Annual Convention in Boston in March 2024. Ross also:

- Published "The Mother-Daughter Relationship in *Gazpacho Agridulce*" with **Bailey Barlow '23** in *Hispanic Journal* in spring 2023.

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Barbara Anthony

Professor Anthony collaborated on research with **Mark Mueller '24** that was presented at the Texas Academy of Sciences 127th Annual Meeting in Odessa, Texas, in March 2024. Mueller's presentation, titled "Using PyGLPK to Schedule University Course Times," won second place in the math and computer science division. Anthony also:

- Supervised research with **Alejandro Medina '24** that culminated in a poster presentation at the 2023 CMD-IT/ACM Richard Tapia

Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference in Dallas in September 2023. Medina's poster was titled "Evaluating an Earliest Deadline First Algorithm for a Dial-a-Ride Problem."

John Ross

Assistant Professor Ross, in collaboration with **Emily Burns '21**, **Zariah Whyte '21**, **Jesse Stovall '22**, and **Evan Alexander '22** (now coordinator of student activities), published an article titled "Isoperimetric 3- and 4-Bubble Results on R With Density λ " in the *PUMP Journal of Undergraduate Research* in June 2023.

Jacob Schrum

Associate Professor Schrum attended the 2023 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, in July 2023 with **Melanie Richey '23** and **Mark Mueller '24**. Richey and Mueller presented their paper, "Evolving Flying Machines in Minecraft Using Quality Diversity," which was co-authored with Schrum and **Alejandro Medina '24** based on their SCOPE research experience in summer 2022.

PHYSICS

Cody Crosby

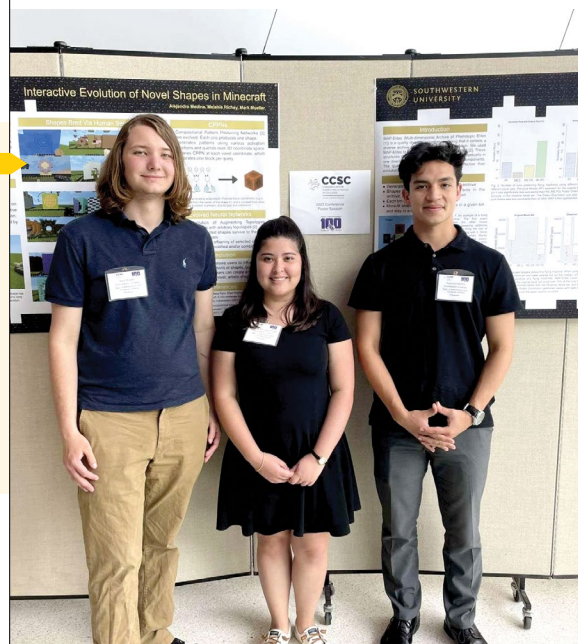
Assistant Professor Crosby, Director of Organic Chemistry Labs **Carmen Velez**, **Kristie Cheng '23**, **Nina Woodward '24**, **Noor Nazeer '24**, and **Gabriela Nicole Hislop Gomez '26** published an article titled "Synthesis and Characterization of Gelatin Methacryloyl: Introducing Chemistry Students to the Applications of Hydrogels in Medicine" in the *Journal of Chemical Education* in January 2024. The article was additionally featured by ACS Publications as a supplementary journal cover designed by **Lauren Muskara '21**. Crosby also:

- Published an article with **Domenic Cordova '23**, **Angel Rodriguez '24**, and **Nina Woodward '24** titled "The Enderstruder: An Accessible Open-Source Syringe Extruder Compatible With Ender Series 3D Printers" in *HardwareX* in February 2024.
- Presented two posters with **Nicole Hislop '26**, **Noor Nazeer '24**, **Angel Rodriguez '24**, and **Nina Woodward '25** at the Biomedical Engineering Society 2023 Annual Meeting in Seattle in October 2023.

PSYCHOLOGY

Fay Guarraci

Professor Guarraci and Assistant Professor of Kinesiology **Jennifer Stokes** published "Prepubescent Electronic Cigarette Exposure Affects Sexual Motivation and Puberty in Female But Not Male Long-Evans Rats" with **Natalie Williams '24**, **Mila Fisher '24**, **Amanda Gale '23**, **Megan Kelly '23**, and **Jasmine Belfield '23** in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* in January 2024.



Carin Perilloux

Associate Professor Perilloux, along with **Alyssa Sucrese '21**, **Erica Burley '22**, **Sarah Woods '21**, and **Zach Bencal '21**, published a paper titled "Just Friends? Jealousy of Extramarital Friendships" in *Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences* in July 2023. This article is based on the group's capstone research. Perilloux also:

- Presented a poster with **Sarah Woods '21** titled "Parental Burden Predicts Jealousy in Married Individuals" at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society 34th Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, California, in June 2023. This work reflected Woods's capstone research.

Traci Giuliano

Professor Giuliano published an article titled "How Common Is Undergraduate Publication in Psychology? An Examination of Faculty Vitae from Top Colleges and Universities" with **Will Hebl '23** and **Jennifer Howell '09** in *Collabra: Psychology* in September 2023.

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Maria Lowe

Professor Lowe, Luis Romero (2018–2019 SU Mellon Teaching Fellow), and **Madeline Carrola '19** published an article titled "Racism Masked as Safety Concerns: The Experiences of Residents of Color With Racialized Coveillance in a Predominantly White Neighborhood" in *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* in August 2023. Lowe also:

- Presented "Because History Has Been Whitewashed for Decades: Predictors of Attitudes about Critical Race Theory" with **ThuyMi Phung '24** at the Southern Sociological Society 86th Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in March 2023. **Katherine Holcomb '24** was a co-author on this project.

THEATRE

Sergio Costola

Professor and Dean of the Faculty Costola, **JaimeLynn Hotaling '23**, and **Maisie Jones '23** presented a paper titled "Undergraduate Research and Theatre: Lessons Learned During the Pandemic" at the ConnectUR 2023 Annual Conference in Pittsburgh in June 2023.

Desiderio Roybal

Professor Roybal designed and painted scenery for Penfold Theatre's production of "Box," which ran at the Ground Floor Theatre in Austin in summer 2023. **Kyle Bussone-Peterson '24** collaborated with Roybal and the production team by serving as stage property designer and property master.



Credit: Steve Rogers



Instructor of Music Christopher Washington

GRANTS

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

Erika Berroth

Associate Professor Berroth earned two materials grants from Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (the German Academic Exchange Service) and the German Foreign Office. The grants provide two curated collections of German language titles, one a collection of literary works published in 2023 and the other a collection of literature commenting on and reflecting current salient issues in German culture. Students will use the collections to study representations of diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism in German literature. Berroth also: Received funding from the Associated Colleges of the South along with Liesl Alingham (Sewanee), Anne Stone (Rollins College), and Melissa Nelson (Rollins College) to offer a faculty development workshop at Sewanee in May 2023. The workshop was titled "Sustainability Mindset: Making Change Makers."

MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Arjun Chandrasekhar

Assistant Professor Chandrasekhar was named a co-Principal Investigator on NSF Grant DMS-2244735, securing funding of \$550,000. This project is jointly supported by the Division of Mathematical Sciences' Mathematical Biology Program and the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems' Plant Genome Research Program (PGRP) under the Directorate for Biological Sciences.

Fumiko Futamura

Professor Futamura wrote a grant proposal on behalf of the Japan-America Society of Greater Austin (JASGA) for the Japan Foundation's Japan-America Society Capacity Building Grant Program. The proposal was accepted, and JASGA received \$26,625 to support its programs and staff.

Noelle Sawyer

Assistant Professor Sawyer and her co-organizer Benjamin Call (University of Illinois Chicago) received a renewal of their grant from the American Institute of Mathematics to organize a research community called Big Ideas in Dynamics. The program focuses on promoting collaborative learning among graduate students in dynamical systems and giving them the tools they need to successfully read important research papers in dynamics.

THEATRE

Sergio Costola

Professor and Dean of the Faculty Costola was awarded an Associated Colleges of the South (ACS)/Mellon Foundation grant to organize a workshop for ACS schools titled "Retention of Diverse Faculty Through Cluster/Thematic Hires Initiatives."

Southwestern Awarded Mellon Foundation *Humanities for All Times* Grant

Southwestern received a \$1,287,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation's *Humanities for All Times* initiative for the project *Deepening the Heart of Texas: Public-Engaged Humanities for Social Justice*. As a private Hispanic-Serving Institution and the oldest college in Texas, Southwestern aims to work through the publicly engaged humanities (PEH) to address the racism and hate that have roiled its region, state, and country. This project would reimagine the general education curriculum to foreground difference and social justice themes and center public-facing humanistic methodologies; add new community-engaged learning and undergraduate research classes in the humanities; increase summer undergraduate PEH research opportunities; and rethink tenure and promotion guidelines to reward faculty for PEH work. Professor of Theatre and Dean of the Faculty **Sergio Costola** and Associate Professor of History and Associate Dean of the Faculty **Jessica Hower** co-authored the grant proposal.

BOOKS

1

Melissa Byrnes

Professor of History Melissa Byrnes published her book *Making Space: Neighbors, Officials, and North African Migrants in the Suburbs of Paris and Lyon* with the University of Nebraska Press in 2024. The book is part of the *France Overseas: Studies in Empire and Decolonization* series.

2

Professor Byrnes co-edited a book with Margaret Cook Anderson (University of Tennessee) titled *Fertility, Family, and Social Welfare Between France and Empire: The Colonial Politics of Population*. Published in 2023, the book is the first in the *New Directions in Welfare History* series published by Palgrave Macmillan. In addition to coauthoring the introduction, Byrnes wrote a chapter titled "Criminal Fertility: Policing North African Families After Decolonization."

3

Michael Cooper

Professor of Music Michael Cooper published the second edition of his book *Historical Dictionary of Romantic Music* with Rowman & Littlefield in 2024. The book includes contributions from Randy Kinnett (Collin College) and **Megan Marie McCarty '09**.

4

Professor Cooper published *Margaret Bonds: The Montgomery Variations and Du Bois Credo* with Cambridge University Press in 2023. The book is part of the *New Cambridge Music Handbooks* series.

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Jeffrey Easton

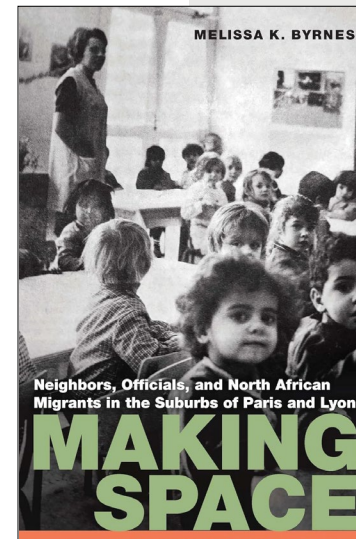
Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics Jeffrey Easton published *Municipal Freedmen and Intergenerational Social Mobility in Roman Italy* with Brill in 2024. The monograph is part of the *Brill Studies in Greek and Roman Epigraphy* series.

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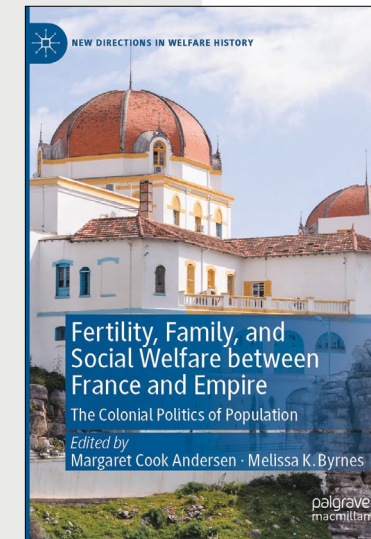
Jessica Hower

Associate Professor of History Jessica Hower co-edited a book with historian Valerie Schutte titled *Mid-Tudor Queenship and Memory: The Making and Re-making of Lady Jane Grey and Mary I*. Published in 2023, the book is part of Palgrave Macmillan's *Queenship and Power* series. Hower authored both the introduction and a chapter titled "As the Kinges of this Realme her Most Noble Progenitours': Historical (Self-)Fashioning at the Accession Moment."

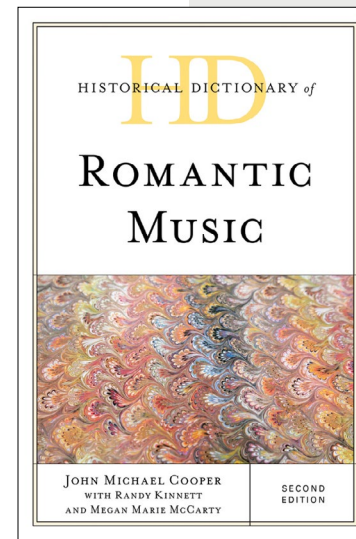
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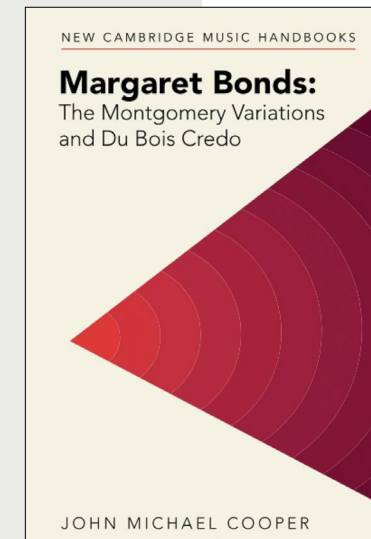
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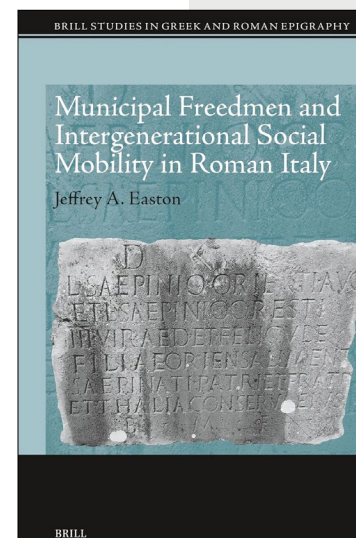
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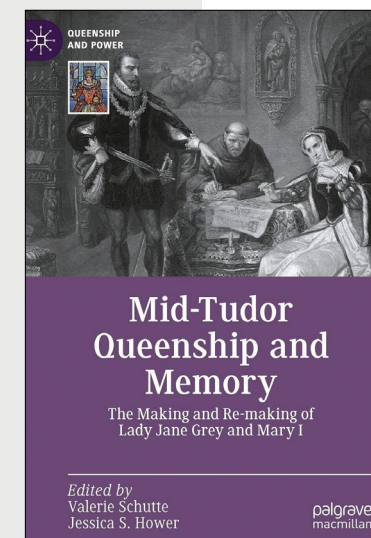
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ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

Maha Zewail-Foote

"MoCoLo: A Testing Framework for Motif Co-Localization," with Qi Xu (University of Texas at Austin), Imee M. A. del Mundo (University of Texas at Austin), Brian Luke (Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research), Karen Vasquez (University of Texas at Austin), and Jeanne Kowalski (University of Texas at Austin), *Briefings in Bioinformatics*, March 2024.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Lamiyah Bahrainwala

"De-Whitening Consent Amidst COVID-19 Rhetoric," with Kate Lockwood Harris (University of Minnesota), *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, September 2023.

"Queer Desi Kinships: Reaching Across Partition," with Jaishikha Nautiyal (Gonzaga University), *QED: A Journal in GLBTQ Worldmaking*, June 2023.

"Critical Surveillance Studies: Living Ethically in a Surveillant World," in *Introduction to Communication Studies: Translating Communication Scholarship into Meaningful Practice*, edited by Alan Goodboy and Kara Shultz (Kendall Hunt, 2023).

Bob Bednar

"Roadside Media: Roadside Crash Shrines as Platforms for Communicating Across Time, Space, and Mortality in the Early 2000s United States," *Cultural and Social History*, September 2023.

Raquel Moreira

"Dragging White Femininity: Race and Gender Inauthenticity on Instagram," in *The Routledge Handbook of Ethnicity and Race in Communication*, edited by Bernadette Marie Calafell and Shinsuke Eguchi (Routledge, 2023).

"Didn't She Used to Sell That WAP?: Cardi B, Clashing Femininities, and Citizenship," *Women's Studies in Communication*, June 2023.

"Rhetorics of Authentic Hybridity and the Racially Mobile Mestiça in 'Girl from Rio,'" *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, February 2024.

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Gabriela Flores

"Gender Equality and Comparative HRM: A 40-Year Review," with M. Fernanda Garcia (University of Texas at El Paso), Rawia Ahmed (Zayed University), and Cynthia S. Halliday (University of Texas at El Paso), *Human Resource Management Review*, December 2023.

EDUCATION

Michael Kamen

"Learning to Teach Math and Science: Thoughts From an Emerging Elementary Teacher: It's Done with Mirrors," with Debra Plowman (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi), *International Consortium for Research in Science and Mathematics Education Newsletter*, Winter 2024.

"Learning to Teach Math and Science: Thoughts From an Emerging Elementary Teacher: Solving Word Problems with Understanding," with Debra Plowman (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi), *International Consortium for Research in Science and Mathematics Education Newsletter*, Fall 2023.

"Learning to Teach Math and Science: Thoughts From an Emerging Elementary Teacher: What's Happening?" with Debra Plowman (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi), *International Consortium for Research in Science and Mathematics Education Newsletter*, Summer 2023.

Alicia Moore

"Preparing Early Childhood Teachers to Create Inclusive Literacy," with Deborah Shepherd and Rebecca M. Giles (University of South Alabama), *English in Texas*, Fall/Winter 2023.

ENGLISH

Eileen Cleere

"Girls on Fire: Mary Elizabeth Braddon's *Lady Audley's Secret* (1861), Maud Hart Lovelace's *Betsy and Tacy Go Downtown* (1943), and the Adolescent Sublimation of Victorian Sensation," *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*, Fall 2023.

FEMINIST STUDIES

Meagan Solomon

“Ana Castillo: A Multigenre Author,” in *Chicana Portraits: Critical Biographies of Twelve Chicana Writers*, edited by Norma E. Cantú (University of Arizona Press, 2023).

“Beyond Sexual Deviance: Elevating the Expansive Intimacies of Chicana Lesbian Life in *Chicana Lesbians: The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About*,” *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, July 2023.

HISTORY

Melissa Byrnes

“Criminal Fertility: Policing North African Families After Decolonization,” in *Fertility, Family, and Social Welfare Between France and Empire: The Colonial Politics of Population*, edited by Margaret Cook Andersen and Melissa Byrnes (Palgrave Macmillan, 2023).

Jessica Hower

“*Utopia’s* Empire: Thomas More’s Text and the Early British Atlantic World, c. 1510–1625,” in *The Oxford Handbook of More’s Utopia*, edited by Cathy Shrank and Phil Withington (Oxford University Press, 2024).

Bryan Kauma

“Future Directions in Environmental History,” with Cintia Velázquez-Marron (National School of Conservation, Restoration, and Museography, Mexico), Jessica Urwin (Australian National University), Nicolo Paolo Ludovice (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, China), Sangay Tamang (Indian Institute of Technology, India), and Jayson Maurice Porter (University of Maryland), in *The Routledge Handbook of Environmental History*, edited by Emily O’Gorman, William San Martín, Mark Carey, and Sandra Swart (Routledge, 2024).

“‘Our Stomachs Are Still Hungry’: The Colonial State, African Nutrition, and Small Grains in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), c. 1950 to 1970s,” with Sandra Swart (Stellenbosch University), *Critical African Studies*, January 2024.

KINESIOLOGY

Tatiana Zhuravleva

“The Effects of PETTLEP Imagery and Action Observation on Strength Performance of a Leg

Extension and Flexion Task,” with Christopher A. Aiken (New Mexico State University), Phillip G. Post (New Mexico State University), Cameron N. Munger (University of Nebraska), Jack J. Sampson (University of Texas at Austin), and Sean M. Cochran (Roanoke College), *Journal of Imagery Research in Sport and Physical Activity*, February 2024.

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

Katy Ross

“Las Técnicas de Reproducción Asistida y la Donación: El Caso de Samanta Villar,” *Revista de ALCE SXXI: Journal of Contemporary Spanish Literature and Film*, 2021–2023.

Laura Senio Blair

“Unlocking the Door to Shadow and Substance: Nona Fernández’s *La Dimensión Desconocida*,” *Ciberletras: Revista de Crítica Literaria y de Cultura*, January 2024.

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Barbara Anthony

“Earliest Deadline First is a 2-Approximation for DARP with Time Windows,” with Christine Chung (Connecticut College), Ananya Das (Middlebury College), and David Yuen, *Proceedings of the 16th Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications (COCO A ’23)*, December 2023.

MUSIC

Michael Cooper

“Price, Florence,” *Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart Online*, April 2023.

Ruben Balboa

“The Loeffler-Verlaine Connection,” *Journal of the American Viola Society*, summer 2023.

PHYSICS

Cody Crosby

“Open-Source Extrusion 3D Bioprinters: Trends and Recommendations,” *Bioprinting*, April 2024.

“Fabrication and Characterization of Quad-Component Bioinspired Hydrogels to Model Elevated Fibrin Levels in Central Nervous Tissue Scaffolds,” with Ana M. Diaz-Lasprilla (Trinity University), Meagan McKee (Trinity

University), Andrea C. Jimenez-Vergara (Trinity University), Swathisri Ravi (Trinity University), Devon Bellamy (Trinity University), Wendy Ortega (Trinity University), Jennifer Steele (Trinity University), Germán Plascencia-Villa (University of Texas at San Antonio), George Perry (University of Texas at San Antonio), and Dany J. Munoz-Pinto (Trinity University), *Gels*, March 2024.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Eric Selbin

“El Che: The (Im)possibilities of a Political Symbol,” in *Symbolic Objects in Contentious Politics*, edited by Benjamin Abrams and Peter Gardner, University of Michigan Press, 2023.

“Revolution,” in *The Oxford Handbook on History and International Relations*, edited by Mlada Bukovansky, Edward Keene, Christian Reus-Smit, and Maja Spanu, Oxford University Press, 2023.

Bob Snyder

“Realist or Just Anti-Liberal? Trump’s Foreign Policy in Retrospect,” *International Journal*, March 2024.

PSYCHOLOGY

Fay Guarraci

“Pro-Choice: Partner Preference as a Method to Assess Sexual Motivation,” with Sarah Meerts (Carleton College), in *Animal Models of Reproductive Behavior*, edited by Raúl G. Paredes, Wendy Portillo, and Marie Bedos (Springer, 2023).

RELIGION

Elaine Craddock

“Divine Power and Fluid Bodies: *Tirunaṅkai*s in Tamil Nadu,” *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, March 2024.

“Un/desirable Encounters at the Intersections of Caste, Class, and Religion,” *Feminist Review*, December 2023.

Laura Hobgood

“Animals and Religion,” in *Religion and Nature in North America: An Introduction*, edited by Laurel D. Kearns and Whitney A. Bauman, Bloomsbury Academic, 2024.

“Blessings of Pets in Jewish and Christian Traditions,” in *Animals and Religion*, edited by Dave Aftandilian, Barbara R. Ambros, and Aaron S. Gross, Routledge, 2024.

“Companion Animals,” in *Animals and Religion*, edited by Dave Aftandilian, Barbara R. Ambros, and Aaron S. Gross, Routledge, 2024.

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Melissa Johnson

“Governance and Conservation Effectiveness in Protected Areas and Indigenous and Locally Managed Areas,” with Yin Zhang (Chongqing University, China) et al., *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*, November 2023.

Adriana Ponce

“Invested Mothering: An Intersectional Analysis of Mothers’ Feminized Breadwinning Strategies Under State-Mandated Child Support Arrangements,” *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, September 2023.

FOREWARDS AND BOOK & FILM REVIEWS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Alisa Gaunder

Review of the book *Women and Political Inequality in Japan: Gender Imbalanced Democracy* by Mikiko Eto, *Social Science Japan Journal*, Summer 2023.

HISTORY

Joseph Hower

Review of the book *A New Working Class: The Legacies of Public-Sector Employment in the Civil Rights Movement* by Jane Berger, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History*, May 2023.

MATHEMATICS

Noelle Sawyer

"A Black Mathematical History [Review of the documentary *Journeys of Black Mathematicians: Forging Resilience*]," *Nature*, March 2024.

ENGLISH

Laura Skandera Trombley

Foreward for the book *The Illustrated Mark Twain and the Buffalo Express*, Thomas Reigstad, 2024.



Southwestern Faculty Present at MAA MathFest 2023

Three faculty members presented at MathFest, the annual meeting of the Mathematical Association of America, in Tampa, Florida, in August 2023. Assistant Professor **John Ross** presented "Using R Projects to Explore Regression" in the contributed paper session on activities in statistics and data science; Professor **Fumiko Futamura** co-led a four-hour professional enhancement program titled "Visualizing Projective Geometry Through Photographs and Perspective Drawings"; and Associate Professor **Therese Shelton** presented "Resources for Faculty and Students" in the contributed paper session on the teaching and learning of differential equations.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS



ART & ART HISTORY

Allison Miller

Associate Professor Miller was a panelist in a webinar organized by the Association for Chinese Art History titled "Chinese Art History in the Undergraduate Curriculum" in February 2024.

Kimberly Smith

Professor Smith gave a talk titled "Beyond Japonisme: Charlotte Berend-Corinth's Wartime Watercolors" at the 2023 Feminist Art History Conference, held online and in-person in Washington, D.C., in October 2023.

BIOLOGY

Romi Burks

Professor Burks gave an invited talk titled "You Say Cacao, I Say Cocoa" at the Northwest Chocolate Festival in Seattle in October 2023. Burks also:

- Led the lunch-and-learn session titled "Chocolate: I Do Not Think It Means What You Think It Means" at the Fine Chocolate Industry Association 2023 Conference in New York City in June 2023.
- Gave two invited presentations at the 2023 Dallas Chocolate Festival in September 2023.

Kim McArthur

Assistant Professor McArthur presented a virtual poster titled "Mapping the Dendrite Topography of Facial Motor Neurons in Larval Zebrafish" at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience (Neuroscience 2023) in November 2023.

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

Maha Zewail-Foote

Professor Zewail-Foote gave a presentation titled "Strategies for Improving Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Within Undergraduate Research Laboratories," co-organized and led a workshop titled "Unlocking Your Career Success Through Networking and Mentorship," and co-presented "Biological and Molecular Consequences of Oxidative Damage on Non-B DNA-Induced Genetic Instability" at the 2024 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Meeting in San Antonio in March 2024. Zewail-Foote also:

- Presented "Supporting the Well-Being of Faculty of Color through a Meaningful Multi-Institutional Mentoring Program" with Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science **Alisa Gaunder**, Melissa Gonzalez (Davidson College), and Rita Urquijo-

Ruiz (Trinity University) at the 2024 American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., in January 2024.

Carmen Velez

Director of Organic Chemistry Labs Velez presented her work on community-engaged learning at the Chemistry for the Community Workshop at St. Joseph's College of Maine in July 2023.

CLASSICS

Jeffrey Easton

Visiting Assistant Professor Easton presented a paper titled "An (Almost) Unspeakable Office: Augustus, the Column of Duilius, and the Roman Dictatorship in the Third Century BCE" at the Fourth North American Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy in Chicago in January 2024.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Lamiyah Bahrainwala

Associate Professor Bahrainwala presented on three panels at the National Communication Association 109th Annual Convention in National Harbor, Maryland, in November 2023. These included a

roundtable discussion on extractivism and energy justice, a roundtable discussion on challenges undercutting Asian scholars, and a co-authored-paper presentation on de-whitening consent amid COVID-19 rhetoric. She also chaired a panel on misogyny in international media. Bahrainwala also:

- Gave a virtual invited lecture on the role of the critic and public scholarship at a research methods seminar at Arizona State University in January 2024.

Raquel Moreira

Assistant Professor Moreira participated in the panel “Intimate Freedoms: Building Decolonial Relations Across Communicative Contexts” at the National Communication Association (NCA) 109th Annual Convention in National Harbor, Maryland, in November 2023. At the same meeting, Moreira also:

- Participated in the panel “Comadrisma Collective: Envisioning and Co-creating Communities of Care.”
- Participated as an invited scholar in NCA’s Scholars’ Office Hours.
- Participated as a mentor in La Raza’s Mentorship Gathering.
- Chaired the NCA Mentorship and Leadership Council business meeting.
- Responded to four papers in the session “Narratives on Race, Nation, Masculinity, Anti-Blackness, and Fat-Phobia.”
- Participated in both the NCA Executive Committee and the Legislative Assembly meetings as a voting member.

Valerie Renegar

Professor Renegar co-presented “Women, Leadership, and Intensive Mothering: The Gendered Rhetoric Surrounding Vice President Kamala Harris” at the Days of Ivo Škarić 6th International Conference on Rhetoric in Postira, Croatia, in April 2023.

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Chandrayee Chatterjee

Assistant Professor Chatterjee jointly organized a session called “The Economics of Risky Behavior” and presented her paper titled “Vaping Regulations and Mental Health of Teenagers” at the Southern Economic Association 93rd Annual Conference in New Orleans in November 2023. Chatterjee also:

- Delivered an invited talk at the Western Illinois University Department of Economics and Decision Sciences titled “Spillover Effects of Advertising on Health Behavior and Nutritional Choices” in February 2024.

- Co-presented a paper titled “Spillover Effects of Advertising: Do TV Advertisements for Non-Food Health Products Promote Healthy Food Choices?” at the 2024 American Marketing Association Winter Academic Conference in St. Pete Beach, Florida, in February 2024.

EDUCATION

Michael Kamen

Professor Kamen gave a presentation titled “New Kids in the Blocks: Pedagogical Models of Play for Social Justice” with Associate Professor **Alicia Moore** at the 2023 Association for the Study of Play Annual Conference in New York in May 2023. In addition, Kamen was an invited panelist for the roundtable session “Playful Pedagogies in Early Childhood Teacher Education: Building a Playful ECE Workforce” and presented a research session titled “Successful Play-Based Programs.” Kamen also:

- Co-presented a roundtable session titled “Polishing the Gems: Professional Development for Project WILD Facilitators Through Lesson Study” at the 2024 Association for Science Teacher Education International Conference in New Orleans in January 2024.

Alicia Moore

Associate Professor Moore gave a presentation titled “New Kids in the Blocks: Pedagogical Models of Play for Social Justice” with Professor **Michael Kamen** at the 2023 Association for the Study of Play Annual Conference in New York in May 2023.

Raquel Sáenz Ortiz

Assistant Professor Sáenz Ortiz presented “Ethnic Studies and the Fight for Educational Equity for Immigrant-Origin Youth in an Era of Censorship in the United States” at the 20th International Migration Research Network Annual Conference in Warsaw, Poland, in July 2023. Sáenz Ortiz also:



- Presented “‘Separate but Equal’: Interest Convergence in an Era of Censorship in K–12 Ethnic Studies” at the 2023 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting in Chicago in April 2023.

ENGLISH

Eileen Cleere

Professor Cleere gave a talk titled “Grooming Habits: Revisiting Victorian (Child) Marriage in the Age of #MeToo” at the Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States 2023 Annual Conference in Seattle in October 2023. She also participated in a pedagogy workshop titled “Bringing the Climate Crisis into the Classroom.” Cleere also:

- Presided over the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies 2024 Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, in March 2024. In addition to whipping board votes to overhaul the organization’s bylaws and constitution and announcing prizes and initiatives at the membership banquet, Cleere chaired a panel titled “Theorizing Transhistorically.”

Sonia Del Hierro

Assistant Professor Del Hierro co-presented “Radical Collegiality and Joy in Graduate Education” in a Modern Language Association webinar. Del Hierro also:

- Co-presented “Señora Power: Updates and Challenges” at the U.S. Latino Digital Humanities-Mellon Grants-in-Aid Showcase in October 2023.

Michael Saenger

Professor Saenger presented “Double Tongue: Multiple Languages in Shakespeare” at the 2024 Modern Language Association Annual Convention in Philadelphia in January 2024. Saenger also:

- Presented an invited talk titled “A Break in Discourse after October 7” at the Academic Engagement Network’s Short Course in Phoenix.
- Delivered an invited keynote lecture at the Translation of Shakespeare as Cultural Exchange International Conference in Tokyo in September 2023.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Joshua Long

Professor Long participated in a panel called “Climate Justice and Resource Extraction” and presented a flash talk titled “Extractivism and Climate Justice: Fueling the New Climate Colonialism” at the Society for Applied Anthropology 84th Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in March 2024.

FEMINIST STUDIES

Meagan Solomon

Assistant Professor Solomon presented at a roundtable titled “The Pleasures and Intimacies of Jotería Spacemaking Within and Beyond the University” at the Association for Jotería Arts, Activism, and Scholarship 2024 National Conference in Los Angeles in February 2024. Solomon also:

- Chaired and participated in a roundtable titled “Community Knowledge and Solidarity Work as Public Scholarship and Collective Healing” at the American Studies Association 2023 Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada, in November 2023.
- Presented “Reflections on Chicana/Latina Lesbian Feminism from This Bridge to the Digital Dyke Age” at the 2023 Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social Summer Institute in Davis, California, in July 2023.

HISTORY

Melissa Byrnes

Professor Byrnes participated in a panel titled “New Directions in the Historiography of Post-Colonial France: A Book Panel” at the Society for French Historical Studies 69th Annual Meeting in Hempstead, New York, in March 2024. Byrnes also:

- Gave a guest lecture at the University of Maryland-College Park titled “Race and Activism in France: From the Algerian War to #BLM” in February 2024.
- Gave invited talks at American University and Georgetown University about her book, *Making Space: Neighbors, Officials, and North African Migrants in the Suburbs of Paris and Lyon*, in

February 2024.

- Spoke during a roundtable titled “Difficult Conversations in the Liberal Arts Classroom” at the American Historical Association 137th Annual Meeting in San Francisco in January 2024.

Soojung Han

Assistant Professor Han gave an invited talk titled “Forging a New Sino-Inner Asian Order: The Brotherly Relations Between the Shatuo Turks and Kitans (907–979)” in the China Humanities Seminar series at Harvard University in November 2023.

Jethro Hernández Berrones

Associate Professor Hernández Berrones presented “Homeopathy in the Light of Biology: The Limits of Medical Science after the Mexican Revolution” in the virtual seminar Itinerante in September 2023.

Jessica Hower

Associate Professor Hower organized the Britain and the World 2023 Conference in Pittsburgh in April 2023. In addition to evaluating abstracts and coordinating the program, Hower chaired a panel titled “Rivalry and Restoration in the Early Modern British Atlantic” and led a lunchtime plenary session featuring Carole Levin (University of Nebraska–Lincoln), a world-renowned scholar of Elizabeth I. Hower also:

- Presented a paper titled “The Recovery of Her Ancestral and Hereditary Right: History, Memory, and Female Succession in the Mid-Tudor Era” at the Female Succession in Late Medieval and Early Modern Monarchy—Contestation, Conflict, and Compromise Conference in Madrid, Spain, in May 2023.
- Gave the keynote address for the Queen Elizabeth I Society at the organization’s annual meeting held in conjunction with the 2023 South Central Renaissance Conference in Berkeley, California, in April 2023. Hower’s lecture was titled “A Tale of Two Pales: Dublin and Calais in the Tudor Imperial World.”

Joseph Hower

Assistant Professor Hower presented a paper titled “Out of Their Beds and Into the Streets: Care, Violence, and AFSCME’s Response to Deinstitutionalization in the Long 1970s” at the 2023 Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in May 2023.

Bryan Kauma

Assistant Professor Kauma presented a paper titled “Sowing Seeds of Hope: Agrochemicals and the Agrarian Fallacy in Zimbabwe, 1960 to Present” at the Knowing the Planet: Environment, Technology, and Development in the 19th and 20th Centuries workshop in Florence, Italy, in January 2024. Kauma also:

- Presented “Hunger Politics: Food Aid and the Development of Food Insecurity in Southern Africa” at the African Studies Association 66th Annual Meeting in San Francisco in November 2023.

KINESIOLOGY

Ed Merritt

Associate Professor Merritt presented “Simple Strategies to Incorporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion into Existing Kinesiology Lessons and Curriculum” at the 17th Annual Leadership Workshop of the American Kinesiology Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in January 2024. Merritt also:

- Gave a talk titled “Skeletal Muscle Hypertrophy and Satellite Cells: A Southern White Male’s Subterfuge to Champion Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Physiology” at the 2023 American Physiology Summit in Long Beach, California.
- Presented “Unexpected Results in Muscle Hypertrophy and Regeneration Research” as part of the University of Wisconsin Department of Kinesiology Lecture Series.

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

Erika Berroth

Associate Professor Berroth gave an invited presentation at the Goethe-Institut/American Association of Teachers of German Leaders in Education Conference in Washington, D.C., in December 2023. Berroth also:

- Participated in a panel titled “Von Treulosen Tomaten und Glückspilzen: Das Kulinarische in Redensarten (Of Unfaithful Tomatoes and Lucky Mushrooms: Culinary References in German Idiomatic Expressions)” at the ACTFL 2023 Convention in Chicago in November 2023.
- Participated in a roundtable titled “Whither German? Building and Maintaining German Studies Programs in the 21st Century” at the German Studies Association 47th Annual Conference in Montréal, Canada, in October 2023.



- Organized the 5th Biennial Joint Texas American Association of Teachers of German Conference, which was held at Southwestern University in September 2023.
- Presented an invited lecture, “Connecting Through Literature: Reading GDR Women Writers in 2023,” and an invited workshop, “Hospitality, Inclusion, and Intercultural Learning: Increasing Empathy by Engaging Food Ways Across Cultures” at Belmont University in April 2023.

Noelia Cigarroa-Cooke

Staff Instructor Cigarroa-Cooke presented “En las Entretelas del Corazón Guatemalteco: Tradición y Justicia en la Película *La Llorona* de Jayro Bustamante (Guatemala, 2020)” at the Canadian Association of Hispanists LIX Congress in Ottawa, Canada, in June 2023.

Abby Dings

Associate Professor Dings co-presented “The Study Abroad Experiences of Heritage Spanish Speakers” at the 2024 Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics in Washington, D.C., in March 2024. Dings also:

- Co-presented “Language Variation and Standard Language Ideologies in Spanish Classrooms” at the ACTFL 2023 Convention in Chicago in November 2023.

María de los Ángeles Rodríguez Cadena

Associate Professor Rodríguez Cadena presented “Ecofeminismo y Poesía Indígena Latinoamericana” at the Asociación de Estudios de Género y Sexualidades XXXII Congress in Querétaro, Mexico, in October 2023. Rodríguez Cadena also:

- Presented “Mujeres del Pasado en las Series

Históricas de Televisión en México” at the Canadian Association of Hispanists LIX Congress in Ottawa, Canada, in June 2023.

Laura Senio Blair

Professor and Assistant Dean of Strategic Initiatives Senio Blair presented “Visible Travelers: Women as Agents of Social Change in Latin American Road Movies” at the International Conference of Hispanic Women Filmmakers (CIMCiH) in Worcester, Massachusetts, in October 2023.

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Barbara Anthony

Professor Anthony co-presented “BA Versus BS Degrees in Computer Science” at the Innovations and Opportunities in Liberal Arts Computing Education-affiliated event at the 55th SIGCSE Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education in Portland, Oregon, in March 2024.

Alison Marr

Professor Marr spoke about the Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) summer program as an invited panelist in the “AMS Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Panel Discussion: Successful Programs That Support Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion” at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Francisco in January 2024. Marr also:

- Gave the keynote address titled “The Edges of My Mathematical Life” at the Yellowhammer Network of Women in the Mathematical Sciences Workshop at the University of Alabama in February 2024.
- Co-organized the Mobilizing the Power of Diversity: Celebrating 25 Years of EDGE conference at Bryn Mawr College in October 2023.

Noelle Sawyer

Assistant Professor Sawyer co-led a virtual workshop titled “A Word Problem: The Hows and Whys of Mathematical Communication” at ScienceWriters 2023 in September 2023. Sawyer also:

- Gave five invited talks at the following seminars and conference: University of Wisconsin–Madison’s Group Actions and Dynamics seminar; University of Illinois Chicago’s Dynamics seminar; the South Central Topology Conference III; Columbia University’s Geometry seminar; and the Columbia University Undergraduate Colloquium.

Therese Shelton

Associate Professor Shelton co-led a four-day virtual workshop titled “Active Learning in Differential Equations Inspired by Modeling” as part of the Online Professional Enhancement and Capacity Building for Instructional Practices in Undergraduate Mathematics (OPEN Math) program in June 2023.

MUSIC

Michael Cooper

Professor Cooper gave the keynote address “Margaret Bonds: A Life in Music” at the first-ever Margaret Bonds Symposium hosted by Queens University of Charlotte in North Carolina in November 2023.

Cooper also:

- Presented a keynote lecture titled “The Cost of Being Fanny Mendelssohn” at each of two concerts offered as part of a Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel festival given by the Capitol Hill Chorale in Washington, D.C., in March 2024.
- Led a virtual seminar on the subject of the politics of *Credo* by W. E. B. Du Bois and Margaret Bonds with the combined choirs of the University of California, Berkeley.
- Gave a virtual lecture titled “The Piano Music of Florence Price” at California State University, Northridge, in April 2023.

Jessica Mathaes

Part-time Assistant Professor Mathaes presented a violin masterclass at Baylor University in November 2023.

Sarah Oliver

Part-time Instructor Oliver presented “Less Pain, More Gain: Looking Beyond Technique for Longevity” at American String Teachers Association’s 2023 Virtual String Teachers Summit and the Greater Austin Suzuki Institute in July 2023.

PHILOSOPHY

Jorge Lizarzaburu

Assistant Professor Lizarzaburu presented “An Extended Evolutionary Account of Human Nature” at the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology 2023 Biennial Meeting in Toronto, Canada, in July 2023.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Alisa Gaunder

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor Gaunder presented “Supporting the Well-Being

of Faculty of Color through a Meaningful Multi-Institutional Mentoring Program” with Professor of Chemistry **Maha Zewail-Foote**, Melissa Gonzalez (Davidson College), and Rita Urquijo-Ruiz (Trinity University) at the 2024 American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., in January 2024.

Eric Selbin

Professor Selbin presented a paper titled “Global South Stories of IR: An Entangled Anarchival Prosopographic Approach” at the 2023 International Studies Association–Global South Caucus of International Studies Conference in Bangkok in December 2023. Selbin also served as chair for a panel titled “Exploring Synergies: Revealing the Dynamics and Impact of South-South Cooperation.” Selbin also:

- Presented a paper titled “The Grenadian Revolution: The Paris Commune of the West Indies” at the virtual Grenada, 1973–1983: Beginnings of a Revolution, Invasion, and After symposium in October 2023.

Bob Snyder

Professor Snyder presented “The Fall of Afghanistan: An American Tragedy” at the International Studies Association 2023 International Conference in Ifrane, Morocco, in June 2023.

PSYCHOLOGY

Traci Giuliano

Professor Giuliano presented a poster titled “Using ‘Personal Connections’ Writing Assignments in Introductory Psychology” at the Society for the Teaching of Psychology 2023 Annual Conference on Teaching in Portland, Oregon, in October 2023.

Fay Guarraci

Professor Guarraci presented “Animal Models of Transgender Care: Advantages and Drawbacks” at the 61st Annual European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology Meeting in The Hague, Netherlands, in September 2023.

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Amanda Hernandez

Assistant Professor Hernandez presented “My Last Evangelical Hold Out’: Pro-Life, Pro-Choice, and Everything in Between” at the 2023 Annual Meetings of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature in San Antonio in November 2023. Hernandez also:

- Convened a session titled “Feminist Approaches to the Sociology of Religion” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2023 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City in October 2023. She also co-presented “The Sacred and the Secular: Examining the Intersection of Feminist Christian Identification and Progressive Social Issues” and participated in a panel titled “Religion And...How to Bring the Study of Religion into Conversation Across Disciplines.”

Melissa Johnson

Professor Johnson presented “Lucy’s Story: A Window into the Shore and the Bay in the Late 1700s” via Zoom at the 26th Annual Meeting of the United Kingdom–Belize Association in October 2023. Johnson also presented the work at the virtual 2023 Belize KULCHA Symposium in September 2023.

Adriana Ponce

Assistant Professor Ponce presented her paper “The Intersectional Landscape of Stepparents in the U.S.: What’s Next?” at the 2024 Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, in January 2024.

Naomi Reed

Assistant Professor Reed participated in a panel titled “Community-Based Scholarship” at the Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration Historical Studies of Texas Symposium in Austin in February 2024. Reed also:

- Presented her poster “From Convicts to Ancestors: Resurrecting the Humanity of the Sugar Land 95,” at the 2023 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada, in November 2023.
- Participated in a panel titled “Can You Hear Us Now? Storytelling in Podcasting” at the 2023 Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference in Dallas in October 2023.

THEATRE

Amy King

Visiting Assistant Professor King led and organized the panel “What Are You? Amplifying Mixed-Asian Voices in Acting Pedagogy” at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education 2023 Annual Conference in Austin in August 2023.

Gabriel Peña

Assistant Professor Peña spoke on the panel “Spotlight on New Works: LIA and ATDS” at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education 2023 Annual Conference in Austin in August 2023.

BIOLOGY

Romi Burks

Professor Burks served as a judge in the 2023 Academy of Chocolate Awards.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Lamiyah Bahrainwala

Associate Professor Bahrainwala received a Top Paper Award for her co-authored paper "De-Whitening Consent Amidst COVID-19 Rhetoric"

from the Critical and Cultural Studies Division of the National Communication Association (NCA) at the NCA 109th Annual Convention in National Harbor, Maryland, in November 2023. Bahrainwala also:

- Assumed responsibility as the elected vice chair of the Feminist and Gender Studies Division of the National Communication Association.

EDUCATION

Alicia Moore

Associate Professor Moore was invited to serve on the University of Texas at Austin College of Education Advisory Council.

ENGLISH

Eileen Cleere

Professor Cleere was elected president of the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Association. Cleere will lead the international organization for a two-year period, convening the annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 2024 and in Genoa, Italy, in 2025.

Michael Saenger

Professor Saenger represented the Academic Engagement Network on a trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories in June 2023. Participants engaged with prominent figures at Israeli and Palestinian universities and non-governmental organizations to see how people from various perspectives are working to build bridges of understanding and how that can be relevant to improving the campus climate in the U.S. Saenger also:

- Completed a three-week residency at the Department of European, American, and Intercultural Studies at Sapienza University of Rome in Italy.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND APPOINTMENTS



HISTORY

Jessica Hower

Associate Professor Hower's book, Mary I in Writing: Letters, Literature, and Representation (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022), co-edited with Valerie Schutte, won the Best Collaborative Project Award from the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women and Gender.

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

Erika Berroth

Associate Professor Berroth accepted an invitation to serve on the 2024-2025 Fulbright U.S. Student Program National Screening Committee. Berroth also:

- Served as an evaluator for the National German Exam, administered through the American Association of Teachers of German.

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Noelle Sawyer

Assistant Professor Sawyer accepted an invitation to join the American Institute of Mathematics Human Resources Board. Sawyer also:

- Was selected as a Mathematically Gifted and Black 2024 Black History Month Honoree in February 2024.
- Was featured in a video interview in the Meet a Mathematician series in December 2023. The mission of Meet a Mathematician is to share stories of mathematicians from different backgrounds, especially from historically excluded groups, with the aim of introducing students to role models and fostering a sense of community.

MUSIC

Katherine Altobello

Part-time Assistant Instructor Altobello '99 was the featured guest resident artist at Holden Village in Lucerne, Washington, in August 2023.

Ruben Balboa

Assistant Professor Balboa served as a pre-screening jury member for the 2024 Primrose International Viola Competition. As one of the most renowned string instrument competitions in the world, the Primrose International Viola Competition features the world's best and most promising young violists.

Alisha Gabriel

Adjunct Professor Gabriel's co-authored book Funky Fungi: 30 Activities for Exploring Molds, Mushrooms, Lichens, and More won the 2023 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)/ Subaru Prize for Excellence in Science Books in the hands-on science book category. Gabriel spoke about the book at the 2023 AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., in March 2023.

PSYCHOLOGY

Carin Perilloux

Associate Professor Perilloux accepted an invitation to join the editorial board of the interdisciplinary journal Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture.

RELIGION

Laura Hobgood

Professor Hobgood was invited to join the board of directors of Education Congo, which works to provide scholarships and raise funds to support programs aimed at enhancing the quality of higher education in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

THEATRE

Kerry Bechtel

Associate Professor Bechtel accepted an invitation to serve as the International Organisation of Scenographers Theatre Architects and Technicians (OISTAT) Costume Working Group representative on the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) Costume Design and Technology Commission.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ART AND ART HISTORY

Allison Miller

Associate Professor Miller served as a juror for exhibit submissions to the Georgetown Art Center.

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Debika Sihi

Associate Professor Sihi presented on developing internship opportunities for Southwestern University students in the Georgetown community with Director of the Center for Career and Professional Development **Adrian D. Ramirez** and **Ashley Whitlock '22** in March 2024. The event was sponsored by the City of Georgetown Main Street Program and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce.

HISTORY

Melissa Byrnes

Professor Byrnes gave a public talk titled "The History Behind *All the Light We Cannot See*" at Lark & Owl Booksellers in Georgetown in January 2024.

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

Erika Berroth

Associate Professor Berroth hosted a campus exploration day for 15 students from Germany and their teachers in February 2024. The students from Paul-Klee-Gymnasium in Augsburg participate in the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) with Westwood High School in Round Rock, Texas.

THEATRE

Desiderio Roybal

Professor Roybal was invited to join the board of directors of the Georgetown Palace Theatre in Georgetown, Texas.

EXHIBITIONS, PRODUCTIONS, OR PERFORMANCES

MUSIC

Katherine Altobello

Part-time Assistant Instructor Altobello '99 was a featured guest soloist at the 2023 New Music on the Bayou summer festival in Monroe and Ruston, Louisiana, in June 2023. Altobello also:

- Performed the world premiere of Chris Prosser's piece spoofing Facebook titled "Meta Anthem" at the Here Be Monsters music festival in Austin in May 2023.

Bruce Cain and David Asbury

Associate Professors Cain and Asbury were invited to perform at the 14th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival at Palm Beach Atlantic University in October 2023. Cain and Asbury also:

- Were invited to perform at the Just Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, in August 2023.
- Were invited to perform as featured guest artists at Rollins College in April 2023.

Michael Cooper

Professor Cooper published two new scholarly editions of music by Margaret Bonds as part of Hildegard Publishing Company's Margaret Bonds Signature Series: "Sleep Song" and "We Shall Overcome." Cooper also:

- Published two new volumes of previously unknown compositions by Florence Price with ClarNan Editions: *Seven Songs on Texts of African American Poets* and *12 Pieces for Piano Solo*.
- Published an arrangement by Giuseppe Martucci of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's "Albumblatt" with Recital Publications.
- Wrote the program note for the first performance of Florence Price's *Symphony No. 3* by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.



Julia Taylor and David Utterback

Part-time Assistant Professor Taylor and part-time Instructor Utterback were invited to perform a recital for the South Texas Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing Fall Conference.

THEATRE

Kerry Bechtel

Associate Professor Bechtel was a costume buyer for the Amazon MGM Studios series *Fallout*. **Jonathan Knipscher '03** was the associate costume designer on the project.

Bechtel also:

- Completed the costume design for the musical *Godspell*, which ran in June 2023 at Unity Theatre in Brenham, Texas.



Fallout (Amazon/MGM Studios)

Amy King

Visiting Assistant Professor King wrote, directed, and produced a staged reading of her new play *Finger Lickin' Good* at the Jones Theatre on the Southwestern campus in February. The cast included **Jason Bui '27** as Raymond, **Kyle Bussone-Peterson '24** as Kevin, and **Connor Bustos '26** on stage directions. Assistant Professor of Business **Andy Ross** made his acting debut. The reading was also performed at Austin Community College's Highland Campus.

Desiderio Roybal

Professor Roybal designed the staging and was a scenic artist of scenery and stage properties for Penfold Theatre's production of Yasmina Reza's play *Art*. The comedy played at the Ground Floor Theatre in Austin in November 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY AND MEDIA COVERAGE

ECONOMICS & BUSINESS

Debika Sihi

Associate Professor Sihi was quoted in the article "Why Frosted Flakes' Tony the Tiger Is the Greatest Cereal Mascot Of All Time" in *Advertising Week's* brand mascot site, PopIcon, in June 2023.

ENGLISH

Chelsey Clammer

Part-time faculty member Clammer '05 had her lyric essay, "The Ruins of What Never Was," published in *iO Literary Journal* in fall 2023.

Michael Saenger

Professor Saenger co-authored an op-ed in *The Times of Israel* with David Mikics (University of Houston) titled "MLA: Not Just a Style Sheet (But Maybe It Should Be)" in February 2024. The article discusses the struggles of the Modern Language Association and opposes academic antisemitism and extremism. Saenger also:

- Published "The University after October 7" in *TELOSscope*, part of *Telos: Cultural Theory of the Contemporary*, in February 2024.
- Co-authored an essay in *The Times of Israel* with Nancy Koppelman (Evergreen State College) titled "Before the War: Educators in Israel/Palestine" in October 2023.

Laura Skandera Trombley

President Trombley published "You Can't Tell a Quilt by Its Cover" in *Inside Higher Ed* in November 2023.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Joshua Long

Professor Long consulted on the new podcast "Growth Machine" produced by NPR/KUT 90.5 and was interviewed for multiple episodes.

HISTORY

Melissa Byrnes

Professor Byrnes published "French Protests and Global Anti-Racism" on the *Lawyers, Guns, and Money* blog in June 2023.

MUSIC

Michael Cooper

Professor Cooper was interviewed by the online magazine *Interlude* about his book *Margaret Bonds: The Montgomery Variations and Du Bois Credo* in November 2023.

Hai Zheng-Olefsky

Part-time Assistant Professor Zheng-Olefsky was one of four artists featured in an episode of the Amazon Prime docuseries *The Story of Art in America* highlighting Georgetown, Texas. The series showcases the art scene of different cities and counties through interviews with well-known artists and historians.

PHILOSOPHY

Michael Bray

Professor Bray published an essay, "Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe's Post-Marxism Can't Give Us a Political Strategy," on the *Jacobin* website. A Spanish translation, "Laclau, Mouffe, y la Estrategia Política," was published on *Jacobinlat.com*.

RELIGION

Laura Hobgood

Professor Hobgood was interviewed and filmed for a documentary focusing on women as leaders and healers in early and medieval Christianity. The documentary, tentatively titled *Immortality Key*, will be a feature-length motion picture when it is completed. Hobgood also:

- Was interviewed for *U.S. Catholic* magazine's *Glad You Asked* podcast. The question posed to Hobgood was, "Do dogs go to heaven?"
- Was interviewed for the *Family Proclamations* podcast about her book *A Dog's History of the World*.

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Melissa Johnson

Professor Johnson's work on Belize was featured in the article "Belize: On the Way to Somewhere" in *JSTOR Daily* in January 2024.

Naomi Reed

Assistant Professor Reed collaborated with investigative journalist Brittney Martin to write and produce an eight-episode podcast, *Sugar Land*, that explores the discovery of and fight to memorialize the 95 Black men who died in the convict lease system in Sugar Land, Texas, in the early 20th century. The Texas Newsroom launched the podcast in June 2023.

STAFF NOTABLES

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

Serena Bettis (University Relations)

Coordinator of Alumni and Parent Relations Bettis presented "Leveraging Local Chapter Volunteers' Efforts" at the 2023 Alumni Professionals of Texas Conference in Lubbock, Texas, in April 2023.

Christine Bowman (Enrollment Services)

Assistant Vice President of Admission Bowman co-presented "What Is Demonstrated Interest and Does It Matter?" at the Independent Educational Consultants Association 2023 Spring Conference in Seattle in May 2023. Bowman also:

- Participated in Rural Opportunities for College Admission as a faculty member in July 2023.

Kimberly Faris (Academic Affairs)

Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness Faris presented "Student Achievement on Our Minds: Measuring and Demonstrating Student Success" at the Texas Association for Higher Education Assessment 2023 Conference in San Antonio in September 2023.

Malissa S. Ismaila (Student Life)

Director of Student Inclusion and Diversity Ismaila presented on Southwestern's Dimensions of Diversity Certificate Program at the Associated Colleges of the South Diversity Advocate Workshop in Atlanta in April 2023.

Brit Katz (Student Life)

Vice President for Student Life Katz delivered a keynote presentation titled "Expected Changes in American Higher Education for Student Affairs" at the 2023 Interfraternity Institute in June 2023.

Adrian D. Ramirez (Student Life)

Director of the Center for Career and Professional Development Ramirez co-presented "A New Model for University Career Services and Alumni Engagement" at the 2023 Council for Advancement and Support of Education District IV Conference in San Antonio in April 2023. Ramirez also:

- Served on a panel titled "Designing Our Future" and delivered a presentation titled "A New Model for University Career Services and Stakeholder Engagement" at the Collective 2023 Annual Conference hosted by the Career Leadership Collective in Atlanta in April 2023.

Rebecca Rother (Enrollment Services)

Director of Admission Rother served as a faculty co-chair at the Texas Association for College Admission Counseling's 2023 Admission and College Counseling Institute in Fort Worth in July 2023.

Megan Firestone (Academic Affairs)

Head of Special Collections and Archives Firestone was selected to serve on the Texas Library Association's Texas Topaz Reading List Committee, which aims to provide children, teens, and adults with recommended nonfiction titles that stimulate reading for pleasure and personal learning. Firestone also:

- Was selected to serve on the Scholarship Committee of the Texas Library Association's College and University Libraries Division.

Katherine Hooker (Academic Affairs)

Senior Research and Instruction Librarian Hooker was named chair of the Information and Membership Committee of Texas Library Association's College and University Libraries Division. Hooker also:

- Was selected for the Texas Library Association's TALL Texans Leadership Development Institute.
- Led the Interactive Library Treasure Hunt project, which won a Branding Iron Award from the Texas Library Association in the external communications category.



Seth Daulton, "Site XIII", Lithography, monotype, and paper lithography on paper, 14" x 17", 2024

Adrian D. Ramirez (Student Life)

Director of the Center for Career and Professional Development Ramirez was selected as one of 24 participants for NetWorkLab, an online remote collaboration course for researchers, technologists, and project managers in the digital humanities and allied fields. NetWorkLab is hosted by Greenhouse Studios at the University of Connecticut.

Rebecca Rother (Enrollment Services)

Director of Admission Rother received the Friend of Pflugerville High School Award for her commitment to the school's students and college counseling office.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Megan Firestone (Academic Affairs)

Head of Distinctive Collections and Archives Firestone presented on the development of downtown Georgetown prior to 1915 and the use of Sanborn maps to the Georgetown Sertoma Club. Firestone also:

- Was elected to the Preservation Georgetown Board of Directors.

Katherine Hooker (Academic Affairs)

Senior Research and Instruction Librarian Hooker was elected to the Preservation Georgetown Board of Directors.

EXHIBITIONS, PRODUCTIONS, AND PERFORMANCES

Seth Daulton (Academic Affairs)

Technical Assistant and Exhibitions Coordinator Daulton exhibited three mixed-media prints in Undercurrent, a juried regional exhibition presented by Contraccommon in Bee Cave, Texas, in summer 2023.

Lindsay Howard (Academic Affairs)

Access Services Assistant in the A. Frank Smith, Jr. Library Center Howard co-wrote a short film titled "Ick" that was produced earlier this year through the University of Texas at Austin. The film was accepted into three festivals, including the Austin Film Festival and the Bolton Film Festival in Bolton, England. Howard also:

- Was a voiceover production intern on the video game *Starfield* from Bethesda Game Studios.



