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elcome to the 2026 Eastern Connecticut State University Celebration of Faculty Excellence! This booklet, and the accompanying event, provide an opportunity to recognize publicly the accomplishments of our extraordinarily talented and dedicated faculty. Faculty research, scholarship, and creative work is often invisible, and by bringing that work forward, we celebrate our faculty and hope to spark ideas and connections as you learn more about one another's work. From analyses of feminist writers to ethnomusicology to direction of theatre productions to new techniques for studying scorpion venom, the work of Eastern's faculty is wide-ranging and innovative. The teacher-scholar model exemplified by our faculty is at the heart of our institution and aligns closely with Eastern's liberal arts mission. Indeed, much of the work we are celebrating today has been made stronger by the scholarly community at Eastern: it is interdisciplinary, inspired by shared interests, and created in collaboration with other faculty and/or students. Faculty, we are grateful for all that you do, and we are so fortunate to have you here at Eastern.

Cheryl A. Wilson

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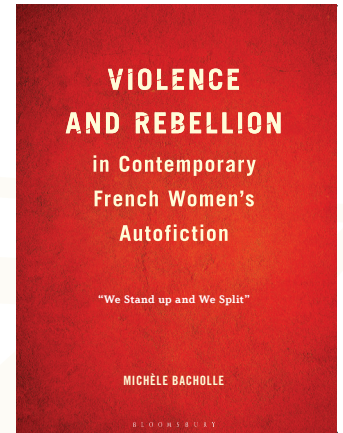
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Michèle Bacholle

Professor, French

- *Violence and Rebellion in Contemporary French Women's Autofiction*, Bloomsbury Academic, 2026. [Book]
- Annie Ernaux International Studies book series (De Gruyter), co-founder with Dr. Jacqueline Dougherty, U of Pennsylvania. [Series co-founder and Editor]
- "Annie Ernaux: Une autre 'idée de la France.'" *The French Review* 98.4 (May 2025): 71-91. [Peer-Reviewed Article]
- "'Il faut imaginer' : Annie Ernaux et la 'palimpsesticité', transpersonnalité et patrimonialisation des lieux," *L'Entre-deux* 17, 1, juillet 2025. [Chapter Article (edited book)]
- "Regards (im)pudiques et rééducation des spectateur.rice.s: *Portrait de la jeune fille en feu de Céline Sciamma*." *Regards (im)pudiques: désir de transgression et interdits dans le cinéma, la littérature et les autres arts*. Eds. Michaël Abecassis and Maribel Peñalver Vicea. Francopolyphonies 38, 2025, pp. 34-50. [Chapter Article (edited book)]
- "Women Reimagining Horror" Women in French-Australia podcast, at the initiative of Dr. Dominique Carlini-Versini (Durham University, UK), [Invited Speaker - podcast]
- Association of Adaptation Studies. Istanbul, Turkiye. June 1-4, 2025: "Receiving and Adapting Annie Ernaux: A Genre and Gender Bending Act." [Conference Presentation]
- Women in French Studies UK conference. Leeds University, UK. May 30-June 1, 2025: "Adaptation, Transformation, Transubstantiation." [Conference Presentation]
- Eastern Faculty Research Symposium. April 17, 2026: "Shaking Your Head vs Shaking the System." [Symposium presentation]
- Anonymous, Annie Ernaux : L'Imaginaire romanesque et fantasmatique (PU du Septentrion, France), January 2026. [Book manuscript reviewer]
- Anonymous, "In Flesh and Metal: Automachinic Femininity in *Titane*." (French Cultural Studies, original then revised manuscript), October and December 2025 [Article manuscript reviewer]
- Anonymous, "La résilience narrative dans l'écriture d'Annie Ernaux." (*Philologica Canariensia*), November 2025 [Article manuscript reviewer]
- Anonymous, "Poétique de l'espace dans *La Honte* d'Annie Ernaux." (*Women in French Studies*), May 2025 [Article manuscript reviewer]
- Anonymous, "Uncanny Valley and Cyborgian Aesthetics in *Les Yeux sans visage* (1960) and *Titane* (2021)" (*Women in French Studies*), April 2025 [Article manuscript reviewer]
- Anonymous, "De fille en fille, écrire à l'épreuve du deuil" (*Roman 20-50*), February 2025 [Article manuscript reviewer]
- Serving on the editorial board of *Women in French Studies* [Editorial board member]
- "Becoming a Woman" series of events, October-November 2025. Events included Blanche Serban's talk (author of "The Abortionist's Studio"), a talk by Dan Simon (Annie Ernaux's US publisher), film screenings, a university forum (featuring Eastern faculty, students, and an alumna), a documentary, and the stage-reading of Annie Ernaux's *Happening*. [Research-based Events organizer]



Teresa Balough

Lecturer, Music

- *The Essential Grainger: Percy Grainger's Kipling Settings*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2026. [Publication]
- "Approaches to Performing Grainger Symposium," Brigham Young University, March 27, 2026. [Keynote Address]
- "Letting in the Jungle: Percy Grainger's Kipling 'Jungle Book' Cycle," "Approaches to Performing Grainger Symposium," [Illustrated Paper with BYU Chamber Choir]

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Atef Bondok

Assistant Professor, Computer Science

- Bondok, Atef, Mahmoud M. Badr, Mohamed Mahmoud, Tariq Alshawi, Jianbing Ni, and Maazen Alsabaan. "Securing smart grid federated learning against advanced evasion attacks using ensemble-based adversarial training." *IEEE Internet of Things Journal* (2025). [Journal publication]
- Alsabaan, Maazen, Abdelrhman Elsayed, Atef Bondok, Mahmoud M. Badr, Mohamed Mahmoud, Tariq Alshawi, and Mohamed I. Ibrahim. "Robust Federated-Learning-Based Classifier for Smart Grid Power Quality Disturbances." *Sensors* 25, no. 22 (2025): 6880. [Journal publication]
- *IEEE Internet of Things Journal* [Peer-Reviewer]
- *IEEE Access Journal* [Peer-Reviewer]

Matthew Bronson

Lecturer, Music

- *Keeney Never Stops*, Thread City Jazz Trio Recording, released (CD and online) July 2025. [Recording Project]
- Concert: Thread City Jazz Trio (plus guest artist Steve Ohm), October 24, 2025. [Performance]

Jeff Calissi

Associate Professor, Music

- Calissi, Jeff. *An Erasure*. Greensboro: C. Alan Publications, 2025 [Composition Publication]

Concepcion S. Cambra

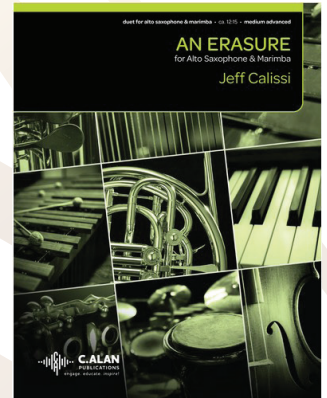
Visiting Assistant Professor, History

- College Board Study on AI generated responses for AP World History Exams. [Lead – World History]

Sara Newman Carroll

Associate Professor, Health Sciences and Nursing

- Carroll, S. N., & Milone, J. P. (2025). Wilderness, Workforce, and the Paradox of Purpose: An Exploration of the NPS Employee Experience. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*. [Research Publication]



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Sydney Clements

Visiting Assistant Professor, Geography

- Chen, X., Mofrad, M. D., Clements, S., Killion, K., Johnson, T., Chen, X., Zigmont, D., Avelino, D. C., Lituma-Solis, B., Puglisi, M. J., Duffy, V. B., & Chun, O. K. (2025). Developing and Testing a User-Focused, Web GIS-Based Food Asset Map for an Under-Resourced Community in Northeastern Connecticut. *Nutrients*, 17(5), 911. [Publication]
- Clements, S. (2025). Lessons from building a regional food system in Eastern [Publication] Connecticut. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development*, 14(2), 263-268
- Optimizing a Food Hub Network: Integrating Community Feedback into Distribution Modeling, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI, March 2025 [Conference Presentation]
- Lessons from Building A Regional Food System in Eastern Connecticut, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2026 [Conference Presentation]
- WILI Radio. (2026, February 2). Let's Talk About It 01-30-2026 - Sydney Clements. YouTube. [Invited Speaker- Radio Show]
- Eastern Connecticut State University Social Work Social Policy Forum. November 2025 [Keynote Speaker- Policy Forum]
- Eastern Connecticut Sustainability Across the Curriculum Workshop, May 2025 [Invited Speaker- Faculty Development Workshop]
- Grow Windham, Board Treasurer Windham Democratic Town Committee [Co-Chair Voting Registration Sub-Committee]
- Know Your Farmer Fair [Planning Committee]
- Veggiestock (Food and Garden Festival) [Planning Committee]
- Willimantic Farmers Market 50th Anniversary [Events and Fundraising Committees]
- Willimantic Co-operative Bookstore [Finance, Outreach and Coordinating Committees]
- Switzer Foundation Fellowship [Application Reviewer]

J.J. Cobb

Professor, Communications, Film, and Theatre

- Cobb, J.J. "Creating a Directorial Vision." With Carly McMinn and Jeremy Cloyd. Southeastern Theatre Conference. 6 Mar. 2026. Chattanooga, TN. [Conference Presentation]
- Cobb, J.J. "Invited Scenes Performance from *Wonder of the World*. By David Lindsay-Abaire." American College Theatre Festival. 29 Jan. 2026. Albany, NY. [Conference Presentation]
- Cobb, J.J. "Imagining Community with Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*." With Miriam Chirico. New England Association of Teachers of English. 25 Oct. 2025. Willimantic, CT. [Conference Presentation]
- Cobb, J.J. "The Financially Savvy Starving Artist or, Does This Contract Make My 401k Look Fat?" Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. 31 Jan. 2025. New Britain, CT. [Conference Presentation]
- Cobb, J.J., Intimacy Consultant. *Three Sisters*. By Anton Chekhov, trans. Sarah Ruhl, directed by Rachel Jett. Eastern Connecticut State University, 5 – 8 Mar. 2026, Fine Arts Instructional Center DelMonte Bernstein Studio Theater, Connecticut. [Performance]
- Cobb, J.J., Intimacy Choreographer and Fight choreographer. *No Exit*. By Jean-Paul Satre, directed by Zoe Calhoun '26. Eastern Connecticut State University, 30 Oct. 2025, Fine Arts Instructional Center DelMonte Bernstein Studio Theater, Connecticut. [Performance]
- Cobb, J.J., Director, Fight Choreographer, and Intimacy Choreographer. *Wonder of the World*. By David Lindsay-Abair. Eastern Connecticut State University, 14 – 19 Oct. 2025, Fine Arts Instructional Center DelMonte Bernstein Studio Theater, Connecticut. [Performance]
- Cobb, J.J., Vocal and Text Coach. *Tecumseh!* By Allan W. Eckert, directed by Julie Richardson. The Scioto Society, 13 June – 31 Aug. 2025, Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheatre, Ohio. [Performance]
- Cobb, J.J., Director. *Willi@Nite*. Eastern Connecticut State University, 6 May 2025, Fine Arts Instructional Center DelMonte Bernstein Studio Theater, Connecticut. [Performance]
- Cobb, J.J., Intimacy Choreographer. *Summerhill*. By Finn McCarty, directed by Finn McCarty. Eastern Connecticut State University, 28 Mar. 2025, Fine Arts Instructional Center DelMonte Bernstein Studio Theater, Connecticut. [Performance]
- Cobb, J.J., Intimacy Choreographer. *Zoomers*. By Matthew Gasda, directed by David Pellegrini. Eastern Connecticut State University, 27 Feb. to 6 Mar. 2025, Fine Arts Instructional Center DelMonte Bernstein Studio Theater, Connecticut. [Performance]

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Timothy B. Cochran

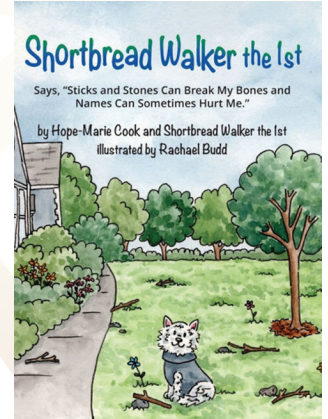
Professor, Music

- Cochran, Timothy B. “Bernard Herrmann’s Memory Waltzes.” *Journal of Musicology* 42/3 (2025): 286–320. [Research Publication]
- Cochran, Timothy B. “From Crime Classics to The Trouble With Harry: Adapting the Emotional Function of Herrmann’s Reused Music.” Presented at Herrmann/Horner: Deux géants d’hollywood au service de l’émotionnel, Université de Rouen, Rouen, France, 2025. [Conference Presentation]
- Cochran, Timothy B. “From Crime Classics to The Trouble With Harry: Adapting the Emotional Function of Herrmann’s Reused Music.” Presented at Music & the Moving Image Conference, New York University, New York, NY, 2025. [Conference Presentation]

Hope-Marie Cook

Librarian, Library Services

- Cook, H.M. (2025). *Shortbread Walker the 1st says, sticks and stones can break my bones, and names can sometimes hurt me* (R. Budd, Illus.). Mecate Press. [Picture Book]



Anthony Cornicello

Professor, Music

- *Keeney Never Stops*, Thread City Jazz Trio Recording, released (CD and online), July 2025. Includes composition *Keeney Never Stops* by Anthony Cornicello [Recording Project]
- Concert: Thread City Jazz Trio (plus guest artist Steve Ohm), October 24, 2025. [Performance]

Alita Cousins

Professor, Psychological Science

- Human Behavior an Evolution Society Conference—international conference hosted in Atlantic City New Jersey in 2025 [Conference programming committee]
- Fugère, M. A., *Ciccarelli, N., Rodriguez, Y. Cousins, A.J. (2025). The relative importance of attractiveness and intelligence to the mate preferences and choices of women and their parents. *Evolutionary Psychological Science*, 11, 31-47. [Journal Publication]
*denotes student co-author

Elizabeth Cowles

Professor, Biology

- Question Leader, 2025 AP® Biology Examination reading and scoring, Kansas City, MO [AP® Biology Examination]
- Led summer teacher workshops in New York, Florida, and Vermont (2025) [AP® Biology workshops]
- Cowles, E.A. (2025) Storyline: Cholera, G-proteins, and Cystic Fibrosis. National Association of Biology Teachers, St. Louis, MO [Conference Presentation]
- Williamson, B., J. Washington, J. Lane, J. Jezequel, K. Milks, E. Cowles, M. Little, P. Strode, and V. May. (2025). AP Life Science Symposium: Quick Hits for Your AP(R) Classroom. National Association of Biology Teachers, St. Louis, MO [Conference Presentation]
- Biomolecular Sciences, Central Connecticut State University [Academic Program Review]

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Dickson Cunningham

Professor, Environmental Earth Science

- Yang, H., Ma, X., Zheng, Z., Cunningham, D., Huang, X., Li, A., Yang, X., Hu, Z., 2025, “K-Ar illite dating reveals 122 Ma sinistral inversion of the Nanjieshan Fault: Implications for Cretaceous transtensional basin development in Northern Tibet,” *Tectonophysics*, V. 916, [Research Publication]
- Cunningham, D., 2026, “Geotechnical Hazards Associated with Intraplate Crustal Reactivation, and Criteria for Recognizing Seismogenic Range-Bounding Faults: Lessons from Central Asia,” in: *Advances in Natural Hazards and Geotechnical Risks: Designing Resilient Solutions with Sustainability*, IEREK, *Springer Nature*, 1-8 [Research Publication]
- Geological Society of London, Tectonic Studies Group Annual Meeting, Dublin, Ireland, January, 2026: “The Active Deformation Field of Central Asia North of Tibet: Lessons Learned that Apply to All Continents” [Conference Presentation]
- NATHAZ-25, Faial, Azores-Portugal, October, 2025”: Geotechnical Hazards Associated with Intraplate Crustal Reactivation, and Criteria for Recognizing Seismogenic Range-Bounding Faults: Lessons from Central Asia” [Conference Presentation]
- Earth Science Reviews – Elsevier Journal [Editor-in-Chief]
- Journal of Structural Geology – Elsevier Journal [Guest Editor]
- Geological Society of London, Tectonic Studies Group, International Representative [International Representative]
- NATHAZ-25, Faial, Azores-Portugal, 2025, International Conference on Geohazards and Geotechnical Risks [Membership on Scientific Organizing Committee]

Garrett Dancik

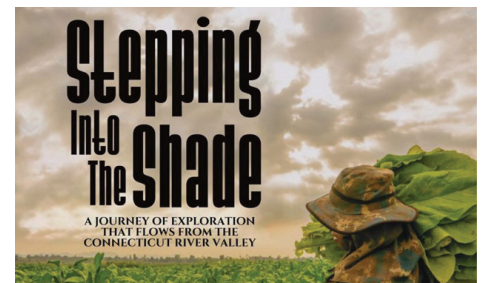
Professor, Computer Science

- Y.-E. Lee, K. Lee, G. M. Dancik, and E. Park, “Mapping cyberbullying research: A systematic analysis of thematic trends and interdisciplinary integration,” *Computers in Human Behavior Reports*, vol. 21, p. 100967, Mar. 2026, [Research Publication]
- Costello, R., Dancik, G.M., Dubiau, A., Madaci, L., Vlahopoulos, S. Expression of Aldehyde Dehydrogenase 1A1 in Relapse-Associated Cells in Acute Myeloid Leukemia. *Cells* 14 (13), 1038. (2025) [Research Publication]
- Dancik, G.M.; Vlahopoulos, S.A. Editorial for the Special Issue: Bioinformatics and Computational Biology for Cancer Prediction and Prognosis. *Genes* 2025, 16, 167. [Research Publication]
- Dancik, G.M., 2025. R/Shiny web applications for making gene expression data accessible to non-bioinformaticians. 19th International Joint Conference CFE-CMStatistics, University of London, UK, virtual (oral). [Conference Presentation]
- Bioinformatics and Computational Biology for Cancer Prediction and Prognosis, 2nd Edition, Special Issue of *Genes* (closed May 2025) [Guest Editor]
- Broscius, C., Dancik, G.M., Day, J., Lee, L., Rabel, S., Windrow, A., 2026. Using Digital Tools to Support Faculty in Transparent Course Design. Conference on Learning and Student Success (CLASS), Tuscon, AZ [Conference Presentation]

Brian Day

Associate Professor, Communication, Film, and Theatre

- Day, B. Co-director and producer with Kristen Morgan. *Stepping Into the Shade*. Student Center Theater, Eastern Connecticut State University, Mar. 2025. [Film Screening]
- Day, B. (2025, September 11-12) “Exploring Erasure Through Theatre: The Ocoee Project Telling The Erased History Of An Election Massacre.” Presented at the Tenth International Conference on Communication & Media Studies. Paris, France. [Conference Presentation]
- Day, B. and Morgan, K. Co-directors and Producers. “Brilliance in the Valley: *Stepping Into the Shade* Community Screening,” The Artists Collective, Hartford, CT, Oct. 2025. [Film Screening]
- Day, B. Producer and Editor, *Becoming a Woman* compilation film. Screened in the Student Theater, October 2025. [Public Presentation]
- Day, B. Co-director and co-producer with Morgan, K. *Stepping Into the Shade*, Exhibited on Connecticut Public TV and streamed on their streaming sites. October and November 2025. [Broadcast Screening]
- Day, B. Direction and Producer, *Greenwood: A Dreamland Destroyed*, screened at the National Association of Multicultural Education National Conference in New Orleans, November 2025. [Film Screening]



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James W. Diller

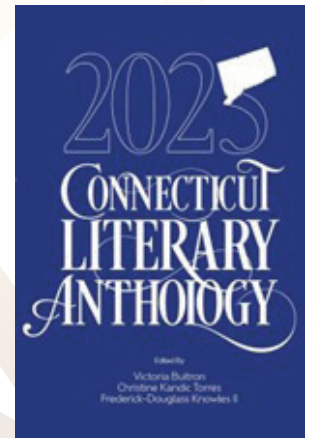
Professor, Psychological Science

- Diller, J. W., & Mehta, C. M. (2025). "Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis for behavior analysts." *Behavior Analysis in Practice*. Advance online publication. [Research Publication]
- Diller, J. W., & Li, A. (2025). "Incorporating qualitative data when training behavior analysts." *Behavior Analysis in Practice*. Advance online publication. [Research Publication]
- Ward, S. E. & Diller, J. W. (2026). "Biogenetic endorsements of depression: the enduring influence of the chemical imbalance theory." *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*. Advance online publication. [Research Publication]
- Diller, J. W., & Friedman-Wheeler, D. (2026). "Altered States, Awakened Minds. Way Beyond" [Book Chapter]
- Subject Matter Expert for the Behavior Analysis Certification Board [Service on Advisory Board]

Daniel Donaghy

Professor, English

- Harry Humes and Daniel Donaghy, eds. *Going Across the Water* [Book under contract]
- Poem: "What Being Poor Taught Me." *Rattle*, Issue 91, [Journal publication]
- Poem: "Late-Night Slices from the Pizza Truck." *Tulane Review*, [Journal publication]
- Poem: "Morning." *Tulane Review*, Fall 2025. [Journal publication]
- Poem: "In Praise of Grocery Shoppers." *Hawaii Pacific Review*, [Journal publication]
- Poem: "Lucinda Williams's Tour Bus." *The Southern* [Journal publication]
- Poem: "For Mikey, Who Danced in the Rain." *New Letters* [Journal publication]
- Poem: "Man Found Dead on the Huntington Street El Stop" [Journal publication]
- Poem: "What Cement Is Made of." *Keystone: Contemporary Poets* [Anthology publication]
- Poem: "Of Course There Was Music." *Connecticut Literary* [Anthology publication]
- Connecticut College. September 24, 2025. [Poetry Reading]
- DeSales University MFA in Writing and Publishing Winter [Poetry Reading/Craft Talk]
- United States Coast Guard Academy (virtual). March 26, 2026. [Poetry Reading]
- *Here: a poetry journal*. Issue 8, 2025-2026. April 2026. [Edited journal (with Eastern students)]
- Poem "The Language After Loss." *Presence* [Journal Publication]
- Poem: "The Language After Loss." *Presence* [Pushcart Prize anthology Nomination]
- For a poem: "My Mother at Christmas." [Allen Ginsberg Poetry Award]
- Poem: "What Lingers in Ocoee." *Red Canary Magazine* [Journal publication]
- Poem: "Green Heron." Connecticut Poets Laureate Anthology. [Anthology publication]
- Named CSU Professor, June 2025 [Award]



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Maeve K. Doyle

Associate Professor, Art & Art History

- “Mermaids, Monkeys, and Men Laying Eggs? Interpreting Images in the Margins of Medieval Manuscripts.” Invited talk at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, April 2025. [Invited talk]
- “Genderqueerness in the Reliquary Statue of Sainte Foy: Transing the Art History Canon.” 2025 Ferber Lecture, invited talk at Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, April 2025. [Invited talk]
- “Queer(ing) Medieval Art: New Horizons” and “Queer(ing) Medieval Art: Seeing Queerly Now (A Workshop).” 60th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, 2025. [Organizer: Conference sessions]
- “Indexing Queerness in the Margins.” CEMERS Conference: “Always Here: Non-Binary Gender, Trans Identities, and Queerness in the Global Middle Ages (c. 250–1650),” Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, October 2025 [Conference presentation]
- “World Portraiture, 700–1400.” Chapter in Smarthistory’s Reframing Art History. February 17, 2026. [Publication (OER)]
- Sixty Years of Images in the Margins of Gothic Manuscripts: Celebrating Lilian M. C. Randall. Panel at the 101st Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Amherst, MA, March 2026. [Organizer: Conference panel]
- “Innovation and Intervisuality: Searching for the Medieval Avant-Garde in the Margins” (with Alexander Brey). 101st Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Amherst, MA, 2026. [Conference presentation]
- Humanities and AI Virtual Institute, Schmidt Sciences, 2026–27 (co-Lead PI with Carolyn Anderson and Alexander Brey; \$98,890 for project “Seeing Through Style: Multimodal Advances for Iconographic Analysis”) [Grant]
- ICMA-Kress Research and Publication Grant, International Center of Medieval Art, 2025 (with Gerald B. Guest, \$3,500 for the subvention of Queering Medieval Art) [Grant]

Peter A. Drzewiecki

Professor, Environmental Earth Science

- Farlow, J. O., Galton, P. M., Hyatt, J. A., Drzewiecki, P. A., Penrod, A., and Whitcraft, J. 2025. “Dinosaur Footprints from the Lower Jurassic East Berlin Formation,” Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. *Bulletin of the Peabody Museum of Natural History*, 66:175-260. [Research Publication]
- Drzewiecki, P. A., and Hyatt, J. A. 2025. “Distinguishing True Tracks from Undertracks and Overtracks at Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. *Bulletin of the Peabody Museum of Natural History*, 66: 141-174. [Research Publication]
- Drzewiecki, P.A., Steinen, R., Bora, E., Milardo, J. S., 2026. “Constraining dinosaur behavior from paleoenvironmental interpretations: Dinosaur State Park,” Rocky Hill, Connecticut, USA. *Palaaios*, 41: 1-23. [Research Publication]
- Drzewiecki, P. A., Hyatt, J. A., and Ross, M., 2026, “Connecticut’s Jurassic Park: The theropod tracksite at Dinosaur State Park,” Rocky Hill, Connecticut, USA. In: Investigating Paleoenvironments and Provenance in Sedimentary and Metasedimentary Basins: New York, New Mexico, and Connecticut, *Field Guide 76: Field Guides to the GSA Northeastern and Rocky Mountain Section Meetings*. [Research Publication / Field Guide]
- Drzewiecki, P. A., Wintsch, R., and Castro, A., 2026, “Investigating Paleoenvironments and Provenance in Sedimentary and Metasedimentary Basins: New York, New Mexico, and Connecticut,” *Field Guide 76: Field Guides to the GSA Northeastern and Rocky Mountain Section Meetings*. [Volume Editor]
- Field trip co-chair for the 2026 Northeastern Geological Society of America Meeting (March 21-24, 2026). [Conference Organizer]
- Presentation session organizer for a session on the Geology of the Hartford Basin the 2026 Northeastern Geological Society of America Meeting (March 21-24, 2026). [Oral and Poster Presentation Session Organizer]
- “Upper Cretaceous carbonate facies response to halokinetic activity in the south-central Pyrenees: rudist reefs, slope slumping, and prog; rading platforms”. ES-SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) annual meeting, 22 Mar. 2026. [Keynote Address]
- Drzewiecki, P. A., 2026, “Lateral continuity of facies in Jurassic ephemeral lake strata of the Hartford Basin: Implications for correlation and depositional environment interpretation.” Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 58, No. 1 (not paginated). [Conference Presentation]
- Fielding, C., Drzewiecki, P. A., and Wizewich, M. C., 2026, “Re-evaluation of fluvial style in the Triassic-Jurassic Hartford Graben, Connecticut and Massachusetts.” Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 58, No. 1 (not paginated). [Conference Presentation]
- Piscatelli, H., Bragg-Phillips, J. A., Drzewiecki, P. A., and Ver Straeten, C., 2026, “Terrestrial Carbonates in Middle Devonian Strata of Catskills, Southeastern New York States.” Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 58, No. 1 (not paginated). [Conference Presentation]

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- Resor, P. G., Crespi, J. M., Drzewiecki, P. A., Geiss, C. E., Hastings, N., Lewis, R., Mostowy, M., Poff, S., Ross, M., Seremet, M., and Stone, J., 2026, The Geological Society of Connecticut, a Volunteer Organization Advancing Geology and Geoscience Education Across Our State. Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 58, No. 1 (not paginated). [Conference Presentation]
- ES-SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology), 2026-2028 [President-elect]
- Geological Society of Connecticut [Treasurer and Board Member]
- Field Trip to 'Connecticut's Jurassic Park' (Dinosaur State Park) - What Participants Can Expect [YouTube Interview]

Mark A. Fabrizi

Professor, Education

- Fabrizi, M. (2025). Review of *The Sky We Shared* by Shirely Vernick. *The Leaflet*, 121(1), 23-25. [Book review]
- Fabrizi, M. (February 2026). "Nightmares in the classroom: The history and psychology of horror literature." Invited webinar presentation. Thiagarajar College, Tamil Nadu, India. [Presentation]
- Fabrizi, M. (March 2025). "The psychology and pedagogy of horror." Paper presentation within the panel "Theorizing Horror." 46th International Conference of the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, FL. [Presentation]
- Fabrizi, M. (November 2025). "Nightmares in the classroom: Using fantasy and horror literature in the classroom." 115th National Council of Teachers of English Convention, Denver, CO. [Presentation]

Madeleine A. Fugère

Professor, Psychology

- Fugère, M. A., Ciccarelli, N. C.,* Rodriguez, Y,* & Cousins, A. J. (2025). The relative importance of attractiveness and intelligence to the mate preferences and choices of women and their parents. *Evolutionary Psychological Science*, 11, 31–47. [Research Publication] *denotes student co-author

Anthony J. Girasoli

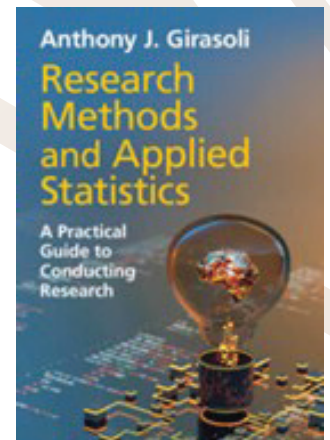
Lecturer, Psychological Science

- Girasoli, A. J. (2025). *Research Methods and Applied Statistics: A Practical Guide to Conducting Research*. Cambridge University Press. [Textbook]

Anna Goddard

Assistant Professor, Nursing

- "Compassion in Action: Advancing Trauma-Informed Care through Patient and Student Voices" with co-presenter Dr. Jessica Peck, DNP, APRN, CNE, FAANP, FAAN at the 2026 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners 47th National Conference on Pediatric Health Care, March 18-22nd, 2026 at David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA [Conference Presentation]
- Journal of Pediatric Health Care (JPHC), New York, NY [Journal Expert Panel]
- Journal of Pediatric Nursing [Peer-Reviewer]
- Journal of Pediatric Health Care [Peer-Reviewer]
- NAPNAP Foundation [Board of Directors]
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) [Fellow]
- Baylor University, School of Nursing with Dr. Jessica Peck, DNP, APRN, CNE, FAANP on 1) "Conceptual Analysis for Minimal Fact Interviewing;" 2) "Trauma-Informed Care across the Curriculum, Quality Improvement Initiative;" and 3) "Integrating TIC w/ TIE Practices." [Co-Affiliate Researcher]



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Sukeshini Grandhi

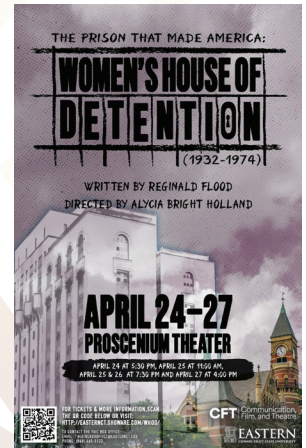
Professor, Business Administration

- AAC&U Curricular, Pedagogical, and Digital Innovation [Senior Fellow]
- Grandhi, S.A., Pakdil F., and Pandey, N. (2026), “An Experimental Study on Student Evaluation of Peer Vs. Ai-Generated Work,” 55th Annual Conference of the Northeast Decision Sciences Institute. [Conference presentation]
- Miller, B., Myers, J., Grandhi, S.A., Jones, S. (2026), “Designing Assignments to Align with the Revised Quantitative Literacy VALUE Rubric,” AAC&U Conference on Learning and Student Success [Conference presentation]
- AAC&U Quantitative Literacy VALUE Rubric. [Expert Reviewer]
- Miller, B., Bostrom, N., Myers, J., Grandhi, S.A., Myers, J. (2025), “Let’s Talk About VALUE: Student Feedback on the Revised Quantitative Literacy VALUE Rubric,” 2026 Assessment Institute. [Conference presentation]

Alycia Bright Holland

Associate Professor, Communication, Film, and Theatre

- Bright Holland, A. Director, Devisor *Women’s House of Detention*. By Reginald Flood, Proscenium Theater, Eastern Connecticut State University, Apr. 2025. [Public Performance]
- Honoring the House of D. Unraveling Podcast with Gerald A. Brown (Tyler School of Art + Architecture-Temple University), Apr. 2025. [Invited Speaker-Podcast]
- Bright Holland, A and Sandler, L. co-curator. [Curator Public Exhibition]
- Frantic Assembly International Summer School, movement and devising training, London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA), London, UK, Jun. 2025. [Research]
- Bright Holland, A. and Moon, S. Co-director and Producer. *Write Your Roots: Eating to Heal Community* Benefit Performance for food insecurity in Willimantic. Delmonte Studio Theater, Eastern Connecticut State University CT, July 2025. [Public Performance]
- Bright Holland, A. Actor. Staged reading. *Happening*, by Annie Ernaux, directed by Michèle Bacholle and Zoe Calhoun, Delmonte Studio Theater, Eastern Connecticut State University, Nov. 2025. [Public Performance]
- Bright Holland, A. Choreographer/Movement Specialist. *The Burial at Thebes*. By Seamus Heaney, Directed by Kristen Morgan. Proscenium Theater, Eastern Connecticut State University, Dec. 2025. [Public Performance]



Okon Hwang

Professor, Music

- Hwang, Okon, Susan Hwang, and Keewoong Lee. “Commemorating Kim Min-gi (1951–2024): Morning Dew of Korean Democracy, Backstop of Music and Theater.” Panel paper presentation and discussant, Association for Asian Studies, Columbus, OH, March 16, 2025. [Conference presentation/discussant]
- Todd, Emily, Christine Garcia, and Okon Hwang. “Empowering Students to Navigate AI at Public Liberal Arts Institutions: Outcomes of an NEH Spotlight on the Humanities Grant.” Panel paper presentation and discussant, Liberal Arts Symposium, Connecticut College, CT, October 17, 2025. [Conference presentation/discussant]
- Hwang, Okon. “ [Kim Min-gi, Meari, ‘Morning Dew’].” Paper presented at The Korean Association for the Study of Popular Music, Korea National Open University, Seoul, South Korea, June 7, 2025. [Conference Presentation]
- Doyle, Maeve, Christine Garcia, and Okon Hwang. “From Expectations to Reflections: Faculty Perspectives on an NEH AI Grant.” Panel presentation at the Liberal Arts Education in the Age of AI Colloquium, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT, March 24, 2026. [Panel Presentation]
- Hwang, Okon. Erik Satie’s Gnossiennes. Solo recital at the Barbara Barnes Memorial Concert, South Church, Glastonbury, CT, October 12, 2025. [Public performance: solo recital]
- Hwang, Okon. “Navigating an AI World in the Humanities Classroom: A Personal Reflection on Teaching MUS 330 Korean Music and Culture.” *Journal for Research and Practice in College Teaching* 10, no. 2 (2025). [Publication]
- Hwang, Okon. Satie’s Quiet Revolution: Gnossiennes. Lecture-recital, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT, February 20, 2026. [Public performance: solo lecture recital]

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James (Drew) Hyatt

Professor, Environmental Earth Science

- Brinkman D. L., and Hyatt J. A. 2025. Archival Evidence of Strong, Longtime Ties Between Yale Peabody Museum's Division of Vertebrate Paleontology and Connecticut's Dinosaur State Park. *Bulletin of the Peabody Museum of Natural History*. Vol.66 (1), 71-86 [Article]
- Drzewiecki, P. A., and Hyatt, J. A. 2025. Distinguishing True Tracks from Undertracks and Overtracks at Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. *Bulletin of the Peabody Museum of Natural History*. Vol. 66 (1), 141-174. [Article]
- Farlow, J. O., Brinkman, D. L., and Hyatt, J. A. 2025. The Yale Peabody Museum Dinosaur Footprint Block/Slab from Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. *Bulletin of the Peabody Museum of Natural History*. Vol.66 (1), 87-98. [Article]
- Farlow, J. O., Galton, P. M., Hyatt, J. A., Drzewiecki, P. A., Penrod, A., and Whitcraft, J. 2025. The Yale Peabody Museum Dinosaur Footprint Block/Slab from Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. *Bulletin of the Peabody Museum of Natural History*. Vol.66 (1), 175-259. [Article]
- Hyatt, J. A., Farlow, J. O., Galton, P. M., and Getty, P. R. 2025. Documenting Footprints for Tracksites at Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. *Bulletin of the Peabody Museum of Natural History*. Vol.66 (1), 99-140. [Article]
- Farlow, J.; B. Dattilo; D. Lin, G. Fredrick, E. Mann, J. Whitcraft; P. Falkingham; J.A. Hyatt; J. Jacene; A. Martin; M. O'Brien. 2026. Dinosaurs vs. Crustaceans: Preservation of Fossil Footprints from Joanna's Tracksite (Lower Cretaceous Glen Rose Formation, Texas). Abstract and oral presentation, 141st Annual Academy Meeting, Indiana Academy of Science. [Conference Presentation]
- Ben-Salahuddin, A.; Brinkman, D.; Hyatt, J. 2026. Two new sets of Aetosauriform Dermal armor impressions from the New Haven Formation (Upper Triassic: Norian) of New Haven, Connecticut. Abstract and Presentation, 61st Annual meeting of the Northeastern Section Geological society of America, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, Connecticut, USA [Conference Presentation]
- Drzewiecki, P. A., Hyatt, J. A., and Ross, M., 2026, Connecticut's Jurassic Park: The theropod tracksite at Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, Connecticut, USA. In: Investigating Paleoenvironments and Provenance in Sedimentary and Metasedimentary Basins: New York, New Mexico, and Connecticut, Field Guide 76: Field Guides to the GSA Northeastern and Rocky Mountain Section Meetings. [Conference Field Trip Guide]

Syed Islam

Assistant Professor, Physical Sciences

- Syed K. Islam and Neema B. Rock, Spectral Characterization of 4-Mercaptopyrindine (4-Mpy) Aggregates in Aqueous Solution (August 2025) [Research Publication]

Jehoon Jeon

Associate Professor, Business

- Jeon, J., & Kang, M. (2025) The Impact of K-pop Popularity, Acculturation, Social media virality, and Retail commercialization on the Diffusion of Korean Fast-Food and Street-Food in the U.S.. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Society for Food Marketing and Retailing (SFMR) Conference, Smithfield, RI. [Conference Presentation]
- Kang, M., Jeon, J., & Kang, M. (2025) When Cultural Origin Is Contested: COO Dispute Exposure and Its Effects on Authenticity, Ambiguity, and Consumer Response to Kimchi. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Society for Food Marketing and Retailing (SFMR) Conference, Smithfield, RI. [Conference Presentation]
- Jeon, J., Kang, M., Oh, N., & Park, D. (2026). The Moderating Role of Organizational Silence in the Relationship between Safety Climate, Safety Behavior, and Job Satisfaction in South Korea's Service Industry. *Employee Responsibilities and Rights Journal*, 1-20. [Publication]

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Soojin Kim

Associate Professor, Art and Art History

- Soojin Kim, “Bittersweet Memories of the Korean War: From family stories to candy symbol”, Global Korea Project, Boston College, MA [Invited Artist Lecture]
- Soojin Kim, aliyah Iacombe, Jeanne Sigel, Sarah McKay, Rebecca Fowke, Katie Fogg, “Women in the Arts”, Organized by Pottagansett Art Center, Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, CT [Invited Artist Talk]
- Soojin Kim, “Vines of Oreos”, Clark Gallery, Lincoln, MA [Exhibition]
- Soojin Kim, Olga Antonova, Amy Weiskopf, Natalia Wrobel, Barbara Kassel, Jane Smaldone, Renée Bott, “Visionary women artists”, Clark Gallery, Lincoln, MA [Exhibition]
- Soojin Kim, Represented by Clark Gallery, Art on Paper, NY [Exhibition]
- Soojin Kim, Represented by Clark Gallery, Art Miami, NY [Exhibition]
- Soojin Kim, Represented by Clark Gallery, Affordable Art Fair, Boston, NY [Exhibition]
- Soojin Kim, Jenny Brown, Sam Allerton Green, Adam Kelley, Alexander Morris, Angus Schaefer, Erin Spenser, Tim Tait, Holly Wach, “Terra, Vista.”, Dryden Gallery, Providence, RI [Exhibition]

Chantal Larose

Associate Professor, Mathematical Sciences

- Larose C, “A Data Analysis on What Influences the Gap between Parenting Desire and Expectation for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Adults.” Hudson River Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Schenectady NY, 2025. [Conference presentation]
- Michael Kerr, Stanislaw Kolek, Chantal Larose, Joel Rosiene, Nicolas Simon, “Teaching with Open Educational Resources”. Panel presentation at Open Education Week, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT, March 5, 2026. [Panel presentation]

Kwangwon Lee

Associate Professor, Education

- Lee, Y. E., Lee, K., Dancik, G., & Park, E. (2026). Mapping cyberbullying research: A systematic analysis of thematic trends and interdisciplinary integration. *Computers in Human Behavior Reports*, 21, Article 100967. [Peer-Reviewed Journal Article]
- Trawick-Smith, J., & Lee, K. (2025). Ethical dimensions of teacher-child play interactions in preschool. In N. Pramling, A. Farrell, C. Wallerstedt, & M. Nilson (Eds.), *International perspectives on early childhood education and development* (Vol. 44). Springer. [Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter]
- Lee, K. (2025, November). Building assistive technology competence in early childhood teacher candidates: Findings from an embedded instruction study. Poster session presented at the Annual National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Conference, Orlando, FL. [Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentation]
- Lee, K. (2025, September). Taking turns, building connections: Developmentally appropriate practices to support young children with autism. Workshop presented at the Connecticut Association for the Education of Young Children (CTAEYC) Annual Conference, Groton, CT. [Peer-Reviewed Workshop]
- Lee, K. (2025, April 10). Preparing Eastern teacher candidates to support social communication in early childhood. Teacher-Scholar oral presentation, Faculty Symposium 2025, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT. [University Oral Presentation]

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Lora Lee

Associate Professor, Art and Art History

- Once Upon A Treehouse (watercolor) — Top 100 Finalist & Honorable Mention, PleinAir Magazine International Juried Competition, Streamline Publishing, July 2025. Juror: Thomas W. Schaller. [Award]
- Niagara in Mist (watercolor) — Honorable Mention, 8th Water International Juried Art Competition, Teravarna Gallery, 2025. [Award]
- Blue Awakening (watercolor) — Honorable Mention, 11th Flower International Juried Art Competition, Teravarna Gallery, 2025. [Award]
- Almost Home (watercolor) — Award of Merit, Wors by Associate Members Juried Exhibition, New England Watercolor Society, 2025 [Award]
- Almost Home (watercolor) — Works by Associate Members Juried Exhibition, New England Watercolor Society, Plymouth Center for the Arts, Plymouth, MA. September 5–November 5, 2025. [Art Exhibition]
- Somewhere in Vermont (watercolor) — Celebrating New England Juried Exhibition, New England Watercolor Society. Plymouth Center for the Arts, Plymouth, MA. July 11–September 3, 2025. [Art Exhibition]
- Zen Corner (watercolor) — 2025 New England Regional Juried Exhibition, juried by Janine Gallizia. The Mosesian Center for the Arts, Watertown, MA. November 14, 2025–January 9, 2026. [Art Exhibition]
- Niagara in Mist (watercolor) — 2025 Watercolor Gone Wild Juried Exhibition, New England Watercolor Society. Plymouth Center for the Arts, Plymouth, MA. November 6, 2025–January 4, 2026. [Art Exhibition]
- Pemaquid Lighthouse, Fog Setting In, and Warm Glow (watercolor) — Brushes with Nature Juried Exhibition, New England Watercolor Society, Plymouth Center for the Arts, Plymouth, MA. January 16–March 4, 2026. [Art Exhibition]
- Blue Awakening (watercolor) — Spring into Art Juried Exhibition, New England Watercolor Society, Plymouth Center for the Arts, Plymouth, MA. March 6–May 6, 2025. [Art Exhibition]
- Niagara in Mist (watercolor) — Elemental: Earth, Water, Air, Fire Juried Exhibition, Arts Center East, Vernon, CT. April 4–25, 2026. [Art Exhibition]



Top: *Warm Glow*, Plein Air Watercolor Center, left: *Almost Home*, Watercolor Center, right: *Once Upon A Treehouse*, Watercolor
Bottom: *Zen Corner*, Watercolor

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Phyllis Lee

Associate Professor, Psychological Science

- Lee, P., Lang, J. M., & Randall, K. (2025). Session preparation, behavioral rehearsal and homework assignment: Do these therapeutic delivery strategies improve trauma treatment outcomes for youth in community outpatient settings? *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, 18, 599-611. [Research Publication]
- Ehrenreich-May, J., Jensen-Doss, A., Milgram, L., Rosenfield, D., Shaw, A. M., LoCurto, J., Nanda Robinson, M., Caron, E. B., Lee, P., & Ginsburg, G. (2025). A randomized controlled effectiveness trial of transdiagnostic treatment and measurement-based care for adolescents with emotional disorders in community clinics. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 93(3), 144-160. [Research Publication]
- Lee, P., & Lang, J. M. (2026). Mix and MATCH: The use of a modular approach for youth psychotherapy in routine clinical care and associations with outcomes. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 53, 93-106. [Research Publication]
- Lee, P., & Lang, J. M. (2025, March 6-8). Modular approach for youth psychotherapy in routine care and associations with outcomes [Paper presentation]. Eastern Psychological Association 96th Annual Meeting, New York, NY, United States. [Conference Presentation]

Amanda Leiss

Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology

- Leiss, A., Rogers, M. J., Semaw, S. (April, 2025). Paleoenvironmental reconstructions of Gona, Ethiopia, Between 3-1 Mya: Evidence from faunal community analysis. Poster presented at: Paleoanthropology Society Meeting, Denver, CO. [Poster Presentation]
- Robinson, J. R., Bedaso, Z. K., Leiss, A. C., Oppenheim, G., Reda, H. G., Wynn, J., & Levin, N. E. (2026, March). The Lower Awash Valley, Afar, Ethiopia: 2.2 million years of hominin evolution. Paper presented in Session 9 – Symposium: The Lower Awash Valley, Afar, Ethiopia: 2.2 million years of hominin evolution (Invited symposium), Annual Meeting of the American Association of Biological Anthropologists, Denver, CO. [Conference Presentation]
- “Faunal Perspectives on the Context of Human Evolution in the Lower Awash Valley,” AABA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO Mar. 2026 [Conference Presentation]
- “Integrating AI into the Classroom,” Liberal Arts Education in the Age of AI Colloquium, ECSU Mar. 24, 2026 [Colloquium Presentation]
- Meet the Scientist: Exploring Paleontology and Human Evolution, Canterbury Elementary School Jan. 20, 2026 [Public Educational Outreach Presentation]
- Board Member & Website Manager, Archaeological Society of Connecticut [Professional Service]
- “Deep-Time History of Primate Behavior and Ecology as Revealed by Ancestral State Reconstructions,” *Journal of Mammalian Evolution*, 32(2), 21 2025 [Research Article]

Jennifer Leszczynski

Professor, Psychological Science

- Leszczynski, J.P. & Smith, E. K. (March 2026). How Does Love Emerge? A Study of How Emerging Adults Define Love. Presented at the Eastern Psychological Association’s Annual Convention, Boston, MA. [Conference Presentation]
- Leszczynski, J. P. & Vasquez-O’Brien, T. C. (November 2025). Transformative Learning: Visiting a Multigenerational Living Center in Switzerland. Presented at the Gerontological Association of America’s Annual Convention, Boston, MA. [Conference Presentation]
- Ben-Okafor, F., Garcia-Coyotl, D., Graham-Guiterrez, N., Jean, H., Lanagan-Leitzel, L. K. & Leszczynski, J. P. (October 2025). AIM for the Sky: Advancing and Inspiring Through Mentorship. Presented at the New England Psychological Association’s Annual Meeting, Newton, MA. [Conference Presentation]
- Leszczynski, J. P., Fry, S., Sexton, A., Fatima, N. & Dickson, K. (March 2025). A Powerful Note: How Music Videos Impact Women’s Sexism & Sexual Attitudes. Presented at the Eastern Psychological Association’s Annual Convention, New York City, NY. [Conference Presentation]

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Li Liang

Assistant Professor, Economics and Finance

- How does financial literacy help Americans weather the pandemic? Annual Conferences of Eastern Economic Association, February 2025, and Southern Economic Association, November 2025. [Conference Presentations]
- IdeaHouse Value Investing Best Ideas Conference Omaha, Nebraska, May 2025 [Conference Presentation]
- Green Bonds; Invited External Speaker for a PhD course in Sustainable Finance, KCA University, Africa (virtual presentation), November 2025 [Guest Lecture]
- Integrating AI into the Research Process: From Idea Generation to Final Manuscript, Eastern Connecticut State University, March 2026 [Faculty Presentation]
- Chair of a household finance session at the annual conference of Southern Economic Association, November 2025 [Conference Session Chair]

Xing Liu

Professor, Education

- Liu, X. (2025). A review of Generalized Linear Mixed Models: Modern Concepts, Methods and Applications, (2nd ed.). *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 120, 2003-2005. [Journal Publication]

Kenneth McNeil

Professor, English

- “(Un)Forgetting the Covenanters: Contested Memory and The Tale of Old Mortality Debate in Nineteenth-Century Scotland.” 177-187, *Shaping Jacobitism, 1688 to the Present: Memory, Culture, Networks*, Leith Davis and Kevin J. James, eds. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2025. [Book chapter]
- “Roots/Routes of Empire: Mary Seacole and Scottish-Caribbean Identity,” *Victorian Studies*, Vol. 67, No. I, Autumn 2024, pp. 70-92. [Journal article]
- Review of Galt, John, *Lawrie Todd; or The Settlers in the Woods*, Edited by Regina Hewitt, The Edinburgh Edition of the Works of John Galt, *Scottish Literary Review*, 16.2 (Autumn/Winter 2024): 181-183. [Book review]
- Article for *European Romantic Review*. [Peer review]
- Book proposal for the *Edinburgh University Press*. [Peer review]



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Martín Mendoza-Botelho

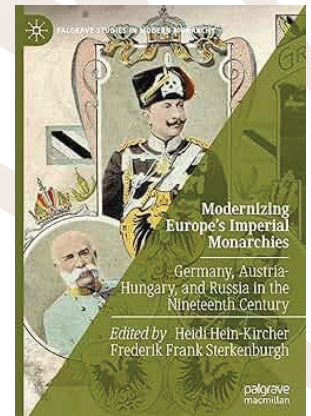
Professor, Political Science

- Academic leadership training. Harvard University – Graduate School of Education [HGSE], Management Development Program [Academic leadership training]
- RC13 Democratization in Comparative Perspective Research Committee, International Political Science Association [IPSA] [Board member]
- Revista de Ciências Sociais, Portal de Periódicos da UFC, Brazil [Board member]
- Oxfam America Martin Diskin Dissertation Award, Latin American Studies Association [LASA] [Award Committee member]
- “The Challenges of Democratic Consolidation Through Constitutional Means: The Appropriation and Manipulation of Constitutional Courts in South Africa and Bolivia,” NEPSA 2025 Annual Conference, Bretton Woods, NH [Conference Paper]
- The Latin News Podcast: “Rodrigo Paz: A Presidency of Pragmatism over Ideology in Bolivia?” Nov. 2025 [Media interview]
- John C. Donovan and Robert C. Wood Award Committee, NEPSA [Award Committee member]
- Chair, Comparative Politics Section, NEPSA [Chair]
- Electoral Integrity Project [Country expert]
- Varieties of Democracy [V-Dem] Network, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame [Country expert]
- Chapel Hill Expert Survey, UNC Chapel Hill [Regional expert]
- Hispanic Professional Panel, Intercultural Center, ECSU Oct. 24, 2025 [Guest Speaker]
- Latin American Journal of Economic Development [LAJED] [Journal Reviewer]
- Journal of Comparative Economics [Journal Reviewer]
- Ethnopolitics [Journal Reviewer]
- Alumni Magazine, Catholic University of Bolivia, 60-Year Anniversary Issue [Special issue contributor]

Scott Moore

Associate Professor, History

- “Vaterland, Heimat, and the Family of Nations: Education and Identity Formation in Late-Habsburg Austria,” *Nationalities Papers* (Jan. 2025), 1-20. [Research Publication]
- “Modern, Constitutional and Multinational: Images of the Habsburg Monarchy in Austrian Schools, 1867-1914,” in *Modernizing Europe’s Imperial Monarchies: Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Russia in the Nineteenth Century*, edited by Heidi Hein-Kircher and Frederik Frank Sterkenburgh, Palgrave MacMillian, 2025, 303-323. [Research Publication]
- “Ordeal by Touch: Family, Social Order, and Superstition in Colonial Virginia’s Eastern Shore,” *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* (Jun. 2025), 91-121. [Research Publication]
- “World War as Culture War: The Reichspost and Austrian Conservative Imagining of the First World War,” *The Making of Modern Atlantic Monarchies, vol 2. Fall, Strife, Survival: Conservative Monarchism since the Age of Extremes, 1900-2020*, edited by Carolina Armenteros and Iason Zarikos, Bloomsbury, 2026, 43-55. [Research Publication]
- “Crusading Against Modernity: Karl Vogelsang, Das Vaterland, and Catholic Conservative Politics in Late-Nineteenth Century Austria,” paper at the Nineteenth Century Studies Association Annual Conference, March 27-29, 2025. [Conference Presentation]
- “Politics, Performance, and Psychoanalysis from Empire to Nation,” panel discussant at the Central European History Convention, University of Vienna, July 17-19, 2025. [Conference Presentation]
- “‘What Now?’ The Reichspost, Austrian Conservatism, and the End of the Habsburg [Conference Presentation]
- “The Witch of Pungo,” lecture given for the Princess Anne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Virginia Beach, Virginia, May 10, 2025. [Public Lecture]
- “The Witch Next Door: Memory, Myth and Meaning in the Story of Grace Sherwood,” lecture given for the Robert Nusbaum Center, Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach, Virginia, October 16, 2025. [Public Lecture]
- “The Witch of Pungo,” lecture given at the Russell Memorial Library, Chesapeake, Virginia, October 17, 2025. [Public Lecture]
- “Witchcraft in Colonial Virginia,” lecture given at the Greenbrier Library, Chesapeake, Virginia, October 18, 2025. [Public Lecture]



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Kristen Morgan

Professor, Communication, Film, and Theatre

- Scenic Designer, *This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing*, American Stage, St. Petersburg, FL Jan.–Feb. 2025 [Public Performance]
- Scenic Design, *Zoomers*, Delmonte Studio Theater, ECSU Feb.–Mar. 2025 [Public Performance]
- Co-director and Producer, *Stepping Into the Shade*, Student Center Theater, ECSU Mar. 2025 [Film Screening]
- Scenic & Projections Design, *Women’s House of Detention*, Proscenium Theater, ECSU Apr. 2025 [Public Performance]
- “Creating Intermedial Adaptations,” 20th Annual Association of Adaptation Studies Conference, Istanbul Bilgi University, Türkiye Jun. 2025 [Conference Workshop]
- Frantic Assembly International Summer School, LAMDA, London, UK Jun. 2025 [Research]
- Co-director and Producer, “Brilliance in the Valley: Stepping Into the Shade Community Screening,” The Artists Collective, Hartford, CT Oct. 2025 [Film Screening]
- Video Art, “Becoming a Woman: Reflections Around Annie Ernaux,” ECSU Art Gallery Oct.–Nov. 2025 [Gallery Exhibition]
- Actor, Staged Reading of *Happening*, Delmonte Studio Theater, ECSU Nov. 2025 [Public Performance]
- Director, Scenic & Projections Design, *The Burial at Thebes*, Proscenium Theater, ECSU Dec. 2025 [Public Performance]
- “Designing Adapted Scenographies,” 20th International Conference on Design Principles & Practices, University of Sapienza, Rome, Italy Mar. 2026 [Conference Workshop]

Barbara Murdoch

Professor, Biology

- Murdoch B, Kleinschmit, AJ, Santibáñez-López, CE, Graham, MR (2026). Microbiota Discovered in Scorpion Venom. *PLOS ONE*, 21(1):e0328427. [Research Publication]
- Murdoch B, Mattingly WB, Cushing PE, Graham, MR (2026). Unique Mollicutes Lineages Found in Eremocosta Camel Spiders. *Journal of Arachnology*, in press. [Research Publication]
- Murdoch, B (2026). Microlearning as a Potential Tool to Enhance Learning and Engagement in a Biology Laboratory. *The American Biology Teacher*, accepted. [Research Publication]
- Murdoch, B. Microlearning as a Potential Tool to Enhance Learning and Engagement in a Biology Laboratory. 2025 National Association of Biology Teachers, St. Louis, MO [Conference Presentation]
- Microlearning as a Tool to Enhance Learning and Engagement. 2026 Teaching Scholar Workshop, Eastern Connecticut State University. [Invited Talk]
- Tiny Earth Mini-Symposium. The Tiny Earth Network: Let’s Make a Difference! 2026. Eastern Connecticut State University. [Invited Talk]
- Diverse microbiota discovered in the venom of two scorpion species - *A. phaidactylus* and *P. becki*. CT Entomological Society, University of Connecticut. 2025 [Invited Talk]
- Teaching Scholar, Eastern Connecticut State University (2024-2026) [Teaching Scholar]

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Nicole S. Norval

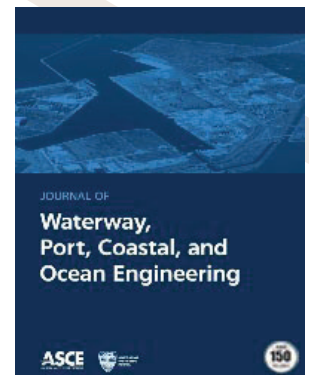
Lecturer, Business Administration

- North East Academy of Legal Studies in Business (regional association of business law teachers and scholars : Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island.) [President]
- 39th Annual Conference of the North East Academy of Legal Studies in Business (9-11 May, ECSU) [Program Chair and President-Elect]
- Outstanding Adjunct Award 2026-27 (University of Connecticut) [Award Nomination]
- 101st Annual Conference of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Providence, RI. (2025) (international association of business law teachers and scholars). [Judge, Student Papers Academic Sessions]
- Academy of Legal Studies in Business (international association of business law teachers and scholars). [Mentor]
- Norval, Nicole S., Dhuggal, A, and Somal, Sameer, S. (2025). Can AI Reduce Business Corruption? ...And Prevent Another FIFA, Another FTX? Paper presented at the 101st Annual Conference of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Providence, RI. [Conference Presentation]
- Norval, Nicole S. (2025). Pedagogical Play : Mini-Hackathons to Solve Business Problems in Class. Paper presented at the 101st Annual Conference of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Providence, RI. [Conference Presentation]
- Norval, Nicole S. (2025). Controversy and Competition – Engaging Business Students for Good. Paper presented at the 101st Annual Conference of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Providence, RI. [Conference Presentation]
- Norval, Nicole S. and Somal, Sameer, S. (2025). Can AI Reduce Business Corruption? ...And Prevent Another FIFA, Another FTX? Paper presented at the 39th Annual Conference of the North East Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Willimantic, CT. [Conference Presentation]
- Norval, Nicole S. (2025). Pedagogical Play : Mini-Hackathons to Solve Business Problems in Class. Paper presented at the 39th Annual Conference of the North East Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Willimantic, CT. [Conference Presentation]
- Norval, Nicole S. and Somal, Sameer, S. (2025). Can AI Reduce Business Corruption? ...And Prevent Another FIFA, Another FTX? Paper presented at the 76th Annual Conference of the New England Political Science Association, Bretton Woods, NH. [Conference Presentation]
- 39th Annual Conference of the North East Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Willimantic, CT. [Conference Session Chair & Moderator]
- Women in Business Club, Eastern Connecticut State University (2025 – 2026) [Faculty Advisor]

Bryan Oakley

Professor, Environmental Earth Science

- Leone, A., Grilli, A. Oakley, B.A., Huisman, B., Roelvink, D., Dongeren, A.V., and Reynes, J., 2026, Predicting the long-term protective ability of a beach-barrier system barrier spit under Sea Level Rise: A case study in Rhode Island, Napatree Point. *Journal of Waterway, Port, Coastal, and Ocean Engineering*, v. 152, i. 2 [Article]
- Oakley, B.A., Watling, E., Musco, N., Bradley, M., Desbonnet, A., August, P.V. and Cole, D.T., Changes in Eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) in the Little Narragansett Bay Estuary Between 2019 and 2022: *Coasts*, v. 5., i. 3., (Eastern student authors) [Article]
- 2026-2028 Bluff to Beach: Quantifying shoreline dynamics and sediment flux to improve coastal resilience on Block Island, RI (Principal Investigator). Recently funded project via NOAA and Rhode Island SeaGrant (\$269,000) to examine bluff and shoreline dynamics on Block Island, Rhode Island [Grant Awarded]



Rick O'Neal

Lecturer, Music

- *Keeney Never Stops*, Thread City Jazz Trio Recording, released (CD and online), July 2025. [Recording Project]
- Concert: Thread City Jazz Trio (plus guest artist Steve Ohm), October 24, 2025. [Performance]

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Fatma Pakdil

Professor, Business Administration

- Pakdil, F., Kouhizadeh, M., & Leonard, K. (2026). Cultural and organisational variables in blockchain technology acceptance. *International Journal of Production Research*, 1-23 (ABDC List: A). [Publication]
- Muchiri S, Pakdil F, Azadeh-Fard N. (2026). An analysis of length of stay and readmissions of COPD patients in the US between 2010 and 2020. *International Journal of Healthcare Management*, 19(1), 50-61 (ABDC List: C). [Publication]
- Madzik P, Falat L, and Pakdil F. (2025). Exploring the landscape of blockchain technology in sustainable supply chains – Unveiling the latent research topics by innovative AI approach, *International Journal of Production Research*, 63(21), 8047-8073 (ABDC List: A). [Publication]
- Pakdil F, Azadeh-Fard N, Muchiri S. (2025). The digital voice of patients and Big Data in the age of Quality 4.0, *International Journal of Quality & Reliability Management*, 1-25 (ABDC List: B). [Publication]
- Pakdil F, Ebrahimpour M, Yih Y, Zhang D, Viravan B, Kouhizadeh M. A Personalized Two-State Continuous-Time Model for Hospital Readmission Risk: Integrating Patient- and Hospital-Level Covariates for Dynamic Risk Prediction. The 56th Decision Sciences Institute Annual Conference, November 22-24th, 2025. Orlando, FL. [Conference presentation]
- Pakdil F, Ebrahimpour M, Zhang D, Yih Y, Upatising B, Kouhizadeh M. A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of 30-Day Unplanned Readmission Estimation Models, NEDSI 2025 Annual Meeting, March 27-29th, 2025, Hershey, PA. [Conference presentation]
- Oh N, Pakdil F. Unveiling the Digital Frontier: Exploring the Interplay of Entrepreneurial Characteristics in Digital Technology Adoption among Entrepreneurs, USASBE 2025 Annual Conference, 2025, Las Vegas, NV. [Conference presentation]
- Grandhi, S.A., Pakdil F., and Pandey, N. (2026), An Experimental Study on Student Evaluation of Peer Vs. Ai-Generated Work, 55th Annual Conference of the Northeast Decision Sciences Institute. [Conference presentation]
- Pakdil F, Ebrahimpour E., Yih Y., Zhang Z., Viravan B., and Kouhizadeh, N. (2026), Managing Hospital Readmission Risk Through Personalized Continuous-Time Models. [Conference presentation]
- Gao K., Muchiri S., Pakdil F, Aydin N., Dancik, G., and Pakdil, E. (2026), Data-Driven Prediction of Surgical Readmissions: A Comparative Machine Learning Study. [Conference presentation]

David Pellegrini

Professor, Communication, Film, and Theatre

- With Kristen Morgan, “Creating Intermedial Adaptations: An Interactive Workshop in Pedagogical Design for Classroom & Live Performance.” 20th Annual Association of Adaptation Studies Conference, Istanbul Bilgi University, Türkiye, Jun. 2025. [Conference Workshop]
- “Adapting AIDS Narratives in Three Contemporary Operas” [Conference Paper]
- “The Hauntology of Roy Cohn.” Literature/Film Association. [Conference Paper]

Jenna Scisco

Professor, Psychological Science

- Scisco, J. L., Giumetti, G. W., Kowalski, R. M., Eisenhauer, V., Daye, V., & Esposito, A. (2025, July). Examining job demands, control, and social support as predictors of cyberbullying perpetration and victimization in first-year employees: A two-wave study. Poster presented at the 2025 Work, Stress, and Health Conference, Seattle, WA. [Conference Presentation]
- Scisco, J. L. (2026). Global learning in the psychology curriculum through faculty-led study abroad. Interest session presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA. [Conference Presentation]
- Occupational Health Science [Editorial Board Member]
- Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior [Editorial Board Member]

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Siddhi Soni

Assistant Professor, Education

- Soni S., & Harbin, A. (2026). Barn Quilts Ethnomodeling Task: Mathematical Belonging in K-2. *NCTM Mathematics Teacher: Learning and Teaching* PK-12. 119(1), 16-20. [Publication]
- Soni, S., & Harbin, A. (2026, February 4-7). Ethnomodeling in action: MTEs bridging culture, identity, and mathematical content in elementary teacher preparation coursework. Presented at the Thirtieth Annual Conference of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators. Portland, Oregon. [Conference Presentation]
- Rayogza, M. C., Orr, S., Cosby, M., King, B., & Soni, S. (2026, February 4-7). Developing mathematics teacher educator professional praxis through a book study. Presented at the Thirtieth Annual Conference of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators. Reno, NV. [Conference Presentation]
- Soni, S., & Harbin, A. (2025, October 15-18). Ethnomodeling tasks: Honoring the stories of students, teachers, and communities. Presented at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics 2025 Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA. [Conference Presentation]
- Safi, F., Abassian, A., & Soni, S. (2025, October 15-18). Exploring inclusive teaching practices with technology (including AI) to engage and empower students. Presented at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics 2025 Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA. [Conference Presentation]

Allison Speicher

Professor, English

- Speicher, Allison. "Fictions of Age: Literature's Role in Age Consciousness." International Webinar, 17 February 2026, Thiagarajar College, Madurai, India. Lecture. [Invited talk/webinar]
- Speicher, Allison. "'The Beautiful Twilight of Life': Nineteenth-Century Women Writers and the Anthologizing of Age," Society for the Study of American Women Writers Triennial Conference, 7 November 2025, Pennsylvania Marriott Old City, Philadelphia, PA. [Conference presentation]
- Speicher, Allison. "Sunrise, Sunset: Age Relations in Nineteenth-Century Literature for Elders," Children's Literature Association Conference, 13 June 2025, virtual. [Conference presentation]
- Speicher, Allison. "'Succeeding at a Teaching-Focused Institution,'" Society for the Study of American Women Writers Triennial Conference, 7 November 2025, Pennsylvania Marriott Old City, Philadelphia, PA. [Conference presentation]
- Harriet Beecher Stowe Society, Vice President [Society Leadership]



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Megan Stanton

Associate Professor, Social Work

- Sept 2025-December 2026. COMPASS Initiative Multi-Phase Evaluation, Gilead Foundation, \$176,000. Evaluation Co-Lead. Grant awarded to lead an evaluation of the COMPASS Initiative, a long-term, large-scale initiative to end HIV in the U.S. South. [Grant Awarded]
- Stanton, M.C., Ali, S., McCormick, K.A., Stanley, M., Traylor, M., Johnson, V., Scruggs, L. (2025). Implementation outcomes of trauma-informed organizational change among HIV service organizations in the Southern United States. *Social Science & Medicine - Mental Health*; 8 (100500). [Research Publication]
- Stanton, M. & Ali, S. (January, 2026). Advancing health justice through equity-focused implementation: Strategies to examine power and create more equitable processes. Workshop presented at the 30th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC. [Conference Workshop]
- McCormick, K., Stanton, M., Ali, S., Strohl, K. (January, 2026). Building capacity for transformative change: Enhancing implementation leadership in Southern HIV service organizations. Oral presentation presented at the 30th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC. [Conference Presentation]
- Stanton, M., Ali, S., & McCormick, K. (January, 2026). Advancing HIV justice in the U.S. South through equity-centered implementation: Examining the COMPASS Initiative listen in sessions outcomes and methodologies. Flash talk presented at the 30th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC [Conference Presentation]
- Stanton, M. Traylor, M., Keo, B.S., Mejia, M. (January, 2025). Nothing about Us without Us Is for Us: A Participatory Action Research Project Examining the Current Status and Future Vision of the Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV (MIPHA) in HIV Services. Poster presented at the 29th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA. [Poster Presentation]
- Stanton, M., Ali, B., McCormick, K, Stanley, M., Traylor, M., Johnson, V., Scruggs, L. (January, 2025). Accelerating Organizational Change for Health Justice: Implementation Outcomes of Trauma-Informed Organizational Change Among Southern HIV Service Organizations. Poster presented at the 29th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA. [Poster Presentation]

David L. Stoloff

Professor, Education

- Stoloff, David L. (February 2026). Augmented Imagination to Support the Four Modes of Student Engagement. A Poster at the Scholarship for Teaching and Learning Commons, Savannah, GA, February 26, 2026. [Conference]
- Tools for Studying the Future of Schooling in Connecticut: EdSight, Demographic Projections, CTREAP, and Copilot (not Copilate) Tools and Many More. A presentation for the Center for Learning in Retirement (CLIR), UCONN. Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 1:15 - 2:45 pm. UCONN Depot Campus, Vernon Cottage. [Public Presentation]
- A review of The teacher in the machine: a human history of education technology. CHOICE, November 2025. [Book Review]
- Stoloff, D.L. (2025). A review of Facilitating virtual learning communities. CHOICE, September 2025. [Book Review]
- Stoloff, D.L. (2025). A review of Artificial intelligence applications in K-12. CHOICE, August 2025. [Book Review]
- Stoloff, D.L. (2025). A review of How the New Education Establishment Betrayed the World's Poorest Children. CHOICE, July 2025. [Book Review]

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Sudha Swaminathan

Professor, Education

- Swaminathan, S. (2025). From curiosity to collaborations: Planning teacher education classes with AI. *Journal for Research & Practice in College Teaching*, (10), 2. [Personal Narrative on Classroom Applications of Generative AI: Practical case studies and reflections.] [Publication]
- Swaminathan, S. (2025, October). Math learning disabilities in early elementary & intervention strategies. Paper presented at Division for Early Childhood's International Conference on Young Children with Disabilities & Their Families, Portland, OR. [Conference Presentation]
- Swaminathan, S. (2025, November). Panel presenter on Bridging the Gap: Certification Shifts and Math Teacher Readiness at the AMTEC (Association of Math Teacher Educators) Fall 2025 Virtual Conference. [Invited Panel]
- Swaminathan, S. (August 2025) Workshop on Recognizing & Numeracy/early Math development in young children, Child and Family Development Center Staff, Willimantic, CT. [Workshop]
- Swaminathan, S. (June 2025) Workshop on Recognizing & Numeracy/early Math development in young children, AMRA, Hyderabad, India. [Workshop]
- Invited expert speaker on Early Math in the Age of AI for AMRA podcast, July 25, 2025. [Invited Speaker]
- Outstanding Thesis Mentor [nominated by students], University Honors Program, Eastern Connecticut State University, May 2025. [Award]
- Faculty Mentor Award [nominated by students] in recognition of Excellence in Mentoring Students in Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, Eastern Connecticut State University, May 2025. [Award]
- Board Member, SWCDC, South Windsor, CT. August 2023—July 2025 [Board Member]
- Advisory Council, AMRA Early Childhood Centers, India. Fall 2024—present [Advisory Council Member]

Patty Szczys

Professor, Environmental Earth Science

- Monticelli, D., Hugues, D., Degros, E., Portier, B., Cerviera, L.R., Ramos, J.A., Paiva, V.H., Berthelsen, U.M., Bregnaballe, T., van der Winden, J., Bouwhuis, S., and Szczys, P. 2025. Sex identification based on biometrics in four long-distance migratory tern species mist-netted along the East Atlantic Flyway. *J. Ornithology*. [Journal Publication]
- Núñez, E. M., & Szczys, P. (2025). *Higher Education's Leadership in Climate Action and Sustainability*. [Edited Book]
- Szczys, P 2025. Contributed Paper: Genetic Structure of Aleutian Terns (*Onychoprion aleuticus*) in Alaska: Insights into Diversity and Population Connectivity. 49th Annual Waterbird Society Meeting Traverse City, MI, September [Conference Presentation]
- Szczys, P and D. Monticelli 2025. Symposium Convener: Thinking outside the (nest)box: Roseate Terns away from the colony & implications for conservation. 48th Annual Waterbird Society Meeting San Jose, Costa Rica, January 2025 [Symposium Convener]
- P. Szczys, J. Dayton, I. Nisbet, E. Craig, and D. Monticelli 2025. Contributed Paper. Sampling on the Migration Route: Investigating Population Connectivity of Roseate Terns Across the Atlantic Ocean Basin. 48th Annual Waterbird Society Meeting San Jose, Costa Rica, January 2025 [Conference Presentation]
- Waterbirds specializes in scientific articles and notes regarding the biology, status, ecology, management and conservation of all waterbird species living in marine, estuarine, and freshwater habitats worldwide. A Quarterly Publication of The Waterbird Society [Associate Editor]
- Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. The Community Foundation supports programs that seek to preserve and protect environmentally significant land, waterways and wildlife habitats for the benefit of our ecosystem and the well-being of residents. We also understand it is critical to engage our youth in environmental education and outdoor activities so that they can become the next generation of environmental stewards. [Grant Reviewer]
- Zoo Miami. James A. Kushlan Wading Bird Research & Conservation Grant [Grant Reviewer]
- The Nisbet Research Award. Given annually by The Waterbird Society. This grant is open globally to any student, professional, or amateur and should focus on those interested in research and conservation on terns and gulls. Financial and education status of applicants are not considerations. [Grant Reviewer]
- Emory University [External Review, Promotion and Tenure]
- Master's Thesis, University of Sunshine Coast, Australia [External Review]

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Sarah Tasneem

Professor, Computer Science

- K. Gao, S. Tasneem, and T. M. Khoshgoftaar, “Medical Imaging with Deep Learning: A Comparison of CNN and Transformer Models,” in Proceedings of the 24th IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications Boca Raton, FL, December 3-5, 2025. [Conference Presentation and Publication]
- K. Gao, S. Tasneem, and T. M. Khoshgoftaar, “An Evaluation of CNN and Vision Transformer Models for Mars Surface Image Classification,” in Proceedings of the 30th ISSAT International Conference on Reliability and Quality in Design (ISSAT RQD’2025): 167-171, Honolulu, HI, August 6-8, 2025 [Conference Presentation and Publication]
- K. Gao, S. Tasneem, and T. M. Khoshgoftaar, “Evaluating Convolutional Neural Networks for Class Imbalance in Mars Image Classification” International Journal of Reliability, Quality and Safety Engineering, Vol. 3, No. 5, 2025. World Scientific. [Journal Publication]
- 24th IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications Boca Raton, FL, December 3-5, 2025. [Program Committee]

Christopher Torockio

Professor, English

- Short Story: “Zero.” *Connecticut Literary Anthology* 2025: [Anthology Publication]
- Short Story: “Care Package.” *South Dakota Review*, Vol. 58, [Journal Publication]
- Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT, October 2025. [Fiction Reading]

Caitlin Vasquez-O’Brien

Associate Professor, Psychological Science

- *Alexis, B. A., Vasquez-O’Brien, T.C., & Rellinger Zettler, E. (2025, March 7). The reciprocally influencing factors of temperament and parental depression. Eastern Psychological Association 2025 Conference, New York, NY, United States. [Conference Presentation]
- *Bourque, O., Vasquez-O’Brien, T.C., & Rellinger Zettler, E. (2025, March 7). Children’s behavioral inhibition, overall health, and sleep patterns’ impact on academic success. Eastern Psychological Association 2025 Conference, New York, NY, United States. [Conference Presentation]
- * Locke, A., M., Vasquez-O’Brien, T. C., & Rellinger Zettler, R. (2026, February 26-28). Compliance to authority stabilizes the relationship between self-regulation and behavior problems. Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA, United States. [Conference Presentation]
- * Paradise, K., Vasquez-O’Brien, T. C., & Rellinger Zettler, R. (2026, February 26-28). Fear in the family: A longitudinal study of siblings and academic outcomes. Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA, United States. [Conference Presentation]
- * Roth, L., Vasquez-O’Brien, T. C., & Rellinger Zettler, R. (2026, February 26-28). When parents give themselves grace: Self-compassion moderating child frustration and behavior problems. Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA, United States. [Conference Presentation]
- Leszczynski, J. & Vasquez-O’Brien, T.C. (2025, November 12). Transformative Learning: Visiting a Multigenerational Living Center in Switzerland. Gerontological Society of America Conference, Boston, MA, United States. [Conference Presentation]
- * Bourque, O., Vasquez-O’Brien, T. C., & Rellinger Zettler, R. (2026, February 26-28). Impact of child health status on parent-child relationships. Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA, United States. [Conference Presentation]

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Emiliano Villanueva

Professor, Business Administration

- Villanueva, E.C., Ferrer, J. R., Castillo, J. S., & García-Cortijo, M.C. (2026). Sustainable Agriculture: Profile and Strategies of Argentine Wineries. *Management Decision*, Vol. ahead-of-print, No. ahead-of-print (in press). [Research Article]
- Depetris-Chauvin, N., Villanueva, E.C., Pinede, A., & Maitre, C. (2025). Beyond Malbec: Exploring Wineries' Perspectives on Diversification Strategies in Argentina's Wine Industry. *Wine Economics and Policy*, 14(2), 87–102. [Research Article]
- Depetris-Chauvin, N., Elías, J.J., Ferro, G., Gatti, N. & Villanueva, E.C. (2025). The impact of innovator types on export performance in the Argentine wine industry. *Journal of Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies*, 17 (6), 1438–1464. [Research Article]
- 2025, October. “Beyond Malbec: Exploring Wineries' Perspectives on Diversification Strategies in Argentina's Wine Industry”. Universidad del CEMA, Buenos Aires, Argentina. [Seminar Presenter]
- 2025, September (virtual). “Beyond Malbec: Exploring Wineries' Perspectives on Diversification Strategies in Argentina's Wine Industry”. Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina. [Seminar Presenter]
- 2025, May. 6th Workshop of the Global Wine Business Institute, under the J.C.I.M. Special Issue in Global Wine Business. Universidad de Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain. [Workshop Discussant]
- Special Issue “New Business Models & Management Strategies in the Global Wine Industry”, *Journal of Comparative International Management* (closed March 2025) [Guest Editor]
- 2025, May. 6th Workshop of the Global Wine Business Institute, “Sustainable Agriculture: Profile and Strategies of Argentine Wineries”. Universidad de Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain. [Workshop Presenter]
- *Wine Business Journal*, Sonoma State University [Editorial Board Member & Assistant Editor]
- “What Internal Characteristics Could Explain U.S. Wineries Targeting Upper-Tier Price Segments?” 17th Annual AAWE Wine Economics Conference Jun. 2025 [Conference Presentation]
- Session Chair: “Wine Business Strategies,” 17th Annual AAWE Wine Economics Conference Jun. 2025 [Conference Chair]
- “Sustainable Agriculture Profile and Strategy of Argentine Wineries” 4th European Association of Wine Economists Conference, Zaragoza, Spain May 2025 [Conference Presentation]
- Session Chair: “Sustainability,” 4th European Association of Wine Economists Conference May 2025 [Conference Chair]



Sarah Walters

Assistant Professor, Health Sciences and Nursing

- Flores NM, Rudolf K, Spira-Cohen A, Walters S, et al. Electrical power outages and asthma-related emergency department visits in NYC, 2019-2020. *Epidemiology*. Accepted for publication in July edition. [Research Publication]
- Flores, N., Casey, J., Lovinsky-Desir, S., Spira-cohen, A., Luis, S., Walters,S., et al. The Impact of a 2019 System-Wide Mold Intervention in NYC Public Housing on Emergency Department Visits for Asthma. *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, 157(2), 2026: AB295 [Conference presentation]
- Leveraging University–Community Partnerships to Advance Climate Resilience and Health Equity in Eastern Connecticut. Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) Annual Conference, March 10, 2026 [Conference Presentation]

