

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Greetings! The publication you are reading is the inaugural edition of the College of Arts & Sciences Newsletter at Truman State University. One of our goals is to foster communication across the College and University campus, as well as sharing information with our friends and colleagues off-campus, wherever they are located. This Newsletter is one initiative intended to serve that purpose; it is my hope that you will discover more about our faculty, students, staff, and programs through this venue. To that end, we will produce the Newsletter on a regular basis and include highlights from departments, introduce you to new faculty and staff, and communicate about events and opportunities that are occurring.

One of the great things about the College is its incredible diversity of talents, interests and backgrounds of faculty, students and staff. We are home to 19 departments, 40 undergraduate degree programs, 3 graduate programs, over 300 faculty members, and approximately 3500 students majoring in our programs! Equally exciting is the fact that we are all part of the same community of learners, with a steadfast commitment to the values and expressions of a liberal arts and sciences education. I see this connection between diversity and community as our great strength and clear evidence that our University will continue to thrive as we move forward. This Newsletter is simply one way to share the good news about the excellence that is embodied at Truman State University in the College of Arts and Sciences.

*Douglas Davenport, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*

## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT : ART

**The Art Department** offers three distinct areas of study: Visual Communications, Studio Art and Art History. Housed in the south wing of the original building, the Art Department features an Art History lecture room with stadium seating, art studios for Ceramics, Fibers, Painting, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture and traditional and electronic labs and studios for Visual Communications.

**The Art History program** offers a wide variety of courses from ancient through contemporary art history. There are three full-time instructors and two supplemental studio instructors teaching art history. This year the Art History

program boasts its largest incoming new major class ever.

**The Studio program** offers concentrations in two 2-dimensional and three 3-dimensional studios. In addition to instruction in a variety of art making processes in 2-D and 3-D art, the studio program works to develop and instill in their majors an advanced aesthetic sensitivity.

**The Visual Communications program** accounts for over half of all art majors in the Art Department. The program focuses primarily upon print and web design. This broad-based approach enables Viscom students to experience design in

the traditional venue of print as well as the fast-growing areas of web, multimedia and motion graphics.

**The Art Department** offers the professional degree Bachelor of Fine Arts with concentration in either Studio or Visual Communications, the Bachelor of Arts - Liberal Arts (Studio) and the Bachelor of Arts - Art History. The Master of Arts in Education (MAE) is also a growing area for students interested in teaching art. With thirteen full-time, tenure track professors, the Art Department strives to provide students the finest opportunity to learn, experience and make art and design.

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



**Elain McDuff**  
Associate Professor of Sociology

**Degrees:**

Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Iowa  
M.Div. in Religion and Society from Duke University

B.A. in Religion from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Professional History:**

2001-2006 Assistant Professor of Sociology,  
Truman State University

1996-2001 Temporary Assistant Professor  
Departments of Sociology and Religious Studies,  
Iowa State University

**Teaching assignments/ interests:**

Social Stratification and Inequality - Class, Race, and Gender;  
Sociology of Work ; Family/Work and Family; Social Theory; Social  
Psychology; Sociology of Religion; Women and Religion; Introduction  
to Sociology and Social Problems.

## RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS/INTERESTS:

Stratification and Inequality; Sociology of Work; Sociology of Religion; Gender  
Inequality; Work and Family. Publications include:

Elaine M. McDuff. "Organizational Context and the Sexual Harassment  
of Clergy." Forthcoming in *Sociology of Religion*.

Charles W. Mueller and Elaine M. McDuff. 2004. "Clergy-Congregation  
Mismatches and Clergy Job Satisfaction." *Journal for the Scientific Study  
of Religion* 43: 261-273.

Charles W. Mueller and Elaine M. McDuff. 2002. "Good Jobs and Bad Jobs:  
Differences in the Clergy Employment Relationship." *Review of Religious  
Research* 44: 150-168.

Elaine M. McDuff and Charles W. Mueller. 2002. "Gender Differences in the  
Professional Orientations of Protestant Clergy." *Sociological Forum* 17: 465-492.

Elaine M. McDuff. 2001. "The Gender Paradox in Work Satisfaction and the  
Protestant Clergy." *Sociology of Religion* 62: 1-22.

Elaine M. McDuff and Charles W. Mueller. 2000. "The Ministry as an  
Occupational Labor Market: Intentions to Leave the Local Church vs. Intentions  
to Leave the Ministry." *Work and Occupations* 27:89-116..

Charles W. Mueller and Elaine M. McDuff. 2000. "Winners and Losers in the  
Temporary Clergy Labor Market." Book chapter in *Research in the Sociology  
of Work*, Vol. 8, JAI Press, Inc., edited by Randy Hodson.

Elaine M. McDuff and Charles W. Mueller. 1999. "Social Support and  
Compensating Differentials in the Ministry: Gender Differences in Two Protestant  
Denominations." *Review of Religious Research* 40: 307-330.

Dr. Elaine McDuff has invested in developing rich and engaging learning experiences for students in and out of the classroom. From incorporating service learning and developing electronic publishing of community based research for student work in Social Stratification ([soan.truman.edu/CISSI](http://soan.truman.edu/CISSI)), to developing and supervising a range of student internships, to planning a new study abroad/internship/service learning course on "Democracy and Human Rights in South Africa," Elaine finds creative ways to encourage students to link knowledge from the academic discipline of Sociology with the world of their experience.

In addition to incorporating service learning, she has found innovative ways to use technology in the classroom while investing equally in fostering small and large group discussions and collaborative learning. Graduates often cite her class in Social Stratification as a transformative experience that helps them develop a more sophisticated awareness of our society and their own role within it. She invests in her discipline as an active scholar, article reviewer, session organizer, and committee chair for professional organizations at both regional and national scales. At Truman, she is advisor for Students for Social Change, and has mentored several McNair scholars and research projects. Dr. McDuff is currently developing a new research focus on the impact of rapid social change on family structure, work, and gender roles in southern Africa.

**Additional Info:** Elaine is a former Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia (1976-1978), a former teacher in Zimbabwe (1981-1984), the wife of Steve McDuff (a UCC minister), the mother of 2 Truman graduates and 1 current Truman student, and is active in regional and national professional associations, Sociologists Without Borders, and the World Social Forum.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Catie Burke

**Degree program:**

Agricultural Science with Animal Science and Crop Science Emphases, Spanish minor

**Anticipated graduation:** May 2010

**Accomplishments/interests:**

2nd Degree Black Belt Shito-ryu Karate; completed internship with Monsanto in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii for summer 2008; Scholastic Achievement Award from the American Society of Animal Science, 2007; Executive board member of Equestrian Team, 2007-Present; member of Tau Lambda Sigma

**Other:** Catie is an only child and enjoys spending time with her family. In her free time, she enjoys horseback riding, speaking Spanish, playing piano and participating in anything related to agriculture.

**About Catie:**

From testing corn genetics in Hawaii to zip-lining through the canopy of Costa Rica, or from the back of a horse to tutoring students at Ray Miller Elementary, Catie Burke has many interests and passions that make her a well-rounded Agricultural Science student. Pursuing coursework and applied experiences in both Animal Science and Crop Science, Catie has gained a vast array of knowledge in all agricultural fields. During the summer of 2007, Catie interned at Monsanto, where she tested corn leaf tissue samples for the desired gene using different processes such as PCR, DNA extraction, dipsticking, and herbicide resistance testing. This past summer, Catie spent nine weeks studying abroad in Costa Rica with the program led by Vera Piper. She took five classes, including Spanish Civilization and Culture, Literature, Grammar, Composition, and Conversation. These classes will help Catie to complete her Spanish minor. As devoted as Catie is to every task she takes on, she does manage to find some free time, in which she enjoys playing the piano, riding/training horses, and reading books. After Truman, Catie will either attend veterinary school, grad school for plant genetics, or become a sky diving instructor. As you can see, Catie is the kind of student that makes Truman a fun place to be!

## IMPORTANT DATES : OCTOBER

- 3 & 4 Truman Homecoming Weekend
- 7\* CAS Chairs meeting
- 9 & 10 Midterm Break (no classes, offices open)
- 14 CAS Chairs Meeting  
(Conference Room, Student Union 8:15 - 10:15)
- 15 First Block classes end
- 16 Second Block classes end
- 18 Diversity Day (visit event)
- 21 All-Chairs Meeting  
(Activities Room, Student Union 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.)  
Hiring Process
- 23 Faculty Senate meeting  
(Conference Room, Student Union 3:00)
- 25 Fall Festival (University Farm, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.)
- 28 CAS Chairs Meeting  
(Conference Room, Student Union 8:15 - 10:15)

\*Tentative

## CAS STAFF



Adam Davis, Associate Dean; Stachia Vorhees, Secretary and Receptionist for the College of Arts and Sciences; Doug Davenport, Dean; Peggy Clark, Secretary to the Dean of Arts and Sciences and Bob Jones, Associate Dean

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Abdorrahman Alghamdi  
Agriculture Science

*Abdo Alghamdi*, Assistant Professor of Equine Science, holds the PhD in Reproductive Physiology and Immunology from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and the MS in Reproductive Physiology, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, as well as the B Vet Sci (with honors) from King Saud University, Gassim, Saudi Arabia. As a post-doctoral fellow and research associate at the University of Minnesota, Abdo has conducted research at the intersection of reproduction and immunology in multiple species, primarily equine, bovine, and porcine. He is the lead or secondary author on ten peer-reviewed publications examining the roles of nitric oxide and seminal plasma on reproductive success and immune response. He will teach in the areas of animal reproduction, exercise physiology, and equine science, as well as food, agriculture and the Environment. Abdo's research will not only provide valuable hands-on experience to students interested in pre-vet medicine and animal reproduction, but provide an important bridge to work being done by colleagues in Biology and at AT Still University.



Julie Flowerday  
Anthropology,  
Geography & Sociology

*Julie Flowerday*, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, is a graduate of Wayne State University and holds a doctorate in social anthropology from the University of North Carolina (1998), where she began studying, visualizing, and writing about the relationship of changing landscape and shifting knowledge in a small community of the Hunza valley in the high Karakoram Mountains of the Northern Areas, a UN protectorate of Pakistan. Dr. Flowerday is especially interested in the changing nexus of political rule and economy through ethnographic techniques, including photography. Publications of book chapters and articles include *Hunza Now and Then and Then Again* (2005); *Framing Change* (2005); *Change over Time. Hunza in Treble Vision: 1930s and 1990s* (2006); and *Blasting a Boulder and Building Memories* (2009). Dr. Flowerday holds membership in the Association of Asian Studies, Fulbright Association, American Institute of Pakistan Studies, American Anthropological Association, Triangle South Asia Consortium, NC, and maintains interest in South Asian history, colonialism, and documentary studies. This year she will be offering courses in Anthropological Inquiries, Global Issues, Language and Culture, and Comparative Cultures. Dr. Flowerday enjoys cooking, dancing, and photography.



Bonnie Mitchell  
Anthropology,  
Geography & Sociology

*Bonnie Lynn Mitchell*, Assistant Professor of Sociology, received her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and her Master of Arts in Latin American Studies from Brigham Young University. She received her PhD in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. Her specializations include comparative race and ethnicity, gender, and religion. Her current teaching interests include social change, environmental sociology and qualitative methods. Her research focuses on Native American PowWows and cultures of resistance in the western hemisphere. Dr. Mitchell is a member of the National Association for

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Julia Karll  
Art

Ethnic Studies and the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Dr. Mitchell likes being physically active and would like to find friends to help her get outside and get more exercise.

*Julia Karll*, Lecturer in Art, earned her MFA in Textile Design from the University of Kansas, and her BFA in Photography and BA in Fibers from Truman State University. She was recently mentioned in the *Denver Post* ("Urge to create, need to be heard" by Kyle MacMillan and in the Women's International Perspective, "Art for a time of crisis" by Nancy Vining Van Ness). College-level teaching experience includes Learning Lab for Educators (Textile studio class) while in residence at PlatteForum, through the University of North Denver, and five semesters as Instructor of Record during graduate study at KU (Design 1 and 2 and Textile classes). She will teach Drawing 1 and 2, Design 1 and 2, and is also interested in textiles. Her research accomplishments and interests include three artist residencies within the past year with Colorado Art Ranch, Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for Art, and PlatteForum; exhibitions across the nation including Orange County, CA, Denver CO and Auburn, NY.



Gary Rozanc  
Art

*Gary Rozanc*, Assistant Professor of Art, earned his MFA from the University of Arizona. Gary has worked in the design industry over 12 years and has done everything from prepress to art direction. His teaching and creative interests focus on developing the visual artist's unique gift to visually explain complex problems through their work for the betterment of the community.



James Allen  
Biology

*James O. Allen* is Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology. He has held previous appointments at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Monmouth College, Florida International University-Miami and Western Illinois University, as well as a postdoctoral appointment at Indiana University-Bloomington. He has published extensively on the mitochondrial genomes of maize. He will be teaching introductory courses (100, 107).



Stephen Hudman  
Biology

*Stephen Hudman*, Assistant Professor of Biology (Ecological Genetics), did his BSc at West Virginia University and holds the PhD (University of Vermont). He did post-doctoral work at the University of Kansas. Teaching interests include Ecology, Genetics, Molecular Ecology, Conservation Genetics, Experimental Design, Statistics, and Evolution. His research focuses on fishes and population genetics. He has work in press on "Twenty-three microsatellite DNA loci for population genetic studies and parentage assignment in orangethroat darter, *Etheostoma spectabile*" (Molecular Ecology Resources), as well as already published work on "Intra- and intersexual selection on male body size are complimentary in the fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*)" (Behaviour, 144, 1065-1086).

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Gregg Klowden  
Biology

*Gregg Klowden*, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology, has his BSc in General Biology from the University of Illinois, the MS in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from University of Florida, and PhD in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from University of Florida. He will be teaching Ecology, Introductory Biology, and Biology for non-majors. His research interests focus on geckos and exotic species; he has an article forthcoming in the *Herpetological Review* on *Ctenosaurus similis* (Spiny-tailed Iguana), and another already published in the same journal on *Hemidactylus garnotii* (Indo-Pacific Gecko).



Kevin McWilliams  
Chemistry

*Kevin McWilliams*, Temporary Assistant Professor of chemistry, is a 2001 graduate of Truman's program. He earned his PhD from Iowa State University in Inorganic Chemistry under the direction of Dr. Robert Angelici. Kevin and his wife, Amber, recently became proud parents of a daughter, Stella, who joins a brother named Kade. He will be teaching introductory courses in the department.



Celia Alpuche May  
Classical & Modern Languages

*Celia Alpuche-May* is a new Instructor of Spanish. She holds an MA from West Virginia University and is a native of Yucatan, Mexico. Among her interests are Latin and traditional Mexican dance.



Sarrah El Moumouhi  
Classical & Modern Languages

*Sarrah El Moumouhi* is our university's first Exchange Lecturer in Arabic. A native of Morocco, Ms. El Moumouhi will be coordinating our distance-learning program in Arabic while pursuing undergraduate studies.



Sergio Escobar  
Classical & Modern Languages

*Sergio Escobar*, PhD University of Michigan, is our new Assistant Professor of Spanish. A native of Colombia, Dr. Escobar's research interests include 19th century Spanish American literature and culture.



Nana Kurata  
Classical & Modern Languages

*Nana Kurata* is our new Japanese Exchange Lecturer. A graduate of Waseda University in Tokyo, Ms. Kurata is pursuing an MA in English at Truman while teaching Elementary Japanese.

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Jordi Teillard  
Classical & Modern Languages

*Jordi Teillard* has returned to Truman as a French Exchange Lecturer, a position he previously held several years ago. Mr. Teillard is a doctoral candidate at Indiana University and a native of New Caledonia. He will be teaching French Grammar and Composition and French Pronunciation and will also assist with co-curricular activities in the French program.



Deborah Klein  
Communication

*Deborah L. Klein*, Instructor in Communication, specializes in Composition, African Literature and Folklore. Recent presentations include "God in the Machine: Religion in Massive Multiplayer Online Role-Playing" at the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association, and she has served as a peer reader for *Christianity and Literature* since March 2008. She is currently seeking publishers for a novel and short stories.



Russell Luce  
Communication

*Russell Luce* is Assistant Director of Forensics/Instructor in Communication. He holds the MA in Speech Communication, and has served as Assistant Coach of Forensics at Miami University. This semester he will teach COMM 170, then Oral Advocacy and debate in the Spring. He has presented several papers at the National Communication Association Conference and Central States Communication Association Conference. Other interests include Political Rhetoric, Argumentation, and Rhetorical Theory. He is engaged to a wonderful woman, enjoys outdoor activities, and loves the gas mileage he gets with his motorcycle.



Kristi Gerding-Scholten  
Communication

*Kristi Scholten*, Assistant Professor of Communication/Assistant Director of Forensics, has her PhD from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Teaching interests include Public Speaking, Rhetorical Criticism, Media Criticism, Popular Culture, and Postmodern Theory. She has an extensive history of conference presentations and office-holding in the National Communication Association and the Central States Communication Association (of which she is the Secretary, and soon-to-be President and conference organizer for the Rhetorical Theory Division). Publications include "When Art and Celebrity Collide: Telling the Dixie Chicks to Shut Up and Sing." (Berlin: Verlag, Dr. Muller, McNabb, N., & Scholten, K.) and "Location, Location, Location: Exploring the Educational Benefits of Local, Regional, and National Tournaments," recently accepted for publication in the *National Forensic Journal*.



Rubana Mahjabeen  
Economics

*Rubana Mahjabeen*, Temporary Assistant Professor of Economics, holds the PhD in Economics, 2005, from the University of Kansas, and previously served as lecturer in the Department of Economics at the University of Kansas. Research interests include issues related to economic development and international economics, specifically poverty, microfinance and foreign aid. Dr. Mahjabeen's teaching assignment includes Principles of Macroeconomics and Economic Development.

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Heather Cianciola  
English & Linguistics

*Heather Cianciola*, new part-time lecturer in English, is a recent graduate of the doctoral program at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. Specializing in 19th century British literature and women's and gender studies, Heather's dissertation examines Victorian devotional poetry. She will primarily be teaching literature and writing courses in the Liberal Studies Program.



James D'Agostino  
English & Linguistics

*James (Jamie) D'Agostino*, new tenure-eligible creative writing specialist, is a graduate of the doctoral program at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Specializing in creative writing pedagogy, interdisciplinary study of the arts, and American literature, Jamie's dissertation—a now-published volume of poetry entitled *Nude With Anything*—explores poetry's long-standing flirtation with the visual arts. He will be teaching a variety of courses for the University, including American literature, creative writing, and JINS.



Obinna Nwakanma  
English & Linguistics

*Obinna (Obi) Nwakanma*, new tenure-eligible creative writing specialist, is a graduate of the MFA program in creative writing at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He is currently a candidate in the doctoral program at St. Louis University. Specializing in creative writing, modern poetry, literary theory, and postcolonial studies, Obi's dissertation examines developments in global black culture in the 20th century, from the Harlem Renaissance to the Mbari movement in Ibadan, West Africa. He will be teaching a wide variety of courses, including creative writing, postcolonial literature, and composition.



John Unger  
English & Linguistics

*John Unger*, new temporary Assistant Professor of English/ESL, is a graduate of the doctoral program in instructional and curricular studies at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, Nevada. Specializing in literacy studies and teaching English as a second language, John's work covers a wide range of topics in the area of second language acquisition and teaching. He will primarily be teaching writing and speaking for non-native English speakers, as well as working on several ESL-related initiatives at Truman and for the surrounding community. He has worked and studied in a wide variety of ESL/ EFL (English as a Second Language/English as a Foreign Language) contexts for over 17 years. He has published, presented papers and workshops, and taught undergraduate and graduate courses revolving around Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), gesture and language, writing, developmental English, linguistics, traditional English grammar and usage, literacy, semiotics and video games, and multilingual/multicultural education. His current research revolves around different types of semiotic literacies that can be developed as supporting tools for English language learners in K-12, Academic ESL, and transitional literacy-learning contexts. Before his life in higher education, John spent four years in the U.S. Navy and fifteen seasons on coastal and deep-sea commercial fishing boats in the Northern Pacific, Gulf of Alaska, and Bering Sea. His favorite

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Mark Williams  
Justice Systems

activities outside of teaching and trying to collect and make sense of video and other types of data are exercising, eating, and sleeping.

*Mark Williams*, instructor, begins teaching law courses this Fall. Mr. Williams holds a BA in Political Science (1998) from Truman State University and a JD from the University of Missouri Kansas City. Mr. Williams is currently serving his second term as Prosecuting Attorney for Adair County. He also is serving his second term as a State Board Member on the Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals. He is a member of the Illinois, Missouri, and Adair County Bar Associations. Mr. Williams also is a member of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys and is much involved in the Kirksville community, giving his time to several organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and United Way. Mr. Williams's wife, Jill, is also a 1988 graduate of Truman. He has two children, Madison (ten) and Nicholas (seven). Mark enjoys golf and hunting when he is not in court.



Greg Klokkenga  
Mathematics  
& Computer Science

*Greg Klokkenga* is a mathematics instructor teaching Concrete Behavioral Foundations of Mathematics and Management of Instruction. He graduated from Truman when it was still known as Northeast Missouri State University with a BS and MA in mathematics education. After serving as graduate assistant at Truman in the 1972-1973 school year, he was employed by the Moberly Public School System from August of 1973 through May of 2008. His teaching responsibilities included College Algebra, College Trigonometry, and College Calculus AB, as well as Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II, General Mathematics, Pre-Algebra, and other variations of the previously named classes. He also works on the family farm west of Greentop, Missouri.



Joshua Levy  
Mathematics  
& Computer Science

*Joshua Levy*, Visiting Assistant Professor of Statistics, has his MA from Cornell University (1983) and PhD from the University of Wisconsin Madison. He has taught most recently at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and has published refereed papers in applied probability journals and in publications about stochastic processes. His teaching assignment includes Basic Statistics (STAT 190) and Statistical Quality Control (STAT 374). Research interests are in theoretical and applied stochastic processes and designing models for decision making for problems in operations research and management science.



Miroslaw Pryszczepko  
Mathematics

*Miroslaw Pryszczepko*, Instructor of Mathematics, was born in Bialystok in north-eastern Poland, and holds an MA degree in mathematics from the University of Southern California. Currently, he is also finishing the PhD at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the area of non-commutative ring theory. In his free time, he likes to play tennis. This semester, he will teach College Algebra and Calculus III.

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Jason Shaw  
Mathematics  
& Computer Science

*Jason Shaw* received his BS in Mathematics from Iowa State University in May of 1999 and his PhD in Mathematics from Indiana University (Bloomington) in August of 2005. Truman State welcomed him first as a visitor shortly after receiving his PhD. He has taught College Algebra, Trigonometry, Brief Calculus, Matrix Algebra, Basic Statistics, Statistical Quality Control, and ANOVA/Experimental Design. He plays basketball, softball, and golf, loves coffee, reading, watching movies, and you can often see him riding his bike to campus from his duplex on S. Jamison.



Roy Wright  
Mathematics  
& Computer Science

*Roy Wright* is a visiting assistant professor of mathematics, and received the PhD in applied mathematics from the University of California, Davis, in 2008. His research interests are in theoretical ecology, and his teaching focuses mainly on modeling and computational courses, but more generally in any application-oriented area of mathematics. He and his wife Ashley have two children, Rae and Blaise.



Eric Shirley  
Military Science

*Major Eric P. Shirley* was the Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Arizona in 1993. Commissioned in the Regular Army as a Quartermaster Corps Officer, he has served in a variety of command and staff positions to include Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Detachment Commander at Fort Lewis, WA. Commander, Alpha Company 704th Division Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division Fort Hood Texas. He has also served as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Dallas, TX. He has served as the Division Logistics Planner for the 1st Cavalry Division and most recently as the Support Operations Officer 1st Brigade Combat Team, during the Division's 15 month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. MAJ Shirley is a graduate of the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses at Fort Lee, VA, Command and General Staff Officer's College and the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), Fort Leavenworth, KS. He is also a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (third award) and is qualified as an Army Parachutist. Eric and his wife Jennifer live in Kirksville with their daughter Eloise.



Charles Gran  
Music

*Charles Gran*, Assistant Professor of Music, was born and raised in Southern California. He has written for various combinations of voices, instruments, and media as well as libretti and lyrics. Though trained in the techniques of the classical tradition, he has a populist vision for his music. Charles considers the voice his primary compositional focus and features singing in many of his pieces. Recent work includes chamber music, a song cycle, two musicals, a dance-drama, and a work for orchestra. He is currently finishing a new musical, and preparing an art song cycle/music-drama about the Anglo-Saxons.

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Neal Delmonico  
Philosophy & Religion

He occasionally performs as a singer and actor, often with his wife Christine.

*Neal Delmonico*, Temporary Part-time Lecturer, holds the PhD from Chicago (1990), and, in addition to previous service at Truman, was Temporary Adjunct Assistant Professor at Iowa State University. He will teach Exploring Religions (PHRE 185). His specialization is in Hinduism and Buddhism; publications include translation, editing and introductions to *Fundamentals of Vedanta: the Vedanta-sara of Sadananda and the Prameya-ratnavali of Baladeva and Nectar of the Holy Name* by Manindranath Guha. He is married to Elizabeth Delmonico of the English/Linguistics Department, with whom he has a daughter, Jahnvi Delmonico. Extracurricular interests include stargazing, physics and science-fiction.



Matthew Pianalto  
Philosophy & Religion

*Matthew Pianalto*, Temporary Assistant Professor, holds the PhD in Philosophy from the University of Arkansas. This fall, he offers Ethics, Early Modern Philosophy, and Philosophy and Public Affairs. In the Spring, among other things, he will teach "Happiness and the Good Life." Research interests include questions concerning the role of ethical language and the appropriateness (or lack thereof) of moral convictions. He also has a side-interest in philosophical and empirical accounts of happiness.



Eddie Hodges  
Physics & Biology

*Eddie Hodges* has joined the Physics and Biology faculties as a one-year temporary instructor teaching one introductory lab course in each field. Eddie is a graduate of our own undergraduate Physics program, where he studied with Drs. Drennan and Nothdurft, among others. After graduating, Eddie served in the Peace Corps in the Cameroon where he taught physics. Upon returning stateside, Eddie earned his Masters of Arts in Education at NMSU, and his PhD in science education at Mizzou, where his focus was in biological sciences. In between, Eddie taught science to young men and women in Turkey and Germany. Eddie is a long-time Kirksville resident, and he is an expert table tennis player.



Giray Sadik  
Political Science

*Giray Sadik*, Assistant Professor of Political Science, received his bachelor's degree from Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey, and holds a master's degree from Sabanci University in Turkey. He received his PhD at the University of Georgia in May of 2008. His teaching and research interests include International Relations, Comparative Politics and Methodology, with areas of specialization in international security, civil-military relations, politics of developing countries, politics of the European Union and Middle Eastern politics. Dr. Sadik is a member of the Midwest Political Science Association and he has presented papers at a number of professional conferences, including at the International Studies Association, The Western Political Science Association, The Southern Political Science Association and

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Elnur Soltanov  
Political Science

the Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics and Society Conference. Dr. Sadik's book *American Image in Turkey and U.S. Foreign Policy* is forthcoming from Lexington Books in 2009.

*Elnur Soltanov*, Assistant Professor of Political Science, holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey, and is working toward his doctorate from Texas Tech University. His teaching and research interests include international relations, international security, international political economy, foreign resource and investment politics, comparative politics, methodology and post-Soviet politics. He has written chapters for *The Geopolitics of the Turkish World in the 21st Century*, *Turks*, and *Central Asia in World Affairs*, in addition to numerous articles written for Turkish and Azeri newspapers.



Jaekwon Suh  
Political Science

*Jaekwon Suh*, Assistant Professor of Political Science, holds a bachelor's and master's in political science from Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea, and completed work on his doctorate from UCLA in August of 2008. He also attended the Summer Institute for Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models at the University of Michigan. His teaching and research interests include comparative politics, international relations, political economy, methodology, political institutions in advanced countries, corporate governance, distributive politics in the era of globalization and East Asian politics. He has presented numerous conference papers and has several articles under review for publication.



Kathleen Deidrick  
Psychology

*Keely M. Deidrick*, Temporary Assistant Professor of Psychology, is a clinical psychologist who received her PhD from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She completed post-doctoral training in pediatric neuropsychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Deidrick served as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Health Psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 2005 until the present and continues to have an adjunct appointment in the department. She has published in the area of neurodevelopmental disorders with a focus on child behavior and family functioning. Teaching interests include experimental methods in psychology, introductory psychology and physiological psychology. Her research focuses on family coping when a child has a neurodevelopmental disorder, and barriers to behavioral health treatment for children with neurodevelopmental disorders. Dr. Deidrick enjoys spending time with her family, including her three year old son Reece, outdoor activities, and supporting Bulldog Basketball.

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David Goyette  
Theatre

*David Charles Goyette*, Assistant Professor of Theatre, will be teaching Play Direction, Introduction to the Theatre and Acting I plus directing the second main stage production *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He graduated with an MFA in Directing from the University of Texas at Austin. In addition to directing and writing for theatres around the country, he served as the Interim Artistic Director for Alaska's premiere regional theatre, Perseverance Theatre. During his tenure, he also oversaw all education initiatives at Perseverance Theatre, including the supervision of the joint professional theatre training program with the University of Alaska Southeast. In 2004 he left African Continuum Theatre Company as the Associate Producer & Director of the Fresh Flavas New Works program to become the Director of Education for Perseverance Theatre. In Washington, DC, he directed African Continuum's *A Lesson Before Dying* and *The Story* to critical acclaim. His debut production at Perseverance Theatre, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, played to sold-out crowds and was critically lauded, both in Juneau and Anchorage. Mr. Goyette recently directed the world premiere of Speech & Debate for Perseverance Theatre's Second Stage and Paula Vogel's *The Long Christmas Ride Home* for PT's main stage. Since receiving his BFA in Drama from Carnegie Mellon University, Mr. Goyette has become an award-winning director and arts administrator, and has worked with Arena Stage, The Shakespeare Theatre, Pittsburgh Public Theatre, The Source Theatre Company, Fredericksburg Theatre Company, Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage and Walt Disney Pictures. He has directed plays by Bertolt Brecht, Henrik Ibsen, August Strindberg, Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux, David Henry Hwang, Tewfik El Hakim and Chiori Miyagawa among others. He has received the League of Washington Theatre's Offstage Honors Award, the A.C.T. Centerstage Award for Best Director and Best Production, the Robert Huckestein Jr. Memorial Award, the Michael Reimer Memorial Award and was named an Alaska Humanities Scholar by the Alaska Humanities Forum.