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The Office of the Provost, during the summer, invited 114 newly hired faculty to provide mini-profiles for Inside Purdue. Most of those in this document appeared in that print publication. Other responses came too late to place there. To recognize all who responded and inform the campus community more fully, all responses are included here. They are arranged by college or school.

■ LIBRARIES

Sharon Weiner

Professor and W. Wayne Booker
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Libraries

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Previously at: Univ. of Massa-
chusetts Dartmouth

Teaching and/or research inter-
ests: Information literacy;
leadership in higher educa-
tion; academic libraries

Why choose Purdue? Purdue
is an excellent university
with a library system that
is transforming to respond
to the changes happening
in the university and in the
field of higher education.

■ AGRICULTURE

Brian Dilkes

Assistant professor
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Architecture

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Degree: 2003, Univ. of Arizona

Previously at: Univ. of Califor-
nia, Davis

Teaching and/or research in-
terests: Genetics, genomics,
speciation and evolution,
application of modern mo-
lecular techniques to plant
breeding

Why choose Purdue? Excel-
lent plant science faculty.
Support necessary to carry
out large-scale experiments
on both crops and model
organisms. Existing genom-
ics facility with capacity
for both sequencing and
low-cost genotyping. Mul-

tiple positive interactions
with faculty throughout
the College of Agriculture
convinced me to apply.

Levon Esters

Assistant professor

Youth Development and

Agricultural Education

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Degree: Agricultural and exten-
sion education, Pennsylvan-
ia State Univ.

Previously at: Iowa State Univ.

Teaching and/or research
interests: Career develop-
ment theory and practice;
Agriculture as a context
for teaching and learning
STEM.

Why choose Purdue? Quite
simply, I chose Purdue be-
cause of its national reputa-
tion in STEM education
and because it boasts one of
the top colleges of agricul-
ture in the country!

Mike Jenkins

Assistant professor of forest
ecology

Forestry and Natural Resources

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Degree: 1998, Purdue Univ.

Teaching and/or research
interests: Forest ecosystem
and disturbance ecology,
biological conservation,
ecological effects of invasive
species

Why choose Purdue? As a
graduate of Purdue, I can-
not think of a place I would
rather work. It has been a
great honor and privilege
to return to Purdue as a
member of the faculty.

Ian Kaplan

Assistant professor

Entomology

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Degree: 2007, Univ. of
Maryland

Previously at: Cornell Univ.

Teaching and/or research inter-
ests: Courses in biological
control, insect ecology, and
plant-insect interactions.

Why choose Purdue? Purdue
was an obvious choice for
me; it provides a unique
combination of world-class
academics and strengths
in the agricultural sciences
with a desirable location
and quality of life.

Andrea M. Liceaga

Assistant professor

Food Science

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Degree: PhD, 2006, The Univ.
of British Columbia

Previously at: The Univ. of Brit-
ish Columbia

Teaching and/or research
interests: Developing new
approaches to encourage
more student-based active
learning

Why choose Purdue? World-
renowned university; excel-
lent research facilities

Kurt Saltzmann

Research assistant professor

Entomology

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Previously at: Anderson Univ.

Teaching and/or research inter-
ests: Urban and industrial
pest management; insect
molecular biology

Why choose Purdue? Top-
notch people, facilities and
opportunities for collabora-
tion make Purdue a won-
derful place to be a scien-
tist. As a native Hoosier, I'm
proud to serve the people
of Indiana and help further
the mission of this great,
land-grant institution.

Jon Schoonmaker

Assistant professor

Animal Sciences

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Univ.

Teaching and/or research inter-
ests: Ruminant nutrition,
beef cattle nutrition and
management, growth and
development

Why choose Purdue? Well-
respected university. High
academic standards. Excel-
lent people to work with.

Elizabeth Tran

Assistant professor

Biochemistry

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Previously at: Texas A&M Univ.
(BA)

Teaching and/or research
interests: Eukaryotic gene
regulation

Why choose Purdue? Purdue
has high-quality research
programs with supportive
faculty and staff, making
this a great place to start
an independent research
career. West Lafayette is a
good place for my family.

Steve Wu

Associate professor
Agricultural Economics
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Degree: 2001, Univ. of California, Berkeley
Previously at: The Ohio State Univ.
Teaching and/or research interests: Microeconomics, economics of design, and agribusiness.
Why choose Purdue? The leadership in the College of Agriculture and in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Research opportunities with colleagues in the Krannert School of Management and the Department of Economics.

CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCES**Leah Hibel**

Assistant professor
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Previously at: Penn State Univ.
Teaching and/or research interests: Family studies, behavioral endocrinology, stress and health, family stress
Why choose Purdue? Wonderful town, collaborative environment, friendly people.

Sandra Sydnor-Bousso

Assistant professor
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Degree: PhD, 2009, The Ohio State Univ.
Previously at: Capital Univ. (Columbus, Ohio)
Teaching and/or research interests: Entrepreneurship, business strategy, marketing in HTM contexts
Why choose Purdue? HTM department is consistently ranked one of the top programs in the country; university-wide research focus.

EDUCATION**Steven P. Shidemantle**

Assistant professor
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Teaching and/or research interests: Educational Leadership, Curriculum Supervision, Research Methods and Design, Administrative Behavior & Practice
Why choose Purdue? "Find a place where you can be proud to live, work and learn ... Shoot for the best; accept nothing less!" (Dr. John Hoyle, Texas A&M). Great mentors give great advice!

ENGINEERING**Raj Chakrabarti**

Assistant professor
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Degree: 2002, Princeton
Previously at: Harvard, Princeton
Teaching and/or research interests: Control and optimization theory, quantum engineering and information theory, theoretical biophysics
Why choose Purdue? Strong engineering school; strong academic-industry interface; progressive approach to combining natural sciences with engineering; many opportunities for cross-disciplinary/departmental collaboration

Jong Hyun Choi

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Degree: 2005, Univ. of California

Ghadir Haikal

Assistant professor
Civil Engineering
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Degree: 2009, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Teaching and/or research interests: Structural engineering, structural analysis, computational mechanics, dynamics, and nonlinear finite element methods
Why choose Purdue? Purdue offers an outstanding engineering program with a lot of potential for collaborations, both in the School of Civil Engineering and in other departments within the College of Engineering. I am very excited to be part of the school's initiative towards building a computational program that relies on its existing strength in Structural Engineering to explore new avenues in interdisciplinary research and teaching.

Bumsoo Han

Assistant professor
Mechanical Engineering
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Previously at: Univ. of Texas at Arlington
Teaching and/or research interests: Thermal science, fluid mechanics, heat transfer
Why choose Purdue? Purdue is one of the best universities in my discipline.

Amr A. Kandil

Assistant professor
School of Civil Engineering
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Degree: PhD, 2005, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Previously at: Iowa State Univ.
Teaching and/or research interests: Construction engineering and management, computing in civil engineering
Why choose Purdue? Top university, excellent colleagues, great potential.

Milind Kulkarni

Assistant professor
Electrical and Computer Engineering
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Degree: PhD, 2008, Cornell Univ.
Previously at: North Carolina State Univ.
Teaching and/or research interests: I am interested in teaching compilers and parallel programming models.
Why choose Purdue? Purdue has an excellent ECE department, and presents the opportunity for a lot of interdisciplinary effort.

Andrew (Lu) Liu

Assistant professor
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Degree: PhD, 2009, Johns Hopkins Univ.
Teaching and/or research interests: Optimization, game theory, energy markets
Why choose Purdue? Strong reputation; collaborative research environment, and entrepreneurship.

Krishna Madhavan

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Degree: PhD, 2003, Purdue Univ.
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Arun Prakash

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Degree: PhD, 2007, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Previously at: Lecturer, postdoc, Univ. of California at Los Angeles
Teaching and/or research interests: Courses on theoretical and computational mechanics, structural mechanics and analysis, and courses related to the development and application of numerical methods.

Why choose Purdue? I greatly cherish the opportunity to work in collaboration with the reputed and knowledgeable faculty members and with some of the best students from all over the world across various disciplines at Purdue. The growth and expansion of the Computational Science and Engineering program at Purdue will also enable me to make a positive impact in research and teaching.

Dengfeng Sun

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Teaching and/or research interests: Dynamics, control, optimization

Vikas Tomar

Assistant professor
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Degree: 2005, Georgia Tech
Previously at: Univ. of Notre Dame
Teaching and/or research interests: Structures and materials
Why choose Purdue? Wonderful reputation for collaboration and excellence.

Satish Ukkusuri

Associate professor
Civil Engineering
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Degree: PhD, 2005, Univ. of Texas at Austin
Previously at: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Teaching and/or research interests: Transportation systems, network science
Why choose Purdue? Top-class faculty, great research environment, great students

Chongli Yuan

Assistant professor
Chemical Engineering
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Degree: 2007, Cornell Univ.
Teaching and/or research interests: Get students actively participating in teaching process and develop new biophysics course with engineering focus.
Why choose Purdue? For its devotion to undergraduate and graduate education, excellent research facility and talented people to work with.

Pablo D. Zavattieri

Assistant professor
Civil Engineering
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Degree: PhD, 2000, Purdue University
Teaching and/or research interests: Mechanics of materials, computational solid mechanics, fracture, micromechanics, finite element, advanced numerical methods, multiscale modeling
Why choose Purdue? Purdue is a great place. It offers a very diverse atmosphere among faculty, staff and student body. Its top-notch facilities foster research and give the faculty the possibility of making teaching challenging for students, preparing them for their leadership as future engineers. Moreover,

there are great opportunities to collaborate across campus, as well as with the local and the global community.

LIBERAL ARTS**Joshua M. Alexander**

Assistant professor
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
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Degree: PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Previously at: Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha, Neb.
Teaching and/or research interests: Auditory processes contributing to speech perception deficits in hearing-impaired listeners and signal processing to overcome them.
Why choose Purdue? Purdue's strong reputation for research, the reputation of my department's faculty and academic program, and the quaintness of the surrounding community make Purdue a top choice.

Rainer Buschmann

Associate professor
History
TBD (I start in Spring 2010)
Degree: 1999, Univ. of Hawaii
Previously at: California State Univ. Channel Islands
Teaching and/or research interests: Global history, history of oceans, history of the Pacific islands
Why choose Purdue? I am attracted to Purdue as one of the premier research institutions in the country. I wish to tie my teaching and research with the new Global Purdue Initiative.

Cheryl Cooky

Assistant professor
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Degree: PhD, 2006, Univ. of Southern California

Previously at: California State Univ., Fullerton
Teaching and/or research interests: Sociology of Sport; Gender Issues in Sport and Physical Activity; Introduction to Women's Studies
Why choose Purdue? Purdue University is ranked among the top universities in the United States and is well-known for its scholarship, research and scientific innovations. At Purdue I have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty in many ongoing research programs and centers on campus including the opportunity to promote sport and physical activity in youth through research with the Purdue Athletes Life Success (PALS) summer camp program, and the opportunity to become a part of the campus-wide cross-disciplinary Breast Cancer Research Center. I am also excited about the opportunity to teach courses for both Health and Kinesiology and the Women's Studies Program.

Jennifer L. Freeman Marshall

Assistant professor
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Degree: Doctorate, 2008, Emory Univ.
Previously at: Emory Univ.
Teaching and/or research interests: I value using interdisciplinary methods to actively engage students. I currently teach Introduction to Women's Studies and Gender & Literature.
Why choose Purdue? Purdue has a stellar reputation for producing cutting-edge research, valuing and supporting innovative research and teaching, and attracting and producing excellent scholarship. Why not choose Purdue?

Stephen Middleton

Professor
History
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Degree: PhD, 1987, Miami University (Ohio)

Previously at: Mississippi State University, North Carolina State University

Teaching and/or research interests: U.S. constitutional and legal history, early American history, African American history

Why choose Purdue? Purdue University has a good name, and it is widely considered one of America's great institutions. I came to Purdue to practice my trade, and hopefully get into university administration and leadership.

Colleen Neary-Sundquist

Assistant professor
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Degree: PhD, 2008, Purdue Univ.

Previously at: Lecturer, Purdue Univ.

Teaching and/or research interests: Foreign language pedagogy, the relationship between second language acquisition research and pedagogy.

Why choose Purdue? I chose Purdue because of the collegial and supportive atmosphere in my department as well as the bright and dedicated students.

Torsten Reimer

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Degree: PhD (psychology), 1996, Free Univ. of Berlin

Previously at: Univ. of Maryland, College Park

Teaching and/or research interests: Decision making, teams, quantitative research methods, psychological theories of communication

Why choose Purdue? Purdue's reputation and the reputa-

tion of the Communication Department; fit with the profile of the organizational communication unit within the comm department; interdisciplinary orientation

Jessica Sturm

Assistant professor of French and applied linguistics
Foreign Languages and Literatures
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Degree: 2008, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching and/or research interests: I offer courses in French language, French phonetics, foreign language pedagogy and second language acquisition.

Why choose Purdue? As the granddaughter of a proud Purdue alumnus, I have always regarded Purdue as a special place, where the best and brightest come to shape the future.

Sang Eun Woo

Assistant professor
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Degree: 2009, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Previously at: Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching and/or research interests: Industrial and organizational psychology

Christine Wuenschel

Assistant professor
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Art & Design
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Previously at: Univ. of Akron

Teaching and/or research interests: My interest is in teaching the long-held tradition of figurative drawing emphasizing both fundamental and expressive concerns.

Why choose Purdue? Purdue is a world-class school that has proven to give tremendous support to its faculty and their research. This

support enables Purdue to be an integral part of new discoveries every day in every field.

Lane M. Yahiro

Associate professor and director of Ismail Center
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Degree: MS, 1986, George Williams College

Previously at: St. Elizabeth Medical Center

Teaching and/or research interests: Working with the health & fitness and health promotion students in developing their clinical skills.

Why choose Purdue? I choose Purdue for the challenge it presented in reestablishing and shaping the A.H. Ismail Center into a center of excellence for health, exercise and nutrition research.

Laura Zanotti

Assistant professor
Anthropology
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Degree: PhD, Univ. of Washington (Seattle)

Previously at: Univ. of Washington (Seattle)

Teaching and/or research interests: Cultural anthropology, communities and conservation, social science research methods, indigenous rights, and Latin America

Why choose Purdue? Purdue offered an exciting opportunity to be part of a new anthropology department. Also, Purdue's noteworthy collegiately, interdisciplinary and collaborative opportunities, and academic excellence is hard to match.

Xiumei Zhu

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Degree: PhD, 2009, Duke Univ.

Teaching and/or research interests: Organizational behavior, groups, social networks

Why choose Purdue? Ideal for both career and family

MANAGEMENT**Sumon Datta**

Assistant professor of marketing
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Degree: PhD, 2009, Yale Univ.

Teaching and/or research interests: Marketing engineering, marketing research, pricing, new product planning and development

Why choose Purdue? Purdue has a very good Marketing group and the school attracts good-quality students.

Byoung-Hyoun Hwang

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Degree: 2009, Emory Univ.

Teaching and/or research interests: Investments

Why choose Purdue? Great colleagues!

Seoyoung Kim

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Degree: 2009, Emory Univ.

Teaching and/or research interests: Financial management

Why choose Purdue? Great faculty

Casey Rowe

Assistant professor
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Degree: 2001, Univ. of Pittsburgh

Previously at: Arizona State Univ.

Teaching and/or research interests: My Teaching and/or research interests (and professional experience) is in management accounting.

Why choose Purdue? Purdue is a great institution. It has a strong research culture, the students and staff are wonderful, and the Lafayette area is a nice place to live.

J. George Shanthikumar

Richard E. Dauch Chair in Manufacturing and Operations Management
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 Degree: 1975, Univ. of Toronto
 Previously at: Univ. of Sri Lanka
 Teaching and/or research interests: Decision, Optimization and Risk Management under Uncertainty with specific emphasis in manufacturing and service enterprises
 Why choose Purdue? Excellent colleagues and a peaceful living environment.

Kelly Schwind Wilson

Assistant professor
 Management
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 Degree: PhD, 2009, Michigan State Univ.
 Previously at: Univ. of Michigan (BA)
 Teaching and/or research interests: I teach in the areas of organizational behavior and human resource management including topics such as teams, leadership and negotiation.
 Why choose Purdue? The OBHR group at Purdue consists of excellent faculty and students whom I look forward to collaborating with as I continue my research pursuits. In addition, I have spent my entire academic career in the Big Ten and wanted to do the same after completing my doctorate.

■ **PHARMACY,
 NURSING, AND
 HEALTH SCIENCES**

Jennifer A. Coddington

Clinical assistant professor; director, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Master Program
 Nursing
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 Degree: DNP, 2009, Purdue Univ.

Teaching and/or research interests: Pediatrics
 Why choose Purdue? I chose Purdue because of its great reputation in nursing and for the many opportunities it offers.

Rosanne R. Griggs

Clinical associate professor
 School of Nursing
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 Degree: PhD, 2003, Southern Illinois Univ. Carbondale
 Previously at: Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville
 Teaching and/or research interests: Graduate nursing students (I am a family nurse practitioner) Undergraduate nursing students - primarily medical/surgical nursing
 Why choose Purdue? I was at a Nursing Education Conference in Florida in January 2008 and was very impressed with the presentation by Purdue Nursing faculty. I felt a strong desire to come work with the faculty at Purdue School of Nursing. Also, I was raised in Northern Indiana (south of South Bend) and my mother and sisters still live in that area. My son, daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren (soon to be four) live in Indianapolis as does my brother. The main reason, however, is that I strongly felt God wished me to move to this area and teach at Purdue.

Carmen Jones

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Loretta Krebs

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 Nursing
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Previously at: Ivy Tech State College
 Teaching and/or research interests: Public health nursing
 Why choose Purdue? Purdue is a leader in health care research, is a well-respected university and is known for its outstanding graduates.

Huiling Linda Nie

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 School of Health Sciences
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 Previously at: Research associate, Harvard Univ.
 Teaching and/or research interests: Medical/health physics, applied radiation sciences, radiation and environment
 Why choose Purdue? Purdue is a prestigious university; the school I am in has a wonderful combination of faculty members; and WL is a great place for family life and for raising kids.

Margie E. Snyder

Assistant professor
 Pharmacy Practice
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 Previously at: Univ. of Pittsburgh (resident, 2006-07, fellow, 2007-09)
 Teaching and/or research interests: Community pharmacy services, drug therapy problems, medication safety, medication therapy management
 Why choose Purdue? Opportunity to join a great team.

Deborah Spoerner

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 Teaching and/or research interests: Pediatrics, genetics, informatics, disabilities
 Why choose Purdue? Opportunity for advancement. Chance to collaborate with

others disciplines to move a product to market. Discovery Park/nanotech center

Elizabeth M. Topp

Dane O. Kildsig Professor and department head
 Industrial and Physical Pharmacy
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 Previously at: Univ. of Kansas
 Teaching and/or research interests: Physical pharmacy, biopharmaceutics
 Why choose Purdue? A fabulous university with great faculty and students, and a growing interface between engineering and pharmacy.

Ashley H. Vincent

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 Teaching and/or research interests: Cultural competence; ambulatory care; chronic disease management
 Why choose Purdue? Unique opportunity; strength of pharmacy program

Zachary A. Weber

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 Teaching and/or research interests: Ambulatory care pharmacy and chronic disease state management (diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, anticoagulation, etc.)
 Why choose Purdue? The opportunity to come to my alma mater and contribute to the knowledge and development of young pharmacists and help expand ambulatory care clinical pharmacy services at Wishard Health System.

■ SCIENCE

Peter Albers

Assistant professor
Mathematics
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Degree: PhD, 2005, Univ. of
Leipzig, Germany
Previously at: ETH Zurich and
Courant Institute, NYU

Xiao Wang

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Statistics
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Michigan
Previously at: Univ. of
Maryland
Teaching and/or research
interests: Both undergraduate
and graduate statistics
courses
Why choose Purdue? Good
environment for both
teaching and research.

Yu Xia

Assistant professor
Chemistry
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Degree: PhD, 2006, Purdue
Univ.
Previously at: Purdue Univ.
Teaching and/or research inter-
ests: Undergraduate courses
in general, analytical, and
organic chemistry as well as
graduate-level courses on
mass spectrometry.
Why choose Purdue? Purdue
offers a great environment
for research and teaching.

Lingsong Zhang

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North Carolina at Chapel
Hill
Previously at: Harvard Univ.
Teaching and/or research inter-
ests: Statistical methods
Why choose Purdue? Good
research/teaching
environments

■ TECHNOLOGY

Brad L. Benhart

Clinical assistant professor
Building Construction
Management
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1993, Purdue
Previously at: Industry con-
struction executive and
adjunct professor at North-
western Univ.
Teaching and/or research
interests: Strategic Plan-
ning & Management in
Commercial Construction,
Project Management Tools
for Greater Efficiency in
Construction
Why choose Purdue? Pur-
due's BCM department is
well-respected, practical,
and utilizes staff who have
real-world experience. As
an industry person making
the transition to academia,
there was only one choice,
Purdue.

Erin E. Block

Visiting assistant professor
Industrial Technology
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Degree: PhD (industrial/or-
ganizational psychology),
2008, Saint Louis Univ.
Previously at: Saint Louis Univ.
Teaching and/or research inter-
ests: Research methods and
statistics; teams; individual
behavior in organizations;
I/O psychology
Why choose Purdue? Purdue
offers the opportunity to
conduct and collaborate on
world-class research while
being part of an exception-
al, welcoming community.

Jenny Daugherty

Assistant professor
Organizational Leadership and
Supervision
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Previously at: Purdue Univ.
Teaching and/or research
interests: Human resource
education, instructional
design, problem solving,
interpersonal skills, and
professionalism
Why choose Purdue? Because
of the university's dynamic
environment and sense of
community that enables re-
searchers and educators to
engage in innovative work.
Opportunities abound that
align well with my interests.

Hazar Dib

Assistant professor
Computer Graphics Technol-
ogy/Building Construction
Management
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Degree: 2007, Univ. of Florida
Previously at: Univ. of Southern
Mississippi
Teaching and/or research
interests: Application of
the latest technology to
the field of construction
management
Why choose Purdue? The
joint appointment be-
tween Computer Graphics
Technology and Building
Construction Manage-
ment provides an ideal
opportunity to focus on the
application of technology
in the field of construction
management.

Raymond P. Hassan

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Technology
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Degree: MSc, 2007, Purdue
Univ.
Previously at: Univ. of South
Florida
Teaching and/or research
interests: Fine arts and 3D
modeling, rendering, and
animation
Why choose Purdue? Purdue is
my alma mater and it is the
greatest university in the
world. Purdue chose me,
and I'm thankful for that
every day.

Andrew C. Hurt

Assistant professor
Organizational Leadership and
Supervision
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Degree: 2009, Texas A&M Univ.
Previously at: Texas A&M Univ.
Teaching and/or research inter-
ests: Human resource de-
velopment, organizational
development, and training
and development
Why choose Purdue? I chose
Purdue because of its
strong reputation for
research, teaching, service,
and caliber of faculty. I see
Purdue as a place that will
allow me to flourish. Hail
Purdue!

Chad Laux

Assistant professor
Industrial Technology
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Degree: PhD, 2006
Previously at: Iowa State Univ.
Teaching and/or research in-
terests: I teach lean manu-
facturing and six sigma
quality.
Why choose Purdue? I chose
Purdue because of the great
reputation and a wonderful
place to raise a family.

Dawn Laux

Clinical assistant professor
Computer and Information
Technology
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Degree: MSIS, 2007, Iowa State
Univ.
Teaching and/or research inter-
ests: Computing technol-
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Why choose Purdue? Purdue's
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