



**New
Faculty
2023 ~ 2024**

Seton Hall University

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Welcome from the Provost

To our new faculty,

It is my honor to welcome you to Seton Hall University! During the past year, I have had the privilege of participating in the process of hiring each one of you, and from that I know what an incredibly talented group you are. Whether you are going to be primarily located in South Orange, Nutley/Clifton, or Newark, I am thrilled to have you as a part of our Seton Hall family.

Seton Hall's greatest strength has always been its people. In my short time as Interim Provost, it has been my pleasure to be able to learn more about the wonderful achievements of our entire faculty. I am excited that each of you will bring fresh ideas and research and further enrich our conversations and engage our students in many new ways. We will all benefit greatly from your contributions.

As part of the University's commitment to instruction and research, we have made substantial investments in hiring new faculty members in recent years, despite the significant challenges facing higher education coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud to have added 63 new faculty members this year and we remain committed to investing in academics, not only through faculty hires, but additionally through initiatives that support curriculum development, interdisciplinary scholarship, and enriching experiences that align with our mission. Our collective goals remain working together to educate and mentor our students, teaching them to become servant leaders, lifelong learners, and the creative, ethical, and competent professionals and global citizens of tomorrow.

I am also happy to report that our Interim President Katia Passerini, our Board of Trustees and Board of Regents, and our Executive Cabinet have all restated their continued commitment to reinvest in the Academy, as set forth in *Harvest Our Treasures*, our strategic plan. Investing in excellence in the Academy is the only way for us to ensure the continued vibrancy of our beloved University.

Finally, allow me to simply thank you for coming to Seton Hall. I know that all of you had other institutions you could have joined. Your choice to come here is a welcome reaffirmation of our mutual commitment to Seton Hall's Mission. I have enjoyed meeting many of you these past few weeks and I look forward to getting to know all of you over the coming months.

Sincerely,



Erik Lillquist

Interim Provost and Executive Vice President





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Stillman School of Business



The College of Arts and Sciences



Carm Almonor, Ph.D., J.D.

Political Science and Public Affairs,
Africana Studies

Democratic problem solving through multidisciplinary frameworks guides Dr. Almonor's teaching, scholarship, and past practice as a constitutional lawyer and public policy advocate in multiple Northeast bar jurisdictions: N.J., N.Y., P.A., Washington D.C. and the Federal District of N.J. Combining observations in law, politics, history and culture, his policy research centers on institutional cultural unities and historical continuities intersecting gender, race and class structures. Focal institutional contexts of Almonor's research include K-12 education, criminal justice and employment. A past fellow of the Eagleton Institute of Politics, the Public Policy Lab and ABA Scholars, Almonor is currently working on book manuscripts and law review articles related to political, cultural, and historical analyses of his most impactful legal case and policy precedents.

Nkosi DuBois Anderson, Ph.D.

Religion, Africana Studies

Nkosi Anderson is very excited to be joining the outstanding faculty at Seton Hall University! He comes to SHU having just previously taught at Hunter College and Union Theological Seminary, NY.

Anderson holds degrees from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, NY.

Dr. Anderson's primary areas of research are in the fields of Africana Studies and Religion, broadly speaking. He has worked in public education, government, and with religious, nonprofit, and community groups. He also remains committed to a number of causes for social justice.





Meghan Caufield, Ph.D.
Psychology

Meghan Caufield is originally from Horsham, PA and earned her Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience from Rutgers University in 2014. Before joining Seton Hall, she served as an Assistant Professor at Marist College and prior to that, was a Mendel Science Fellow at Villanova University. She also completed a post-doctorate in neuropsychology, focusing on studying cognitive impairments after stroke and developing rehabilitation interventions.

Throughout her academic career, Dr. Caufield has worked with diverse populations, including Veterans, adolescents, young adults, older adults, and stroke survivors. Her most recent research employs neuroimaging methods and behavioral tasks to explore how individuals at risk for anxiety disorders learn and remember information differently.

Angela Baglio, Ph.D.
Biological Sciences

Angela Baglio is an alumnus of Seton Hall University having graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Biology, before earning her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Dr. Baglio worked as a Physical Therapist in a variety of healthcare settings until ultimately going on to open her own facility, which she operated for 15 years and continued to treat a variety of medical diagnoses as its' senior therapist. Early on in her career, she gained experience and received specialized training in women's health therapies including prenatal, post-partum and post mastectomy.





Jessica Dimka, Ph.D.

Anthropology

Jessica Dimka is a biological anthropologist interested in how human behavior and social factors contribute to the spread of epidemics and related health disparities. Her current focus is on the relationship between infectious diseases and disability during pandemics.

Dr. Dimka is originally from Wisconsin and received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. Most recently, she was at Oslo Metropolitan University in Norway, where she completed a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions fellowship and served as co-leader of the Centre for Research on Pandemics & Society.



Muhammad Farooq, Ph.D.

English

Muhammad Farooq joins the Department of English as an Assistant Professor. He recently completed his Ph.D. in English at Kent State University, Ohio. His research and teaching focus on 20th- and 21st-century British and Global Anglophone literatures with a specific interest in necropolitics, memory, and spatial literary studies.

Dr. Farooq hails from Peshawar, Pakistan, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in English literature and subsequently taught various courses of English literature at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Evan Ganning, M.S.

Mathematics and Computer Science

Evan Ganning joins the College of Arts and Science and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in Fall 2023. He is a 3rd generation Pirate, He graduated from Seton Hall in 2021 with a double major in Mathematics and Financial Mathematics.

After his time at Seton Hall, Professor Ganning attended Stevens Institute of Technology and received his M.S. in Financial Engineering in Spring 2023. He currently teaches Precalculus/ Trigonometry and College Algebra.



Narinder Harika, Ph.D.

Chemistry and Biochemistry

Narinder Harika joins the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry as a Lecturer. With great excitement, she brings to our classroom not only a profound passion for this scientific discipline but also five years of invaluable teaching experience.

Throughout her journey as an educator, she has had the privilege of guiding and inspiring students on their paths to understanding the complexities of chemistry.

From introductory concepts to advanced topics, Dr. Harika's years of teaching have honed her ability to communicate ideas effectively, creating an engaging and dynamic learning environment that fosters curiosity and critical thinking.



Timothy Hoffman, MPA
Political Science and Public
Affairs

Timothy Hoffman is a two-time graduate of Seton Hall University and is very excited to join the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs.

Professor Hoffman previously served as the Director of the Center for Community Research and Engagement (CCRE) at Seton Hall University, where he managed the day-to-day operations of the center and implemented service-learning programs. For the last seven years, he has also taught courses in public administration, non-profit management, and United States politics as an adjunct professor. He currently serves as the president-elect of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

Xuefeng Jiang, Ph.D.
Physics

Xuefeng (Shepard) Jiang is a new Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics. He received both his B.S. degree and Ph.D. in Physics from Peking University. Subsequently, he worked as a postdoctoral fellow/research scientist at the University of Oregon, Washington University in St. Louis, and CUNY.

Dr. Jiang's research interests include integrated photonics, quantum photonics, biochemical sensing, and non-Hermitian physics. He has published over 30 peer-reviewed research papers in leading scientific journals, such as *Science*, *Nature*, *Nature Physics*, etc., and holds 3 US patents. Additionally, he serves on the editorial board of the journal *Scientific Reports*.





Hsin-Yi Lin, Ph.D.
Mathematics and Computer Science

Hsin-Yi Lin earned her Ph.D. in Mathematics in 2020 from the University of Maryland, College Park. She joins the Mathematics and Computer Science department.

Professor Lin's research interests range from partial differential equations and its applications in modeling to modern Machine Learning. She is particularly interested in interdisciplinary projects, and has experience in biological modeling, climate prediction, and speech enhancement.

In her spare time enjoys traveling, cooking, and working out.



Robin Kello, Ph.D.
English

Robin Alfriend Kello recently completed his Ph.D. in English at UCLA and is delighted to be joining the faculty of the Department of English at Seton Hall to teach in the First-Year Writing Program.

His research focuses primarily on Shakespeare and the theater of migration and Shakespeare and social justice as both dramaturgy and pedagogy.

Other interests include the Spanish *comedia*, bilingual theater adaptation, and abolitionist-oriented prison education and performance initiatives.



Michael Liska, MFA

English

Michael Liska has been teaching writing at Seton Hall since 2016 and now joins the department as a full-time faculty member. His fiction has appeared in *Epoch* and on *McSweeney's Internet Tendency*, as well as the forthcoming anthology *Nothing's Sacred: Outspoken Voices in Contemporary Fiction* from Heresy Press.

Professor Liska can also be heard on his podcast *What Ho...A Rat!!*, where he presents Shakespeare's plays in a comedic context. He lives on the Delaware River with a German shepherd named Django.



Harita Menon, Ph.D.

Biological Sciences

For a long time, Harita Menon has grabbed on to any opportunity where she could teach, whether it be in school helping classmates or on her building stairs helping her neighbors with their homework. She has always had a passion for teaching and learning and different ways of teaching the material. She joins the Department of Biological Sciences.

In order to pursue teaching at the college level, Dr. Menon completed her Ph.D. in Biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and post-doctoral training in Neuroscience from Rutgers University.



Reihaneh Safavisohi, Ph.D.
Chemistry and Biochemistry

Reihaneh Safavisohi is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She obtained her Ph.D. in Chemistry and Nanomedicine from Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran, Iran.

Her passion for research and academic pursuits has led her to undergo postgraduate trainings at institutions such as Leibniz Institute for Molecular Pharmacology (Berlin, Germany), Michigan State University, and the University of Notre Dame.

La'Tesha Sampson, Ph.D.
Social Work

La'Tesha Sampson is a distinguished professional with extensive expertise in the field of mental health as a licensed clinical social worker, author, and media personality. She has served as a professor for fifteen years at many Social Work programs, including the University of New England, Rutgers University, Hunter College, and Kean University prior to her appointment at Seton Hall. She owns a prominent mental health practice with operations in both New Jersey and North Carolina, as well as a 501C3 organization. Her remarkable contributions to the mental health sector have garnered recognition from esteemed media outlets, including the *New York Times*, NBC News 4, *The Huffington Post*, Thrive Global, MTV, and *The Star Ledger*.





Thomas Santulli, M.S.
Math and Computer Science

Thomas Santulli has a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Mathematics from Montclair State University. In his prior 37-year teaching career he has taught high school math and was the math supervisor for the Ramsey School District. He has taught methods courses for prospective elementary school and high school math teachers at Montclair State University, William Paterson University, Saint Elizabeth University, and Fairleigh Dickinson University. In the past two years Santulli has taught math as an adjunct professor here at Seton Hall.

Professor Santulli has written several articles for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics publication "The Mathematics Teacher," and has spoken at conferences for NCTM, AMTNJ, and NJEA.

Jiefrei (Jeffrey) Yang, Ph.D.
Biological Sciences

Jiefrei Yang received degrees at Fudan University, HK Univ of Sci and Tech, and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from USC in California.

Dr. Yang has been doing Biology research and teaching for almost 30 years and the last 12 years mostly teaching in NJ and NY colleges. He loves interacting with students of various backgrounds, guiding them through subject matter, and also learning from them at the same time.

He has been deacon at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield (PCW) since 2016 (on sabbatical this year), and is also a photographer, mainly covering events, portraits, and certain wild life. He just started videography too!





Stillman School of Business



Peter Christakos, MBA
Accounting and Taxation

P. Jeffrey (Jeff) Christakos has a passion for teaching. He is currently a term instructor, where his focus is on accounting and wealth management. He was a Specialist Professor and Department Chair at Monmouth University where his focus was on taxation and personal finance. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor at FDU, where he taught aspiring financial planners in the CFP® program.

Professor Christakos is a CPA and holds the CFP® certification. He earned his BS in Accounting at Seton Hall University and his MBA in Finance at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He will complete the MS in Taxation program at St. John's University this Fall. He was recently named to the 2023 NJBIZ Accounting 50. The list, published annually, recognizes the top accounting professionals at businesses in all industries throughout the state. It was his fourth consecutive year to make the list.

Nicholas Dahan, Ph.D.
Management

Nicolas (Nick) Dahan is joining the Stillman School of Business as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Management. Previously he was a tenured Professor of Business Strategy, Entrepreneurship, and International Business; as well as the Director of the online MBA program at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) for four years. Prior to that he was an Associate Professor of IB and/or Business Strategy for ten years, most recently at Cal State, Monterey Bay; and at Temple University, Fox School of Business, where he served as the Academic Director of the International Business undergraduate major (500 students).

Dr. Dahan's research focuses mainly on the area of "non-market strategies" (including corporate political activity, corporate social responsibility, corporate philanthropy, corporate governance) about which he has published extensively.





Chas Fox, DBA
Management

Chas Fox has taught graduate and undergraduate management at the Stillman School of Business since 2021. He has been the CEO/president of Jackson & Perkins, Park Seed, Wayside Gardens and several other direct to consumer brands. He is currently the CEO of Micro-Mark.

His professional focus is strategic management and financial turnaround. His area of research is the study of competitive advantage assessment tools. Professor Fox is also a former NFL wide receiver, playing for the Buffalo Bills, the KC Chiefs, and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Kenneth Jones, MBA
Computing and Decision Sciences

Kenneth Jones is a legal technology consultant and the Chief Operating Officer of Xerdict Group LLC (Cloud-based web legal case and document management systems). He has an MBA in Finance from Rutgers University.

He was a former Chief Technologist for a corporate defense law firm operating primarily in the area of mass tort/resolution counsel representation, the former Director of Applications Development for Bristol-Myers Squibb, and an active volunteer with the International Legal Technology Association (ILTA) in the areas of security, strategic vendor liaison, and document management. Professor Jones has extensive experience writing for top tier publications in the legal domain describing industry best practices, trends and recommendations.





Matthew Lifson, MBA

Economics and Legal Studies

Matthew Lifson is the President at RASA Consulting, LLC. RASA Consulting provides market commentary on Foreign Exchange, Equity markets and Treasury markets. Lifson has been involved in currency markets, both in trading and sales since 1974. He has worked in a number of "money center" banks throughout his career and was the Chief Foreign Exchange Trader at PNC Bank, Pittsburgh.

Professor Lifson has taught classes as a Professor of Finance and Economics at Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh, St. Vincent's College, Monmouth University, and New Jersey City University.



Benjamin Lowe, MBA

Finance

Benjamin Lowe earned BS and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University and an MBA in Finance from Columbia University.

He is involved in both intrapreneurial and entrepreneurial activities. As an entrepreneur Professor Lowe helped develop and run business intelligence at Verizon, creating groups in data analytics, data engineering, reporting, and master data management. In addition, he was formerly the director of Bell Laboratories North America running IT infrastructure, financial operations, US government compliance, research collaborations, construction of new labs and administration. As an entrepreneur, he helped start real estate partnerships, non-profits and commercial organizations, as well as, runs his own photography company for fun. He is currently the President of the Association for Supply Chain Management (ASCM) Greater North Jersey Chapter and served as an elder at the New Providence Presbyterian Church.



Victor Metallo,
L.L.M, J.D., M.B.A., M.L.I.S.,
M.A.E., M.S. (cand.)
Business

Victor Metallo is the Advisor for the Legal Studies Minor in the Department of Economics and Legal Studies in the Stillman School of Business.

Dr. Metallo graduated from Georgetown University Law Center (with Distinction), Seton Hall Law (Ave Maria Law 1L), St. John's University, Tobin School of Business (summer abroad at the LSE), Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, and currently is an M.S. candidate at Georgia Tech (Cybersecurity Policy).

He clerked and interned for six federal and state judges, N.J.'s Appellate Division, and several federal and state offices.



Eric Rosenberg, Ph.D.
Computing and Decision Science

Eric Rosenberg received his B.A. in Mathematics from Oberlin College and a Ph.D. in Operations Research from Stanford University. After Stanford, he joined Bell Labs in NJ. At Bell Labs, and then at AT&T Labs, he worked on the design and analysis of large telecommunications networks.

Moving out of the corporate world, he then spent a year as a visiting professor in the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department in the School of Engineering at Rutgers University, after which he ran the Computer Information Systems Program at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ for three years.

Dr. Rosenberg's interests span the liberal arts, sciences, and business, and he welcomes the opportunity for collaboration with faculty and students in any department.

Debra Lee Surface, Ph.D.

Business

Born and raised in the Boston area, Debra Lee Surface earned her PhD at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Prior to UML she earned her BA and MBA at Salem State University and is proud to have had a faith-based education at Bishop Fenwick High School and St. Anthony's School, Everett.

Before academia, Dr. Surface spent close to 15 years in practice in the financial services industry; her experience includes marketing, strategy, and innovation. She began her career with credit unions, establishing financial literacy programs, civic engagement opportunities, and corporate social responsibility (CSR).





**School of Diplomacy and
International Relations**

Brendan Balestrieri, Ph.D.

Diplomacy

Dr. Balestrieri has joined Seton Hall's School of Diplomacy and International Relations as a Professor of Practice for the Fall Semester. He will teach American Grand Strategy, International Conflict and Security, and Comparative Homeland Security. He received his Ph.D. in International Relations from Korea University in 2022, under the supervision of Sung-han Kim, the former national security advisor to the president of South Korea. He also holds a BA from The Citadel, an MA in International Studies from Korea University, and an MA in Communication from Johns Hopkins University.



A lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserve, he has over 18 years of experience serving with the United States military, including tours in South Korea and Iraq. He currently serves as the battalion commander of the 354th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control), based out of Fort Totten, New York.



Brandon Valeriano, Ph.D.

Diplomacy

Dr. Valeriano recently served as the Bren Chair of Military Innovation at the Marine Corps University and Senior Advisor to the Cyberspace Solarium Commission. He has published six books and dozens of articles on cyber security and international security. Dr. Valeriano has provided testimony on cyber conflict for the United States Senate, the Canadian Senate, and the Parliament of the United Kingdom, also serving as a Visiting Fellow at the Royal Danish Defense College.

Ongoing research explores conflict escalation, the space-cyber nexus, and data/metric applications for cyber security. Dr. Valeriano is the Area Editor in International Relations for the *Journal of Cybersecurity* and the Series Editor of *Disruptive Technology and International Security* for Oxford University Press.



**College of Human Development,
Culture and Media**



Brandon Ascari, MFA
Visual and Sound Media
Production

Brandon Ascari is the visionary founder of Ascari Digital LLC, boasting a decade of dynamic professional experience spanning diverse industries such as narrative storytelling, TV production, and sports media.

With a distinctive expertise encompassing every facet of video production, live-streaming, sound recording, directing, and editing, his creative journey has been marked by an unwavering commitment to crafting captivating visual narratives. His innovative approach and multifaceted skill set have not only elevated projects under his guidance but have also left an indelible impact on the realm of multimedia content creation.

Sadia Cheema, Ph.D.

Public Relations

Sadia Cheema is a strategic communication scholar. She is an interdisciplinary scholar who draws from theories of psychology and communication to test media-related phenomenon.

Her research lies at the intersection of gamification, activism, and community engagement. In particular, she is interested in examining the motivational processes underlying new media technologies that shape youth's broader involvement in social and political causes.



Professor Cheema's scholarly work has been published in International Journals such as *International Journal of Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Marketing*, *Journal of Media Psychology*, and *Journalism Studies*, among others.



Zubin Devitre, Ph.D.

Professional Psychology and Family Therapy

Joining the Department of Professional Psychology and Family Therapy, Zubin DeVitre is a 2nd-generation South Asian American who completed his doctorate in Counseling Psychology at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

During his career, Dr. DeVitre has taken on a variety of responsibilities including, but not limited to, mentorship, training, clinical/supervision work, teaching, and research. Specifically, his research focuses on the experiences of marginalized university populations (specifically South Asian American students) and how various psychosociocultural factors impact their well-being.

Kishon Hickman, Ed.D.

Law Enforcement Executive Leadership

Kishon Hickman joins the faculty in the Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Graduate Program. He is a retired lieutenant from the New York City Police Department and has held a myriad of assignments, most recently as the Commanding Officer of the Information Technology Bureau Investigations Team, as well as other posts in patrol and community affairs during the course his 20 years in law enforcement. Dr. Hickman earned an undergraduate degree in Applied Mathematics from NYU's Tandon School of Engineering, a Master's in Human Resources Training and Development from Seton Hall University, and a Doctorate from St. John Fisher University where he examined the pilot officers who adorned themselves with body-worn cameras in New York City. Prior to law enforcement, Dr. Hickman taught Math at Rice High School in Harlem, NY.



Melissa Meade, Ph.D.

Communication Technologies

Melissa R. Meade is an Assistant Professor of Communication Technologies. Her research interests include the impact of technology on work, labor, environment, and economic modernization and decline; gender, language, culture, and identity; community engagement; and critical/cultural communication. She founded a public digital humanities forum (see [hLps://anthracitecoalregion.org/](https://anthracitecoalregion.org/)) on which community members contributed their first-hand stories and artifacts illustrating life in the Anthracite Region.

Dr. Meade has been a fellow of Wenner-Gren Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, and the Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society at Villanova University, as well as a University Fellow at Temple University. Her research has also been supported by the Charlotte Newcombe Foundation and the Philadelphia Mayor's Commission. She is a recipient of the National Communication Association Advancing the Discipline Grant.



**Leonard Moscatelli,
Ed.D, Ed.S.**

Law Enforcement Executive
Leadership



Leonard Moscatelli was recently named director of the Law Enforcement Executive Leadership program at Seton Hall University after retiring from twenty years of civil service.

Dr. Moscatelli created / recommended agency policy, evaluated the efficiency and efficacy of department programs, managed the full lifecycle of large-scale projects, designed/conducted research, designed/instructed citywide training initiatives, and investigated white-collar crimes. He was the inaugural recipient of the Seton Hall University Hanbury Alumni Mission Award. Dr. Moscatelli has earned a Doctor of Education degree, an Educational Specialist degree, an MBA degree, (2) Master of Arts degrees (Criminal Justice and Human Resources, Training, & Development), and a BS in International Business.



Jessica Rauchberg, Ph.D.
Communication, Media and
the Arts

Jessica Rauchberg joins the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts as a tenure-track faculty member in Communication Technologies and Assistant Coach for the Brownson Speech and Debate Team. She is completing her Ph.D. in Communication, New Media, and Cultural Studies at McMaster University, where she will graduate with certifications in Gender and Social Justice Studies and Smart Mobilities in the Aging Population (focused on artificial intelligence and aging).

Rauchberg's recent publications appear in *Feminist Media Studies*, *the Journal of Applied Communication Research*, *First Monday*, and *the SAGE Handbook of Human-Machine Communication*. She is the current Division Secretary for the National Communication Association's Critical and Cultural Studies Interest Group and is a Global Member of the TikTok Cultures Research Network.



Jeanne Salvatore, MA
Communication

Jeanne Salvatore will be serving Seton Hall as a Lecturer in the Department of Communications in 2023. She previously was an assistant professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology and an adjunct professor at the City College of New York, Columbia University, and Iona College. She co-wrote the textbook *Strategic Public Relations Writing: Proven Tactics and Techniques* (Routledge in 2022).

Professor Salvatore has a B.A. in English from Villanova University and an M.A. in Communications from Columbia University. She studied coaching and neurologist programming (NLP) at Erickson Coaching International. She is certified as a coach from the International Coach Federation and from the Center for Executive Coaching.

Brianna Shuttleworth, MFA

Communication, Media and the Arts

Brianna Shuttleworth is a celebrated game designer who believes play is a fundamental part of who we are and how we develop. Prior to joining Seton Hall she worked on digital products for kids ages 1-10 to help them learn social emotional skills and explore the world around them. Her personal work centers around intimacy and building relationships with one another.



Janine Toro, MFA

Communication, Media and the Arts

Janine Toro is an Assistant Professor of UX and Interaction Design at Seton Hall University in the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts. Throughout her career she has worked to inspire the next generation through education (Pratt Institute, School of Visual Arts, Kean University) and mentorship (AIGA NY Board, Made in NYC, Hexagon).

Professor Toro's career spans agencies, start-ups, and in-house companies, educating people on the value of UX's ability to improve lives and its influence on business strategy. Her most recent clients include Alphabet, Inc., Google, and Elastic.



The College of Nursing

Janine Desimone, DNP, APRN, PMHNP- BC, CNE
Nursing

Janine DeSimone is a Board Certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and the Program Director of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program at Seton Hall University. Janine has a diverse clinical background, with experience in emergency and psychiatric nursing. She founded Suffolk Psychiatric Services, where she and other psychiatric nurse practitioners provide compassionate care to individuals with mental illness.



Dr. DeSimone received her doctoral degree from Johns Hopkins University, where her research focused on improving patient outcomes and quality using measurement-based care and digital health technologies. She is committed to identifying methods to reduce inconsistencies and variations in practice to improve the health outcomes of populations across the lifespan.



Yashica Smith, BSN, MSN
Nursing

Yashica Smith is a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner with over 15 years of nursing experience working in specialties such as pediatrics, critical care, perio-op, home care in addition to aesthetics focusing on overall health and wellness. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA with her BSN in 2008 followed by her MSN in Family Practice from her Alma mater in 2018.

In 2013, Dr. Smith's passion for teaching ignited as she found herself enjoying and creating exciting ways to help people understand content that may be complicated in a simplistic way. She has educated individuals at teaching hospitals on ultra rare conditions in addition to educating and tutoring our future nurses. She is dedicated to improving health outcomes in underserved areas in unique ways.



**The School of Health and
Medical Sciences**

Megan Baumley, M.S.
SHMS

Megan Baumley graduated from Seton Hall University with both her B.S. in Elementary and Special Education and her M.S. in Speech Language Pathology. She joined the Department of Speech-Language Pathology as an adjunct in 2019 and began full-time as Director of Clinical Education (DCE) in January 2023. She has practiced clinically in specialized school and private practice settings and supervised both graduate clinicians and clinical fellows.

In her role as DCE, Professor Baumley works to further develop and support the department's clinical education programming and improve skill development in first and second year graduate students. Baumley teaches courses in child language and development, clinical diagnostics, and clinical seminar. Her research interests include executive functions, how they relate to language development, and how they impact children with diagnosed language impairments.





Seton Hall Law School



Carolyn Brown, J.D.

Law

Carolyn Brown is an Assistant Professor and the Deputy Director of the Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Law Library Center for Information and Technology. She currently oversees the daily operation of the library, and teaches Advanced Legal Research and in the Appellate Advocacy program.

Professor Brown holds a B.A. from Seton Hall University, an M.L.I.S. from Pratt Institute, and a J.D. from Penn State University Dickinson School of Law. Prior to joining Seton Hall Law she was a Reference Librarian and Adjunct Professor at Brooklyn Law School. She was the Head of Access Services at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, and an Outreach and Reference Librarian at Nova Southeastern Shepard Broad Law Center. She is an active member of the American Association of Law Libraries and has served on multiple committees.

Fareed Hayat, J.D.

Law

Fareed Hayat is a Professor of Law at Seton Hall University School of Law. He teaches constitutional law, criminal law, criminal procedure and trial advocacy. Prior to joining the law faculty at SHU, Hayat was the Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and an Associate Professor at CUNY School of Law, and a visiting Professor/co-director of the Criminal Justice Clinic at Howard University School of Law.

Professor Hayat has been published in *Cincinnati Law Review*, *New Mexico Law Review*, *UCLA Law Review Discourse*, *Rutgers Law Review*, *Ohio State Law Review*, and has a forthcoming article in *UCLA Law Review*. Hayat is a graduate of UCLA and Howard University School of Law. He is the father of two boys and a life-long community advocate.





Adelina Herrarte, J.D.

Law - Center for Social Justice

Professor Herrarte is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Seton Hall Law School Center for Social Justice in the Health Justice Clinic. As part of the Housing Justice Project, she supervises students working on housing cases that have a connection with health or disability.

Professor Herrarte is a member of several bar associations. She received her Bachelor of Art's degree from New York University and her Juris Doctor degree from The City University of New York School of Law. Professor Herrarte is licensed to practice law in New Jersey and before the United States Bankruptcy Court – District of New Jersey. Professor Herrarte is fluent in Spanish.

Adam Katz, J.D., LL.M.

Law

Professor Katz is an Assistant Professor of Law, having recently joined the Seton Hall Law faculty full-time, and teaches Contracts, and Business and Taxation courses. Prior to his full-time teaching role, Professor Katz served for five years as Adjunct Professor and developed the Financial Concepts for Lawyers course at SHU Law. As a career tax practitioner, Professor Katz was a senior tax partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Professor Katz is accredited through the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Bridge Program as practitioner faculty, and has also served as Adjunct faculty at American University Washington College of Law and Kogod School of Business, Georgetown University Law Center, and George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School. Professor Katz earned his LL.M in Taxation from New York University, his J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law, and his B.A. in Accounting from Rutgers University. Professor Katz is a member of the New York and New Jersey Bars and is a CPA in Virginia, New York, and Maryland.



Adrian Newall, J.D.

Law

Adrian Newall serves as Assistant Professor of Legal Practice and Director of Lawyering. She teaches Introduction to Lawyering and Appellate Advocacy.

Professor Newall's law career began as a law clerk to Administrative Law Judge Jerome Nelson at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. She was an associate for LeBoeuf, Greene and MacRae in Washington, D.C, and then continued her energy practice as Assistant General Counsel at Exelon Corporation in Philadelphia. Most recently, Professor Newall was Associate Counsel in the Federal Regulatory group at PSEG in Newark, NJ.



Michele Newton, J.D.

Law - Center for Social Justice

Michele Newton is excited to join the Seton Hall and the Center for Social Justice as an Assistant Clinical Professor for the Family Law Clinic. She had the opportunity to participate in this Clinic while a student at Seton Hall University School of Law, and knows firsthand the value it provides to students, clients, and the community.

Professor Newton began her legal career as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Daniel D'Alessandro, J.S.C., in the Superior Court of New Jersey. A litigator for the past ten years, Michelle represented clients in many areas of family law at the law firm Dennigan Cahill Smith. She most recently gained valuable public service experience while working at Northeast New Jersey Legal Services, where she has represented hundreds of low-income, disabled and elderly clients, and participated in numerous community outreach programs.



Neoshia Roemer, J.D.

Law

Professor Roemer is an Associate Professor of Law at Seton Hall University School of Law where she teaches courses in contract, family, estates, and federal Indian law.

Prior to coming to Seton Hall, Roemer previously taught at the University of Idaho College of Law. A graduate of the Indiana University-Indianapolis (B.A.) and the University of New Mexico (M.A. and J.D.), She began her career as a fellow at the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at the Michigan State University College of Law. Her research interests include the Indian Child Welfare Act, family regulation, and nontraditional families.



Laura Stuart, J.D.

Law

Professor Stuart is an Assistant Professor of Legal Practice, teaching Introduction to Lawyering. Professor Stuart began her legal career serving as a law clerk in federal court in the District of New Jersey. After her judicial clerkship, Professor Stuart was an associate for a number of years at a large New York City law firm where she focused mainly on securities law litigation and white-collar criminal defense. Following that, she transitioned to a suburban New Jersey firm where she practiced general commercial litigation and employment law. Over time, employment law became the main focus of her practice.



Professor Stuart graduated from Rutgers School of Law – Newark, where she served as Senior Managing Editor of the Rutgers Law Review and was a student teaching associate for Legal Research and Writing. She earned her B.S. from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, majoring in Finance and Political Science.



University Library



Maria Barca, MS, MLIS
University Libraries

Maria Barca joins Seton Hall as Walsh Library's Lead Instruction Librarian at the rank of Assistant Professor. She received both her MS in Anthropology and her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Professor Barca was an adjunct professor of anthropology at Seton Hall for several years before moving full-time to the library. She is interested in how UI and UX impact search strategies and information access and retrieval; data and information literacy; and learning about pedagogical tools that place students at the forefront of their education. When she is isn't at work, Professor Barca likes to read and hang out with her cats.



Quinn Christie, MLIS
University Libraries

Quinn Christie is the Public Services Archivist and Fine Arts Liaison for the University Libraries.

Her professional interests focus on increasing access to archives and special collections and incorporating primary sources into instruction. She looks forward to many fruitful collaborations with faculty across a vast spectrum of disciplines. In addition to her MLIS, Quinn has a background in art history and textile design.

Jacqueline Deppe, MI

University Libraries

Deppe is the new Technical Services Archivist for the Monsignor William Noé Field Archives and Special Collections Center in the University Libraries. She was formerly the Special Collections Assistant and has been in the department since she was an undergraduate student. Deppe has her Bachelor of Arts in Art, Design, and Interactive Multimedia with a concentration in Graphic Design and Advertising from Seton Hall University and a Master of Information with a concentration in Archives and Preservation from Rutgers.

She has an interest in all things archive and book related, especially the history of the book or book history!



David Frank, MLIS

University Libraries

Frank began working at Walsh Library as the Access Services Librarian in November 2022, overseeing circulation, interlibrary loan, and library stacks maintenance while also assisting with teaching, reference, and other public services activities.

Prior to arriving at Seton Hall, Frank worked for 25 years in the University of Pittsburgh libraries, providing essential support in circulation, reference, interlibrary loan, information literacy, special collections, and serials management. He received a Master of Library and Information Science degree in 2001 and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1997, both from the University of Pittsburgh. David will begin the Master of Legal Studies program at SHU Law in the Fall 2023.





Kayla Glynn, MSLS
University Libraries

Kayla Glynn is Seton Hall University's new Business and Data Librarian. She has a Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The College of New Jersey.

Before this role, she was a Credit Risk Officer at Jefferies LLC in New York and a Fixed Income Credit Manager at Bloomberg LP in Princeton. She is looking forward to fostering productive and collaborative relationships with faculty and students.



University Core



Thomas Seat, Ph.D., M.Div., Th.M.

University Core

Thomas Seat is joining the University Core as a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow. After earning an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Seat became a Teach For America Corps member and taught in St. Louis Public Schools for five years. He then returned to Princeton Theological Seminary for a Th.M. and Ph.D. in Religion and Society. At the nexus of American religion and World Christianity, Dr. Seat's current research focuses on how U.S. intelligence agencies used Christianity to further U.S. interests and shape the world order throughout the Cold War.

Erin Zoutendam, Ph.D.

University Core

Erin Zoutendam graduated with her PhD in Religion from Duke University in 2023. Her major areas of interest are church history and historical theology, with a particular focus on medieval and early modern mysticism, medieval and early modern women, and the history of biblical hermeneutics.

Her dissertation, titled "Word and Presence: The Role of Scripture in the Formation and Reformation of Mystical Theology, 1200–1580," examines the intersection of biblical interpretation and mystical theology in the later Middle Ages and the Reformation. During her doctoral studies, she was the recipient of a James B. Duke Fellowship, a Louisville Doctoral Fellowship, and an Advanced Theological Studies Fellowship at Kampen Theological University. She is thrilled to join the Core at Seton Hall and is looking forward to sharing some of her favorite texts with students.





Center for Catholic Studies

Francesca Zaccaron, Ph.D.

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Francesca Zaccaron holds a PhD in *Theories, History and Methods in Education* from LUMSA University (Rome-Italy), where she researched Bernard Lonergan's Philosophy of Education. She is a former Ph.D. exchange student at King's College London (UK), and Post-doctoral Lonergan Fellow at Boston College. She taught for a number of years Philosophical Anthropology at the School of Religious Studies (Trieste, Italy), and at present she is a teaching assistant in the Department of Political and Social Sciences of University of Trieste and a Philosophy and History Teacher.

Dr. Zaccaron is Director of *Anthropologica* (Journal of Philosophical Studies) and she is on the Board of Directors of the Jacques Maritain Institute (Trieste, Italy), a Center where she has grown as a scholar and collaborates in an interdisciplinary and vibrant intellectual community.





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& Professional Studies (CEPS)**



Barbara Callahan, MBA

Undergraduate Director, Buccino Leadership Institute

Barbara Callahan oversees the Freshmen and Sophomore programs for the Buccino Leadership Institute. She joins Seton Hall University from the financial services industry where she was a finance executive, holding key leadership roles in company transformations, corporate restructurings, M&A activity, and other complex corporate initiatives.

She was most recently Senior Vice President and Head of Investor Relations at CIT Group, where she directed all communications with the investment community and led the program through a multi-year strategic transformation. Professor Callahan is passionate about developing future leaders. Prior to joining Seton Hall University, she served as an Advisory Council member and mentor for the Buccino Leadership Institute's Stillman School of Business. She is a Member of the Board of the Financial Women's Association (FWA) and mentor in the FWA's Seton Hall University mentoring program. She received her undergraduate degree from Seton Hall University and MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Stanton Brown

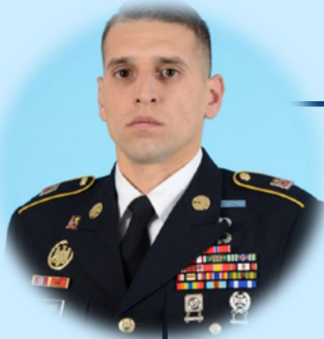
Executive Director of the Buccino Leadership Institute and Professor in the Practice of Leadership.

Stanton L. Brown has joined Seton Hall University as Executive Director of the Buccino Leadership Institute and Professor in the Practice of Leadership. Dr. Brown is an accomplished business leader with a passion for excellence in growing and transforming organizations. Leveraging his unique combination of corporate and nonprofit business, education, and strategy expertise, he has held Executive Director, Chief Operating, and Chief Financial Officer roles where he has developed growth strategies, improved operational capabilities, and managed system and human capital resources to drive institutional performance. With nearly 30 years of professional experience, he has worked within multiple financial services industries, management consulting firms, and across the K-12 and higher education sectors. Dr. Brown holds a Ph.D. in Education Leadership from Fordham University – where he has taught leadership classes and seminars in their Graduate School of Education— and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.





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Sergeant First Class Tyler Cushing, BA
Military Sciences

Sergeant First Class Tyler Cushing is the Military Science Instructor for the Seton Hall ROTC program. Sergeant First Class Cushing has served in Light and Mechanized Infantry units throughout his military career. His combat experience includes two tours to Iraq (OIF V and VII) and one tour to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Sergeant First Class Cushing is a graduate of four Non-Commissioned Officer Education System courses, Warrior Leaders Course, Advance Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course and Master Leaders Course. Additionally, he has graduated from the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Army Combatives Course, Army Master Fitness Course, Army Master Resiliency Course, Army Battle Staff and Army Basic Instructor Course. He has a Bachelor of Arts in History from American Military University.

Major Thomas Johnston, MS
Military Sciences

Major Thomas Johnston is coming to SHU as the executive officer for the ROTC program. He is a native of Vermont and graduated from the United States Military Academy in 2012 with a Bachelors in Science of Systems Management. In 2017 he earned his Masters in Science of Organizational Leadership from Columbus State University.

Over the last 12 years he has led soldiers in the 173rd Airborne Brigade, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, and trained U.S., Allied, and Partnered nations at the Joint Multinational Training Center.





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