New Faculty at West Lafayette, Fall 2022

These brief profiles of new members of the faculty at Purdue’s West Lafayette campus for Fall 2022 are meant to serve as an introduction and welcome. The Office of the Provost invited incoming professors to provide this information. The responses are arranged by college/school.

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*From where are you coming?* University of Florida

*Teaching interests*: Applied plant production principles.

*Research interests*: Controlled environments and urban agriculture.

*Why choose Purdue?* Great faculty support and research facilities.

**Valerie Kilders**

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*From where are you coming?* Michigan State University

*Teaching interests*: Agricultural marketing and agribusiness.

*Research interests*: Consumer and producer behavior, food marketing and policy, new food technologies and emerging food issues, research methods.

*Why choose Purdue?* Outstanding research, teaching and extension environment paired with an excellent collaborative department.

**Gerald Miller, Jr.**

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**Kurt Ristroph**

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*From where are you coming?* Ph.D. at Princeton University; Schmidt Science Fellow postdoc at Carnegie Mellon

*Teaching interests*: Conveying to the students a physical intuition about the engineering principles at work in the world around them.

*Research interests*: Developing nanomaterials and scalable nanoformulation processes for medical and agricultural applications.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue’s strengths in biological engineering, agriculture, and pharmacy make it the ideal environment for my group’s research in nanopharmaceutical process development, translational nanomedicine and soft materials science.

**Hinayah Rojas de Oliveira**

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*From where are you coming?* Tyson Foods

*Teaching interests*: Food science and ag engineering.

*Research interests*: Food product/process engineering.

*Why choose Purdue?* Esteemed faculty.

**Diego Soares Cardoso**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* University of Geneva, Switzerland

*Teaching interests*: Quantitative methods and environmental economics.

*Research interests*: Energy and environmental economics, industrial organization and global health.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue’s comprehensive support for early-career faculty development and tradition of excellence in research and education.

**Roland Wilhelm**

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EDUCATION

**Juliana Aguilar**

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*From where are you coming?* Utah State University

*Teaching interests*: Applied behavior analysis, autism, research methodology, distance learning.

*Research interests*: Applied behavior analysis; autism; diversity, equity and inclusion; caregiver and teacher training on behavior analytic principles.

*Why choose Purdue?* I appreciated the support that Purdue provided to early-career faculty and liked the culture within the department.

**Arianna Banack**

Visiting assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* University of Tennessee, Knoxville

*Teaching interests*: English education, culturally responsive pedagogy, literacy education.

*Research interests*: Young adult literature and critical literacy.

*Why choose Purdue?* The amazing faculty and innovative education programs.

**John Broome**

Clinical associate professor

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*From where are you coming?* University of Mary Washington

*Teaching interests*: Social studies methods, equity education, global citizenship.

*Research interests*: Critical service-learning, culturally responsive teaching, teachers’ ability to connect the curriculum and cultural content.

*Why choose Purdue?* My partner also took a job here.

**Ofelia Castro Schepers**

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*From where are you coming?* Purdue University, Gifted Education (Ph.D. program and postdoctoral researcher)

*Teaching interests*: I am interested in teaching about classroom management, gifted education strategies and how they can apply to all students, and how to work with and advocate for students who have experienced trauma.

*Research interests*: My research interests focus on inequities in education, gifted education, foster care and adopted youth, teaching practices and parenting/advocacy practices.

*Why choose Purdue?* I love the climate at Purdue and in my department. I love the opportunity to conduct research, teach the leaders of tomorrow, learn from amazing students and colleagues and be involved in world-class programs.

**Brenda Downing**

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*From where are you coming?* Kansas State University

*Teaching interests*: Family and consumer sciences, critical science/pedagogy, inclusion/access/equity/diversity.

*Research interests*: Professional literacy and induction, global connections.

*Why choose Purdue?* It’s Purdue: a highly ranked land-grant institution that encourages transdisciplinary scholarship; is actively pursuing diversity, equity and inclusion; and is committed to family and consumer sciences education. Purdue is a place that I believe I can make a difference!

**Calah Ford**

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**Breanya Hogue**

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*From where are you coming?* Indiana University Bloomington, IUPUC and University of Indianapolis

*Teaching interests*: Literacy methods, assessment and/or approaches; culturally responsive and proactive pedagogies; educational leadership and policy; school/classroom culture and engagement; family/community involvement.

*Research interests*: Preservice teacher urban education, communities of practice, preservice teacher leadership and activism, maximizing out of school time/summer through literacy engagement and enrichment.

*Why choose Purdue?* The strides and efforts the school of education is making to address and improve literacy education teaching practices and student success as well as the priority to equip and prepare preservice teachers for their future teaching roles through diverse and research-supported opportunities.

**Lanette Jimerson**

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**Erica McClure**

Clinical professor

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*From where are you coming?* University of Louisville

*Teaching interests*: I am driven by a strong need to promote equitable access to high-quality instruction and a rigorous curriculum differentiated to meet individual abilities in addition to helping practitioners develop the capacity and access the tools needed to support the learners in their classrooms by working with educators before they enter the field.

*Research interests*: The broad objective of my research agenda is to develop novel systems and contribute to the existing body of rigorous research examining systems for supporting and training practitioners working with students with disabilities.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue University’s focus on conducting rigorous research, providing high-quality instruction to students and promoting an equitable environment that supports all individuals aligns perfectly with my personal and professional goals.

**Amber Neal-Stanley**

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*Teaching interests*: Preservice teachers, community engagement.

*Research interests*: Rural education; preservice teachers and community engagement; pedagogies of care.

*Why choose Purdue?* I wanted to teach at a land-grant university.

**Brenda Sarmiento Quezada**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* University of Texas at San Antonio

*Teaching interests*: Language acquisition and teacher preparation, emerging bilingualism.

*Research interests*: Dual language and bilingual education policy and praxis, teacher preparation, displaced students, multiliteracies and digital spaces.

**Ofelia Schepers**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* Metropolitan State University of Denver

*Teaching interests*: My teaching interest center anti-racism and trauma-informed practices in dual language and bilingual/multilingual education. I am interested in teaching future educators to put theory into practice for dual language learners and understand the power dynamics when considering how racism and linguicism are reproduced in classrooms and curricula.

*Research interests*: Educational equity, trauma-informed practices that center language learners, secondary traumatic stress in teachers and teacher retention.

*Why choose Purdue?* The program area faculty at Purdue were not only renowned in their area of study with language learners, they were also kind and compassionate when I came for my campus interview. Climate makes or breaks the experience, and it was clear that they valued collegiality as much as their research.

ENGINEERING

**Stephan Biller**

Professor

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*From where are you coming?* General Motors, General Electric, IBM

*Teaching interests*: Digital transformation, digital manufacturing, supply chain management, analytics.

*Research interests*: Digital twin, smart manufacturing, IoT, AI applications.

*Why choose Purdue?* Best university for digital manufacturing research in the United States.

**Hitesh Bindra**

Associate professor

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*From where are you coming?* Kansas State University

*Teaching interests*: Thermal-fluid sciences, nuclear reactor engineering, energy systems.

*Research interests*: Thermal-fluid sciences, nuclear reactor safety, energy storage, statistical learning.

*Why choose Purdue?* I think Purdue University provides the perfect environment for the next stage of my research in advanced nuclear reactors and energy storage.

**Behzad Esmaeili**

Associate professor

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*From where are you coming?* George Mason University

*Teaching interests*: Human factor.

*Research interests*: Human factor, cyber-physical systems, occupational safety.

*Why choose Purdue?* Excellent research reputation.

**Yining Feng**

Research assistant professor

Civil Engineering

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*From where are you coming?* Purdue University

*Research interests*: Energy harvesting and sensing in civil and environmental engineering.

*Why choose Purdue?* Great research resources.

**Yan Gu**

Associate professor

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*From where are you coming?* University of Massachusetts Lowell

*Teaching interests*: Controls and robotics.

*Research interests*: Nonlinear control, hybrid systems, legged locomotion and wearable robots.

*Why choose Purdue?* Excellent research resources and collaboration opportunities.

**Qi Guo**

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*From where are you coming?* University of California Berkeley and KAUST, Saudi Arabia

*Teaching interests*: Electronics.

*Research interests*: Futuristic electronics.

*Why choose Purdue?* Globally leading university for semiconductor electronics.

**Kevin Kircher**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* MIT

*Teaching interests*: Energy, control.

*Research interests*: Buildings, power systems, control, optimization.

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*From where are you coming?* Cornell University

*Teaching interests*: Spacecraft dynamics and estimation.

*Research interests*: Multisensor multiobject tracking, spacecraft navigation, information-driven control, cislunar space.

*Why choose Purdue?* To work with exceptional faculty, recruit top students and participate in Purdue’s research initiatives.

**Can Li**

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*From where are you coming?* Carnegie Mellon University

*Teaching interests*: Computational and applied math related classes in engineering.

*Research interests*: Process systems engineering, energy systems optimization.

*Why choose Purdue?* It has a strong research team in my research area. Very friendly and collaborative colleagues. Strong students.

**Xiaoyuan Lou**

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*From where are you coming?* University of Pennsylvania

*Teaching interests*: Engineering-biology interface, biomechanics, materials in medicine.

*Research interests*: Biomaterials, tissue engineering, regenerative medicine.

*Why choose Purdue?* Great facilities and infrastructure to do research, colleagues that are eager to support and collaborate, friendly culture and synergy in the department.

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*From where are you coming?* University of Stuttgart, Germany

*Teaching interests*: Reinforced concrete, bond, anchorage, strengthening, earthquake, fire, impact.

*Research interests*: Reinforced concrete, bond, anchorage, strengthening, earthquake, fire, impact.

*Why choose Purdue?* High reputation of the university, open position for reinforced concrete structures.

**Young-Jun Son**

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*From where are you coming?* University of Arizona

*Teaching interests*: Modeling and computer simulation, smart manufacturing systems.

*Research interests*: Data-driven, multiscale simulation and decision model for design and control in various applications, including extended manufacturing enterprise, homeland security, health care and social networks.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue IE is a leading school in the globe.

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*From where are you coming?* Scripps Research

*Teaching interests*: Exploration of the many unmet needs in health care and how digital health technologies can address them.

*Research interests*: Implementation science of digital health technologies to improve health research and care, in particular for addressing health inequities.

*Why choose Purdue?* Not only is it my alma mater, but the people and culture provide a unique environment for collaboration to enable a focus on solving very complicated problems.

**Ziran Wang**

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*From where are you coming?* Toyota Motor North America R&D

*Teaching interests*: Autonomous driving.

*Research interests*: Autonomous driving, digital twin, human-robot interaction.

*Why choose Purdue?* I choose to join Purdue because it has a world-renowned engineering college with a top-notch transportation program in the School of Civil Engineering.

**Matthew Ward**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* Purdue University

*Teaching interests*: Autonomic neuromodulation, neurophysiology, wearable technology and analytics, and senior/junior design.

*Research interests*: Bioelectronics, autonomic neuromodulation, computational neuroscience, assistive technologies for mental health treatment and personalized medicine.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue has a welcoming, collaborative and fast-paced environment, with top-notch facilities and support to ensure faculty and student success.

**Tiwei Wei**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* Stanford University

*Teaching interests*: Heat transfer and electronic packaging related courses, such as ME 200

(Thermodynamics I), ME 300 (Thermodynamics II), ME 315 (Heat and Mass Transfer) and ECE 595 (Electronics Packaging).

*Research interests*: Semiconductor advanced packaging manufacturing and thermal management.

*Why choose Purdue?* I am exceptionally attracted by the strengths of the School of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University, especially the Cooling Technologies Research Center and the Center for Heterogenous Integration Research in Packaging, and its deep commitment to fundamental heat transfer studies and electronics packaging.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

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*From where are you coming?* Institute for Systems Biology (Seattle, Washington)

*Teaching interests*: Computational biology, neurodegenerative diseases, toxicology.

*Research interests*: Systems-level understanding of neurodegeneration, effects of toxins in neurodegeneration, systems-level understanding of aging, metabolic differences in aging and neurodegeneration.

*Why choose Purdue?* Great research and collaborative environment, computational resources, collaborate with experts in the field, mentoring and teaching opportunities.

**Afsan Bhadelia**

Assistant professor

Public Health

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*From where are you coming?* Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

*Teaching interests*: Global health; health systems strengthening; health equity analysis; health metrics for priority-setting, planning and implementation; health policy translation; ethical considerations in public health policy and practice.

*Research interests*: 1) Apply a systems and gender lens to identify neglected public health challenges; 2) develop and implement new methodologies and metrics at the convergence of public health, complexity science, public policy, ethics and economics to advance value-based health care, especially justice-oriented and people-centered approaches to address social and structural determinants of health disparities; 3) trace health systems globally using chronic diseases as a litmus test for the accessibility, effectiveness, quality, affordability and equity of health care.

*Why choose Purdue?* The opportunity to participate in a rich and vibrant academic community that promotes transdisciplinary discourse, research and teaching, as well as to advance public engagement and educational justice.

**Annabel Biruete**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* IUPUI

*Teaching interests*: I have always enjoyed teaching

clinical nutrition courses. I think it is valuable for students to learn about real-life experiences, based on case studies, and dive into the literature about the evidence for the current recommendations for healthy people and those experiencing a disease. I also enjoy one-on-one mentorship and establishing relationships and goals with mentees based on their career expectations.

*Research interests*: My clinical interest is nutrition in kidney diseases. My research program is interested in understanding the changes in the gastrointestinal tract and its associated microbiome with common dietary recommendations and pharmacological therapies used in chronic kidney disease. My secondary line of research is related to improving the health of Hispanic/Latinx people living with chronic kidney disease.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue is a top university with an outstanding Department of Nutrition Science. My experience throughout the interview process was really good, and it was exciting to see and learn about the resources available to faculty. I’m excited to join Purdue!

**Heather Bowling**

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*From where are you coming?* Riley Hospital

*Teaching interests*: Nursing, pediatrics, ethics/diversity.

*Research interests*: Process improvement; diversity and inclusion.

*Why choose Purdue?* I attended Purdue for my undergraduate degree and love the university and culture.

**Stephen Broomell**

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*From where are you coming?* Carnegie Mellon University

*Teaching interests*: Judgement and decision making.

*Research interests*: Cognition, methodology, mathematical modeling.

*Why choose Purdue?* For collaboration and collegiality.

**Jennifer Brown**

Associate professor

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*From where are you coming?* University of Cincinnati

*Teaching interests*: At the undergraduate level I enjoy teaching health psychology and clinical psychology classes such as abnormal psychology. At the graduate level, I enjoy teaching psychotherapy-focused and research methodology coursework.

*Research interests*: My research seeks to address health disparities domestically and globally in the following domains: 1) Development and evaluation of culturally tailored interventions to prevent HIV/AIDS and improve reproductive health outcomes among vulnerable populations; 2) development and evaluation of interventions to address the intersection between mental health, substance use, Hepatitis C Virus and HIV; 3) implementation science approaches to improve HIV, reproductive health and substance use outcomes; 4) employ Cultural Consensus Modeling (CCM) to understand cultural facets of mental health, substance use, reproductive health and infectious disease disparities.

*Why choose Purdue?* I chose to join the faculty at Purdue University for its strong focus on research and the opportunity to join the outstanding faculty in the Department of Psychological Sciences.

**Nathan Cheek**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* Princeton University

*Teaching interests*: Social psychology, especially social cognition, prejudice and decision-making.

*Research interests*: Prejudice, poverty, economic inequality, judgment and decision-making.

*Why choose Purdue?* I was – and still am – excited to join a department with exciting research and a collegial and welcoming atmosphere.

**Heather Ciesielski**

Associate professor

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*From where are you coming?* Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center

*Teaching interests*: My teaching interests are training graduate students in clinical skills, particularly for child behavior management and assessment, as well as in clinical and research ethics.

*Research interests*: My research interests are primarily in clinical outcomes for evidence-based behavioral treatments for children and families, especially behavior parent training for young children with emotional and behavior disorders. I also have research interests in using mindfulness techniques to enhance behavioral treatments.

*Why choose Purdue?* I was extremely impressed with the dynamics of the faculty as well as their collegiality. Joining such a robust faculty will provide an excellent opportunity for me to focus exclusively on my passion for graduate clinical training.

**Christopher Coleman**

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**Laura Elenbaas**

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*From where are you coming?* I am joining Purdue from my prior position as assistant professor of psychology at the University of Rochester.

*Teaching interests*: I teach graduate and undergraduate courses on the science of human development.

*Research interests*: I study how kids think about people, groups and society. I am especially interested in the development of stereotypes and reasoning about fairness.

*Why choose Purdue?* I look forward to collaborating with the terrific faculty in HDFS and across campus.

**Michelle Garrison**

Department head and professor

Public Health

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*From where are you coming?* University of Washington and Seattle Children’s Research Institute.

*Teaching interests*: Using team-based learning and other active learning strategies to teach about sleep, program evaluation and research methods.

*Research interests*: Sleep equity, health media use, family-centered health behavior change, quality improvement in health care settings and research/evaluation methods to maximize generalizability.

*Why choose Purdue?* The amazing opportunity to step in as a department head for a new and rapidly growing department of public health.

**Qiuhong He**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* Arizona State University

*Teaching interests*: Nursing informatics, public health nursing, social and contextual in nursing.

*Research interests*: Infectious disease prevention and management, vaccination, nurses’ psychological aspects during the infectious disease outbreak.

*Why choose Purdue?* Supportive research and collaborative environment.

**Christine Jones**

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**Ceridwyn King**

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*From where are you coming?* Temple University

*Teaching interests*: Service management, services marketing, consulting projects.

*Research interests*: Brand management with a particular focus on internal stakeholders.

*Why choose Purdue?* World-class program and faculty with an abundance of exciting opportunities to pursue.

**Teri Kirby**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* University of Exeter (United Kingdom)

*Teaching interests*: Social psychology, diversity science.

*Research interests*: Diversity, inclusion, identity.

*Why choose Purdue?* Great colleagues doing impactful research.

**Brandon Kistler**

Assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* Ball State University

*Teaching interests*: Preparing strong clinicians, scientist and clinician scientist.

*Research interests*: Clinical nutrition: especially kidney disease, cardiovascular disease and postprandial metabolism.

*Why choose Purdue?* The opportunity to grow in an environment with top-notch people and facilities and the ability to contribute to important scientific advancements.

**Arianna LaCroix**

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*From where are you coming?* Midwestern University

*Teaching interests*: I enjoy teaching students about the speech-language pathology profession with a specific interest in teaching students to work with individuals who have an acquired brain injury (e.g., stroke, TBI).

*Research interests*: I am interested in understanding how cognition (attention, memory) and language change following a brain injury. My long-term research goal is to use this knowledge to develop effective rehabilitation programs.

*Why choose Purdue?* The SLHS faculty are an incredibly strong and diverse team. I was also drawn to the abundance of research resources at Purdue.

**Zachary La Fratta**

Clinical assistant professor

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*From where are you coming?* Gallaudet University

*Teaching interests*: Pediatric audiology.

*Research interests*: Hearing assistive technologies.

*Why choose Purdue?* To empower graduate audiology students to learn evidenced-based clinical practices and engage in outreach and advocacy opportunities.

**Kathryn LaRoche**

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*Teaching interests*: Research methods, qualitative and mixed-methods research, sexual and reproductive health, public health.

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*Why choose Purdue?* To empower graduate audiology students to learn evidenced-based clinical practices and engage in outreach and advocacy opportunities.

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*Teaching interests*: Service management through experiential, inclusive and active learning.

*Research interests*: Persuasion strategy, experience design, consumer well-being.

*Why choose Purdue?* Great resources and opportunities for students and faculty.

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*Teaching interests*: Active learning, critical thinking and mentorship of students at all levels in public health issues.

*Research interests*: HIV disparities among Black men who have sex with men, and health and racial disparities, broadly.

*Why choose Purdue?* The Purdue University community (students, staff and faculty) offer an exciting environment to learn, grow and make impactful change.

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*From where are you coming?* The Ministry of Health and Human Services in the Turks and Caicos Islands

*Teaching interests*: I am interested in teaching undergraduate and graduate courses related to epidemiology and biostatistics. I am particularly interested in discussing current threats to global health and making use of my experience as a field epidemiologist to demonstrate epidemiological concepts.

*Research interests*: I am interested in the health risk behaviors of adolescents – specifically, how social cognitive factors, such as attitudes and beliefs, guide health behaviors and how those social cognitive factors can be influenced (especially through positive family relationships).

*Why choose Purdue?* The opportunity to work with world-renowned faculty, contribute to cutting-edge research and the institution’s commitment to inclusion and innovation.

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*Teaching interests*: Developmental psychology.

*Research interests*: Literacy development and impairment, including dyslexia/dysgraphia, across cultures.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue is clearly on an upward trajectory with very good morale and new initiatives. This makes it very exciting!

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*Teaching interests*: The psychology of gender, LGBTQ+ issues, stereotyping and prejudice.

*Research interests*: Gender/sex, sexism, feminism, stereotyping and prejudice; social justice.

*Why choose Purdue?* Primarily the department – everyone seemed super nice and supportive during the interview, and there are several other faculty with overlapping research interests.

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*From where are you coming?* I’m proud to have joined the Boiler community three years ago as a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Psychological Sciences. I previously completed my doctorate in human nutrition from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

*Teaching interests*: I have training and expertise in nutrition and chronic disease, phytochemicals, food science, global public health, early child development and neuropsychiatric disorders. I look forward to pulling from each of these fields to teach a variety of courses. I also believe in creating a safe and inclusive environment in the classroom. My research focuses on neurodiverse and minority populations, food security and equitable access, and these are topics I will incorporate in the classroom.

*Research interests*: My research will continue to focus on diet and sensory-related research in individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders. I will also conduct clinical trials to evaluate the safety and efficacy of anti-inflammatory phytochemicals for the prevention and treatment of chronic disease and neuropsychiatric disorders. The implications of successful studies are endless as these compounds can promote a healthy lifestyle and have the potential to treat unlimited inflammatory conditions. Plant-based therapies are a “green” solution that are translatable in low-resource settings, reaching those in most need.

*Why choose Purdue?* As a postdoc at Purdue, I’ve had the chance to work with many faculty members in different departments. I experienced such a supportive, collaborative and inclusive environment that I knew I wanted to continue my research journey here. I’ve also worked with brilliant colleagues and students, and I look forward to teaching and continuing to be inspired by them.

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*From where are you coming?* Auburn University

*Teaching interests*: Applied human service skills, clinical skills, helping professional development.

*Research interests*: Military families, risk, resilience, mental health and well-being.

*Why choose Purdue?* Excellent teaching support resources.

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*From where are you coming?* I’m originally from Atlanta; however, I’m coming to Purdue from Kansas State University where I was a professional sales faculty member for two years.

*Teaching interests*: Professional sales, sales management, negotiations and sales technology.

*Research interests*: Professional salespeople, negotiations, social selling and technology.

*Why choose Purdue?* When I visited campus, the atmosphere felt like home. I loved the faculty and my interactions with students. I’m excited to join the sales program and conduct meaningful research.

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*Teaching interests*: Public health, quality improvement, maternal health.

*Research interests*: Maternal morbidity/ mortality, breastfeeding and maternal mental health.

*Why choose Purdue?* It has always been a long-term goal of mine!

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*Research interests*: Preventive health behavior, community-based research, mHealth, cancer prevention.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue University encourages interdisciplinary collaborations, has a diverse and inclusive environment and provides great opportunities for personal and professional growth.

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*Research interests*: Fundraising, libraries and community well-being.

*Why choose Purdue?* Culture of excellence and high-quality research.

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*From where are you coming?* Purdue Policy Research Institute

*Teaching interests*: I like to explore interdisciplinary themes related to urban environments, historic preservation planning, urban planning and urban conservation with students.

*Research interests*: I am interested in examining the equity and policy implications of preserving the historic built environment in both India and the United States.

*Why choose Purdue?* I was drawn to, and I am excited to join, the amazing cohort of diverse colleagues with a range of interdisciplinary expertise, and the talented students at the John Martinson Honors College at Purdue University.

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*Teaching interests*: Computational social science, cultural sociology, sociology of health.

*Research interests*: Computational social science, cultural sociology, sociology of health.

*Why choose Purdue?* The fantastic faculty in the department!

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*From where are you coming?* University of Hong Kong

*Teaching interests*: Metaphysics, logic, history of philosophy, philosophy of science, philosophy of language.

*Research interests*: Truth, metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of science.

*Why choose Purdue?* I joined Purdue because it was time for my family and me to leave Hong Kong and begin our journey with a new university.

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*From where are you coming?* Prior to joining Purdue, I was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvey Mudd College.

*Teaching interests*: My teaching interests lie in the history of science and technology. I am particularly interested in offering classes in the history of data use and abuse, artificial intelligence and computing.

*Research interests*: I am working on a book manuscript that examines Soviet and American intertwined efforts in artificial intelligence research and development.

*Why choose Purdue?* I joined Purdue because of its strong research profile.

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*Teaching interests*: International relations, international security, quantitative research methods.

*Research interests*: International security, weapons proliferation and arms control, computational measurement models.

*Why choose Purdue?* Exciting opportunities to pursue interdisciplinary research and teaching, plus the excellent collegial culture of the political science department.

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*From where are you coming?* I just completed my Ph.D. from the University of Kansas.

*Teaching interests*: My teaching areas include intercultural communication, interpersonal communication, health communication and all classes that intersect with my research agenda.

*Research interests*: My research focuses on the relationship between communication and disability, stereotypes and relational and identity processes. My research investigates the ways in which positive and effective communication can reduce group-level stereotyping and improve outcomes for marginalized people in their personal relationships, in the workplace and in health contexts. Specifically, a majority of my research is in the field of interability communication – communication between people with disabilities and people without disabilities. Interability communication is oftentimes unsatisfying to both groups, particularly people with disabilities, due to things like anxiety, uncertainty, institutional policies and stereotypes. My research asks: How can effective, appropriate and positive communication reduce stereotyping and improve intergroup relations and health outcomes?

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue University, and the Lamb School, are renowned for innovation, hard work and success. I am thrilled to be joining the faculty, and I am looking forward to continuing to get to know faculty, staff and students. I look forward to many years of collaboration and learning!

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*Teaching interests*: Congress and state legislative politics, American political economy, measurement science, causal inference.

*Research interests*: American political institutions, policymaking, money in politics, ideal point estimation, representation, polarization and electoral systems.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue’s dual commitment to research and instructional excellence; desire to return and serve the students of Midwest.

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*Teaching interests*: American politics, research methodology.

*Research interests*: U.S. Congress, machine learning.

*Why choose Purdue?* Both the Department of Political Science and the C-SPAN archives made Purdue a very good fit.

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*From where are you coming?* University of Minnesota, Washington State University, Indiana State University

*Teaching interests*: My teaching philosophy and pedagogical response to the current design environment focuses on incorporating practice-based experiences to build creative habits while introducing students in an intuitive fashion to vital concepts and techniques. By starting with firsthand immersive experiences in my studios, and building from there to peer collaboration, critical thought and analysis, design ideation and decision-making, I seek to promote a focus on user experience and on the communication of nuanced worldviews through design. I present students with two fundamental questions: (a) In an era of global change and upheaval, how can design approaches contribute to promoting understanding, creating healthy lives and well-being and shaping positive societal structures? and (b) what intellectual and practical tools are most effective for designers in seeking to create such environments? One of my primary interests in teaching is to help students learn about and address challenges related to sustainable design and to think broadly about the meaning of that term. To accomplish this goal, I believe that nontraditional and immersive learning opportunities can be vital, in combination with the development of critical thinking skills and technical expertise. My interest in nontraditional pedagogies – which I have embraced in the classroom and about which I have conducted peer-reviewed research – largely stems from this awareness of the profound need for conceptual enlargement and experience-building as a means for students to forge effective and professional design outlooks.

*Research interests*: My research program advances the study of sustainable interior environments from a holistic “living systems” perspective. I focus on developing the concepts and practices of biophilic, regenerative and sustainable design so that they encompass a full range of ecological processes, social dynamics and psychological orientations. This work aims to move beyond partial and piecemeal metrics of sustainability and to recognize the role that design can play in prompting a reassessment of our relationship to nature and authentically embodying this change. On a practical level, this means identifying the steps and strategies needed to achieve indoor environmental designs that support human health and well-being, communicate ecological meaning, and are embedded in truly sound ecological practices. I am interested in two primary research threads. First, I conduct pedagogical research into how design students can be taught both the science of sustainable design and the ability to creatively embody experiences of nature through their work. Second, I am interested in the process of tailoring sustainable building practices to different geographical and cultural regions, and incorporating an awareness of social issues along with biophilic outlooks in these approaches to sustainability. My pedagogical research examines the effectiveness of nontraditional and out-of-classroom approaches, such as immersive learning environments, industry-teaching partnerships and explorative knowledge-building. I am interested in analyzing the success of such techniques in developing design students’ critical and creative capacities and their sense of independence and leadership in the field. These practices may be particularly relevant to the implementation of biophilic and regenerative design, since in order to become change leaders in these areas, students must learn how to integrate and communicate new perspectives. I focus on how students can be taught to seek creative inspiration (usually from nature) and then also how to translate that inspiration into work that is technologically robust and interfaces effectively with the existing conditions of the local industry. Each of these components may benefit from nontraditional learning approaches. My second primary research focus is the localization and practical development of green building codes, standards and concepts and their integration with broader issues of social concern, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa. I have been part of a growing push to tailor the Green Building Council’s LEED rating system so that it can be more effectively applied in different international contexts, and to expand this rating system so that it incorporates a larger range of health factors and socioeconomic considerations. Previous green building standards have focused almost entirely on a limited set of technical metrics such as energy efficiency, and they have tended to overlook the broader human and sociological concerns involved in design, construction and building use, which also have tremendous ecological impacts. This research is a form of community-engaged scholarship that seeks to build bridges between academia, governments and industry and thereby have a direct impact on design and construction practices and the resulting quality of human life. I am a founding member of the Biophilic Net-Positive Design Project, which brings together faculty from diverse institutions and areas of study to discuss new theories and practices in biophilic design with a focus on health, well-being, and ecological benefits. This study group emphasizes that an integrative biophilic design approach promoting experiences of connection to nature may provide human and ecological benefits that extend beyond a narrow sustainability focus that is limited to technical metrics such as energy use. The working group has brought together diverse faculty, students, industry practitioners and other stakeholders to conduct online workshops and exchange ideas about new research directions. I am currently working to develop a “living lab” demonstration project at Purdue, which will showcase new pedagogical approaches, perspectives, and evidence-based research on biophilic design.

*Why choose Purdue?* I choose to join the faculty at Purdue University because of the excellent reputation of the interior design program and Purdue University in general. This includes, but is not limited to, the interior design program’s values in promoting interdisciplinarity, global awareness, community engagement, free inquiry, experiential learning and a rigorous and transformative professional education.

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*Teaching interests*: Early modern, Shakespeare, 16th-century drama, travel narrative.

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*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue has a vibrant, dynamic and diverse campus and programs. Great and dynamic student profile.

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*Teaching interests*: Sociology of culture, sociology of religion, research methods.

*Research interests*: Culture, religion and science.

*Why choose Purdue?* I am joining faculty at Purdue University because the sociology department is really strong in culture and religion and because I love working at Big Ten schools in the Midwest.

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*Teaching interests*: International relations, international political economy, research methods.

*Research interests*: Financial governance, financial technology, global norms and agendas, gender and LGBTQQ+ politics, measurement and scaling.

*Why choose Purdue?* I’m thrilled to join a department that combines teaching excellence with a demonstrated commitment to exceptional research.

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*Teaching interests*: Social inequality.

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*Why choose Purdue?* I appreciate the innovative culture and support at Purdue.

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*From where are you coming?* Most recently, Purdue University; before that, I completed my graduate studies at Northwestern University.

*Teaching interests*: Ancient Greek and Roman philosophy and literature, ethics, bioethics.

*Research interests*: Kant and 19th- and 20th-century post-Kantian philosophy.

*Why choose Purdue?* As a former postdoc at Purdue, I am super impressed with the unique, interdisciplinary teaching community offered by the Cornerstone Program, and I am excited to keep talking shop (that is, impenetrable German philosophy) with my colleagues in the philosophy department.

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*Teaching interests*: Russian language, literature and culture; comparative literature; Jewish studies.

*Research interests*: Philosophy of language; Russian language and literature; language and STEM; Jewish studies.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue University is one of the best places for interdisciplinary research and teaching in the areas of both humanities and STEM.

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*Teaching interests*: History of technology, history of science.

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*Why choose Purdue?* Research, reputation, resources.

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*Teaching interests*: Legal and political philosophy, the history of ethics, existentialism, logic.

*Research interests*: Legal and political philosophy, the history of ethics.

*Why choose Purdue?* The philosophy department treated me extremely well during the recruiting phase; competitive compensation package; research prestige.

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*Why choose Purdue?* The opportunity to unite science and the liberal arts in research and teaching.

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*Research interests*: Philosophy of physics, history of quantum mechanics, metaphysics of science.

*Why choose Purdue?* Very welcoming philosophy department.

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*From where are you coming?* I served as a visiting instructor in the Cornerstone program last year.

*Teaching interests*: Integrated liberal arts, transformative texts.

*Research interests*: Comparative religions (particularly Buddhism as well as religion in popular culture).

*Why choose Purdue?* Last year I taught as a visiting instructor in the Cornerstone program and loved it.

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*Teaching interests*: Crime, deviance and medicine.

*Research interests*: Drug markets and policy.

*Why choose Purdue?* Cost of living and university resources.

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*From where are you coming?* I had a postdoc at UCLA.

*Teaching interests*: I’m interested in teaching science and society, environmental sociology, and data and society.

*Research interests*: I study the nexus of scientific practice, emerging technologies and expert authority. Currently, my work focuses on two topics. First, I look at how the organizations of science are evolving to meet a variety of threats including political pressure, intensifying global competition, new communications and machine learning technologies, and emerging regulatory and managerial bodies. Second, I investigate the production of science in areas that have had chronic legitimacy problems like the social sciences to shed light on the complex

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*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue is an ideal spot for a sociologist interested in science and technology.

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*From where are you coming?* I recently finished my Ph.D. in applied sociocultural anthropology at the University of Arizona.

*Teaching interests*: I will be teaching courses on applied anthropology, community engagement and food studies.

*Research interests*: I specialize in community-based participatory research. Much of my research has focused on food security, food systems and community organizing.

*Why choose Purdue?* Through Purdue’s Department of Anthropology, I am thrilled that I will be able to bring my love of applied anthropology back to my home state in this new experimental position focused on community engagement and training the next generation of practicing anthropology.

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*From where are you coming?* University of Pennsylvania.

*Teaching interests*: Scientific study of law and conflict.

*Research interests*: Scientific study of law and conflict.

*Why choose Purdue?* I liked the policies being put in place to make the university more interdisciplinary.

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*From where are you coming?* Before coming to Purdue, I taught literature, philosophy and classical languages to high school students at Tempe Preparatory Academy in Arizona after several years teaching at the university level.

*Teaching interests*: I enjoy teaching a wide range of philosophy and literature, and the opportunity to teach from a variety of periods and genres is one attractive feature of teaching in the Cornerstone Program.

*Research interests*: My work has focused on Ancient Greek philosophy, especially the ethical and political thought of Aristotle.

*Why choose Purdue?* The Cornerstone Program represents one important model for the future of the liberal arts in higher education, and I look forward to guiding students in the exploration of transformative texts and the development of their core intellectual skills.

**Daniel Schiff**

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*From where are you coming?* Georgia Institute of Technology and JP Morgan Chase

*Teaching interests*: I hope to provide meaningful learning opportunities to social science and STEM students and beyond interested in the intersection of policy, technology and ethics. Possible courses will address the role of technology in public policy, experimental research methods and the social and ethical implications of artificial intelligence systems. Undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing creative team projects and potentially engaging in research should sign up!

*Research interests*: I study the formal and informal governance of AI through policy and industry, as well as AI’s social and ethical implications in domains like education, manufacturing, finance and criminal justice. My interdisciplinary and mixed methods research addresses topics such as industry standards and organizational practices for AI ethics, public and elite opinion and influence dynamics in the policy process, the development of social responsibility attitudes amongst future computing and engineering professionals, and the role of the public in governing emerging technologies.

*Why choose Purdue?* On top of how collegial and thoughtful everyone has been, I was blown away by the dynamic environment and energy. I look forward to collaborating with other faculty at the intersection of social science and technology and contributing to a university that has exhibited such tremendous leadership globally. I’m excited to bring my work on AI policy and ethics to Purdue through a new Governance and Responsible AI Lab (GRAIL). Please feel free to reach out.

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*Teaching interests*: Interdisciplinary education, composition, literature and gender studies.

*Research interests*: Transatlantic literature, sensory studies, new woman literature, fashion studies, folklore.

*Why choose Purdue?* Because I love the Midwest.

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*Teaching interests*: Music technology, music composition, music theory, music performance/improvisation.

*Research interests*: Algorithmic composition, generative audio/music, digital signal processing.

*Why choose Purdue?* Opportunities for funding, cross-disciplinary collaboration.

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*Why choose Purdue?* Opportunities for funding, cross-disciplinary collaboration.

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*Teaching interests*: Medical anthropology, feminist science and technology studies.

*Research interests*: Clinical trials, epigenetics, reproduction and systemic racism.

*Why choose Purdue?* The stimulating research environment and support.

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*Research interests*: Sociogenomics, genetics, health.

*Why choose Purdue?* Perfect fit

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*Teaching interests*: Chinese language and literature, East Asian thoughts.

*Research interests*: Late imperial Chinese literature and religion.

*Why choose Purdue?* I’ve been teaching as a lecturer of Chinese and Cornerstone and thoroughly enjoyed my work at Purdue! I look forward to continuing to serve my students and the liberal arts in my new position.

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*Research interests*: Social cognition, moral psychology and the cognitive science of norms.

*Why choose Purdue?* Great colleagues.

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*Teaching interests*: My teaching interests include health mis- and disinformation; women’s health issues, including endometriosis and other issues affecting Black women; and health literacy.

*Research interests*: My research interests revolve around women’s health information issues, particularly chronic illness, the dissemination of health mis- and disinformation and working with diversity, equity and belonging initiatives to assist underserved and underrepresented communities.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue University is a university where opportunities are abundant for both research and community outreach – two facets of my work that are extremely important to me. I chose Purdue because I saw opportunities for growth as a professional, as an educator, as a researcher and as a person.

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*Teaching interests*: I enjoy teaching international trade and macroeconomics.

*Research interests*: My fields of specialization are international economics and trade, with a focus on trade under uncertainty. I focus on firms’ choices to engage in trade, create global supply chains and explore the mechanisms firms have to insure themselves against different sources of risk.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue has a fantastic economics department with great economists who specialize in trade.

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*Teaching interests*: Real estate.

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*Why choose Purdue?* Active research community.

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*Teaching interests*: Real estate, household finance and macroeconomics.

*Research interests*: Real estate and mortgage markets, higher education and student loans, and the macroeconomy.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue is a dynamic institution that operates at the cutting edge of innovation and aspires to be at the cutting edge of research while still putting students first.

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*From where are you coming?* I graduated my Ph.D. program at Goizueta Business School, Emory University in Spring 2022.

*Teaching interests*: I have a strong interest in instructing courses that integrate my empirical expertise with the pragmatic resolution of marketing issues. Before joining Purdue, I taught business analytics master's students how to acquire and clean data from web sources and conduct analyses to address business problems.

*Research interests*: I am an empirical researcher who focuses on diverse marketing issues. I am particularly interested in understanding sponsorship in digital environments. In my research, I develop an empirical model to quantify the impact of various types of influencers' live streams on featured product purchases.

*Why choose Purdue?* I joined Purdue since it is a prominent academic school not just in the United States, but also worldwide. Specifically, Krannert assists faculty in doing high-quality business research, which demonstrates how much the school appreciates scholarship.

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*Why choose Purdue?* Excellent research environment and the new real estate program.

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*From where are you coming?* The Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon

*Teaching interests*: Leadership, organizational behavior and psychological processes at work.

*Research interests*: I am intrigued by the tensions and synergies generated from life’s complexities – both at work and at home. In my primary research, I investigate the fruitful ways life outside of work influences employee emotions, attitudes and behaviors. A secondary stream of work focuses on interpersonal dynamics at work, namely contemporary extensions to justice research. A final research stream has emerged from the nexus of my study of work/nonwork and justice that focuses on the role of complex emotions at work – such as nostalgia, pride and gratitude – in explaining the relationships between experiences in and outside the workplace and employee outcomes.

*Why choose Purdue?* I am so happy to find an academic home with shared values on research, teaching and service to our community. By joining the OBHR area at Krannert, I can pursue my career surrounded by scholars that I admire, respect and enjoy; I can teach thoughtful and engaged students to become innovative and compassionate future leaders; and I can serve a university and local community that embraces the responsibility of making our world a better place.

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*Why choose Purdue?* Excellent research environment and the new real estate program.

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*Teaching interests*: Chronic care management, therapeutics and interdisciplinary learning.

*Research interests*: Implementing and assessing tools to improve patient outcomes.

*Why choose Purdue?* I chose to join the facultyat Purdue because the faculty encompasses like-minded passionate people who are patient about patient care and education. Purdue has been a leader in many of the initiatives that I am interested in and also want to work on.

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*Why choose Purdue?* Excellent research environment, tech commercialization, outstanding student quality.

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*Research interests*: Using chemical techniques to advance manufacturing, stabilization, and controlled release of biopharmaceuticals.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue provides a highly dynamic research environment, which will allow us to perform world-class research aimed at advancing human health.

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*Teaching interests*: Building operations and maintenance, construction documents and plan reading, contracts and project administration, estimating, facilities management, materials and methods, preconstruction and construction project management, sustainability in construction and built environment.

*Research interests*: Building maintenance and condition assessment, decision-making models, fuzzy logic and fuzzy applications, facilities management and built environment, social sustainability and DEI in construction industry, pipeline and workforce development in construction industry.

*Why choose Purdue?* To contribute to the education and mentoring of future innovators and leaders in one of the nation's best public institutions.

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*From where are you coming?* For the last three years, I was teaching in the air transport management program at Singapore Institute of Technology. Prior to that, I was with Newcastle University in the UK.

*Teaching interests*: My teaching interests are in the area of aviation economics, policy and management. I also enjoy teaching research methods courses. I generally like teaching students how to work with data.

*Research interests*: I have done work on a multitude of issues in aviation economics and policy. I am perhaps best known for my research on airline partnerships, and I still have some active projects in this area. Recently I also explored such topics as airline schedule adjustment following the 737 MAX grounding, relationship between delays and airfares, and impact of airline market liberalization in Asia, among others. I am going to add work on sustainability of the aviation sector to my research agenda.

*Why choose Purdue?* As I gradually transitioned from economics to aviation management in my research and teaching, I was looking for an academic institution where I could thrive as both a teacher and a researcher. When I saw that Purdue was hiring in the aviation management area, I jumped at the opportunity. This is simply one of the best places in the world for an aviation researcher to be.

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*Teaching interests*: Manufacturing processes.

*Research interests*: Manufacturing processes and how to better prepare students for industry.

*Why choose Purdue?* As a teaching assistant I learned that I really enjoy education, and as an alum I wanted to teach at Purdue.

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*From where are you coming?* Since August of 2008, I worked in the Information Technology Department for the American Camp Association – a summer camp and youth development organization.

*Teaching interests*: I am interested in advancing online and hybrid education in general, as well as developing systems analysis and design, data automation and business intelligence classes as online or hybrid educational options for students.

*Research interests*: I am interested in researching what motivates women to seek out information technology positions, online and hybrid education, as well as data automation and business intelligence.

*Why choose Purdue?* I started as a part-time adjunct professor in January of 2000 for Purdue University – Polytechnic Institute Columbus campus. My personal goal was to become a full-time faculty member. Twenty some years later, I have accomplished the goal.

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*Teaching interests*: XR game development.

*Research interests*: The correlation between XR technologies and therapeutic medicine.

*Why choose Purdue?* Excellent faculty, students and support structure.

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*Teaching interests*: I teach courses related to leadership and organizational behavior.

*Research interests*: In one stream of research, I examine the psychological consequences of large-scale technological changes within organizations such as automation. I examine the consequences of these changes for workers, organizations and social relations more broadly. In a second stream of research, I examine the psychology of morality with a particular focus on the dynamics of moral decision-making and behavior in the workplace.

*Why choose Purdue?* I chose Purdue because I believe the Polytechnic Institute will be a great place to continue my research on the psychological consequences of new technology in the workplace. It is an incredibly interdisciplinary college where I’ll gain exposure to new ideas and research.

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*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue is a top university.

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*Teaching interests*: Physical computing, personal fabrication, ubiquitous computing, HCI.

*Research interests*: Digital fabrication, tangible user interface, sensing, accessibility, extended reality.

*Why choose Purdue?* The students and faculty at Purdue have a diverse variety of backgrounds and the particular focus on engineering will make my research thrive here at Purdue.

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*Teaching interests*: Air transportation economics, aviation analytics, aviation operations management, air cargo and supply chain management.

*Research interests*: Market structure and efficiency in aviation industry, air transportation resilience, spatial economic analysis.

*Why choose Purdue?* First and foremost, there is nothing more exciting than joining an institution that is one of the leaders in higher education. Besides, the welcoming and inclusive community at Purdue University is very encouraging. Last but not least, Purdue’s collaborative research environment would provide me with a unique opportunity to enhance my research.

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*Teaching interests*: General ECE subjects.

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*Why choose Purdue?* Coz it's Purdue :)

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*From where are you coming?* University of Michigan

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*Research interests*: Smart manufacturing.

*Why choose Purdue?* The exceptional academic and research environment at Purdue University will provide a perfect setting to establish my independent research career. The superb smart manufacturing industrial informatics research community at the university and in the West Lafayette area will provide many exciting opportunities for collaborative research.

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*Teaching interests*: Business ethics, conflict management and leadership.

*Research interests*: Destructive workplace behaviors, leadership, organizational communication and workforce development.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue’s commitment to excellence in research, teaching and innovation.

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*From where are you coming?* I came from Temple University, where I served as an assistant professor.

*Teaching interests*: Power electronics, power systems and automatic control.

*Research interests*: Power electronics, power systems and automatic control.

*Why choose Purdue?* I chose to join the faculty at Purdue University to develop my academic career further and contribute to the university from my side in return.

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*Teaching interests*: I am interested in teaching aviation management and aviation technology courses at undergraduate and graduate levels.

*Research interests*: My research interests are in the areas of sustainable aviation, specifically sustainable airports development. I am also interested in researching representation of women in aviation careers.

*Why choose Purdue?* As a graduate student at Purdue University, I have had the privilege of experiencing firsthand what it means to be Boilermaker. When I saw the opportunity to apply for a faculty position, I knew I had to try. I am honored to continue contributing to the Purdue community as a faculty member.

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*Teaching interests*: Innovation in construction management.

*Research interests*: Innovation in construction management.

*Why choose Purdue?* It was an excellent opportunity to grow.

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*From where are you coming?* I am coming from a postdoc at Indiana University.

*Teaching interests*: Privacy by design, research methods, cyber law.

*Research interests*: Digital crime, data privacy, misinformation and misperception in stigmatized illness.

*Why choose Purdue?* I did all of my degrees at Purdue before leaving for a postdoc at Indiana University. Purdue is an incredible school with incredible students and incredible faculty.

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*Teaching interests*: Materials processing, simulation, testing; manufacturing systems.

*Research interests*: Additive manufacturing, rheology of metal materials, multiphysical modeling.

*Why choose Purdue?* As a fellow Boilermaker, I find great joy in engineering education, inspiring my students in the field of materials science and technology. I am looking forward to contributing what I learned from Purdue back to a new generation of Boilermakers.

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*From where are you coming?* Kansas State University

*Teaching interests*: Information systems development, project management, database development.

*Research interests*: Student engagement, gamification in the classroom.

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*Teaching interests*: Freight transport and logistics, transportation engineering, operations research, supply chain management.

*Research interests*: At the intersection of transportation engineering, industrial engineering and data science. I am broadly interested in developing and applying mathematical models that represent, analyze and predict how stakeholders behave and make decisions, particularly in transportation, logistics and supply chain planning, engineering and management.

*Why choose Purdue?* I wanted to move to an institution that prioritizes innovative research, excellent teaching practice and dedicated great care for students.

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*Teaching interests*: Materials and processes, engineering mechanics.

*Research interests*: Innovation in engineering technology education and grain refinement of aluminum alloys.

*Why choose Purdue?* Great reputation and community.

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*Why choose Purdue?* The opportunities for professional development.

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*Teaching interests*: Computer graphics, AR/VR, robotics, AI.

*Research interests*: Affective computing, computer graphics (AR/VR, augmented intelligence, multi-agent simulation), social robotics, autonomous agents, cognitive modeling and planning for intelligent characters.

*Why choose Purdue?* A great engineering school and home to great research in computer graphics and robotics!

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*From where are you coming?* Department of Geophysical Sciences at the University of Chicago (but I’m originally from Manchester, UK).

*Teaching interests*: Earth history, low-temperature geochemistry, analytical techniques.

*Research interests*: I study the chemical makeup of sedimentary rocks to answer questions about the history of life and environments on Earth. At Purdue I'll specifically be studying some of Earth’s oldest rocks to find out how life might have originated.

*Why choose Purdue?* Purdue University is incredibly ambitious, and I wanted to be a part of new wave of exciting research. I can't wait to see how the collaborations I form at Purdue shape my future research.

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*Teaching interests*: Undergraduate and graduate chemistry and analytical chemistry courses.

*Research interests*: Nanoscience, electrochemistry, analytical chemistry.

*Why choose Purdue?* Amazing faculty and facilities.

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*Teaching interests*: Making organic chemistry more approachable and relevant for life science majors.

*Research interests*: Connecting proteomics with the drug-discovery process.

*Why choose Purdue?* A tradition of research excellence without compromising teaching.

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*Teaching interests*: I want to convey to my students the power of thinking mathematically and a bit of the excitement I derive from working on mathematics.

*Research interests*: I am interested in fluid dynamics and related fields.

*Why choose Purdue?* I grew up near Chicago and am excited to be back in the Midwest working in a very strong math department.

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*From where are you coming?* I just completed graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

*Teaching interests*: I am interested in exploring methods to enhance student experiences in chemistry classes and labs. Specifically, I support active learning and lab experiences that prepare students for the many ways they can use their degree (graduate school, industry, education, etc.). I am interested in incorporating real-world examples into chemistry classes and making chemistry more accessible to students from all backgrounds.

*Research interests*: My research interests are in chemistry education, specifically large enrollment courses and labs with a focus in general and inorganic chemistry.

*Why choose Purdue?* I wanted to be at a large, public university with strong chemistry research, and Purdue fit that perfectly.

**Mahesh Sunkula**

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