On behalf of the Office for Academic Affairs and The University of Alabama community, it is my pleasure to welcome the newest members of our distinguished faculty.

We trust that the academic year is off to a good start. Please take advantage of the many opportunities available to you as part of the first-year experience for new faculty, and let us know if there are any concerns we can address. Our student-centered research university is built upon a strong tradition of excellence in teaching and in scholarship, and I am certain each of you will contribute greatly to those endeavors.

Growth in the number and quality of our students, our campus-wide focus on student success, and our commitment to advancing research and scholarship has created a very dynamic institution and provides unprecedented opportunities for faculty.

Please know the Office for Academic Affairs is here to serve you as you get to know the campus and your colleagues. We strive to provide an academic workplace that fosters collegiality, emphasizes shared governance and provides the support you need to be successful. I look forward to working with each of you.

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Interim Provost
ANTHROPOLOGY

Cameron Lacquement
Assistant professor
PhD
The University of Alabama
Specialty: prehistoric archaeology, experimental archaeology, architectural energetics

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ART AND ART HISTORY

April Morris
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Specialty: Western medieval art and architecture

Bryce Speed
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MFA
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Specialty: painting and drawing

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Carla Atkinson
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PhD
University of Oklahoma
Specialty: ecology and evolutionary biology

Janna Fierst
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PhD
Florida State University
Specialty: computational biology

Asma Hatoum-Aslan
Assistant professor
PhD
Cornell University
Specialty: biology, biochemistry and genetics

Jason Pienaar
Assistant professor
PhD
University of Pretoria
Specialty: microevolution, macroevolution, ecology, genetics and organismal biology

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Lesley Reid
Professor and chair
PhD
Tulane University
Specialty: criminology, urban sociology, quantitative methods

Joshua Wakeham
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PhD
Harvard University
Specialty: juvenile justice, sociology of organizations, knowledge and cognition, justice and morality

ENGLISH

Hali Felt
Assistant professor
MFA
University of Iowa
Specialty: nonfiction writing, composition, science writing and journalism

Heidi Staples
Assistant professor
PhD
University of Georgia
Specialty: poetry and creative writing

GENDER AND RACE STUDIES/AMERICAN STUDIES

Hilary Green
Assistant professor
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Specialty: Civil War and Reconstruction period, specifically the African-American experience

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PhD  
University of Georgia  
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Yong Zhang  
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PhD  
Nanjing University  
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University of Waterloo  
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Oleksandra Beznosova  
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PhD  
University of New Mexico  
Specialty: harmonic and Fourier analysis

GEOGRAPHY

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Stanford University  
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PhD  
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Specialty: climatology, hydrology and fluvial geomorphology

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Specialty: bilingualism, linguistics, code-switching, pronouns

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University of Wisconsin-Madison
Specialty: Italian cinema, contemporary Italian literature, screenplay as literary genre, mixed and intermedia

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PhD
University of Oxford, University College
Specialty: Greek and Roman historiography and religion, memory in the Roman world

MUSIC
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MM
Northwestern University
Specialty: violin performance and chamber music

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DMA
University of Cincinnati
Specialty: orchestral conducting

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MM
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Yuhui Chen
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PhD
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PSYCHOLOGY
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Texas A&M University
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RELGIOUS STUDIES

Michael Altman
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PhD
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Specialty: religion and conflict

THEATRE AND DANCE

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Specialty: costume technology and design

Lawrence Jackson
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MFA
Florida State University
Specialty: choreography and performance

Rebecca Salzer
Assistant professor
MFA
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Specialty: contemporary dance technique, dance for the camera, choreography, improvisation

STEVE BUCHHEIT
Assistant professor
PhD
University of Texas at Austin
Specialty: accounting

Daphne Palmer
Instructor
MMA
The University of Alabama
Specialty: accounting

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND LEGAL STUDIES

Charlye Adams
Instructor
JD
The University of Alabama
Specialty: legal studies

Hoda El-Karaksy
Instructor
PhD
The University of Alabama
Specialty: economics
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COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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PhD
University at Buffalo
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Tobias Hopp
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Chris Vargo
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PhD
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Cory Harrison
Instructor
MA
The University of Alabama
Specialty: forensics, public speaking, argumentation, embodied performance, assessment measures, critical pedagogy

JOURNALISM

Lars Anderson
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TELECOMMUNICATION & FILM

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Cory Harrison
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Specialty: forensics, public speaking, argumentation, embodied performance, assessment measures, critical pedagogy
Melanie Acosta
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PhD
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Specialty: African-American education, literacy, teacher education

Justin Boyle
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EdD
University of Pittsburgh
Specialty: mathematics education, reasoning and proving in secondary mathematics, developing prospective mathematics teachers’ communal understanding of proof

Cory Callahan
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PhD
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Bedrettin Yazan
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Specialty: English as a second language teacher identity; practicum practices of ESL teachers; sociocultural theories in second language acquisition

Kelly Guyotte
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PhD
University of Georgia
Specialty: narrative inquiry, visual methods, visual-verbal narrative analysis, practitioner-research

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Specialty: microaggressions and multiculturalism (recovery-oriented), spirituality and wellness (recovery-oriented), professional ethics

Firat Soylu
Assistant professor
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Jerry Burttram
Head coach, men’s wheelchair basketball
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Michael Esco
Assistant professor
PhD
Auburn University
Specialty: Cardiovascular and autonomic responses to exercise; physiological responses to resistance exercise

Dylan Williams
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PhD
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Specialty: social identity theory and diffusion of movement; accounting policies in franchise valuation and taxation implications within sports

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Head coach, women’s wheelchair basketball
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THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
ENGINEERING

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING AND MECHANICS

Richard Branan
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PhD
Pennsylvania State University
Specialty: rocket propulsion, micro/nano-space propulsion, plasma, combustion and space systems

Gary Cheng
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PhD
University of Kansas
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Sameer Mulani
Assistant professor
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CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

Ryan Summers
Assistant professor
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University of Iowa
Specialty: high value chemicals synthesis through biochemical engineering of enzymes, microbes and gene networks

Paul Allison
Assistant professor
PhD
Mississippi State University
Specialty: advanced manufacturing

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Eric Marks
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PhD
Georgia Institute of Technology
Specialty: risk management and hazards mitigation in construction engineering

Joshua Andrew Bittle
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PhD
Texas A&M
Specialty: internal combustion engines

CIVIL, CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Alex Hainen
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PhD
Purdue University
Specialty: traffic operations, traffic signals, interstate/arterial mobility and airports

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PhD
University of Illinois
Specialty: earthquake engineering and dynamic response of concrete structures
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
HUMAN SCIENCES

CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Elizabeth Hibberd
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PhD
University of North Carolina
Specialty: human movement science and biomechanics

Aprii Kendrick
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PhD
The University of Alabama
Specialty: psychology and early child development

HEALTH SCIENCE

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Ohio State University
Specialty: human ecology and family resource management

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Assistant professor
PhD
University of North Carolina
Specialty: human movement science and biomechanics

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PhD
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Specialty: special education–early childhood, human development and family studies

CONSUMER SCIENCE

Shinae Choi
Assistant professor
PhD
Seoul National University
Specialty: consumer science and resource management

Libo Tan
Assistant professor
PhD
Pennsylvania State University
Specialty: nutritional sciences and biochemistry

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

Deborah Casper
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University of Arizona
Specialty: family studies and human development, clinical psychology

Kyoung Tae Kim
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PhD
Ohio State University
Specialty: human ecology and family resource management

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MS
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Specialty: human nutrition
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Clinical assistant professor
DNP
The University of Alabama
Specialty: nursing

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PhD
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Specialty: nursing

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MSN
The University of Alabama
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Case Western University
Specialty: civil law

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Specialty: information services

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The University of Alabama
Specialty: information services

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University of Tennessee
Specialty: Web applications

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Specialty: head, library acquisitions
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Assistant professor
MD
The University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham
Specialty: family medicine, colonoscopies, colposcopies

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Medical School, Cairo University
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Merton College, Oxford University
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