Brooklyn College
New Faculty
2006
The faculty is the pride of Brooklyn College. This guide to new faculty, the first of what will become an annual print and Web-based publication, introduces new colleagues to each other, to the more than 150 faculty members who have joined the College over the last six years, and to the faculty at large. The photographs, accompanied by some basic professional information, will help not only faculty but also staff and students to identify and contact those with similar teaching and research interests across all the academic disciplines.

Our goal is to encourage new faculty to become productive members of the College community in ways that draw on the unique skills, talents, and interests they bring with them. In the past few years, the College has expanded its efforts to make new faculty feel part of the greater Brooklyn community by looking beyond the traditional new faculty orientation to institute a Brooklyn College bus trip through the neighborhoods where our students live, a tour of our splendid new library, and a welcoming reception attended by the administration and chairpersons. To further help new faculty plant their feet on Brooklyn ground, we this year added a second full day of orientation, facilitated by accomplished faculty from various disciplines and organized by the Center for Teaching, dedicated to promoting the joys, opportunities, and challenges of teaching and learning at Brooklyn College.

We hope the orientation and welcome process, of which this new guide is part, will, in its own fashion, facilitate communication and collaboration, and will contribute to the richness of the academic community that is Brooklyn College and to the historic community that is Brooklyn.

Sincerely,

Roberta S. Matthews
Provost
Vito Acconci
Distinguished Lecturer, Art


Caroline Arnold
Instructor, Political Science
Ph.D. Candidate, University of California at Berkeley, 2006

Previous appointments: University of California at Berkeley and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai (Bombay). Research interests: comparative politics, Middle Eastern and South Asian politics, and comparative political economies.

Swapna M. Banerjee
Associate Professor, History
Ph.D., Temple University, 1998

Previous appointment: University of Florida, where she was also a member of the affiliate faculty of the Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research and of the Asian Studies Program. Research interests: race, gender, and class in colonial India.
Stacey E. Brenner
Assistant Professor, Chemistry
Ph.D., Stanford University, 2005

Previous appointment: postdoctoral research associate at the University of Cambridge in England. Research interests: development and synthesis of bryostatin, a chemical that may be used in cancer and Alzheimer’s treatment.

J. Dillon Brown
Instructor, English
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Pennsylvania, 2006


Pauline E. Bullen
Instructor, SEEK
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Toronto, 2006

Previous appointment: Equity Department, Toronto District School Board. Research interests: undergraduate and graduate education; race, class, and urban education; and race and gender studies (black feminism).
Daniel G. Campos  
Assistant Professor, Philosophy  
Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University, 2005

Previous appointments: Visiting postdoctoral scholar at the Center for Pragmatism Studies at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil, and Pennsylvania State University. Research interests: philosophy of mathematics and science, environmental philosophy, Latin American thought, and philosophy of sport.

Judith Corbett Carter  
Instructor, SEEK  
Ph.D. Candidate, Loyola College, 2006

Previous appointments: University of Phoenix, Pierce College, Drexel University (all in Philadelphia) and Philadelphia University. Served as a probation officer for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and as a mental health and child welfare social worker in Toledo, Ohio. Research interests: personality traits in leadership styles, particularly in the pastoral community.

Zhongqi (Joshua) Cheng  
Assistant Professor, Geology  
Ph.D., Ohio State University, 2001

Previous appointment: associate research scientist at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University in Palisades, New York. Research interests: aqueous metal geochemistry and analytical methods, and environmental arsenic and lead contamination and remediation, most recently regarding well water in Bangladesh.
Maria Contel
Assistant Professor, Chemistry
Ph.D., Public University of Navarra, Spain, 1996


Christopher Ebert
Assistant Professor, History
Ph.D., Columbia University, 2004

Previous appointments: Pratt Institute and Columbia University. Research interests: Central and South American history, particularly sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Brazilian sugar trade with Portugal and northwestern Europe.

Namulundah Florence
Assistant Professor, Education
Ph.D., Fordham University, 1998

Previous appointments: Brooklyn College and Bronx Community College. Research interests: bell hooks and pedagogy, spirituality and education, and Kenyan and African culture.
Kenneth Alan Gould  
Professor and Chair, Sociology  
Ph.D., Northwestern University, 1991

Previous appointments: St. Lawrence University, where he also served as department chair; and Northwestern University. Research interests: injustice and unsustainability in the global economy; blue-green coalitions; ecotourism and sustainable development in the Americas. Arrives in spring 2007.

Mobina Hashmi  
Instructor, Television and Radio  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2006

Previous appointment: Middlebury College in Vermont. Research interests: science fiction and the cultural politics of labor, technology and citizenship, critical media, new media, and cybertecture.

Claire Joubert  
Visiting Professor, English  
Ph.D., Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, 1993

Previous appointment: Université de Paris 8, where she teaches English Literature and to which she will return next year. Research interests: modernist literature and literary theory.
Laura Jeanne Juszczak
Assistant Professor, Chemistry
Ph.D., New York University, 1993

Previous appointment: faculty associate in physiology and biophysics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University. Research interests: the structure of pathological solid state proteins, and spectroscopic study of pathological aggregating proteins.

Danielle L. Kellogg
Assistant Professor, Classics
Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, 2005

Previous appointment: University of Central Arkansas. Research interests: Greek political and constitutional history, epigraphy and topography of the Greek countryside, and Roman political history.

Ciara Leydon
Assistant Professor, Speech
Ph.D., Northwestern University, 2005

Peter N. Lipke
Professor, Biology
Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley, 1977

Previous appointments: Hunter College and, as a visiting scholar, Rutgers University and Shenyang Agricultural University in China. Research interests: fungal growth, especially how fungus cells synthesize and build walls, used to develop antifungal drugs that may combat diseases that are often the immediate cause of death for cancer and AIDS/HIV patients.

Ruth McChesney
Associate Professor, Health and Nutrition Sciences
Ph.D., Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 1988

Previous appointments: Brooklyn College, Barnard College and, as researcher in epidemiology, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Research interests: reproductive and developmental biology, and risk assessment of environmental effects on fertility and pregnancy.

Sonia E. Murrow
Assistant Professor, Education
Ph.D., New York University, 2000

Premilla Nadasen  
Visiting Associate Professor, History/Women’s Studies  
Endowed Chair in Women’s Studies  
Ph.D., Columbia University, 1999


Rafael Ovalle  
Assistant Professor, Biology  
Ph.D., Cornell University, 1994

Previous appointment: postdoctoral fellowship at Hunter College. Research interests: cell walls in yeast.

Robert A. Padgug  
Associate Professor, Health and Nutrition Sciences  
Ph.D., Harvard University, 1970

Previous appointments: executive director, Friends and Relatives of Institutionalized Aged (FRIA), and independent consultant on HIV/AIDS, health finance and policy, grants and grant management. Research interests: Healthcare financing in the United States, alternative medicine and health insurance, and AIDS and private health insurance.
Margaret-Ellen (Mel) Pipe
Associate Professor, Psychology
Children’s Studies Center
Ph.D., University of Auckland, New Zealand, 1982

Previous appointments: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in Bethesda, Maryland, and University of Otago in New Zealand. Research interests: sexual abuse of children, psychology and family law, and memory and trauma.

Maria R. Scharrón-del Rio
Assistant Professor, Education
Ph.D., University of Puerto Rico, 2005

Previous appointments: Psychiatric Institute of New York at Columbia University and, as assistant psychologist with the Integrated Mental Health Program in child psychiatry, New York-Presbyterian Hospital. Research interests: relevance of cultural differences in therapy and psychology, spirituality and psychology, and child and adolescent issues.

Abraham Schwab
Assistant Professor, Philosophy
Ph.D., Loyola University, 2005

Previous appointments: Loyola University, Chicago and the American Medical Association’s Institute for Ethics. Research interests: bioethics and moral philosophy.
Jacqueline D. Shannon  
Assistant Professor, Education  
Ph.D., New York University, 2002


Jessica Siegel  
Assistant Professor, English/School of Education  
M.A. (Education) and M.S. (Journalism), Columbia University, 1980, 1992

Previous appointments: Brooklyn College; Baruch College, the State University of New York at New Paltz, and the College of Staten Island. Writing and editing credits include publications such as The New York Times, Newsday, The New York Observer, The Village Voice, and Columbia Journalism Review. Her work focuses on urban education and the arts.

Robert Sinclair  
Assistant Professor, Philosophy  
Ph.D., Simon Fraser University, Canada, 2001

Previous appointment: Simon Fraser University. Research interests: twentieth-century analytic philosophy, epistemology, and American pragmatism and naturalism.
Charles A. Stone  
Associate Professor, Economics  
Ph.D., City University of New York, 1989

Previous appointment: University Paris-Dauphine. Research interests: global securitization, the business of life insurance, and such topics as whether bookmakers can offer valuable corporate hedging opportunities.

Stephanie A. Walker  
Professor, Library  
M.L.B., University of Toronto, 1995

Previous appointment: Francis Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, where she managed collection services. Administered numerous academic libraries, developed a national database of organ donor and transplant recipient records, and converted management systems from paper to electronic formats.