New Faculty
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Matthew Bagger
Department of Philosophy, Goodwin-Philip Eminent Scholar
Bagger received his PhD from Columbia University. His research interests include religious experience and American pragmatism.

Malissa Clark
Department of Psychology, Assistant Professor
Clark received her PhD in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Wayne State University. Her research focuses on work-family issues, how affect and emotions influence organizational behavior, and empathy in relation to organizational behavior.

Mark Degoti
Department of Music, Assistant Professor
Degoti received his PhD in Brass Pedagogy from Indiana University. He specializes in trumpet performance and pedagogy.

Cathleen Erwin
Department of Political Science, Assistant Professor
Erwin received her PhD in Administration-Health Services from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Her research interests include business strategy, healthcare management, nonprofit organizations, fundraising, and governance.

Jinyan Fan
Department of Psychology, Assistant Professor
Fan received his PhD in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Ohio State University. His research interests are in the domains of newcomer orientation and socialization, cross-cultural adjustment and training, personnel selection, and social self-efficacy.

L. Allen Furr
Department of Sociology, Professor and Chair
Furr received his PhD in Sociology from Louisiana State University. He also holds a master's degree in Social Work from University of Louisville. His research focuses on the sociology of health, with a particular interest in mental health.

Michael Fulghage
Department of Communication and Journalism, Assistant Professor
Fulghage received his PhD in Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His research examines contemporary news coverage of Latinos and Latin immigration, and the development of Latino stereotypes in the nineteenth-century press.

Kelly Kennington
Department of History, Assistant Professor
Kennington received her PhD in History from Duke University. She specializes in Early America (1800–1860), the U.S. South, legal history and African American history.

Mark Kluesing
Department of Communication Disorders, Assistant Clinical Professor
Kluesing received a Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of Florida after working clinically for 15 years. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology.

Chris Locke
Department of Sociology, Assistant Professor
Locke received a PhD and a master's degree in Social Work from Ohio State University. His research interests include examining the stigma of mental illness with particular focus on the impact of the media on stigma, recovery and mental illness, and domestic violence offender treatment.

David Lucenko
Department of History, Assistant Professor
Lucenko received his PhD in the History of Technology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His research focuses on the history of the automobile.

Mike Milford
Department of Communication and Journalism, Assistant Professor
Milford earned his PhD from the University of Kansas. His research interests are popular forms of rhetoric, specifically the secondary rhetoric that surrounds significant events.

Rupali Misbra
Department of History, Assistant Professor
Mishra received her PhD from Princeton University. Her research focuses on early modern British history.

Jordi Olivar
Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, Assistant Professor
Olivar received his PhD in Spanish Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research covers Spanish and Catalan literature and culture in the modern and contemporary periods.

Alan Seals
Department of Economics, Assistant Professor
Seals received his PhD from Middle Tennessee State University. His research centers on the economics of the family and the economics of crime.

Patricia Serviss
Department of English, Assistant Professor
Serviss received her PhD in Composition and Cultural Rhetoric from Syracuse University. She has three primary research interests, one of which is the social histories of writing assessment.

Lauren Smith
Department of Communication and Journalism, Assistant Professor
Smith received her PhD from the University of Alabama. Her main research interests lie in media portrayals, media effects, and new media theories.

Tracy Witte
Department of Psychology, Assistant Professor
Witte received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Florida State University. Her research is concerned with the definition and prediction of distal risk factors for suicidal behavior. She explores the influence of biological correlates, personality variables, and mental disorders on suicidal behavior.