NEW COLLEAGUES ON THE FACULTY 2012-13

Christina Amato, Director of Recreation and Chair of Physical Education, and Instructor in Physical Education (B.S. Eastern Connecticut State University, M.S. East Carolina University)

Christina Amato continues at Colgate having been promoted in August from her position as Director of Colgate’s Trudy Fitness Center, a position which she held since May 2011. When Christina arrived in 2011, she brought an extensive history of involvement in the areas of recreational sports, athletics, fitness and wellness, coming from institutions such as East Carolina University and Eastern Connecticut State University.

Catherine Bagwell, Professor of Psychology (B.S. University of Richmond, M.A., Ph.D. Duke University)

Catherine Bagwell comes to Colgate from the University of Richmond where she was the MacEldin Trawick Professor of Psychology. Catherine’s teaching specialties include child development and developmental psychopathology; and her research interests center on social development, especially peer relations and friendships. She is co-author of the books *Friendships in Childhood and Adolescence* (Bagwell & Schmidt, 2011) and *Medicating Children: ADHD and Pediatric Mental Health* (Mayes, Bagwell, & Erkulwater, 2009). Spouse: Douglas A. Hicks (also at Colgate as Provost and Dean of the Faculty). Children: Noah and Ada.

Ashli Baker, Assistant Professor of the Classics (A.B. Colgate University, M.A. University of Wisconsin, Ph.D. University of Washington)

Ashli Baker returns to Colgate bringing teaching experience from Bucknell University and the University of Washington, where she completed her PhD. Her dissertation title is “Apuleius’ Political Animal: a socio-cultural reading of identity in the *Metamorphoses*.” Ashli’s teaching specialties include Latin and Greek languages and literatures; and her research interests center on Roman imperial literature, especially Apuleius and the Greek novel, and ancient magic. Hobbies/interests: running, road cycling, traveling, and cross-country skiing.

Jyoti Balachandran, Assistant Professor of History (B.A., M.A., M.Phil. St. Stephen’s College, University of Delhi; M.A., Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles)

Jyoti Balachandran comes to Colgate having recently completed her PhD from the University of California at Los Angeles. Her dissertation title is “Texts, Tombs and Memory: The Migration, Settlement and Formation of a Learned Muslim Community in Fifteenth-Century Gujarat.” Jyoti’s teaching specialties include medieval and early modern Indian history; and her research interests center on Islamic South Asia with a focus on cultural and social history, history of the Indian Ocean world, and Sufi literature. Spouse: Gopal. Child: Nakula.

Vincent Bonini, Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics (B.A., M.A., Ph.D. University of California, Santa Cruz)

Vincent Bonini comes to Colgate, taking leave from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he has held a position as an assistant professor for the past four years. Prior to this experience, Vincent has held postdoctoral fellowships at McMaster University and the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute. Vincent’s dissertation title is “Negatively Small Perturbations of the Laplacian on Asymptotically Flat Manifolds.” His teaching specialties include calculus, differential geometry, analysis, topology, and calculus on manifolds; and his research interests center on differential geometry, geometric analysis, conformal geometry, and mathematical relativity.
Jake Brashears, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology (B.S., Ph.D. Arizona State University)
Jake Brashears comes to Colgate from Arizona State University, where he recently completed his Ph.D. His dissertation title is “Driving Forces Behind Parental Care and Thermogenesis in Pythons.” Jake’s teaching specialties include human anatomy and physiology, vertebrate zoology, and endocrinology; and his research interests center on evolutionary physiology, and behavioral endocrinology.

Amy Butcher, Olive B. O’Connor Creative Writing Fellow within the Department of English (B.A. Gettysburg College, M.F.A. University of Iowa)
Amy Butcher comes to Colgate from the University of Iowa having recently completed her MFA. Her dissertation title is “Where the Ghosts Go.” Amy’s teaching specialties include nonfiction writing and English literature; and her research interests center on personal essay and memoir, flash fiction, radio and video essays, and travel and food essays.

Noah Dauber, Assistant Professor of Political Science (B.S., M.A., Ph.D. Harvard University)
Noah Dauber has been hired into a tenure-stream position after having served as Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at Colgate over the past three years. Noah also brings teaching experience from Harvard University, where he completed his PhD. His dissertation title is “The Invention of Political Science.” Noah’s teaching specialties include political theory, history of political thought, and social theory; and his research interests center on the history of political thought, the history of the social sciences, and the idea of the state.

Lora Davis, Assistant Archivist and Assistant Professor in the University Libraries (B.A. Susquehanna University; M.A. University of Delaware; M.L.I.S. University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee)
Lora Davis comes to Colgate from the University of Delaware Library where she served as library analyst in special collections, in addition to completing her MLIS degree from the University of Wisconsin. Lora’s teaching specialties include using primary resources, archival theory and practice, and American history; and her research interests center on born-digital/electronic records, web accessibility, history of American industrialization and technology, and digital Humanities. Spouse: Matthew. Hobbies/interests: computers and technology, football, needlepoint, and home brewing.

Mahinda Deegalle, NEH Professor of the Humanities within the Department of Religion (Spring 2013) (B.A. University of Peradeniya; M.Th. Harvard University; Ph.D. University of Chicago, Divinity School)
Mahinda Deegalle will come to Colgate next spring, taking leave from his position as Senior Lecturer in the Study of Religions at the School of Humanities and Cultural Industries at Bath Spa University in the UK, where he has served since 2000. Professor Deegalle’s publications include Popularizing Buddhism: Preaching as Performance in Sri Lanka (State University of New York Press), Dharma to the UK: A Centennial Celebration of Buddhist Legacy (ed.) (London: World Buddhist Foundation), and Buddhism, Conflict and Violence in Modern Sri Lanka (ed.) (London and New York: Routledge). His research trajectory over the last decade has taken into account contemporary developments in Sri Lanka with a focus on Buddhism and politics, exploring the interface between religion and violence in relation to Buddhist activist movements. Mahinda’s current research concentrates on examining Buddhist monks’ involvement in parliamentary politics in Sri Lanka and issues that it has raised in public realm in terms of secularism, religious agency in politics and the role of activist movements.
**Christian DuComb**, Assistant Professor of English in the University Theater (*B.A. Haverford College; Ph.D. Brown University*)

Christian DuComb brings teaching experience from Haverford College, while completing his Ph.D. from Brown University. His dissertation title is “From the Meschianza to the Mummers Parade: Racial Impersonation in Philadelphia.” Christian’s teaching specialties include dramatic literature, theater history, performance studies, and theater theory and criticism; and his research interests center on parades and street performance, blackface minstrelsy, South Asian theater, contemporary theater in the U.S., and intersections of performance and visual culture.


**Bradford Dunlay**, Assistant Football Coach and Instructor in Physical Education (*B.S., M.Ed. Springfield College*)

Brad Dunlay came to Colgate in March with coaching experience from Georgetown University and Maine Maritime Academy. Brad’s coaching specialty is the offensive line. Wife: Sarah. Children: Brooke and Nolan.

**Muhammad Eissa**, NEH Professor of the Humanities within the Middle Eastern Studies and Islamic Civilization Program (Spring 2013) (*B.A., M.A., Ph.D. Al-Azhar University in Cairo; C.Phil. University of California, Los Angeles*)

Muhammad Eissa will come to Colgate next spring, taking leave from the University of Chicago, where he has held a position teaching Arabic language and culture as well as Islamic studies since 2006. He also brings teaching experience from The American University in Cairo, University of California/Los Angeles, Northwestern University, Brigham Young University, and the University of Michigan. Professor Eissa’s publications include a book *Islamic Civilization in the Western Basin of the Mediterranean* (Egyptian National Book Organization), and several articles. His recent research interests center on pedagogy of modern language teaching and professional development. He has conducted research, editing and teaching in the domain of classical Arabic literary and Islamic texts. Spouse: Margaret. Children: Khaled, Muràd, and Tahra.

Hobbies/interests: reading, walking, and travel (work).

**Monica Facchini**, Assistant Professor of Italian in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures (*Laurea University of Lecce, Ph.D. Brown University*)

Monica Facchini comes to Colgate from Brown University, where she recently completed her Ph.D. Her dissertation title is “L’Ordine della Morte. Potere e Pianto Rituale nel Cinema di Francesco Rosi, Gillo Pontecorvo e Pier Paolo Pasolini.” Monica’s teaching specialties include film and media studies, Italian language at all levels, Italian literature, and gender studies; and her research interests center on film studies, Italian literature, cultural anthropology, history of art, theories of mourning, and subaltern studies.

**Gregory Fargo**, Head Women’s Ice Hockey Coach and Instructor in Physical Education (*B.Sc. Elmira College, M.Sc. Canisius College*)

Gregory Fargo comes to Colgate from Elmira College where he served as head women’s ice hockey coach since 2008. Greg also brings coaching experience from Canisius College. Spouse: Katie. Hobbies/interests: technology and golf.

**Melissa Finley**, Head Softball Coach and Instructor in Physical Education (*B.A., M.A. Princeton University*)

Melissa Finley comes to Colgate from the University of Pennsylvania where she served as assistant softball coach since 2007. She also was a member of the Canadian National Softball Team.
Nicole Flores, Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach and Instructor in Physical Education (B.A. Marist College)

Nicole Flores comes to Colgate from Holy Family University where she served as assistant women’s basketball coach since 2009. Nikki also brings coaching experience from Norwich University.

Jeffrey Foy, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology (B.A. Skidmore College; M.A., Ph.D. Stony Brook University)

Jeffrey Foy comes to Colgate from Stony Brook University where he recently completed his PhD. His dissertation title is “Soaring over Metropolis: How readers comprehend realistic and fantastic stories.” Jeff’s teaching specialties include psychology and cognition; and his research interests center on cognition, mental models, language comprehension, understanding narratives and fiction, mental imagery, and source monitoring.

Lawrence Goldman, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry (B.A. Rutgers University, Ph.D. Cardiff University)

Lawrence Goldman comes to Colgate from the University of Buffalo and Canisius College where he has been working for the past two years. Larry also brings teaching experience from Cardiff University and Cornell University. His dissertation title is “Critical Tests in the Theory and Application of Nonstatistical Dynamics.” Larry’s teaching specialties include organic chemistry; and his research interests center on organic, mechanistic, and computation chemistry. Spouse: Damian Dunford (also at Colgate as Lecturer in Chemistry)

Julia Guarneri, Visiting Assistant Professor of History (B.A. Cornell University, Ph.D. Yale University)

Julia Guarneri comes to Colgate from Brooklyn, where she taught at City College as she finished her degree at Yale. Her dissertation title is “Making Metropolitans: Newspapers and the Urbanization of Americans, 1880-1930.” Julia’s teaching specialties include modern US culture, the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, and the Cold War era. Her research interests center on cultural, urban, and media history. Hobbies/interests: hiking, road biking, cooking, dance.

Douglas Guarnieri, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology (B.A., B.S. University of Notre Dame; Ph.D. Stanford University)

Douglas Guarnieri comes to Colgate with teaching and research experience from Quinnipiac University, Yale University, and the University of California/San Francisco. His dissertation title is “Genetic and Functional Analysis of Novel Loci Involved in SRC64 Signaling during Drosophila Oogenesis.” Doug’s teaching specialties include genetics, molecular biology, and genomics; and his research interests center on using genomic approaches to study organismal and cellular stress responses and how these may relate to mental illness. Hobbies/interests: baseball and football, traveling and hiking.

Shaohua Guo, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chinese in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures (B.A., M.A. Beijing Normal University; Ph.D. University of Texas, Austin)

Shaohua Guo comes to Colgate from the University of Texas, Austin, where she recently completed her PhD. Her dissertation title is “The Eyes of the Internet: Emerging Trends in Contemporary Chinese Culture.” Shaohua’s teaching specialties include Chinese language at all levels, classical and modern Chinese literature, transnational Chinese cinema, and popular culture in East Asia; and her research interests center on new media studies, modern Chinese literary and film studies, and cultural studies.
**Jason Halprin**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art and Art History (B.A., B.F.A. University of Colorado; M.F.A. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Jason Halprin comes to Colgate from Minnesota State University Moorhead where he has been teaching this past year; he brings further teaching experience from Columbia College Chicago. His MFA is in Performing Arts–Film. Jason’s teaching specialties include film and video production, film studies, cinematography, and sound design; and his research interests center on cinematography, field recording, darkroom techniques, documentary theory, socio-historical film analysis, American independent cinema, experimental and underground cinema, diary filmmaking, and moving image curation. Spouse: Catherine Rigod-Halprin. Hobbies/interests: hiking, baking, and photography.

**Michael Hay**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science (A.B. Dartmouth College; M.S., Ph.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

Michael Hay comes to Colgate from Cornell University where has been a computing innovation fellow over the past two years. His dissertation title is “Enabling Accurate Analysis of Private Network Data.” Michael’s teaching specialties and research interests include computer science, data management, data mining, and privacy and technology. Spouse: Carey. Children: Nicholas and Owen.

**Arnold Ho**, Assistant Professor of Psychology (B.A. University of California, Davis; M.A. University of California, Los Angeles; M.A., Ph.D. Harvard University)

Arnold Ho comes to Colgate from Harvard University where he has served as a postdoctoral fellow this past year following the completion of his PhD. His dissertation title is “The Role of Legitimizing Beliefs and Hypodescent in the Production of Stable Hierarchies.” Arnold’s research examines how biases in our social perceptions and beliefs reify existing social group boundaries and provide moral and intellectual justification for group-based social inequality and discrimination. His teaching specialties include social psychology and intergroup relations (social conflict and inequality; prejudice, stereotyping, and discrimination).

**Joan Holladay**, NEH Professor of the Humanities within the Department of Art and Art History (Spring 2013) (A.B. Cornell University; M.A., Ph.D. Brown University)

Joan Holladay will join the Colgate faculty next spring, taking leave from her position at the University of Texas, Austin, where she is a full professor teaching Romanesque and Gothic art and has just finished a 2½-year stint as assistant chair and head of Art History. Joan’s research centers on Gothic art in Germany and France, and her particular interest is in sculpture and manuscript illumination of the late thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries. She is currently completing a book on imagery with genealogical content in the high and late middle ages. She is also the co-editor of *Gothic Sculpture in America 3: The Museums of New York and Pennsylvania*, a catalogue with entries by 34 authors on some 450 objects in 27 museums; this volume is also nearing completion. Her earlier work includes articles in numerous journals and essay volumes and a book in the Monograph Series of the College Art Association.

**David Howard**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics (B.S., M.S. Carnegie Mellon University; Ph.D. Georgia Institute of Technology)

David Howard comes to Colgate from the Israel Institute of Technology where he was a postdoctoral scholar over the past two years. His dissertation title is “A Study of Discrepancy Results in Partially Ordered Sets.” Dave’s teaching specialties are in combinatorial mathematics; and his research interests center on combinatorics and graph theory, particularly posets and hypergraph matchings. Spouse: Gabrielle. Hobbies/interests: bridge.
**Kaye Husbands Fealing**, A. Lindsay O’Connor Professor of American Institutions within the Department of Economics (Spring 2013) (*B.A. University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D. Harvard University*)

Kaye Husbands Fealing will join the Colgate faculty next spring, taking leave from her position as Professor in the Center for Science, Technology and Environmental Policy at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at University of Minnesota. She is currently completing a two-year appointment as a senior program director at The National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Minnesota, Kaye taught at Williams College where she was the William Brough Professor of Economics. Her project at the National Academies focuses on measurement of global science, technology and innovation activities and she is co-editor of *The Handbook of the Science of Science Policy* (2011, Stanford University Press).

**Jonathan Hyslop**, Professor of Sociology & Anthropology and Africana & Latin American Studies, Category I (*B.A. Oxford University, M.A. University of Birmingham, Ph.D. University of the Witwatersrand*)

Jonathan Hyslop returns to Colgate this year, having previously been A. Lindsay O’Connor Professor of American Institutions here in 2010-11. Jon comes from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, where he was Professor of Sociology, but has spent most of his career at the University of the Witwatersrand (pronunciation: Vit-Va-Ters-Rund), Johannesburg where he was Professor of Sociology and History and Deputy Director of the Wits (pronunciation: Vits) Institute for Social and Economic Research. His teaching specialties include southern Africa, nationalism and ethnicity, the sociology of war and social theory. Jon has published widely on South Africa, especially in the areas of labour history, education, British colonialism and the relationships between race, class and ethnicity. He is the author of *The Notorious Syndicalist* (Johannesburg 2004). His current research focuses on the maritime world and on the impact of war on southern Africa.

**Michael Jordan**, Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach and Instructor in Physical Education (*B.A. University of Pennsylvania*)

Michael Jordan comes to Colgate following a career as a professional basketball player with the international basketball federation (FIBA), having played in the US, Spain, Venezuela, Germany, Latvia, Italy, Belgium, Greece, and Israel. Spouse: Katie. Child: Eva.

**Shangrila Joshi**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies (*B.Sc. St. Xavier’s College, M.A. Ohio University; Ph.D. University of Oregon*)

Shangrila Joshi comes to Colgate from Denison University where she has been a visiting assistant professor in the environmental studies program. Shangrila’s dissertation title is “Justice, Development and India’s Climate Politics: A Postcolonial Political Ecology of the Atmospheric Commons.” Her teaching specialties include environmental justice, environment and development, political ecology, global environmental politics, and qualitative research methods; and her research interests center on research interests center on environmental justice and environmental politics (specific projects include climate mitigation politics, hydrofracking opposition politics and activism). Spouse: James Wynn. Child: Addison Joshi Wynn. Hobbies/interests: swimming, knitting, and astrology.

**Spring Knapp**, Postdoctoral Fellow in Chemistry (*B.A. Grinnell College; M.S., Ph.D. University of Oregon*)

Spring Knapp comes to Colgate from the University of Oregon, where she recently completed her PhD. Her dissertation title is “Investigation of Secondary Coordination Sphere Effects for Cyanohydrin Hydration with Transition Metal Catalysts.” Spring’s teaching specialties include chemistry, inorganic and organometallic chemistry; and her research interests center on inorganic chemistry, catalysis, and green and sustainable chemistry.
Andrew Koss, Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Jewish Studies (B.A. Yale University; Ph.D. Stanford University)
Andrew Koss comes to Colgate with recent appointments from Brooklyn College and the YIVO Institute of Jewish Research. His dissertation title is “World War I and the Remaking of Jewish Vilna, 1914-1918.” Andrew’s teaching specialties include modern and medieval Jewish history; he will also be teaching in Colgate’s Core Program. His research interests center on East European Jewry in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the Polish-Russian borderlands, and the First World War.

Dominika Koter, Assistant Professor of Political Science (B.A. University College Utrecht; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. Yale University)
Dominika Koter comes to Colgate from the University of Chicago where she has been a postdoctoral fellow over the past two years. Her dissertation title is “Ties and Votes: Social Structure and Electoral Politics in Africa.” Dominika’s teaching specialties and research interests include African, comparative, ethnic, and electoral politics. Spouse: Rob Becker. Children: Alassan and Natalia. Hobbies/interests: skiing and traveling.

Michael Loranty, Assistant Professor of Geography (B.S. West Virginia Wesleyan College, Ph.D. SUNY Buffalo)
Michael Loranty comes to Colgate from The Woods Hole Research Center where he served as a postdoctoral fellow since 2009. His dissertation title is “Towards a mechanistic understanding of spatial patterns of forest transpiration and its implications for scaling.” Mike’s teaching specialties include Ecohydrology, physical geography, GIS, and remote sensing; and his research interests center on biosphere-atmosphere interactions in arctic ecosystems. Spouse: Erin Childers-Loranty. Children: June and Cora Loranty. Hobbies/interests: cycling.

Zijun Luo, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (B.A. South China Normal University, Ph.D. Kansas State University)
Zijun Luo comes to Colgate from Kansas State University, where he recently completed his PhD. His dissertation title is “Essays on International Trade and the Economics of Conflict.” Zijun’s teaching specialties and research interests include international trade, industrial organization, applied microeconomic theory, and the economics of conflict. Wife: Dara Zhang. Hobbies/interests: reading and watching sports.

William Meyer, Associate Professor of Geography, Category I (B.A. Williams College, Ph.D. Clark University).
William Meyer has been hired into a tenure-stream position after having served in various teaching capacities, including appointment as an A. Lindsay O’Connor chair, at Colgate. Bill has also taught at the Kennedy School of Harvard University and at Clark University. His teaching and research interests include environmental and urban geography, global environmental change, environmental history, and climate and society, and his most recent book is The Environmental Advantages of Cities (MIT Press, forthcoming).
Matthew Miller, Assistant Professor of German (B.A. Swarthmore College; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. Columbia University)

Matthew Miller has been hired into a tenure-stream position after having served as Visiting Assistant Professor of German at Colgate over the past two years. He previously taught at Bowdoin College and at Columbia University, where he completed his Ph.D. Matthew’s dissertation title is “Literary Forms of Dialectics in the Works of Alexander Kluge and Heiner Müller.” His current research includes a book project Mauer, Migration, Maps: The German Epic in the Cold War, the study of transnational cinema in the New Europe, and a new interest in Danubian cultures. His teaching specialties comprise 20th-21st century German literature, theater, and film; critical and aesthetic theory; transnational studies in relation to the nexus of culture, labor and migration; theories of modernity and modernism and the German language.

Andrew Monaco, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (B.A. William Paterson University, Ph.D. University of Kansas)

Andrew Monaco comes to Colgate from the University of Kansas, where he recently completed his PhD. His dissertation title is “Essays on the Theory of Lattice Games with Applications.” Andrew's teaching specialties include microeconomics and game theory; and his research interests center on game theory, microeconomic theory, industrial organization, and international trade.

Aisha Musa, Assistant Professor of Religion and Middle Eastern Studies & Islamic Civilization (B.A., M.A.T. Portland State University; Ph.D. Harvard University)

Aisha Musa has been hired into a tenure-stream position after having served as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion at Colgate this past year and taught at Florida International University prior to her arrival. Aisha’s dissertation title is “An Examination of Early and Contemporary Muslim Attitudes Toward Hadith as Scripture.” Her teaching specialties include Islam, Hadith, Quran and its interpretation, women in Islam, and classical Arabic; and her research interests center on Hadith, Quran and Quranic interpretation, translation of classical Arabic texts, women’s issues, and modern day reformist and neo-traditionalist movements. Spouse: Jeff “Hunter” Atkinson. Hobbies/interests: archery, and Dungeons and Dragons.

Chinelo Okparanta, Olive B. O’Connor Creative Writing Fellow within the Department of English (B.S. Pennsylvania State University, M.A. Rutgers University, M.F.A. University of Iowa)

Chinelo Okparanta comes to Colgate from the University of Iowa, having recently completed her MFA. Her dissertation title is “Shelter and Other Stories.” Chinelo’s teaching specialties and research interests include 17th and 18th century British Literature, creative (fiction) writing, and Nigerian/Nigerian-American contemporary literature.

Anne (Anna) Ríos-Rojas, Assistant Professor of Educational Studies (B.A. University of California, Davis; M.A., Ph.D. University of California, Santa Cruz)

Anne Ríos-Rojas comes to Colgate with teaching experience from the California Polytechnic State University. Her dissertation title is “Conditional Belonging: Youth of Immigration and the Politics of Belonging in a Catalanian Institut.” Anne's teaching specialties include anthropologies of education, comparative and international education, social foundations of education, im/migration and education, and critical race studies of education. Her research interests center on examining schools as productive sites of nation-making, citizenship education and the formation of youth civic identities, issues of educational equity and access in the schooling experiences of transnational youth, and the education of Latino/a Diaspora communities in the U.S., Europe, and beyond. Spouse: Vincent Bonini (also at Colgate as Visiting Assistant Professor in Mathematics). Child: Isabella (“Bella”) Bonini.
**Peter Rogers**, Information Literacy and Social Sciences Librarian, and Associate Professor in the University Libraries (B.A. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; M.A., Ph.D. University of Florida; M.L.S. SUNY Buffalo)

Peter Rogers came to Colgate in April from the University of Buffalo where he worked as an Assistant Reference Librarian in the University of Buffalo Libraries. He has also taught in the field of environmental studies at Buffalo State College, Paul Smith’s College, the University of New England, and Bates College, prior to receiving his MLS degree. He earned a PhD in Political Science and a Certificate in Tropical Agriculture from the University of Florida where his dissertation title was “The Political Ecology of Pastoralism, Conservation, and Development in the Arusha Region of Tanzania. Peter has an interest in the role that libraries can play as focal points for GIS and other geospatial information and services. His current research project is on the role of counter-maps, maps that challenge established patterns of cartographic power and interest, in map libraries and collections.

**Janpeter Schilling**, Postdoctoral Fellow in Geography (Diploma, Ph.D. University of Hamburg)

Janpeter Schilling comes to Colgate from the University of Hamburg, where he recently completed his PhD. His dissertation title is “On Rains, Raids and Relations: A Multimethod Approach to Climate Change, Vulnerability, Adaptation and Violent Conflict in Northern Africa and Kenya.” Janpeter’s teaching specialties include geography, climate change, conflicts, vulnerability, and methods in geography; and his research interests center on environmental security with focus on Africa and vulnerability of populations. Hobbies/interests: hiking and sports (soccer, judo, badminton, fitness).

**Josh Sciba**, Assistant Women’s Ice Hockey Coach and Instructor in Physical Education (B.A. University of Notre Dame)

Josh Sciba comes to Colgate from Niagara University where he has served as both assistant coach of women’s ice hockey and, most recently, as head coach.

**Avraham Sela**, A. Lindsay O’Connor Professor of Political Science (Spring 2013) (B.A., M.A., Ph.D. Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Avraham Sela will return to Colgate next spring, taking leave from his teaching position in the department of international relations at Hebrew University. Avraham held a similar two-year appointment at Colgate in 2005. His most recent books include *The Conquest of Lod, July 1948* (Tel Aviv: Ministry of Defense) and *The Palestinian Hamas: Vision, Violence and Coexistence* (Columbia University Press). Avraham’s teaching specialties include Middle East society and politics and Arab-Israeli relations in historical perspective. His research interests center on Arab and Israeli discourse of peace during the Oslo process, and memory and historiography of the 1948 war. Spouse: Inger Egholm Sela. Children: Aner and Yael.

**Wenhua Shi**, Assistant Professor of Art and Art History (B.S. Tongji Medical University; B.F.A. University of Colorado, Boulder; M.F.A. University of California, Berkeley)

Wenhua Shi comes to Colgate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he taught the past three years. His final thesis exhibition/art installation was titled “What’s in your suitcase?” Wenhua’s teaching specialties and research interests include digital media and art, film and video, and interactive media. Spouse/Partner: Karla Loveall. Children: Owen Shi and Eli Shi.

**Cara Singel**, Assistant Director of Athletics/Compliance Coordinator and Instructor in Physical Education (B.A. University of Dayton, J.D. Ohio State University Moritz College of Law)

Cara Singel comes to Colgate from the Ohio State University Sports Camps Office, where she has served as compliance and camp coordinator, and most recently as assistant director. She also brings experience form the University of Texas, where she served as compliance assistant.
Ryan Solomon, Assistant Professor of Writing and Rhetoric (L.L.B. University of South Africa; C.F.P. University of Free State; M.A. Brigham Young University; Ph.D. University of Wisconsin, Madison)

Ryan Solomon comes to Colgate University from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he recently completed his PhD as a Mellon dissertation fellow. His dissertation title is “Culture in Translation: Public Culture and the HIV/AIDS Controversy in South Africa.” Ryan’s teaching specialties include argument and debate, composition, public speaking, and contemporary political discourse; and his research interests center on analyzing the relationship between ethics, public deliberation, and civic participation.

Aaron Spevack, Assistant Professor of Religion (B.A. Harvard University; Ph.D. Boston University)

Aaron Spevack comes to Colgate from Loyola University, where he taught the past two years. He also brings teaching experience from Harvard University and Hamilton College. His dissertation title is “The Archetypal Sunni Scholar: Law, Theology, and Mysticism in the Synthesis of al-Bajuri”. Aaron’s teaching specialties include Islamic studies—law, theology, Sufism, history, and culture; and his research interests center on Islamic intellectual history, 13th-19th century Islamic legal and theological commentary tradition, Islam in America, and music and Islam. Spouse/Partner: Ayfer Candeger. Child: Aisha Nur. Hobbies/interests: hiking, music, and community service.

Jeffrey Stern, Visiting Lecturer/Director of Choral Activities (B.A. The George Washington University; M.M. University of Minnesota, D.M.A. University of Miami)

Jeffrey Stern comes to Colgate from the University of Miami, where he has been teaching choral conducting, directing choral ensembles, and working toward the completion of his DMA. He has also served as the Associate Director of the Master Chorale of South Florida and Miami Symphony Orchestra. His dissertation title is “The Mighty Casey: A Study of the Performances and Editions of William Schuman’s One-Act Opera.” Jeff’s teaching specialties include choral music and voice/diction; and his research interests center on belting in the voice studio, sacred music in secondary public schools, and 20th century American cantatas.

Mark Stern, Assistant Professor of Educational Studies (B.S. Pennsylvania State University; M.A. Teachers College, Columbia University, Ph.D. Syracuse University)

Mark Stern has been hired into a tenure-stream position after having served as Visiting Assistant Professor of Educational Studies at Colgate since Spring 2010. He came from Syracuse University prior to his Colgate appointment, where he had been teaching and working toward the completion of his PhD. His dissertation title is “A Haunted Pedagogy: Ethics and Absence in the Photographic Imagination.” Mark’s work thinks about the political economy of public education with a focus education policy, privatization, and charter schools.

Brooks Sommerville, Visiting Instructor in Philosophy (B.A. Carleton University; M.Sc. University of Edinburgh, Ph.D. candidate University of Toronto)

Brooks Sommerville comes to Colgate with teaching experience from McGill University and the University of Toronto, where he has been working toward the completion of his PhD. Brooks’s dissertation title is “Plato the Hedonist?” His teaching specialties and research interests include ancient philosophy, ancient moral psychology, ancient ethics, and early modern philosophy. Hobbies/interests: drumming, running, and film.

Oleksiy Svitelskiy, Postdoctoral Fellow in Physics and Astronomy (B.S. Kyiv State Taras Shevchenko University; Ph.D. Lehigh University)

Oleksiy Svitelskiy began his Colgate appointment this past February, bringing experience from the University of North Carolina, the National Institute for Nanotechnology in Edmonton, and at the National High Magnetic Field Lab in Florida. His dissertation title is “Raman Study of Relaxor Ferroelectrics.” Oleksiy’s teaching specialties include physics and electronics; and his research interests center on solid state physics, optics, and nanodevices.
Susan Thomson, Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies (B.A. Saint Mary’s University; B.L. University College of London; M.A., Ph.D. Dalhousie University)

Susan Thomson comes to Colgate from Hampshire College where she served as Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Contemporary African Politics. Her research and teaching interests are in state-society relations in contemporary Africa, lived experiences of conflict and violence, and qualitative research methods, with particular focus on research ethics and doing research in difficult environments. Her book *Whispering Truth to Power: Everyday Resistance to Reconciliation in Post-Genocide Rwanda* is forthcoming in 2013 from the University of Wisconsin Press.

Noah Tsika, Visiting Assistant Professor of Film and Media Studies (B.A. Dartmouth College; M.A., Ph.D. New York University)

Noah Tsika comes to Colgate from New York University, where he recently completed his PhD. His dissertation title is “The Soldier’s Circle: Social Documentary and the American Military.” Noah’s teaching specialties include West African media, documentary arts and culture, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer representations. His research interests center on media industries and access in contemporary West Africa; Nollywood stardom; Senegalese documentary traditions; queer globalizations and global queer cinema; American and Nigerian military documentaries; and libel, obscenity, and the Hollywood biopic. Partner: Eric Grimm. Hobbies/interests: soccer, surfing, cycling, and blogging about LGBTQ rights and representations.

Heather Vinson, Visiting Instructor in Art and Art History (B.A., M.A., Ph.D. candidate University of Michigan)

Heather Vinson comes to Colgate from the University of Michigan, where she is working toward the completion of her PhD. Her dissertation title is “Répétitions in Space, Time, & Memory: The Production and Reception of Degas’s Serial Ballet Classroom Paintings.” Heather’s teaching specialties include late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century European art, critical theory and gender studies; and her research interests center on spatio-temporal practices of making, history of consciousness, cultural geography, and masculinity and gender/sexuality studies. She served as a visiting instructor of modern art and theory at University of South Florida from 2007 to 2010.

Janie Ward, A. Lindsay O’Connor Professor of American Institutions within the Department of Educational Studies (Spring 2013) (B.F.A. New York University; Ed.M., Ed.D. Harvard University)

Janie Ward will come to Colgate next spring, taking leave from her position as professor in the department of education at Simmons College, where she also currently serves as department chair of Africana studies. Beyond her duties at Simmons, Janie has served most recently as research associate and co-principal investigator for Project ASSERT at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, a five-year school-based research study and curriculum development project exploring issues of gender, culture and school practice for urban elementary and middle school teachers (2000-06). Her two most recent books are *Gender and Teaching* (with F. Maher) (Lawrence Erlbaum, Inc.) and *The Skin We’re In: Teaching our Children to be Emotionally Strong, Socially Smart and Spiritually Connected* (Free Press).

Lenora Warren, Assistant Professor of English (B.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; M.A., Ph.D. New York University)

Lenora Warren comes to Colgate from New York University, where she served as post-doctoral teaching fellow in the Morse Academic Plan following the completion of her PhD. Her dissertation title is “Getting Ready for A Gale: The Problem of Violence in the Age of Abolition.” Lenora’s teaching specialties include African American literature, early American literature and maritime literature; and her research interests center on violence in late 18th and early 19th century literature, shipboard insurrection, and theory of the novel.
**Tessa Wegener**, Visiting Instructor in German (*B.A.* Bethany College, *M.A.* Georgetown University, *Ph.D. candidate* Georgetown University)

Tessa Wegener comes to Colgate from Georgetown University, where she is working toward the completion of her PhD. Tessa has also spent this last year on a Fulbright conducting research in Vienna, Austria, through an affiliation with the Institut für Germanistik at the Universitität Wien. Her dissertation title is “Narrating the Space of Egypt through Travel in the Works of Ingeborg Bachmann, Ruth Beckermann and Barbara Frishmuth.” Tessa’s teaching specialties include German language and contemporary culture of the German-speaking world, 20th and 21st century German and Austrian literature; and her research interests center on 20th and 21st century Austrian literature and culture, gender studies, travel literature, theories of space, and globalization and transnationalism.

**Judith Wellman**, Gretchen Hoadley Burke ’81 Endowed Chair in Regional Studies within the Department of History (Fall 2012) (*Ph.D.* University of Virginia)

Judith Wellman, Professor of History *Emerita* from SUNY Oswego, comes to Colgate this fall taking leave from her position as historian and principal investigator for Historical New York Research Associates. Judy has written extensively about nineteenth century US history, women’s history, the Underground Railroad, and historic preservation. She currently teaches two online courses through the SUNY Learning Network and SUNY Oswego: “Doing History Locally” and “Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism.”

**Meg Worley**, Assistant Professor of Writing and Rhetoric (*B.A.* Emory University, *Ph.D.* Stanford University)

Meg Worley comes to Colgate with teaching experience from Pomona College and Stanford University. She specializes in digital and visual rhetorics, as well as medieval textuality, comics/graphic novels, linguistics, and the digital humanities writ large. She is currently working on a project on the theory and rhetoric of documentation systems, as well as a book manuscript entitled *God’s Word, King’s English: the Medieval Roots of the King James Bible*. She diagrams sentences for fun.

**Chen Wu**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (*B.L., B.B.A.* Tianjin University; *Ph.D.* University of Oklahoma)

Chen Wu comes to Colgate from the University of Oklahoma, where he recently completed his PhD. His dissertation title is “Investment-Promotion Policies and Employment by Foreign Firms in the US States.” Chen’s teaching specialties and research interests include public economics, international economics, industrial organization, and econometrics. Wife: Hui Cao. Hobbies/interests: Chinese crosstalk.