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Bruce Gilley, Ph.D.

Gilley comes to New College as a distinguished Presidential Scholar in Political Science. One of the nation's foremost scholars on democracy, legitimacy, and global politics, including the comparative politics of Asia and China, he has authored four university-press books, including *The Right to Rule: How States Win and Lose Legitimacy* and *China's Democratic Future*. Additionally, he has authored more than 80 other published works. He was a Commonwealth Scholar from the University of Oxford and a Woodrow Wilson Scholar from Princeton University, in addition to being a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Democracy* and the *Journal of Contemporary China*. Gilley earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Toronto, M.S. from the University of Oxford, and Ph.D. from Princeton University.



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Andrew Doyle, Ph.D.

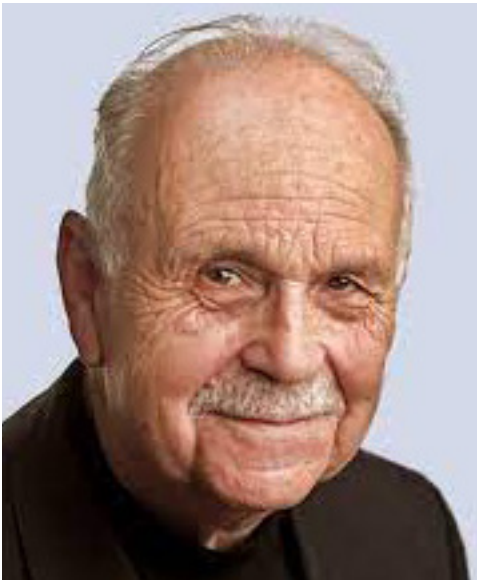
Doyle comes to New College as a Presidential Scholar in Residence. A scholar of English Literature, Doyle has emerged as a cultural icon with large followings in the United Kingdom and United States. He hosts the weekly show *Free Speech Nation* on GB News and is the writer behind the fictional character Jonathan Pie and the social media sensation Titania McGrath. Doyle's masterful use of satire and parody in his written and broadcast work, and is a renowned standup comedian. He has several books and plays that have gained critical acclaim. He earned an M.A. from the University of York and a D.Phil. from the University of Oxford on full scholarship, both in English Renaissance Literature.



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Stanley Fish, Ph.D.

Fish brings more than 60 years of scholarship with him to New College, where he will serve as a Presidential Scholar in Residence. His incredible career has included teaching stops at Duke, John's Hopkins, and Cal Berkeley, where there is a dedicated library archive of his work. He has held the title of Davidson-Kahn Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Law, Florida International University since 2005, and Dean Emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The Chicago Tribune named Fish was Chicagoan of the Year for Culture in 2003. In the past thirty years, there have been some two hundred articles, books, parts of books, dissertations, review articles, etc., devoted to his work. Fish earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania and his master's and Ph.D. at Yale.



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Joseph Loconte, Ph.D.

Loconte is among the first group of New College Presidential Scholar's in Residence. A New York Times bestselling author, Loconte brings a wealth of knowledge in the studies of western civilization. Alongside his five books, he produced three short documentaries during his time at the Heritage Foundation. Most recently he served as a distinguished visiting professor at Grove City College. He also has taught at The King's College in New York City and Pepperdine University. Loconte is a scholar of John Locke, and contributed for nearly a decade to NPR's All Things Considered. Loconte earned his Ph.D. at King's College London and holds a master's degree from Wheaton College in Illinois.



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Spencer Klavan, Ph.D.

Spencer Klavan comes to New College as a lecturer in the Classics and Languages programs. An accomplished scholar, writer and podcaster, he is the host of the Young Heretics podcast and associate editor of the Claremont Review of Books, where he has written for many outlets, including The Federalist, The Daily Wire, Newsweek, The Atlantic, City Journal, and The American Mind. He is the author of two acclaimed books: *Light of the Mind*, *Light of the World* and *How to Save the West: Ancient Wisdom for 5 Modern Crises* and the editor of *Gateway to the Stoics*. He has held lecturer and research stints at Oxford University and Yale University. Klavan earned his Ph.D. and master's from Oxford University.



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Richard Izquierdo, Ph.D.

Izquierdo comes to New College as an Associate Professor of Political Science (untenured, credit toward tenure). He augments his immense political science acumen with a background practicing law. He has taught in numerous prestigious programs, starting out as a teaching assistant at Stanford after leaving his legal practice. He was a Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Assistant at Princeton University, a Constitution Fellow and Visiting Lecturer at the Georgetown University Law Center, and most recently was a Visiting Assistant Professor at SUNY Albany. He has participated in numerous conferences and colloquiums with constitutional law professors and federal judges. Izquierdo earned his J.D. at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and later his Ph.D. in Political Science at Stanford.



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Andrew Humphries, Ph.D.

Humphries joins New College as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics. He most recently served as a post-doctoral research scholar at the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership at Arizona State. He has a particular focus in Austrian economics. He has instructed graduate-level coursework at George Mason University. Some of his recent course topics include “Great Debates in American Politics & Economics,” “Great Ideas in Politics & Ethics,” and “Debating Socialism.” Humphries earned M.A. and Ph.D. at George Mason University.



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David Ellis, Ph.D.

Ellis joins New College as an Associate Professor of Political Science (untentured, credit toward tenure). As president of Ellis Analytics, Inc., Ellis has displayed exemplary acumen in public and private sector governance. He was a resident senior fellow and professor at Joint Special Operations University in Tampa for six years. Before that, he held multiple roles with the Defense Intelligence Agency. Ellis earned his M.A. from The Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University and his Ph.D. in International Relations and Comparative Politics at the University of Florida.



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William Hustwit, Ph.D.

Hustwit comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of U.S. History. Hustwit left Birmingham-Southern College, where he was a tenured associate professor, to come to Sarasota. In addition to his teaching experience during 10 years in Birmingham, he published two books and established his credentials as a scholar of 20th-Century U.S. History, the American South, the Civil Rights Era, and Latin America. Hustwit earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in American History at the University of Mississippi.



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Rohan Loveland, Ph.D.

Loveland comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Computer Science. Loveland has enjoyed a long career spanning teaching roles in higher education in both the US and abroad, and work in government and industry. While at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), his work centered mostly around classified projects. He later served as CEO of a high-tech, funded biomedical device start-up that has cleared FDA approval. A specialist in machine learning algorithms, he has two patents and is currently in discussions with NASA Ames to extend his current research of finding crashed lunar probes to finding biosignatures and techno signatures. Loveland earned his D.Phil. in Electrical Engineering from Oxford University and an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin.



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Marcus Ingram, Ph.D.

Ingram comes to New College as an Associate Professor of Financial Economics (untenured, credit toward tenure). He previously was an Associate Professor and department chair of Finance in the Sykes College of Business at The University of Tampa, where he built the program from the ground up. Ingram has held faculty stints at Georgia State University's Robinson College of Business and Kennesaw State University. His research papers and cases have been published in the *Journal of Financial Research*, the *Journal of Financial Education*, *Managerial Finance* and other national and international journals and proceedings. He is formerly the President and Chief Investment Officer of The Investment Doctors, Inc., a registered investment advisor to high-net-worth individuals and family businesses. Ingram earned his M.S. and Ph.D. from Georgia State University and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA).



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Vlad Serban, Ph.D.

Serban comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. He previously held Postdoctoral Research posts at the University of Vienna and Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne in Switzerland, as well as a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Fields Institute in Toronto.

Serban is a specialist in algebraic number theory with applications in coding theory and cryptography and is frequently invited for talks at universities including the University of Vienna, University of Luxembourg, Yale University, and the University of Chicago. Serban earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University and his masters from Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL).



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Mans Hulden, Ph.D.

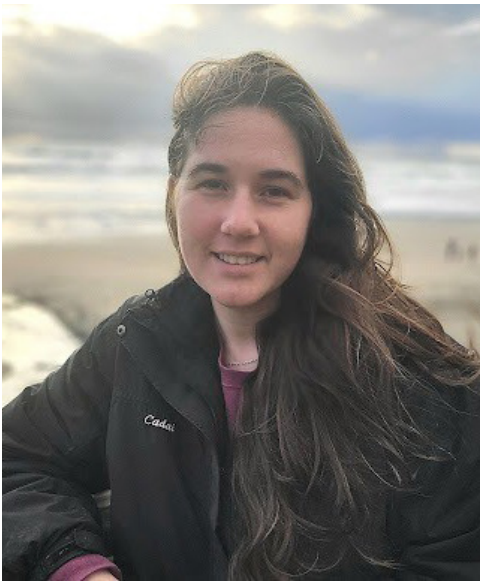
Hulden comes to New College as an Associate Professor in Computer Science and Data Science. He was previously at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and previously conducted postdoctoral research as a Marie Curie fellow at the University of Helsinki and completed a stint as a visiting professor in Computer Science at the University of the Basque Country. His research focuses on developing computational methods to infer and model linguistic structure using varying degrees of prior linguistic knowledge, particularly in the domains of phonology and morphology. Hulden has worked extensively with linguistic applications of finite state technology, modeling of linguistic theory, grammatical inference, and the development of language resources, and is the author of several open-source tools for finite-state language modeling. He teaches courses in computational linguistics, phonology, and phonetics. Hulden received his Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Arizona in 2009.



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Samantha Levell, Ph.D.

Levell comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Biology. Levell left Western Oregon University to come back to Florida to continue her teaching and researching. She began her career as a scientist studying the Least Killifish as an undergraduate researcher and continued her research in David Reznick's lab at the University of California, Riverside. Levell is the recipient of over 10 research and academic development grants and earned her Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside.



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Frederick Pirone, Ph.D.

Pirone comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Anthropology. He complements his archaeology acumen with a background practicing law. Pirone specializes in archaeological sciences, public education and outreach, digital humanities, and cultural property law. His research and interests have led him to travel to over 100 countries throughout Asia, Europe, Middle East North and Central Africa, Central and South American, and the Caribbean. Pirone earned his J.D. and MBA from American University and his Ph.D. from the University of South Florida.



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Adam Rowe, Ph.D.

Rowe comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of U.S. History. He complements his teaching experience with a law degree. Rowe is currently a federal judicial clerk and a Lecturer at the University of Chicago where he focuses on teaching the intellectual and political history of the United States from the colonial era through the nineteenth century, along with transnational subjects including Western Civilization. Rowe earned his J.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.



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Briana Aguila-Ames, Ph.D.

Aguila-Ames comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Previously, she was an assistant professor at Francis Marion University, with additional stints at the University of South Florida and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. She has more than 50 peer-reviewed publications and is the recipient of several awards including the Theodore and Venette Askounes Ashford Doctoral Fellowship at USF Department of Chemistry and the Emerging Investigator Award from Environmental Science: Nano. Aguila-Ames earned her Ph.D. from the University of South Florida.



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Ashkan Tabatabaie, Ph.D.

Tabatabaie comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Digital Media Arts. He brings a wealth of experience as an interdisciplinary musician, scholar and entrepreneur into the classroom. Tabatabaie has created multimedia, electroacoustic, and instrumental pieces that have been commissioned and/or presented by premier festivals and ensembles in the US and internationally, has presented and published numerous co-authored articles in various conferences and journals, and is the founder of a multimedia production company based in Sarasota, FL. He previously held teaching stints at James Madison University and the University of Utah. Tabatabaie earned his Ph.D. from the University of Utah.



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Mark Dancigers, Ph.D.

Dancigers comes to New College of Florida as an Assistant Professor of Digital Media and Music. He has previously held teaching stints at Yale University, Princeton University, and University of Redlands. Praised by the New York Times for his “entrancing” music, Dancigers’ orchestral music has been performed at the New York City Ballet, Carnegie Hall, and by the Alabama, Minnesota, and New York Youth Symphony Orchestras. His chamber and electronic music has been performed at venues around the country and internationally including the Apples and Olives Festival, Zurich Switzerland, Carnegie Hall Neighborhood Concerts, the San Diego Museum of Art, the International Trombone Festival, and UC Berkeley’s Center for New Music and Audio Technologies. Dancigers earned his Ph.D. from Princeton University and his master’s from Yale’s School of Music.



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Toby Wade

Wade comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Statistics and Data Science. Wade is currently the Head of Machine Learning of Gemini, a crypto exchange based in Florida and previously headed up Primary Research and Predictive Analytics for Bank of American (BoFA) Global Research. He brings almost 20 years of experience within AI and Machine Learning at both start-up's and large, Fortune 100 companies within equities, cryptos, funds, and banks, with his research having been cited in the Financial Times, Institutional Investor, CNBC and yahoo Finance. Courses taught include the Natural Language Professing course at New York University. Wade is currently a Ph.D. student at the London School of Economics.



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Romina Uranga Ph.D.

Uranga comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry. With more than 20 years of experience in laboratory work and teaching, including as a tenured professor and a researcher at the Argentinian Research Council and currently as a visiting postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan at the MacDougald lab, her teaching and research exist at the intersection of biotechnology and public health. Uranga earned her Ph.D. in Biochemistry at Universidad Nacional del Sur, Bahía Blanca Argentina.



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Jeffrey Hanson, Ph.D.

Hanson comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy. He left Harvard University as a senior philosopher in The Human Flourishing Program at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences and before that held teaching and research stints at Boston College and Australian Catholic University. He is the editor of *Kierkegaard as Phenomenologist: An Experiment* (Northwestern University Press) and co-editor with Michael R. Kelly of *Michel Henry: The Affects of Thought* (Bloomsbury). His first monograph, *Kierkegaard and the Life of Faith: The Aesthetic, the Ethical, and the Religious in Fear and Trembling*, was published by Indiana University Press in 2017. Dr. Hanson's research focuses on issues in philosophy of religion, phenomenology, aesthetics, and ethics. His writings on Kierkegaard, French phenomenology of religion, and the arts are motivated by an ongoing interest in the practical value of philosophy for human flourishing, and he draws on the whole history of philosophy and theology for his teaching, scholarly work, and popular publications on literature, music, film, and popular culture. Hanson earned his Ph.D. from Fordham University.



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Daniel Herskowitz, Ph.D.

Herskowitz comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies. Previously, he was at the University of Oxford as a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the Faculty of Theology and Religion, working on the research project 'Jewish Existentialism and the Legacy of Martin Luther'. Earlier, he was a Career Research Fellow in Jewish Studies at Wolfson College and a postdoctoral fellow at the Religion Department at Columbia University. Dr. Herskowitz is the author of over twenty studies on modern philosophy, modern Jewish thought, Jewish-Christian relations, political theology, secularization, and nationalism. His first book, *Heidegger and His Jewish Reception* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) was awarded the 2021 Salo W. and Jeannette M. Baron Young Scholars Award for Scholarly Excellence. His essay "Between Exclusion and Intersection: Heidegger's Philosophy and Jewish Volkism" was the winner of the Leo Baeck Year Book Essay Prize for 2020. Herskowitz earned his Ph.D. from the University of Oxford.



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Wes Kline, M.F.A.

Kline comes to New College as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Arts and Theater Studies. He has held teaching stints at New Mexico State University, the University of Florida, and at St. Lawrence University. His research and work examines time, ecology, language and performance, often in relation to experimental documentary. He has shown his work nationally and internationally, and teaches courses in photography and extended media, including video, installation and sound. Kline earned his MFA in Studio Art from the University of Illinois.



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Douglas Estes, Ph.D.

Estes comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of American Religion. Estes has sixteen years of pastoral ministry experience (churches in NC, NY, CA, and AZ), and is a fellow in the Center for Pastor Theologians. He has written or edited twelve books; his most recent books are the edited *Theology and Tolkien* (Lexington/Fortress, 2023) and *Journey Through James* (Discovery House, 2021). Other notable books also include *Braving the Future* (Herald, 2018), and a Greek grammar resource, *Questions and Rhetoric in the Greek New Testament* (Zondervan, 2017). Estes contributes to *Christianity Today* and *Bible Study Magazine*, and is editor of *Didaktikos*, the journal for theological education. In addition, he has written numerous essays, articles, and book reviews in various publications. Media mentions of his work have appeared on CNN.com, NPR, Christian radio stations around the U.S., *The Atlantic*, and numerous regional publications. Previous teaching stints include Friends University and South University. Estes earned his Ph.D. from the University of Nottingham.



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Mitch Ruzek, Ph.D.

Ruzek comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Biology. He brings a wealth of experience as a scientist, scholar and entrepreneur into the classroom. Ruzek is the author or presenter of numerous scholarly works, publications and lectures and has previously held teaching stints at the University of South Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University and the University of Northern Iowa. He was previously the Program Director for Algenol Biofuels, a biotechnology company, and is currently the CEO of Immersive Academics. Ruzek earned his Ph.D. from the University of South Florida.



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Hesam Sharifian, Ph.D.

Sharifian comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Theater, Dance and Performance Studies. He brings a broad background as a theatre historian, educator, and dramaturg into the classroom. He has previously held teaching stints at MIT, Tufts University, Wheaton College, and Florida State University. His scholarly publications have appeared or are forthcoming in *Theatre Survey*, *Asian Theatre Journal*, *New England Theatre Journal*, *Ecumenica*, *Academic Theatre Journal*, *Journal of Iran*, and *HowlRound*. He is the recipient of several awards, fellowships, and grants from professional associations of the field and research libraries, including the American Society for Theatre Research (Helen Krich Chinoy and Thomas Marshal Awards), the American Antiquarian Society (Jay and Deborah Last Fellowship in American Visual Arts), and the Mellon Foundation (seed grant for Public Humanities projects). His area of scholarly expertise is the intersection of theatre/performance and visual arts, with case studies as varied as American Commercial Theatre in the Nineteenth Century, German Modernist Opera, and Middle-Eastern Theatre and Performance. Sharifian earned his Ph.D. from Tufts University.



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Patricia Morrison

Morrison comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Psychology. Previously, she was a senior graduate research assistant at Florida Institute of Technology. She has held various other research assistant roles at FIT and NYU. She was President of Florida Tech SHRM and on the editorial board of the Florida Tech I/O Pulse Newsletter. Morrison's applied work includes consulting in the areas of human capital analysis and talent management strategies. Morrison is currently a Ph.D. candidate student at FIT.



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Alicia Mercado-Harvey, Ph.D.

Mercado-Harvey comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Spanish. She has taught previously at New College in a visiting assistant professor role, as well as at Florida Gulf Coast University. She is the author of numerous publications, including “Crímenes dictatoriales: el género policial como literatura del trauma,” as well as works of fiction, including “La muerte no tiene traducción,” which was the recipient of FONDART awards in 2018 (fiction writing) and 2020 (publication support). Mercado-harvey earned her Ph.D. from the University of Florida and master’s from the University of South Florida.



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Jienian Zhang, Ph.D.

Zhang comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. She most recently served as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Indiana University Bloomington and held prior teaching stints at Princeton University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Some of her teaching and research topics include Education, Social Psychology, and Children and Youth. Zhang earned her Ph.D. and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



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David Mikics, Ph.D.

Mikics comes to New College as a Professor of English. He was previously the Moores Professor in the English Department and Honors College at the University of Houston. He is the author of numerous books, including *Slow Reading in a Hurried Age*, *The Annotated Emerson* and (with Stephen Burt) *The Art of the Sonnet*, published by Harvard/Belknap. Mikics is a columnist for Tablet magazine, where he writes regularly on subjects of Jewish interest, from politics and culture to literature. He has also written for *The New Republic*, *The Forward*, *The New York Times*, and other publications. Mikics earned his Ph.D. from Yale University.



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Casey Wheatland, Ph.D.

Wheatland comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Political Science. His previous teaching experience includes stints at Texas Tech University and Hillsdale College. Some of the courses he has taught include “Liberalism and its Critics”, “Machiavelli” (senior seminar), “Functions of American Government”, and “Basic Political Institutions”. He is a former Publius Fellow at the Claremont Institute and Future of Freedom Fellow at the Philadelphia Society. Wheatland earned his Ph.D. from Hillsdale College.



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Tom Bailey, Ph.D.

Bailey comes to New College as a Professor of Creative Writing. He is an accomplished author, editor, and former teacher in the Creative Writing program at Susquehanna University. He has published two novels, a collection of short fiction, and two textbooks on writing short stories. He has also been widely published in anthologies and literary journals including *New Stories From the South* and *DoubleTake*. The latter published his short story, "Snow Dreams", which was selected for the 2000 The Pushcart Prize anthology and would become the basis for his debut novel, *The Grace that Keeps this World*. He received a Newhouse Award from the John Gardner Foundation and was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Fiction. Bailey earned his Ph.D. from The State University of New York at Binghamton.



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Jeremias Corradi, Ph.D.

Corradi comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Neurobiology. With more than 15 years of experience in research and teaching, including as an assistant professor at the National University of the South, Bahia Blanca and a researcher of the National Research Council of Argentina. He is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Michigan under the Department of Pharmacology. Corradi earned his Ph.D. in Biochemistry at Universidad Nacional del Sur, Bahía Blanca Argentina.



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Samuel Bedgood, Ph.D.

Bedgood comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Biology. Previously, he was the Director of a Florida based microalgae research company and a Postdoctoral Scholar of Integrative Biology at Oregon State University. He is the recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, including the Voth Fellowship and the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. Bedgood earned his Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of California Irvine.



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Matt Schalles, Ph.D.

Schalles comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Psychology with a specialization in neuroscience. He was previously an assistant professor of Behavioral Neuroscience at Aurora University and before that held several other appointments including research faculty at Carnegie Mellon University Neuroscience Institute and a Postdoctoral Associate at Boston University's Auditory Neuroscience Lab. His research has led him to study diverse areas within neurobiology including head trauma and neurobehavioral health and recording and interpreting dolphin brainwaves. Courses taught include Cognitive Psychology, Brain and Behavior and Clinical Neuroscience. Schalles earned his Ph.D. in Cognitive Science from U.C. San Diego.



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Melanie Hubbard, Ph.D.

Hubbard comes to New College as a Visiting Assistant Professor in English. She has held previous teaching stints at the University of South Florida, the University of Tampa, and at New College of Florida. Courses taught include “Whitman and Dickinson: Poets in the Nineteenth Century”, “Introduction to Modern Literary Theory”, and “In Praise of Copying: Contemporary ‘Uncreative’ Writing”. Her scholarly publications include *Emily Dickinson: Poetics in Context*, Cambridge and *We Have With Us Your Sky* Subito Press at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Hubbard earned her Ph.D. from Columbia University.



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Jose R. Soto-Shoender, Ph.D.

Soto-Shoender comes to New College as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology and Ecology. His teaching experience includes faculty positions at the Institute of Chemical and Biological Research, San Carlos University of Guatemala and the Department of Biology at the University of Florida. His research specializes in wildlife conservation ecology through conducting applied research to inform the management and conservation of terrestrial vertebrates, particularly mammals. He has worked in the Maya Forest of Guatemala, nature reserves of southern Africa, and the Greater Everglades Ecosystem in Florida. In addition to publishing in various prominent scientific journals, he has received research grants from notable organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund and the Wildlife Conservation Society. He holds a doctorate and master's in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation from the University of Florida.



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John Park, Ph.D.

Park comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of English. He most recently served as a Lecturer at Washington University. He has also held teaching stints at Princeton University, Baruch College CUNY, and New York University. His newest book “Prosaic Times: Time as Subject in the Realism of Wordsworth, Richardson, Flaubert, and Melville” is under contract with Bloomsbury Publishing. His previous publications have been on Hegelian aesthetics and the representation of time in the novel. Some of his most recent course topics include, “Descartes, Kant, Hegel” and “Literature and Medicine”. Park earned his Ph.D. and master’s degrees from Princeton University.



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Scott Palumbo, Ph.D.

Palumbo comes to New College as an Associate Professor of Anthropology (untentured, credit toward tenure). He is a specialist in anthropological archaeology with an emphasis in the comparative study of social organization and long-term change, and applying GIS and statistical applications in archaeology. Palumbo is currently the principal investigator on two active archaeological projects and one ethnographic investigation in southern Central America and has authored numerous publications. Palumbo earned his M.A. from the University of Florida and his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.



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Avni Vyas, Ph.D.

Vyas comes to New College as an Assistant Professor of Creative Writing. She is a poet, professor, and collaborator with extensive classroom and publishing experience. Vyas is the author of *Little God* (Burrow 2021), chapbooks *Far from Glorious Feeling* (TOA 2021) and *When I Was A Barefoot Cloud* (Anhinga 2024), and co-author of *Candy in our Brains* (CutBank 2014) with Dr. Anne Barngrover. Vyas has collaborated with visual and musical artists, and her work “Sita Speaks” has been arranged for choral performance at Tarleton State University. She has taught *Writing about Writing*, *Writing about Writing for Students in the Sciences*, *Writing in the Wild*, and sponsored various tutorials in poetry, education, and creative process. Vyas holds an M.F.A in Creative Writing (Poetry) and Ph.D. in English from Florida State University.



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Salu comes to New College as a Visiting Assistant Professor for Computer Science. He is a founder, architect, and technology instructor with over twenty-five years of experience within the software industry. As the Vice President and Senior Technologist of Solutions Architecture, he has extensive experience defining, directing, and implementing long-term technological strategy including sales, enterprise software, systems, managed services, and consulting services. Salu holds an MBA from Carroll Graduate School of Management and a BS in Computer Science from Towson University.



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