



Faculty Experts Guide

Complete Fact Sheets and Bios

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Brief Bio

Dr. Abdel-Fattah has been teaching at CNU since 1999. He is co-director of Undergraduate Research Studies for the Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science department.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are inorganic chemistry, materials synthesis and characterization, nanotechnology, environmental remediation and catalysis.

Education

Ph.D. Inorganic/Material Chemistry, Northeastern University, 1994

M.S. Inorganic/Material Chemistry, Alexandria University, 1988

B.S. Special Chemistry, Alexandria University, 1983

Awards

National Science Foundation Career Grant

NASA Faculty Fellowship (Summer 2004)

National Science Foundation Grant (2004-2007)

US Air Force Grant, Remediation Technology (2003-2005)

NASA Grant, Nanotechnology (2001-2003) (2002-2004)

NASA/American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Faculty Fellowship (2000) (2001)

Memberships/Associations

American Chemical Society

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Society

Virginia Academy of Science

Community Involvement

President, Tidewater Chapter of Sigma Xi Scientific Society (2003-2004)

Judge, high school and middle school science fairs



Jana Adamitis

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Modern & Classical Languages and Literatures

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Brief Bio

Dr. Adamitis is an assistant professor at the Modern & Classical Languages and Literature department where she teaches elementary Latin, classical mythology and its influence word power and intensive Greek. She is knowledgeable of intermediate Latin verse, Roman civilization and history.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are Ancient Latin Literature, Ancient Roman Culture, Ancient Greek Literature and Ancient Greek Culture. Her areas of specialization include lyric poetry, Latin literature of the Augustan age, and Greco-Roman society.

Education

Ph.D. Classics, University of Pittsburgh, 2003
M.A. Classics, University of Pittsburgh, 1997
B.A. Classics, University of Pennsylvania, 1994

Awards

Robert S. Marshall Fellowship Award, 2003 & 1995
Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2001
Teaching Fellowship, University of Pittsburg, 2002 and 2000

Memberships/Associations

American Classical League
American Philological Association
Classical Association of Atlantic States
Classical Association of Pittsburgh and Vicinity
Pennsylvania Classical Association
Women's Classical Caucus

Community Involvement

Panel Organizer for Fall Meeting of the Classical Association of Atlantic States 2004
Mentor for Catallus and Horace Workshops 2004
Chair Committee for Language Theme Housing 2003-2004



Stephanie Bardwell
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Brief Bio

Bardwell is the Director for the Small Business Institute at Christopher Newport University, and Chair of the Management & Economics department. She is also an attorney.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are law, regulatory and ethical issues and small business consulting and assistance issues (e.g. bankruptcy, contracts, IP, employment, etc.)

Education

LL.M., The College of William & Mary, Marshall- Wythe School of Law
J.D., Golden Gate University School of Law
B.A., University of Albany

Memberships/Associations

Alpha Kappa Psi
Sigma Beta Delta
Bar Association, New York & California

Community Involvement

National VP of Development of the Small Business Institute



Bobbye Hoffman Bartels

Assistant Dean

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Brief Bio

Dr. Bartels promotes problem solving in mathematics instruction to help students become better thinkers. She holds a certificate on Management Development Program from Harvard University, Graduate School of Education.

Areas of Expertise

Her area of expertise is mathematics education, especially elementary school mathematics.

Education

Ph.D. Mathematics Education, University of Illinois, 1995

M.A. Mathematics Education, University of Illinois, 1991

B.A. Mathematics, Lawrence University, 1968

Awards

Nominated for 2003 State Council of Higher Education in Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award

Nominated for 2002 State Council of Higher Education in Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award

ASEE Summer Faculty Fellowship in Aeronautics and Space Research, NASA Langley Research Center (1995 & 1996)

Memberships/Associations

Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

Association of Mathematics Teachers Educators

School Science and Mathematics Association

Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics –Treasurer

Peninsula Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Community Involvement

Elementary School Mathematics Consultant to Newport News Public Schools

Middle school Science Fair Judge

Teaching Mathematics in the Middle School & Virginia Mathematics Teacher – Reviewer

Linda Baughman

Assistant Professor

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Brief Bio

Dr. Baughman teaches four classes each semester and serves on the Liberal Learning Committee at Christopher Newport University.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are obscenity law, pornography and sexuality, modern American history of birth control, sex and gender, queer theory, feminist theory, cultural theory, media studies, media representations of women, The Simpsons (TV show), the Internet (cultural importance), Internet history and cultural studies.

Education

Ph.D. Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1999

Graduate Certification, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1992

B.A. Communication, University of Kentucky, 1985

Awards

CNU Dean's Grant, (Summer 2004) (Spring and Summer 2005)

Excellence in Teaching Award from Women in Communication

Outstanding Teaching Award presented by Quality Education

Community Involvement

Assistant Girl Scout Troop Leader (2004)



Mary D. Best

Instructor

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Brief Bio

Professor Best is a professor of public speaking, interpersonal communication, nonverbal communication and business & professional communication. She is also certified in sexual harassment awareness.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are professional public presentations, overcoming speech anxiety, business and dining etiquette, and sexual harassment awareness.

Education

M.A. Communication Arts, William Paterson University
B.A. Speech Communication, Pennsylvania State University
Certified in 'Sexual Harassment Awareness'

Awards

Nominated for 2002-03 CNU Faculty Member of the Year

Memberships/Associations

Virginia Association of Communication Arts and Sciences (VACAS)
Virginia Association of Adult Continuing Education (VAACE)
Virginia Community College Association (VCCA)
WCNU campus radio, Faculty Advisor

Community Involvement

Instructor Certification, Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy
Educational Interpreter Programs, Virginia Living Museum
Forensics Judge, Peninsula District Tournaments
Notary Public, Commonwealth of Virginia



Brian Bradie

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Brief Bio

Dr. Bradie is the Chair of the Mathematics department. He comes from Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. He has vast experience in mathematics. He is a textbook reviewer and an accuracy checker for Houghton-Mifflin Co., John Wiley & sons, McGraw-Hill, and W.H. Freeman.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are numerical analysis/scientific computing, mathematical modeling, probability and statistics, biomedical signal processing (especially EKG), and wavelets.

Education

Ph.D. Applied Mathematics, Clarkson University, 1990

M.S. Applied Mathematics, Clarkson University, 1988

B.S. Mathematics and Computer Science, Clarkson University, 1986

Awards

Eta Kappa Nu Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Award

Clarkson University Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society

Who's Who in American Education

Who's Who in the South and Southwest

Who's Who among America's Teachers

Memberships/Associations

American Mathematical Society (AMS)

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

Virginia Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (VMATYC)

Peninsula Council of Teachers of Mathematics (PenCTM)

Mathematical Association of America (MAA)



Jeffrey Brown

Assistant Professor

Music

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Brief Bio

Dr. Brown comes from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. He is an experienced pianist, instructor of music, and director of keyboard studies at CNU.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are keyboard studies, music, and the arts.

Education

Ph.D. Musical Arts in Performance and Literature, Eastman School of Music, 2004

M.M. in Performance and Literature, Eastman School of Music, 2001

B.M. in Piano Performance, University of Missouri, 1999

Awards

Eastman School of Music Concerto Competition Winner

Kneisel German Lieder Competition – Third Prize Winner

Outstanding Achievement in Accompanying Award

Artist Presentation Society Award

Memberships/Associations

College of Music Society

Music Teachers National Association

Virginia Music Teachers Association

Peninsula Music Teachers Association

Community Involvement

Faculty Recital Series, Christopher Newport University

Faculty Recital Series, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

Soloist Internationale Klavierakademie – Germany

WXXI 90.5 FM Radio Broadcast – NY

Soloist, WBFO 88.7 FM, National Public Radio Affiliate



A. Martin Buoncristiani

Professor Emeritus

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Brief Bio

Dr. Buoncristiani is a professor emeritus of physics. He has worked for the Air Force, and NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are general physics, laser and optical physics and optical spectroscopy.

Education

Ph.D. Physics, University of Notre Dame, 1966

B.S. Physics, University of Santa Clara, 1960

Awards

NASA Group Achievement Award

NASA Public Service Award

CNU Outstanding Faculty Award

Memberships/Associations

Board of Trustees, Southeastern Universities Research Association

Board of Directors, Communication Ventures, Inc

Selection Panel for Virginia's Outstanding Scientist Award



Nathan E. Busch

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Brief Bio

Dr. Busch is an assistant professor of Political Science at the Department of Government and Public Affairs. He published the *No End in Sight: The Continuing Menace of Nuclear Proliferation* in 2004, and many journal articles.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are international security, U.S. foreign policy, WMD proliferation, arms control, and international terrorism.

Education

Ph.D. International Relations, University of Toronto, 2001

M.A. Political Science, Michigan University, 1997

B.A. Political Science, University of Toronto, 1995

Awards

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Research Fellowship, Harvard University

Political Science Department Open Fellowship

Olin Foundation Fellowship

The Mary H. Beatty Honorary Fellowship

Memberships/Associations

Director Model United Nations Program, UGA

Graduate Student Coordinator – Center for International Trade and Security, UGA

Faculty Mentor, UGA

**Danielle L. Cahill**

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Brief Bio

Dr. Cahill is an associate professor of Spanish. She published "Vistas Comerciales y Culturales" in 2002.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are business Spanish, Spain, Moorish legacy in Andalusia, literature of Spain, Hispanics in the U.S., and the culture of Spain.

Education

Ph.D. Spanish, Catholic University of America, 1992

M.A. Spanish, Middlebury College, 1980

B.A. Spanish, Wheeling Jesuit College, 1979

Awards

Nominated SGA Faculty of the Year, 2004

Ciber Scholarship 1997

Faculty Development Grant, 1994

International Studies Program Grant, 1994

U.S. Department of Education and International Education Grant, 1993

Community Involvement

Organized and taught CNU Seminar in Andalusia, Spain for CNU students and community members
Translations/Interpretations for the community

**Peter M. Carlson**

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Brief Bio

Peter Carlson served for 30 years with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He was a warden for three separate institutions, the assistant director of the agency, and regional director for the Western region of the country.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are criminal justice, federal courts, capital case prosecutions, public administration, prison and jail administration, political science and leadership.

Education

Ph.D. Public Administration, University of Southern California, 1996

M.P.A., University of Southern California, 1996

M.S. Education/Corrections, Western Oregon University, 1969

B.A. Psychology, Willamette University, 1968

Awards

Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive in the Senior Executive Service, 1996

Attorney General's Award for Leadership in the U.S. Department of Justice, 1996

Memberships/Associations

North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents

West Central Wardens & Superintendents Association

American Society for Public Administration

Hampton Roads Chapter ASPA

Community Involvement

Benns' United Methodist Church

Ruritan National Member

Isle of Wight Volunteer Rescue Squad Member Board of Directors



Jeffrey Carr

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Philosophy & Religious Studies

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Brief Bio

Dr. Carr has been teaching philosophy at Christopher Newport University for several years. While earning his doctorate at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, he served as a research fellow for "Project Archelogos," a database of ancient philosophy using hyper-technology to link Greek and English texts. He currently has several publications in progress, including three books.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are ancient philosophy (Socrates and Aristotle), metaphysical problems and critical thinking.

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, 1997

M.A. Philosophy, University of Waterloo, Canada, 1989

B.A. Honours Philosophy, University of Waterloo, Canada, 1987

Memberships/Associations

The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy

The American Philosophical Association

Community Service

Deputy Mentor, Virginia Alpha Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau at CNU

Organizer, The Keith McLoughland Great Books Series at CNU



Kelly B. Cartwright
Associate Professor

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Brief Bio

Dr. Cartwright teaches undergraduate and graduate psychology courses at CNU. She is active in both the academic and professional communities. She has served on Master's thesis and practicum committees at CNU and contributed to numerous conferences and publications across the U.S. She has also published research in the *Journal of Educational Psychology* and the *Journal of Child Language*.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are child development, children's learning and memory, cognitive development, language development, reading processes and reading education.

Education

Ph.D. Experimental Psychology, University of Arkansas, 1997

M.A. Psychology, University of Arkansas, 1995

B.S. Psychology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1989

Awards

Certificate of Appreciation for Service as Faculty Advisor, CNU *Psi Chi*, 2002

Teacher of the Year, Co-Recipient with Dr. Jeffrey Gibbons, CNU Psychology Department, 2002

Lynn Waite Dunlap Creativity Prize and Award, University of Arkansas, 1997

Roland H. Waters Teaching Award, University of Arkansas, 1996

Memberships/Associations

Cognitive Development Society

Eastern Psychological Association

National Reading Conference

International Reading Association

Society for Research in Child Development

Community Involvement

Member, editorial board for the *Journal of Literacy Research*

Textbook Reviewer, *Exploring Psychology*, 2005

Team Leader, Greater Expectations Institute, June 2003

Judge, Tabb Middle School Science Fair, December 2003



Richard W. Cheney, Jr.

Professor

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Brief Bio

Dr. Cheney comes from Duke University where his dissertation was the "Studies on the cysB Region of *Salmonella typhimurium*." He teaches introduction to biology, genetics, and vertebrate embryology.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are general biological and genetics topics.

Education

Ph.D. Duke University, 1975

B.S. Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts, 1969

Community Involvement

Reviewer for *The American Biology Teacher* and *The Journal of College Science Teaching*

Judge for several science fairs each year

Workshops in genetics and on science fairs for local public schools

**Daniel D. Clark**

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Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science

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Brief Bio

Dr. Clark teaches Introductory and Organic Chemistry. His research interests include bioorganic chemistry, small molecule–protein interactions, and protein–protein interactions.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are biological chemistry, bioorganic chemistry and organic chemistry.

Education

Ph.D. Chemistry, The Pennsylvania State Univ., 2004

B.S. Education in Chemistry, Secondary Education, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, 1998

Pennsylvania Dept. of Education Certified Teacher

Awards

Braucher Fellowship, The Pennsylvania State University Department of Chemistry (2003)

Travel Award, American Chemical Society Division of Biological Chemistry (2002)

Predoctoral Fellowship, 2001 Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program

Memberships/Associations

American Chemical Society



Robert E. Colvin

Chair, Leadership & American Studies
Associate Professor, Leadership Studies

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Brief Bio

Dr. Colvin teaches courses in leadership research and theory, values leadership and foundations of leadership. He previously taught at CNU for seven years in the Department of Government and Public Affairs where his focus was political science, public administration, and leadership.

Dr. Colvin's doctoral dissertation focused on the leadership practices of 4,454 executives and his publications are in the fields of leadership studies and public administration. In January 2006, he was elected as Convenor-elect of the International Leadership Association's Global Learning Community for Public Service. In Virginia, Dr. Colvin has worked at the cabinet level in state government, headed a legislative agency, and headed two executive branch organizations in state government. In addition, he was a registered lobbyist for a variety of clients and is co-founder of a successful human resource services company located in Richmond, Virginia.

Early in his career, he spent ten years as a police officer, and before that was a radio disc jockey. He is a licensed pilot whose hobbies include riding his touring motorcycle and target shooting (not at the same time).

Areas of Expertise

His area of expertise is leadership.

Education

Ph.D. Public Policy and Administration, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1996

M.B.A. Radford University, 1984

B.A. Business Administration, Radford University 1981

Awards

Recipient Phi Kappa Phi Doctoral Scholarship, VCU, 1995

Chair of the Doctoral Students Association, Department of Public Administration, VCU, 1995

Outstanding Alumni Award, Dabney Lancaster Community College

Outstanding Alumnus Award, Radford University

Memberships/Associations

Association of Leadership Educators (ALE)

International Leadership Association (ILA)

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) National Leadership Honor Society



Harold Cones

Professor/Chair

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Brief Bio

Dr. Cones is a senior faculty member and carrier of the MACE award. He was selected by the State Council of Higher Education as Virginia Outstanding University Professor.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are history of radio and radio technology, Lake Maury and the Noland Trail at Mariners' Museum, general environmental science, Chesapeake Bay ecosystems, and coastal Virginia travel.

Education

Ph.D. Biology, Bowling Green State University, 1976

M.A. Marine Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (College of William & Mary), 1968

B.S. Biology, Maryville College, 1965

Awards

Distinguished Leadership and Service Award from the CNU Alumni Society, 2004

Alumni Citation, Maryville College 2002

CNU Alumni Association Outstanding Professor

Virginia Outstanding Professor of the Year, State Council of Higher Education, 2000

First Recipient of The President's Award for Outstanding Teaching

Memberships/Associations

Beta Beta Beta International Biology Honor Society

Sigma Xi Honorary Biological Research Society

Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society

Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Honor Society

Association of Southeastern Biologists

American Institute of Biological Science

Virginia Academy of Sciences

Virginia Lakes Association

National Association of Biology Teachers

The Society for the History of Technology

Radio History Society

Popular Culture Association



William F. Connell

Assistant Professor

History

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Brief Bio

Dr. Connell teaches history of modern Latin America and Colonial Mexican culture.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are Mexico and Latin America, with research on the 16th & 17th centuries and modern issues.

Education

Ph.D. History, Tulane University, 2003
M.A. History, University of South Carolina, 1997
B.A. History, University of South Carolina, 1993

Awards

Tulane University Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship
Fullbright Garcia-Robles Research Fellowship
Hewlett Foundation Fellow
Tulane University Lurcy Fund Grant

Memberships/Associations

American Historical Association
Conference on Latin American History
Rocky Mountain Latin American Studies Association

Community Involvement

Metropolitan Leadership Forum, New Orleans, 1999
Board of Director Inter Cooperative Council, 1998



Laura Deiulio

Assistant Professor

Modern & Classical Languages and Literature

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Brief Bio

Dr. Deiulio is an assistant professor teaching elementary and intermediate German. She also teaches grammar and composition, and conversation via cinema.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are German language and culture.

Education

Ph.D. Germanic Languages and Literatures, Princeton University, 2000

M.A. Germanic Languages and Literature, Princeton University 1994

B.A. German, Washington University, 1989

Awards

German Academic Exchange Association, 1996

CNU Dean's Office Summer Grant, 2004

Full Fellowship & Stipend to Ph.D. program, Princeton University, 1995

Mylonas Scholarship, Washington University, 1989

Memberships/Associations

American Association of Teachers of German (AATG)

German Studies Association (GSA)

Goethe Society of North America (GSNA)

Modern Language Association (MLA)

Women in German (WIG)

Community Involvement

German Teacher for Liebherr, Newport News



Lee Doerries

Professor

Psychology

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Brief Bio

Dr. Doerries is a professor of psychology at Christopher Newport University.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are eating disorders (anorexia nervosa); student performance on SOL tests, abstinence education, and factors influencing school and student's success.

Education

Ph.D., University of Rhode Island



Eric Duskin
Assistant Professor

History

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Brief Bio

Dr. Duskin is an expert on matters pertaining to Russia and Central Asia.

Areas of Expertise

His interests include the geographic fields of Russia, Soviet Union, Central Asia, and Europe; Western and world civilization; European culture and civilization; the Cold War; post-socialist transition and development; and film and gender studies.

Education

Ph.D. History, University of Michigan, 1993
M.A. Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, 1988
B.A. History, Wesleyan University, 1981

Awards

Fulbright Scholar, Almatu, Kazakhstan (2002)
Civic Education Project Fellow, Visiting Lecturer Program, Samarkand, Uzbekistan (2000)
First Place, Midwest Slavic Conference Graduate Student paper Competition (1992)

Memberships/Associations

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
American Historical Association
Midwest Russian historians' Workshop
Historians Film Committee
Fulbright Association

Andrew Falk
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Brief Bio

Dr. Falk has published articles on American foreign relations, domestic politics, and popular culture during the Cold War. His current manuscript, *Staging the Cold War*, examines American cultural exports in the 1940s and 1950s.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are Culture and Society, History (U.S. since the Civil War, foreign relations, propaganda and dissent, the Cold War, presidency, war and society, "Americanization"), Politics (presidency, U.S. foreign relations), and Popular Culture (propaganda and dissent in Hollywood and television, 1950s TV, foreign policy criticism, politics and media, civil defense information).

Education

Ph.D. History, University of Texas at Austin, 2003
M.A. History, George Washington University, 1993
B.A. Political Sciences, George Washington University, 1991

Awards

Franklin Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Georgia, 2005-2006 (declined)
Franklin Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Georgia, 2004
Teaching Fellowship, awarded annually, University of Texas at Austin, 2001-2003
Centennial Travel Grant, 2001
Dora Bonham Dissertation Research Grant, 2000-2001

Memberships/Associations

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations

**Jean S. Filetti**

Associate Professor

English

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Brief Bio

Dr. Filetti teaches freshman composition, American literature, writing for business and the professions, writing for nonprofit organizations, and advanced grammar in the CNU English Department.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are professional and technical writing, grant writing, and American Literature from 1850-1920.

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Toledo, 1981

M.A. Arts, University of Toledo, 1977

B.S. Clarion University, 1974

Memberships/Associations

National Council of Teachers of English
Association of Teachers of Technical Writing
Virginia Association of Teachers of English
National Writing Center Association
Phi Kappa Phi
Sigma Tau Delta
Virginia Humanities Conference



Veronique Frucot

Associate Professor

Accounting

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Brief Bio

Dr. Frucot works in the School of Business at CNU. She is fluent in French and Spanish.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are cross-cultural issues in accounting – related to budgetary participation and auditor independence; pedagogical issues in accounting – factors affecting performance of accounting students.

Education

Ph.D. Accounting, Texas A&M University, 1987

M.B.A. Finance, Texas A&M University, 1982

B.B.A. Finance, University of Texas at Austin, 1980

Memberships/Associations

American Accounting Association

Beta Alpha Psi

Beta Gamma Sigma



Costa P. Gerousis

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Brief Bio

Dr. Gerousis joined Christopher Newport University in the fall of 2003. His research interests include Single-Electron Tunnel Transistor (SET) Circuits and Architectures.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are single-electron tunneling transistor and architectures, reconfigurable hybrid CMOS/nanodevice circuits and nanoelectronics for terascale integration.

Education

Ph.D. Electrical Engineering, Arizona State University, 2002

M.S.E.E., Arizona State University, 1996

B.S.E.E., Arizona State University, 1994

Awards

Dean's Grant, Christopher Newport University (2005)

**Denise Gillman**

Assistant Professor

Fine and Performing Arts

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Brief Bio

Gillman teaches Fundamentals of Play Directing, Introduction to World Drama I & II, Beginning Acting, The Rise of Realism in the Theater, One-Act Play, and Principals of Arts Administration.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are theater, direction, arts administration, and science plays (research).

Education

M.F.A. Directing, California Institute of the Arts, 1997

B.F.A. Theatre, West Virginia University, 1993

Awards

18th Annual One Act Play Festival Award, "The Yellow Wall" (1999)

LA Weekly Awards (1998)

Lew & Edie Wasserman Scholarship (1994-97)

Princess Grace Foundation Scholarship (1995)

David Gosser

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Brief Bio

Dr. Gosser teaches several courses at Christopher Newport University. Previously, he worked four years as the assistant dean for alumni relations at University of Colorado School of Law. He also worked as a sole practitioner in Westminster, Colo., from 1995-2000, providing low-fee and *pro bono* representation in his community. In 2000, he was also the campaign manager for "Massarotti for Senate 2000" in Colorado.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are political campaigns, Colorado politics, law and the U.S. Constitution, criminal justice, federal courts and elections.

Education

J.D. University of Colorado School of Law, 1994

B.A. Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1990

Awards

Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations Emeritus, University of Colorado School of Law (2005)

The University of Colorado Thomas Jefferson Award (1994)

Memberships/Associations

American Political Science Association

American Association of Political Consultants

Virginia Bar Association

Admitted to practice law in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, 1995

Community Involvement

Moderator, DebateWatch 2004, CNU

Editor, "Amicus," University of Colorado School of Law Alumni publication (5 issues)

Panelist, AARP Grandview Chapter Election 2002 Candidate & Issues Forum

Research assistant to Jack Greenwald, "Colorado Lien Claims Handbook, 4th Edition" (2002)

Candidate, Colorado State House of Representatives (District 35), 1998

Statutory appointee, 17th Judicial District Crime Victim Compensation Board, 1999-2002

Board Member, Adams County Sheriff's Department Widows & Orphans Fund, 1998-2001



Harold J. Grau

Associate Professor

Biology

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Brief Bio

Courses taught by Dr. Grau include general biology, human anatomy, animal physiology, pathophysiology, biological terminology, child biology, comparative vertebrate anatomy, respiratory and cardiovascular pathophysiology, environmental biology, and biology seminars.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are human anatomy and physiology, animal physiology and vertebrate anatomy.

Education

Ph.D. Zoology, The University of Oklahoma, 1985

M.S. Zoology, The University of Oklahoma, 1981

B.A. Biology, Towson State University, 1978

Membership/Associations

Human Anatomy and Physiology Society

National Science Teachers Association

Virginia Academy of Science

Society for College Science Teachers

Community Involvement

Reviewer for "The American Biology Teacher"

Reviewer for "The Science Books for Young People" 1991-2003



Gary Green

Associate Professor

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Brief Bio

Dr. Green is the author of *Occupational Crime*, Nelson-Hall Publishers 1997, and the Director for the Center for Community Safety Leadership.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are job crime, “white collar crime”, and federal sentencing guidelines for organizations.

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, 1981

M.A. Criminal Justice, Rutgers University, 1976

B.A. Social Ecology, University of California, 1975

**Marcus Griffin**

Assistant Professor

Sociology and Anthropology

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Brief Bio

Dr. Griffin is an assistant professor of anthropology and sociology at Christopher Newport University.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are leadership, food and culture, cultural ecology, environment and development, foragers, kinship, cultural resources management, instructional technology and education.

Education

Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Illinois, 1996

M.A. Anthropology, University of Illinois, 1994

B.A. Anthropology, University of Hawaii, 1991

Memberships/Associations

Academic Technology Advisory Committee

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Advisory Pool

Community Involvement

Computer Technology Institute for CNU-NNPS Teachers' Academies 2002

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Brief Bio

Dr. Gudikunst is an associate professor of finance in the Management and Economics Department, with an education background in aerospace engineering.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are financial management, stock and bond investments, pension and retirement planning.

Education

Ph.D. Management, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1974
M.S. Management, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1968
B.S. Aerospace Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1966

Mai Lan Gustafsson

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Brief Bio

Dr. Gustafsson is conducting ongoing research within the Vietnamese refugee community in Syracuse, NY, and in the Hampton Roads of Virginia. She has been the recipient of many grants for work in Vietnamese and Southeast Asian communities in the U.S. Her doctoral research included a year in Vietnam to study the historical relationships between spirits and humans, and politics and illness. Her skills include near fluency in French (reading, writing and speaking), intermediate proficiency in speaking Vietnamese and high proficiency in writing Vietnamese.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are refugees, magic and religion, Vietnam, cultural anthropology and Southeast Asia.

Education

Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology, Syracuse University, 2005

M.A. Cultural Anthropology, Syracuse University, 1996

B.A. Anthropology and French Literature, Rutgers College, Rutgers University, 1991

Awards

Outstanding Dissertation Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University (2005)

University Graduate Fellowship for dissertation writing, Syracuse University (1998)

Claudia DeLys Memorial Award for dissertation research, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University (1996, 1997)

National Resource Fellowship (Foreign Language and Area Studies) (1995)

Memberships/Associations

Phi Beta Kappa

Community Service

Onondaga County Health Department grant to reduce ethnic disparities in smoking (2004)

MONEY Foundation Grant to expand afterschool Vietnamese program (2004)

Homeland Security grant for Bilingual Disaster Preparedness (2003)

State Farm Foundation grant to promote homebuying in the Vietnamese community (2003)

Syracuse School District grant to provide activities for Vietnamese senior citizens (2003-2004)



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Brief Bio

Dr. Hamilton teaches several undergraduate history courses at Christopher Newport University. He authored the book *The Making and Unmaking of a Revolutionary Family: The Tuckers of Virginia, 1752-1830*, which was published in 2003.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are Virginia history, U.S. history from the early republic to the Civil War, and American slavery.

Education

Ph.D. History, Washington University, 1995
M.A. History, George Washington University, 1990
B.A. History, Gettysburg College, 1983

Awards

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library Fellowship, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (2004)
Dean's Office Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Christopher Newport University (2003)

Memberships/Associations

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
St. George Tucker Society
Southern Association for Women Historians
Southern Historical Association
Virginia Historical Society

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Brief Bio

Dr. Harper has been teaching in the Communication Studies department at Christopher Newport University since 2003. He has published numerous articles and papers that focus on communication and new technologies. He also has extensive knowledge and skill in instructional design/courseware development and is familiar with distance education programs using the Internet and compressed video.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are media, mass communication, new technology, computers and society and news media.

Education

Ph.D. Mass Communication Technology, Howard University, 2000

M.A. Communication Studies, West Chester University, 1997

B.A. Broadcast-Cable, Pennsylvania State University, 1992

Awards

CSUSB Coyote Student Athlete Council Teaching Award (2002)

Course Innovation Grant, Cal State - San Bernardino TRC (2002)

U.S. Army Achievement Medal

Memberships/Associations

American Society for Training and Development

Christi Harris

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Brief Bio

Christi Harris is an art instructor at Christopher Newport University.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are printmaking, painting, drawing, and figure drawing.

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Brief Bio

Dr. Hart's research interests include individual motivation in groups, group decision making, and social influence process.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are group and team performance and motivation, attitude formation and change (persuasion), and leader effectiveness.

Education

Ph.D. Experimental Psychology (Social Psychology), Virginia Commonwealth University, 1999

M.S. Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1997

B.S. Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1994

Awards

PSI CHI Certificate of Appreciation for Faculty Contribution, SFASU (2000)

Outstanding Social Psychology Graduate Student, VCU (1999)

Membership/Association

Midwestern Psychological Association

Social Psychologists in Texas (SPIT)

Community Involvement

Anxiety, Stress and Coping: An International Journal, Ad hoc reviewer

Basic and Applied Social Psychology, Ad hoc reviewer

Group Dynamics, Ad hoc reviewer

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Ad hoc reviewer

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Ad hoc reviewer



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Brief Bio

Dr. Hasbrouck's teaching interests include production and operations management, statistics, management information systems/decision support systems, management science, microcomputer systems and applications, and systems modeling and simulation.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are operations management, supply chain management, management science, and simulation modeling.

Education

Ph.D. Industrial Management, Clemson University, 2000

M.S. Industrial Management, Clemson University, 1992

B.A. Marketing, Marshall University, 1984

Memberships/Associations

Decision Sciences Institute (DSI)

Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)

Production and Operations Management Society (POMS)

Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Fraternity

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Brief Bio

Professor Herman has extensive experience as associate curator, researching, exhibits and as chief curator for different museums.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are Renaissance art and architecture, Baroque art and architecture, Renaissance and Baroque drawings, museums, and history of Venice.

Education

Ph.D. Art History, Case Western Reserve University, 2002

M.A. Art History, The University of South Carolina, 1996

B.A. Art History, James Madison University, 1991

B.S. Biology, James Madison University, 1991

Awards

Samuel H. Kress Fellowship, Cleveland Museum of Art (2004)

Muriel Butkin Dissertation Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University (2001)

Memberships/Associations

College Art Association

The Renaissance Society of America



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Brief Bio

Sean Heuvel serves as an instructor in the Department of Leadership and American Studies at Christopher Newport University (CNU) and also teaches courses for the Department of History. His academic areas of interest include the American Civil War and Reconstruction, the role of memory in history, and film studies.

Prior to his appointment as an instructional faculty member, Sean served for two years as an admissions officer at CNU. Before coming to Christopher Newport, he worked for the Office of University Development at The College of William and Mary.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are the American Civil War and reconstruction, U.S. military history and higher education.

Education

M.A. History, University of Richmond, 2006

M.Ed. Higher Education Administration, The College of William and Mary, 2005

B.A. Government, The College of William and Mary, 2002

Awards

Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society

Kappa Delta Pi, Education Honor Society

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Community Involvement

Staff Officer, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (2005-present)

Member, James City County, VA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (2000-2004).

**George Hillow**

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Brief Bio

Hillow is an associate professor of Theater his teaching responsibilities include design, drawing, and history of musical theater.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are scene design, stage lighting, directing and cinema.

Education

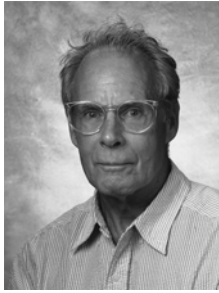
M.F.A. Scene Design, Virginia Commonwealth University

M.A. Directing, Memphis State

B.A. Psychology, Duke University

Associations/Memberships

Member of the Professional Union of Scenic, Costume and Lighting Designers



John Hoaglund

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Brief Bio

Dr. Hoaglund teaches introductory courses in critical thinking, logic, philosophy, histories of ancient and modern philosophy.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are critical thinking and art forgery.

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Free University of Berlin, 1967

University of Vienna, 1958-59

University of Munich, 1957-58

Awards

Senior Fulbright Research Fellow, University of Bergen, Norway (1981)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar in Music Criticism (1977)

American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grant (1975)

John F. Kennedy Institute Doctoral Thesis Award (1969)

Memberships/Associations

American Association of University Professors

American Philosophical Association

American Society for Aesthetics

Association for Informal Logic & Critical Thinking

British Society for Aesthetics

International Society for the Study of Argumentation

Society for Business Ethics

**Leland G. Jordan**

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Brief Bio

Dr. Jordan serves as Chair of the Department of Accounting and teaches cost and management accounting, accounting information systems, and accounting principles. He is a retired member of the Federal Senior Service, having served 33 years with the Department of Defense. His experience includes service with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics). He served as the United States Representative to the NATO Computer Assisted Logistics Systems Board and as the USD (Acquisition)'s representative on the Major Automated Systems Acquisition Review Council (MAISARC).

Areas of Expertise

His expertise areas are budgeting and financial management, management and cost accounting, activity-based costing, management and internal controls, accounting information systems, and re-engineering.

Education

D.B.A. Accounting and Quantitative Methods, George Washington University, 1985

M.S. Systems Analysis, Air Force Institute of Technology, 1972

B.S. Education, University of Florida, 1961

Memberships/Associations

Association of Government Accountants, Virginia Peninsula Chapter

Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis

American Accounting Association

Institute for Operations Research and Management Science

American Association for Budget and Program Analysis

**Kara K. Keeling**

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Brief Bio

Dr. Keeling's areas of teaching are children's and adolescent literature, Romantic and Victorian Literature, and 18th and 19th Century British Novel.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are children's and adolescent/young adult (YA) literature, and childhood/children's studies (interdisciplinary approach to studying children's culture). Special topics include: food in children's literature, censorship of children's and young adult literature, fantasy, picture books, and Harry Potter.

Education

Ph.D. English Literature, Indiana University, 1993

M.A. Victorian Studies, Purdue University, 1985

B.A. English, Carleton College, 1983

Memberships/Associations

Modern Language Association

Children's Literature Association

National Council of Teachers of English

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Brief Bio

Dr. Kempin has published many articles, book reviews and opinion pieces in her chosen field of study. She co-taught several courses at the University of Zurich Law School while she was a student there. A native German speaker, Dr. Kempin is also fluent in English and French, is proficient in Italian and possesses a basic knowledge of Latin and Spanish.

Areas of Expertise

Her expertise focuses on international relations and comparative politics, especially international law, human rights, genocide, international criminal law, international humanitarian law (law of war), ethnic conflict, international conflict, and peace studies. Geographic specializations are the politics of Northern Ireland and Switzerland and European Politics in general (European Union, Council of Europe, European law).

Education

Dr. phil. (Ph.D.) International Relations and International Law, University of Zurich, 2006
lic. phil. (Masters degree) University of Zurich, 2002

Awards

"Forschungskredit der Universität Zürich," research grant funded by the University of Zurich, for research and completion of dissertation, 2005-2007
Teaching Skills Certificate, University of Zurich, awarded with distinction, 2005

Memberships/Associations

American Society for International Law (ASIL)
European Society for International Law (ESIL)
American Political Science Association (APSA)
Swiss Political Science Association (ASSH)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

Community Service

"Mentoring Deutschweiz" participant, mentoring program for young female academics in Switzerland, 2005
Member of steering committee and elected Representative in the University of Zurich Law School Faculty Meeting for the Association of Research Assistants of the University of Zurich Law School (JAZ)

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Brief Bio

Dr. Khalili's research interests are ordinary and partial differential equations, difference equations, and real analysis.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are differential and difference equations and real analysis.

Education

Ph.D. Applied Mathematics, University of Michigan, 1984

M.S. Applied Mathematics, Michigan State University, 1976

B.S. Mathematics, Sharif University of Technology – Iran, 1970

Memberships/Associations

Mathematical Association of America

Iranian Mathematical Association



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Brief Bio

Dr. Kidd's areas of research interest are American politics, citizenship/civic education, political behavior, Virginia politics, and Southern U.S. Politics.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are American politics, Southern politics, Virginia politics (Hampton Roads), civic involvement and leadership, and political behavior.

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Texas Tech University, 1998
M.A. Political Science, University of Arkansas, 1993
B.A. Political Science, University of Arkansas, 1991

Awards

Professor of the Year, CNU (2003) (2004)
Honoree American Political Science Association (2002) (2003)
Chancellor's Summer Dissertation Fellowship (1997)

Memberships/Associations

American, Southern, Western, Southwestern, and Midwestern Political Science Associations
Virginia Association of Political Scientists

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Areas of Expertise

Dr. Klein's areas of expertise are analytical chemistry, environmental chemistry, analysis of complex mixtures, crude oils and mass spectrometry.

Education

Ph.D. Analytical Chemistry with environmental concentration, Florida State University, 2005

B.S. Chemistry, ACS certified, College of William and Mary, 2000

Awards

Hoffman Teaching Merit Fellowship, Florida State University (2000-2001)

Memberships/Associations

American Chemical Society

American Society for Mass Spectrometry

Council of Undergraduate Research

Community Service

Regional Science Fair Judge (2003-present)



Peter Knipp

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Brief Bio

Dr. Knipp's research is in theoretical solid state physics.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are semiconductor nanostructures and surface physics.



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Brief Bio

Dr. Stavroula Kostaki-Gailey has been teaching at Christopher Newport University since 1974. She has developed and taught numerous undergraduate and graduate courses in mathematics and mathematics education. She has also supervised student teachers (K-12) and coordinated the Mathematics Peer Tutoring Program.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are teaching and learning of mathematics (pre-kindergarten through 12th grade), mathematics equity (women and mathematics), and mathematics anxiety.

Education

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Education (Higher Education Administration), College of William and Mary, 1984

Ed.D. Curriculum and Instruction (concentration in mathematics education), University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 1978

M.A. Education (concentration in mathematics), Western Carolina University, 1971

B.A. Mathematics, Asheville-Biltmore College, 1967

Awards

Grant, Eisenhower, Algebra for All (AlfA) (2000)

Grant, Dodge Foundation, Celebration of Teaching (1995)

Grant, NSF Young Scholars, GAMES (Girls and Mathematics Equals Success) (1993)

Humanitarian Award, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Peninsula Chapter (1993)

Membership/Association

Mathematical Association of America

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Peninsula Council of Mathematics of Virginia



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Brief Bio

Dr. Koster teaches several classes in the Music Department at Christopher Newport University, including applied double reeds, techniques in string, woodwind, and percussion, music in elementary schools, and woodwind literature and pedagogy. His most recent research has centered on gender issues in musical education. He also gives several public performances each year in both solo and ensemble settings.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are music education, music and cognition, music and childhood development, music and gender, music: double reeds, music: woodwind technique and pedagogy.

Education

Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction: Music, University of Missouri, 1998

M.M. Bassoon Performance, Indiana University, 1989

B.S. Music Education, Quincy College, 1986

Awards

Best Professor in Arts, Gettysburg College, December 1999

High Flyer Award for Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching, College of Education, University of Missouri, December 1998

Paul and Gertrude Mathews Prize for Excellence in Teaching, School of Music, University of Missouri, May 1998

Bulder Fellowship for Chamber Music Performance, School of Music, University of Missouri, 1994-96

Memberships/Associations

American Dalcroze Society

American Musicological Society

American Orff-Schulwerk Association

College Music Society

Council for Research in Music Education

International Double Reed Society

Music Educators National Conference

Oregon Society for General Music

Organization of American Kodály Educators

Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society

Society for Research in Music Education

Society for Research in Psychology of Music and Music Education

Tidewater Region Orff-Schulwerk Association

Virginia Music Educators Association

Brennan Kraxberger

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Brief Bio

Dr. Kraxberger was welcomed to Christopher Newport University in August 2005. He has published several articles and book reviews, and has given numerous presentations at conferences for the Association of American Geographers. His Ph.D. dissertation fieldwork was done in Nigeria.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are geography, political geography, cultural geography, Sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria, and the restructuring of political territories and jurisdictions.

Education

Ph.D. Geography, University of Iowa, 2003

M.A. Geography, University of Iowa, 2001

B.A. Geography, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1998

Awards/Honors

Premier Display Grant, "The Geography of 'Traditional Rulers' in Nigeria," Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at Central Michigan Univ. (2005)

Iowa Fellowship, University of Iowa Graduate College (1998-2003) (now called the "Presidential Fellowship")

Memberships/Associations

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

African Studies Association

Association of American Geographers

Africa Specialty Group (Association of American Geographers)

Political Geography Specialty Group (Association of American Geographers)

Community Involvement

College Board Exam Reader, Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography (June 2005)

Manuscript reviewer for the academic journal *GeoJournal* (2004)

Textbook reviewer for Prentice Hall (2001)



Terry Lee

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Brief Bio

Dr. Lee's areas of research interest are contemporary American fiction, journalism pedagogy, and John Milton's *Paradise Lost*.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are narrative journalism, approaches to literature, and gender theory: masculinity, British and American literature, and news reporting and writing.

Education

Ph.D. English, Syracuse University, 1990

M.A. English, Syracuse University, 1985

B.A. English, Syracuse University, 1981

**Michael Lewis**

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Brief Bio

Dr. Lewis' teaching responsibilities include sociology of sport, research methods, senior seminar, criminology, and theory.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are deviance, crime and the criminal justice system, and sports in American society.

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Virginia, 1993

M.A. Sociology, University of Virginia, 1989

B.A. History, University of Colorado, 1987

Awards

CNU Summer Research Stipend (2003)

Memberships/Associations

American Sociological Association

Southern Sociological Society



Gabriele Lingenfelter

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Brief Bio

Lingenfelter's teaching responsibilities are auditing, principles of accounting I, and finance.

Areas of Expertise

Her expertise areas are individual income tax, the volunteer income tax assistance program, innovative teaching strategies, and the AICPA's core competencies.

Education

M.B.A. Northwest Missouri State University, 1992
B.A. Accounting, Cameron University, 1988
Certified Public Accountant

Awards

Elijah Watts Sells Certificate of Distinction
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

Memberships/Associations

Oklahoma Society of CPAs
American Institute of CPAs
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society
Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society

Gihan Mandour

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Brief Bio

Dr. Mandour has been teaching at CNU since 2000. Her current research is focused on emerging set-theoretic identification and filtering techniques that provide interesting new approaches to solving classification problems involving parametric structures.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are speech signal processing, digital signal processing, adaptive filtering and set membership algorithms, and digital communication systems.

Education

Ph.D. Electrical Engineering, Michigan State University, 2003

M.S. Electrical Engineering, Michigan State University, 1995

M.S. Electrical Engineering, Alexandria University, 1988

B.S. Electrical Engineering, Alexandria University, 1983

Awards

Dean's Summer Research Grant 2005, CNU

Memberships/Associations

IEEE

Virginia Academy of Science

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

Society of Women Engineers

Community Involvement

President, Tidewater Chapter of Sigma Xi of Hampton Roads (2005-2006)



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Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are interpersonal relationships, family communication, nonverbal communication, gender, international adoption (especially Chinese), identity development and narrative.

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Brief Bio

Dr. Marinova, a Bulgarian citizen, is teaching world literature and writing courses at Christopher Newport University. Her skills include a native fluency in Bulgarian, near-native fluency in English and Russian, reading and listening comprehension of Italian, Macedonian, and Serbian/Croatian and a reading comprehension of French.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are world literature, European and East-European literature, Russian literature, exile literature, travel literature, literary theory, East European cinema and Russo-American relations.

Education

Ph.D. Comparative Literature, University of Texas at Austin, 2005

M.A. Comparative Literature, University of Texas at Austin, 2000

M.A. English and Philosophy, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1998

Joint B.A and M.A. English Philology (British, American Literature and Linguistics), Sofia University (Bulgaria) 1995

Awards

University Continuing Fellowship, Dissertation Writing Grant, Univ. of Texas at Austin (2003-2004)

Graduate Research Excellence Award, Univ. of Texas at Austin Graduate Studies (spring 2003)

Professional Development Award, Univ. of Texas at Austin Graduate Studies (1998-2003)

Memberships/Associations

American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages

American Comparative Literature Association

American Studies Association

Modern Language Association

James E. Martin
Associate Professor

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Brief Bio

Dr. Martin has been teaching at Christopher Newport University since 1993. He is responsible for both undergraduate and graduate level courses. His research interests include computational fluid dynamics, hydrodynamic stability, computational aeroacoustics, parallel computing and mathematics education.

Areas of Expertise

His area of expertise is environmental fluid dynamics; specifically, gravity currents, pyroclastic flows arising from the ash fall out of volcanic eruptions and particle laden flows.

Education

Ph.D., Division of Applied Mathematics, Brown University, 1991
M.S. Engineering, Brown University, 1989
M.S. Applied Mathematics, Brown University, 1987
B.S. Mathematics, University of Pittsburgh, 1986

Awards

CNU Faculty Development Grant (2000)
NASA-ASEE Summer Faculty Fellow, NASA Langley Research Center (1994, 1995, 1996)

Memberships/Associations

Sigma Xi (Honorary Research Society), SIAM



Cheryl Mathews

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Brief Bio

Mathews' teaching responsibilities are field instruction, introduction to social work, spirituality and social work, and geriatric social work.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are social work education and spirituality and social work.

Education

M.A. Social Work, University of Hawaii, 1974

B.A. Sociology, Grove City College, 1966

Memberships/Associations

National Association of Social Workers

Academy of Certified Social Workers

Council on Social Work Education

Virginia Social Work Education Consortium

Baccalaureate Program Directors Association

Community Involvement

CSWE Accreditation Site Visitor

Thomas Nelson Community College Human Services Advisory Board

Community Forum on Aging

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Williamsburg

United Campus Ministries

Annual State Social Work Student Rally



Mario D. Mazzearella

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Brief Bio

Dr. Mazzearella's academic fields of studies include world civilization, western civilization, and modern Europe and Germany.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are modern Germany history and politics (1800-present), modern European history and politics (1800-present), and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Education

Ph.D. American University
M.A. University of Rhode Island
B.A. Providence College

Awards

CNU Student Government Association Professor of the Year (1997) (2002)
CNU Faculty Development Grant for invited lectures at Charles University, Prague (1999)
Fulbright-Hayes Study Abroad, Morocco (1989)

Memberships/Associations

American Association of University Professors
American Historical Association
National Council for History Education
Virginia Council for History Education
World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads
World History Association

Community Involvement

World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads
Annual Historical Impersonation of Adolph Hitler for history classes, Woodside High School
Parish Advisory Board of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
Appalachian Trail Conference
Amnesty International
NAACP
Americans for Peace Now
Sponsor, Christian Children's Fund

Michael D. Meyer

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Brief Bio

Dr. Meyer joined the faculty at Christopher Newport University in 2005. He is a contributing author to "Insect Appreciation, Third Edition" published by Kendall/Hunt in 2002.

Areas of Expertise

His area of expertise is entomology (insects and spiders).

Education

Ph.D. Entomology, Purdue University, 2005

M.S. Entomology, Purdue University, 2001

Clear Ryan Professional Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, University of California, 1992

B.S. Zoology, University of California, 1987

Awards

Graduate School Summer Research Grant, Purdue University (2005)

Summer Research Grant, Purdue University (2002, 2003, 2004)

J.J. Davis Scholarship, Purdue University (2004)

George E. Gould Scholarship, Purdue University (2001, 2003, 2005)

Associate Member, Purdue University Teaching Academy (2002)

Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, Purdue University (2001)

Memberships/Associations

Gamma Sigma Delta Agriculture Honor Society

Pacific Coast Entomological Society

North American Benthological Society

National Audubon Society

American Museum of Natural History

Community Involvement

Taxonomic consultant, Royal Ontario Museum, 2005

Script reader, National Public Radio's A Moment in Science

Reader/Peer reviewer, "The Southwestern Naturalist" and "The Pan-Pacific Entomologist"



Michaela D. E. Meyer

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Brief Bio

Dr. Meyer is the author of 15 refereed publications and has presented nearly 50 scholarly conference presentations. Her work crosses disciplinary boundaries in communication, sociology, and cultural studies. Dr. Meyer's educational approaches emphasize critical thinking, media literacy and cross-cultural competence in youth as well as adults.

Areas of Expertise

General

- Critical Thinking
- Interviewing Techniques (Employment and Performance Assessment)
- Japanese Language and Culture
- Media Literacy
- Resume Writing
- Time-Management and Motivational Training (Covey's 7 Habits, etc.)
- Young Adult Identity Formation and Student Development

Academic

- Educational Assessment (Rubric Training and Itemized Test Configuration)
- Feminist Theory
- Persuasive Theory and Skill Sets
- Sexuality and Gender Studies
- The Process and Value of Student Organizing

Popular Culture

- Adolescent/Young Adult Television and Film
- Crime Drama Television
- Representations of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People in Popular Culture
- Representations of Superheroes in Popular Culture (e.g., Superman, Spider-Man, etc.)
- Representations of Witchcraft in Popular Culture
- Representations of Women in Popular Culture

Education

Ph.D. Communication Studies, Ohio University, 2004

Certificate in Women's Studies, Ohio University, 2004

M.A. Journalism, Ohio University, 2001

B.A. Philosophy and Communication, Miami University of Ohio, 1999

Certificate in Japanese Language, Kansai-Gaidai University, Osaka, Japan, 1998

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Awards

Outstanding Published Article Award for 2003, for "It's me. I'm it.": Defining adolescent sexual identity through relational dialectics in *Dawson's Creek. Communication Quarterly*, 51, 262-276. Awarded by the Organization for the Study of Communication Language and Gender (2004).

Ohio University Outstanding Doctoral Student Leader Award Finalist (2004).

Samuel L. Becker Award for Top Graduate Student Paper, Central States Communication Association, Media Studies Interest Group (2003) (2004)

Barry Spiker Graduate Student Travel Grant Award (2004, Spring)

Ohio University Outstanding Doctoral Student Leader Award (2003).

Memberships/Associations

Central States Communication Association

Eastern Communication Association

International Communication Association

National Communication Association

Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender

Golden Key National Honor Society

Brana Mijatovic

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Brief Bio

Dr. Mijatovic joined the faculty at Christopher Newport University in 2005.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are world music, popular music and politics and music of the Balkans.

Education

Ph.D. Ethnomusicology, University of California - Los Angeles

M.A. Ethnomusicology, University of California - Los Angeles

B.A. Musicology, University of Arts, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro

Awards

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA (2002-2003)

Elaine Crown Klein Fine Arts Scholarship (2001)

ArtsBridge Scholarship, UCLA (1999-2001)

**Elaine M. Miller**

Associate Professor

Modern & Classical Languages and Literatures

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Brief Bio

Dr. Miller has near-native fluency in Spanish, reading knowledge in Portuguese, and intermediate-level listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in German. Her research interests include contemporary Latin American literature, Latin American theatre, gender studies, pedagogy and methodology.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are Latin American literature and culture.

Education

Ph.D. Spanish, University of Maryland, College Park, 2003

M.A. Spanish, Pennsylvania State University, 1994

B.A. Spanish, Juniata College, 1992

Study Abroad: Diploma in Latin American and Spanish Studies, José Ortega y Gasset Foundation, Toledo, Spain, 1991

Awards

Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland Graduate School (2002-03)

Partial Travel Grant, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at the University of Maryland (2003)

Memberships/Associations

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

Latin American Studies Association

Modern Language Association

Jennifer Miskec

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Brief Bio

Dr. Miskec joined Christopher Newport University in August 2005. She authored "Nebraska," to be included in "A Quilt of States: A Children's Atlas of the United States" published by National Geographic.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are children's and adolescent literature, Generation Y and technology in young adult literature, childhood/children's studies, picture books and active and athletic girls in children's literature.

Education

Ph.D. English Studies, Illinois State University, 2005
M.A. English, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1999
B.A. English, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1997

Awards

Illinois State Greek Community Faculty Recognition (2004)
Illinois State University Foundation Travel Award (2002, 2003)
Tami Ranta Children's Literature Award, Illinois State University English Department (2001)
Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Illinois State University English Department (2000-2004)

Memberships/Associations

Modern Language Association
Children's Literature Association
National Council of Teachers of English (NTCE)
American Library Association
Western Literature Association

Community Involvement

Organizer, CNU's First Annual Banned Book Reading (2005)
Gender Symposium, Longwood University (2005)
"Page to Stage," Longwood University's Talented and Gifted Program (2005)
Women's History Month "Story Time" leader, Price Edward County Public Library (2005)
Waterworks: Farmville Community Theatre guest reviewer, Farmville Herald (2004)



Roark Mulligan

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Brief Bio

Dr. Mulligan is greatly involved both at Christopher Newport University and in the community. At CNU, he serves in a variety of positions outside of his teaching responsibilities including the English Department committee on technology and the Writing Concentration committee. Locally, he has been a judge in forensic tournaments and writing contests and has given numerous literature presentations.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are American literature (1865-1940) and teaching writing/composition.

Education

Ph.D. English, Univ. of Oregon, 1994

M.A. English, Univ. of Oregon, 1991

M.S. Teaching English, Univ. of Oregon, 1984

B.A. Philosophy, Univ. of California-Berkeley, 1976

Awards

Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities (Sept-Dec 1998)

CNU Faculty Development Grant, (May 1997)

Memberships/Associations

American Literature Association

Conference on College Composition and Communication

Association for the Study of Literature and Environment

Dreiser Society

Eastern Communication

Kenneth Burke Society

Megabyte University (MBU) Discussion List

National Council of Teachers of English

Virginia Association of Teachers of English

Writing Program Administrators (WPA) Discussion List

Community Involvement

State Judge of Student Literary Magazines for the National Council of Teachers of English

Judge of the Achievement in Writing Awards for the National Council of Teachers of English

Judge, Forensics Tournament, Region 1 (Newport News) and Bay Rivers District (Poquoson)

University Supervisor of Student Teachers, Newport News and Gloucester School Districts

Odyssey of the Mind Coach, Poquoson School District



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Brief Bio

Dr. Nichols' areas of teaching include Film Studies, composition, and Early Twentieth-Century Literature and Drama.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise include American Film and Culture, Film Criticism and History, and American Literature and Drama.

Education

Ph.D. English and Cultural Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 1999

M.A. English, University of Pittsburgh, 1993

B.A. English, University of Richmond, 1991

Awards

CNU Summer Research and Dean's Office Grants (2001, 2003, 2004)

Department Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Pittsburgh (1999)

Lillian B. Lawler Fellowship (1998)

Teaching fellow, University of Pittsburgh (1997)

Memberships/Associations

American Society for Theatre Research

College Composition and Communication

American Studies Association

Modern Language Association

Society for Cinema Studies

Community Involvement

Adjudicator for Virginia Regional Theater Competition

Speaker, Sewickley Art Institute, Kubrick Film Festival

Keynote Speaker, Newport News Public Library, 1960's Film Festival

Adjudicator, Warner Film Institute, Independent Film Competition



Jay Paul

Professor/Director Honors

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Brief Bio

Dr. Paul is an accomplished poet. His areas of teaching include Advanced Writing--Fiction, Poetry, Prose and Advanced Workshop, and Honors Seminars.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise include poetry and creative writing and accreditation (commission on colleges).

Education

Ph.D. English, Michigan State University, 1971

M.A. English, Michigan State University, 1968

B.A. English, Hartwick College, 1966

Awards

Finalist, Virginia Prize for Poetry (1990)

Candidate for the Commonwealth Outstanding Teacher Award (1990)

Recognition of Service, Board of Visitors, CNU (1992)

Memberships/Associations

SACS Reaccreditation Team, Middle Tennessee State University (1995)

SACS Reaccreditation Team, Centenary College (1997)

SACS Reaccreditation Team, University of Texas-Brownsville (1998)

SACS Reaccreditation Team, Troy State University (2000)

SACS Reaccreditation Team, University of South Carolina (2001)

Community Involvement

Coordinator, CNU High School Theatre Project

CNU Writers Series

Co-Founder Iota Omicron Chapter, Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society

Consultant, Teaching Writing, Newport News Public Schools

**Ron Persky**

Assistant Professor

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Areas of Expertise

Dr. Persky's area of expertise is mathematics.

Education

M.A. Mathematics, University of Cincinnati

B.A. Metallurgical Engineering, Purdue University

Memberships/Associations

American Association of University Professors

Mathematical Association of America

**David M. Pollio**

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Brief Bio

Professor Pollio teaches courses on classical Greek and Latin, Classical Mythology, and English etymology; he is also helping to implement minor programs in both Latin and Classical Studies.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are Augustan poetry (Vergil and Ovid); Homer's Iliad and Odyssey; classical mythology; Latin and Greek languages.

Education

Ph.D., Classics, Bryn Mawr College, 2002

M.A., Classics, Bryn Mawr College, 1995

M.A., Classics, Tufts University, 1993

B.A., Classics, Rutgers University, 1991



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Brief Bio

Dr. Puaca teaches world civilization and postwar European history at Christopher Newport University. His teaching interests also include twentieth century German history, social and cultural history and modern East Asian history.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are modern Germany/postwar Germany, postwar European history, democratization, military occupation and history of education.

Education

Ph.D., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2005

M.A., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2001

B.A. History and Germanic Studies, Indiana University-Bloomington, 1999

Awards

Doris G. Quinn Fellowship, UNC Department of History (2004-2005)

German Historical Institute Short-Term Doctoral Fellowship (2004)

Memberships/Associations

American Historical Association

German Studies Association

History of Education Society

National Council for the Social Studies



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Professor

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Brief Bio

Dr. Purtle teaches sociological research methods, measurement issues in sociology, survey research, evaluation research, attitude measurement, social psychology, socialization, social change, rural social organization, marriage & family, and divorce in America.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are marriage and family topics, especially divorce and cross-cultural faculty governance.

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, Louisiana State University, 1972

M.S. Food, Nutrition and Institution Administration, Oklahoma State University, 1963

B.S. Vocational Home Economics Education, Oklahoma State University, 1961

Memberships/Associations

Phi Kappa Phi

Alpha Kappa Delta

Iota Sigma Pi

Gamma Sigma Delta

Omicron Nu

Phi Sigma

Omicron Delta Kappa



Anton Riedl

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Brief Bio

Dr. Riedl's teaching experience includes: introduction to computer science, programming lab, data/file structures, and cryptography and network security.

Areas of Expertise

His area of expertise is next generation networking: design issues, quality of service, and traffic engineering.

Education

Ph.D. Electrical Engineering, Munich University of Technology, 2004

Dipl.-Ing. Electrical Engineering, Munich University of Technology, 1996

M.S. Electrical Engineering, Purdue University, 1995

Awards

Kurt-Fischer Prize 2004

Fulbright Scholarship 1995

Memberships/Associations

German Association of Electrical Engineers/Information Technology Society

IEEE Communications Society, IEEE Computer Society

Journal reviewer for Computer Networks, Infocom, INFORMS, ICC



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Brief Bio

Dr. Rose has been teaching at Christopher Newport University since 1992.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are issues in religious pluralism, religion and philosophy, comparative religion, history of religions, mysticism, meditation, Christian and Hindu dialogue, and comparative theology.

Education

Ph.D. Study of Religion, Harvard University, 1992
M.A. Study of Religion, Harvard University, 1988
M.Div., Harvard University Divinity School, 1986
B.A. Philosophy, Ohio State University, 1982

Awards

Dean's Office Grant, CNU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Spring 2004)
Released Time Grant, CNU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Fall 2002)
Faculty Senate Grant, CNU (June 2001)
Faculty Senate Grant, CNU (1999-2000)

Community Involvement

Director, Summerlake Shores Homeowners' Association Board of Directors
Occasional Guest Religion Columnist, *Daily Press*, Newport News, VA
Judge, Second Holocaust Writing Competition for Students, The United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula, April 2003.
Consultant to Wat Pasantidhamma, a Thai Theravada Buddhist temple community in Carrollton, Virginia
Judge, First Holocaust Writing Competition for Students, The United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula, April 2002
Consultant to the *Daily Press*, Newport News, VA, for an article on Islam, "Unholy Terror," published September 22, 2001



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Brief Bio

Dr. Rosenberg teaches a variety of English courses and is the Director for the Women's and Gender Studies program at Christopher Newport University. She has published three books (two in women's studies) and a number of articles on race, class and ethnicity in American literature.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are multicultural American literature, including pedagogical approaches to multicultural American literature for K-12 teachers; film and culture; race, class and ethnicity in American literature; and women's studies.

Education

Ph.D. English, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1975

B.A. English, Queens College of the City University of New York, 1971

Awards

NEH Award: Institute of Native American Literature and Art (2003)

Fulbright Teaching Fellowship to Taiwan (1997)

Commonwealth Teaching Award nominee, CNU (1994 & 1997)

Associations/Memberships

Modern Language Association

Society for American Indian Literature

American Studies Association

Multiethnic Literature of the United States Association

National Council of Teachers of English

Society for the Study of Southern Literature

Virginia Humanities Conference

Community Involvement

Regular commentator at the Naro Cinema in Norfolk, Virginia.

Associate Editor, *Points of Entry: Cross-Currents in Storytelling* (<http://www.pointsofentry.org>).

Consultant in Public Relations and Communications (1981-present) for a number of arts/educational institutions including: The Fairmount Theatre of the Deaf, The Virginia State Ballet, and The Institute of Early American History and Culture.

Sharon M. Rowley

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Brief Bio

Dr. Rowley is experienced with Old English and Middle English, as well as the Latin and Spanish languages. She also has reading knowledge of French and German.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are Old English language and literature, Middle English language and literature, Arthurian literature, manuscript studies, vision literature/apocalyptic literary theory.

Education

Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1996

M.A. English, University of Chicago, 1988

B.A. English, Temple University, 1987

Awards

Faculty Development Grant, CNU (2004)

Fondos Institucionales para la Investigación, funding for research (2000-02)

Memberships/Associations

Southeastern Medieval Academy

International Society of Anglo-Saxonists

Medieval Academy of America

Modern Language Association

Barbara A. Savitzky

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Brief Bio

Dr. Savitzky has led numerous undergraduate and graduate lectures and labs at Christopher Newport University. She also offers talks, presentations, animal identification and herpetological advice to the public and regional natural history museums, societies, horticultural groups and parks.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are reptiles and amphibians: species of Virginia, venomous snakes, ecology of vertebrates, red-backed salamanders, turtles of Lake Maury and Japanese gardens: aesthetic and religious ideals.

Education

Ph.D. Life Sciences, Ethology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 1989

B.A. Psychology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 1968

Awards

Faculty Summer Research Grant, Christopher Newport University

Grant, "Use of Beaver Deceivers® for Controlling Beaver Damage at Road Culverts in Southeastern Virginia," Virginia Department of Transportation (June 2004)

Memberships/Associations

International Herpetological Committee, World Congress of Herpetology

Conservation Committee and Endowment Committee, American Society of Ichthyology and Herpetology

Herpetological Taxa Committee, Virginia State Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Nongame Program

Japanese Herpetological Society

Virginia Herpetological Society

American Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles

Society for Conservation Biology

Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles

Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology

Animal Behavior Society

Herpetologists' League

Sigma Xi, Research Society

Community Involvement

Canebroke Recovery Team, Virginia State Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Nongame Program

Reviewer, National Science Foundation's *Herpetologica*, *Herpetological Review*, *Journal of Herpetology*

Judge for national scientific society meetings, local science fairs and Governor's Magnet School for Science



Tracey Schwarze

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Brief Bio

Dr. Schwarze teaches various courses and seminars at Christopher Newport University. Her teaching interests are in modern British and Irish literature, British romantic poetry, Victorian literature and writing. She is also the Director of the Writing Center.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are 19th Century British literature and culture, 20th Century British literature, and James Joyce.

Education

Ph.D. English, University of California, 1995
M.A. English, University of Dayton, Ohio 1986
B.A. English, University of Virginia, 1983

Awards

Outstanding Professor, Auburn University Panhellenic Council 1998
Excellence in Teaching Composition Award, University of Nevada 1997

Memberships/Associations

Modern Language Association
International James Joyce Foundation
National Writing Centers Association

Community Involvement

Internship in Public Writing, Coordinator
Popular Culture Review – Journal Referee/Editorial Board Member



Graham Schweig

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Brief Bio

Dr. Graham has been teaching at Christopher Newport University since 2000. He recently published *Dance of Divine Love: The Râsa Lîlâ of Krishna from the Bhâgavata Purana* and has several more publications in progress. About his teaching style, Dr. Graham says, "My students are my partners in learning – partners in a special kind of dialogue which functions on several levels... My inspiration for teaching is sustained by an appreciation of this opportunity to share knowledge with others, while it is my continuous attempt to convey to my students a sense of wonder and fascination in the pursuit of knowledge."

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are comparative religion, comparative theology, Sanskrit and Indic studies, Hinduism and religions of India, history and philosophy of yoga, love mysticism in world religions, religion and the feminine, religion and psychology, Christian and Hindu dialogue, and interfaith dialogue.

Education

Ph.D., Comparative Religion, Harvard University, 1998
Th.M., Comparative Religion, Harvard University, 1985
M.T.S., History of Religions, Harvard University, 1980
M.A., South Asian Studies, University of Chicago, 1977
B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies, American University, 1976

Memberships/Associations

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
American Oriental Society (AOS)
Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune, India (BORI)
Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University (CSWR)
The Institute for Vaishnava Studies (IVS)
The Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion, American Philosophical Association
The Society for Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)
North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)
World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES)
The Philological Society, London



Nigel A. Sellars

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Brief Bio

Professor Nigel Sellars is a former journalist and folk singer who can bring expertise on the British and Irish folk music.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are American labor history, especially the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW); Rebellions and uprisings in American history; American Presidency; the 1918 Influenza pandemic; Great Depression; The 1960s & Viet Nam; Fascist movements in America; Socialist party of America; 20th Century American Popular Culture, including films, folk & pop music, pulp magazine, science fiction writers, and radio broadcast; and Sports, especially late 19th and early 20th century baseball and ice hockey.

Education

Ph.D., University of Oklahoma, 1994

M.A., University of Oklahoma, 1985

B.A. Journalism, University of Oklahoma 1980

Awards

CNU Faculty Development Grant, Fall 2004

Muriel Wright Award for Best Article, "The Chronicles of Oklahoma", 2001

Finalist, Best Non-Fiction Book (*Oil, Wheat, and Wobblies*), Oklahoma Book Awards, 1998

Oklahoma Historical Society Prize for Best Dissertation on Oklahoma History, 1994

Memberships/Associations

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Western Historical Association

Oklahoma Historical Society

Labor and Working Class History Association

Social Science History Association

Community Involvement

Faculty Sponsor, CNU Alpha Zeta Mu chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society 2004

Moderator, "The Sixties: A Film History of America's Decade of Crisis and Change." 2004

Judge, Virginia History Day, District 6, Western Branch Middle School, Chesapeake, 2003

Dmitriy Shaltayev

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Brief Bio

Dr. Shaltayev brings six years of industry experience to the Department of Management and Marketing in the Joseph W. Luter, III School of Business at Christopher Newport University.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are supply chain management, inventory management, operations management and statistics.

Education

Ph.D. Management Science, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, 2005

M.A. Management Science, University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, 2003

M.S. Physics, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, 1995

B.S. Physics, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, 1993

Awards

CNU Faculty Development Grant, fall 2005

Selected participant of Purdue University CIBER 2003 Third Doctoral Consortium Meeting on International Operations Management

Selected participant of Doctoral Colloquium at INFORMS Conference, October 2003

Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Univ. of Alabama College of Commerce and Business Administration, 2003



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Brief Bio

Dr. Shumet Sishagne, a native of Ethiopia, is an Associate Professor of History and Chair of the History Department.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are African History, History of the Middle East, History of Islam, Ethiopian History, and contemporary Third World Issues.

Education

Ph.D. University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, 1991

M.A. Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, 1984

B.A. Haile Selassie University, Ethiopia, 1973

Awards

Istituto Italo-Africano Fellowship, Rome

Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security/MacArthur Fellowship

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Program

Christopher Newport University Faculty Development Grant

Memberships/Associations

Association of American University Professors

Association of Third World Studies

Southeastern Regional for African Studies

Virginia Council of History Education



Lisa Spiller

Professor

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Brief Bio

Dr. Spiller's teaching responsibilities are marketing management, elements of direct marketing, and database marketing.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are marketing, including promotion, retail, and consumer behavior; interactive marketing; database marketing; direct marketing; and small business and entrepreneurship.

Education

Ph.D. Community Psychology, University of Missouri, 1990

M.B.A. Marketing, Gannon University, 1984

B.S.B.A. Marketing, Gannon University, 1982

Memberships/Associations

Editor Board Member, Association for Competitiveness

Academic Advisor Board Member, Direct Marketing Association of Washington

Direct Marketing Association, Professors Academy

Journal of Interactive Marketing Abstract Editorial Board Member

Alpha Kappa Psi

American Marketing Association Collegiate Faculty Advisor

Community Involvement

Member, Nominating Committee for *Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges*

Virginia Chamber of Commerce: Program Planning Committee, World Trade Conference

Marketing Committee Member, Virginia Living Museum



Sally Sledge

Assistant Professor

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Brief Bio

Her teaching responsibilities are strategy and international business.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are international business, international marketing, globalization, business strategy, strategic planning, and management consulting.

Education

Ph.D., Old Dominion University
M.B.A., College of William & Mary
B.S., University of Virginia

Memberships/Associations

Academy of International Business
Academy of Management
Society for the Advancement of Management
Virginia Society of Research Administrators
American Association of University Women
Beta Gamma Sigma
Omicron Delta Kappa
Sigma Beta Delta
Virginia College and University Relations Chair.

Community Involvement

Reviewer, Academy of Management Business Policy and Strategy Group
Reviewer, Journal of Management
Reviewer, Society for the Advancement of Management Annual Meeting

Stephen Strehle

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Brief Bio

Dr. Strehle's teaching style varies in accordance with the level and content of the course. His class is designed to evoke the student's passion for learning the subject, and producing thoughtful interaction with the material.

Areas of Expertise

His area of expertise is the relationship of church and state, and religion & politics.

Education

D. Theol. Historical Theology/Church History, Universitat Basel, 1988

Th.D. Systematic Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1980

S.T.M. Systematic Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1977

M.Div. Columbia Graduate School, 1976

B.S. Chemical Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1974

Tanya Sweet

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Brief Bio

Professor Sweet teaches technical theater courses. She works with students, engineer, and construct scenery for main stage productions. She oversees budget and serves as production manager.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are technical theater, theater consultation, dramatic literature, criticism, musical theater, stage rigging, and scenery design.

Education

M.F.A. University of Illinois, 1996

B.A. Beloit College, 1993

Awards

Excellence in Theater Technology Award
ACM Computer Programming Competition



Travis K. Taylor

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Brief Bio

Dr. Travis' teaching interests are microeconomics, macroeconomics, industrial organization, and advanced topics in economics.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are international government procurement and contracting, defense economic issues, and offset contracts.

Education

Ph.D., University of Connecticut

M.A., University of Connecticut

B.A., University of Richmond



Gwendolyn B. Thornton

Field Coordinator

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Brief Bio

Dr. Thornton has been teaching at Christopher Newport University for seven years and is currently the Field Coordinator. She teaches in the areas of social welfare policy and macro practice, plus field-related practice courses and seminars. She also has extensive clinical social work experience in direct practice.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are African American women, African American female delinquency, and international social work practice.

Education

D.S.W., Norfolk State Univ., 2003
L.C.S.W., Commonwealth of Virginia
M.S.W., Univ. of Richmond, 1981
B.S.W., Univ. of Richmond, 1980

Awards

New Kent Civic League Commendation, "Distinguished Black Women of New Kent County"
Plaque presented by CNU class of 1999 in appreciation of outstanding support, loyalty, and dedication to students in the field of social work.

Memberships/Associations

National Association of Social Workers, Virginia Chapter
Council on Social Work Education
Phi Alpha National Social Work Honorary (Chi Kappa Chapter, CNU)
Virginia Social Work Education Consortium
Maasi-American Organization
Virginia Coalition for Africa

Community Involvement

YWCA of the Virginia Peninsula, Board President
Serenity House, Inc.
ISP (Influencing State Policy) Liaison
Certified Mediator, General District Court Mediation – Supreme Court of Virginia

Hussam S. Timani

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Brief Bio

Dr. Timani is currently researching "Islamic Rationalism: The Rise and Fall of Rational Thought in Islam." He has presented papers at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meetings from 1997 to 2003. His native language is Arabic, and he also has skills in French, Farsi and German.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are Islam and politics, Islam in America, political Islam, women in Islam, Qur'anic and Hadith studies, and Islamic theology.

Education

Ph.D. Islamic Studies, University of California-L.A., 2002

B.A. Political Science, University of California-Irvine, 1990



Lori J. Underwood

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Brief Bio

Professor Lori Underwood is competent in the areas of history of modern philosophy, epistemology, formal and informal logic, ethics, and comparative philosophy.

Areas of Expertise

Her area of expertise are modern philosophy; ethics; political philosophy (especially the writings of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Kant); formal and informal reasoning, and competent in philosophy of war and peace.

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Missouri 1999

M.A. Philosophy, University of Memphis 1995

B.A. History and Philosophy, University of Memphis 1992

Awards

Recipient of the University of Missouri's Donald K. Anderson Graduate Student Teaching Award

Memberships/Associations

American Association of Colleges and Universities
Association for Informal Logical and Critical Thinking
American Philosophical Association
American Catholic Philosophical Association
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics

Community Involvement

Presenter, Virginia Humanities Conference, 2004

Presenter, Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking, 2002

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Brief Bio

Dr. Vachris teaches economics at Christopher Newport University.

Areas of Expertise

Her area of expertise is economics.

Education

Ph.D., George Mason University

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Brief Bio

Dr. Velkey's areas of interests are experimental psychology, animal learning and comparative psychology.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are scientific (empirical) reasoning as means of critical inquiry, role of learning in territoriality and aggression in a tropical fish species, psychology of choice and self-control, psychology of expertise, undergraduate research and scholarship in the liberal arts setting, and understanding human behavior.

Education

Ph.D. Experimental Psychology, University of Montana, 1997

M.A. Experimental Psychology, University of Montana, 1995

B.S. Psychology, Millsaps College, 1988

Awards

University of Montana Department of Psychology Commendation for Excellence, 1996

University of Montana Bertha Morton Scholarship, 1997

Theta Nu Sigma, 1991

Memberships/Associations

Institute for Laboratory Animal Research

Consortium of Aquarium, Universities and Zoos

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

Eastern Psychological Society

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Brief Bio

Dr. Waldron's teaching responsibilities include Society and the Individual, Social Problems, Sociology of Media and Popular Culture, Ethnographic Film and Documentary Analysis, and Socialization.

Areas of Expertise

Her areas of expertise are childhood and youth studies, youth and violence, violence in schools and school safety programs, zero tolerance and discipline policies, inequality and education, media studies (TV, film and documentary analysis), and TV and radio news writing/producing.

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, Syracuse University, 2002

M.A. Television/Radio/Film, Syracuse University, 1999

Graduate Women's Studies Certificate, Syracuse University, 1998

M.A. Sociology, Syracuse University, 1997

B.A. Sociology and Political Science, Bloomsburg University, 1994

Awards

American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women (2001/2002)

Doctoral Prize for Graduate Teaching, Syracuse University (2002)

Mass Media Fellowship, American Association for the Advancement of Science/Foundation for Child Development (2001)

Association for Women in Communication, *National Clarion Award, Best Women's Issue Radio*, to "Women's Voices" staff (2000) (2002)

Memberships/Associations

The Institute on Popular Culture and Education

Working Class Academics

American Sociological Association

American Association of University Women

Community Involvement

Backup Producer/Associate Producer, WCGL Ch. 46, Atlanta, GA

PT News Reporter, "News & Views," WRGF 89.3 FM, Atlanta, GA

Co-host/Producer, Atlanta Independent Media Center Show, WREK 91.1 FM, Atlanta, GA



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Brief Bio

Dr. White's areas of interests are cinema music, orchestral conducting, American and English classical music, and experimental music. He is a freelance conductor, composer and violist.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are music, especially orchestral, film, string, chamber, American classical, English, new and experimental music.

Education

D.M.A. Orchestral Conducting, University of Washington
M.M. Viola, Indiana University
B.A. Music, University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music

Awards

Semi-finalist, Masterplayers Conducting Competition, 1989

Memberships/Associations

Conductors Guild
American Symphony Orchestra League
American Music Center
American String Teachers Association

Community Involvement

Bronx Opera (principal viola)
Connecticut Philharmonic (viola)
Manhasset Bay Opera (principal viola)
Spoleto Festival – Charleston (viola)
Virginia Opera (violin)
Conductor/Violist, Seattle Music



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Brief Bio

His teaching is general social work practice with emphasis on field instruction, social work practice III, human behavior and the social environment, research methods for social work and introduction to sociology.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are African American families, African American Males, and African-American parenting.

Education

M.S.W. University of Pittsburg

B.A. Social Work, Christopher Newport College

A.A.S. Human Services, Thomas Nelson Community College

Community Involvement

Supervisor, Central Baptist Family Services



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Brief Bio

Dr. Winder's teaching responsibilities are financial management, management of financial institutions, money & banking, and principles of economics.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are monetary theory and policy, macroeconomic policy and trends, and financial institutions.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Rutgers University, 1981

M.A. Economics, University of Connecticut, 1974

A.B. Economics, Rutgers College, 1973

Awards

CNU Faculty Development Grant (2000, and 1992-1994)

Nominee, Distinguished Faculty Award, Salisbury State University (1989)

Memberships/Associations

Financial Management Association

American Economic Association



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His teaching responsibilities include internet marketing, e-commerce, marketing management, and direct/interactive marketing strategy.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are nonprofit marketing; volunteerism; volunteer psychology, recruitment & retention; cause marketing; and charitable giving.

Education

D.B.A., Indiana University
M.B.A., Liberty University
B.S., St. Joseph's College

Awards

Faculty Research Grant, Memorial University, 2002
Brout Professorship, 2000
Brauer Professorship, 1999
Research Grant CNU, 1998
Research Grant Jacksonville University, 1997
Research Grant Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, 1996

Memberships/Associations

Editor, Journal of Nonprofit & Public Sector Marketing
North American Editor, International Journal of Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Marketing
President, Atlantic Marketing Association

Community Involvement

Outcomes Committee for the United Way of the Peninsula



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Brief Bio

Dr. Xu teaches history, focusing on China and Asia. His native language is Chinese, and he possesses reading knowledge of French and Japanese.

Areas of Expertise

His area of expertise is China.

Education

Ph.D. Modern Chinese History, Columbia University, 1993
M.A. History, University of Akron, Ohio, 1989
M.A. History, East China Normal University, 1985
B.A. History, Shanghai Teachers College, 1982

Awards

Vangermeersch Manuscript Award, Academy of Accounting Historians, 2002
University Award for Excellence in Scholarship, FMU, 2000
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers, 1998
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Grant, 1997

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Brief Bio

Dr. Young's research interests are chromatography; molecular weight characteristics of advanced polymeric material; diffuse reflectance – FTIR spectroscopy; and thermal analysis.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise are polymer characterization/analytical chemistry of polymers, polymer materials in low earth orbit, environmental effects and instrumental methods of analysis.

Education

Ph.D. Chemistry, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1975

M.S. Chemistry, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1972

B.S. Mathematics, Emory & Henry College, 1962

Awards

DeFiece Award, Emory & Henry College (2002)

Twelfth Man Award, Emory & Henry College Football Coaching Staff (1999)

Superior Accomplishment Award, NASA Langley Research Center (1994)

Associations/Memberships

Co-chairman, Materials and Processes Technical Working Group, NASA

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Group leader, Analytical Chemistry at Langley Research Center



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Brief Bio

Dr. Zhang's research focus is new generation computer models and applications.

Areas of Expertise

His areas of expertise include neural information systems, pattern recognition, image processing, artificial intelligence, and data simulation distributed systems.

Education

Ph.D. Computer Vision, East China Normal University, 1989

M.S. Information Systems, ECNU Shanghai, 1982

Certificate of Graduation, Computer Science, ECNU Shanghai, 1978

Awards

Senior Research Associate Award, USA National Research Council (NRC) (1999)

Postdoctoral Research Associateship, USA NRC (1992)

Postdoctoral Funding, Chinese Academy of the Sciences (1991)

China National Science Technology 1st Prize (1990)

China National Science Technology 2nd Prize (1989)

Ph.D. Assistantship of ECNU (1987-1989)

Visiting Scholar, Funding of World Bank and ECNU (1986)

Associations/Memberships

Senior member of Computer Society, IEEE USA

Member International Program Committee, IASTED