It’s my pleasure to welcome the impressive group of new faculty members joining us this year.

The beginning of each new academic year gives us an opportunity to reflect on the educational mission that has been Oakland’s legacy since we welcomed our first class more than 50 years ago. We are proud of the distinctive education Oakland delivers, marked by undergraduate and graduate programs educating our students to be knowledgeable and creative thinkers, adaptable and prepared to meet the critical needs of our region, state and nation. Oakland University offers special opportunities to connect with surrounding communities and industries that allow us to expand the impact of our academic environment far beyond the classroom walls.

I am equally proud of our faculty accomplishments that advance the frontiers of knowledge, while engaging our students in an inspiring teaching and learning environment. As a Carnegie doctoral research institution, Oakland University achieves national and international recognition through the efforts of our scholars, researchers and teachers, who have made major professional contributions to the body of academic literature, culture, industry and society as a whole.

Oakland’s vision has at its core a simple but profound principle: a community of faculty who are leaders in their fields, uniquely prepared to inspire and educate our students. We salute the dedication of our faculty to the teaching and learning process and to the pursuit of high-quality research and scholarship. We applaud faculty contributions to expanding knowledge through research and inquiry, and through creative works and performances.

Our dedicated faculty members are a vital resource for Oakland’s first-year students as they take their first steps in an educational journey that will change their lives. I am so proud of our faculty’s efforts in inspiring students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels to embrace lifelong learning and ensure their success.

The faculty class of 2015-16 continues the tradition of excellence enriching Oakland’s academic environment through diversity and expertise. Our new faculty members bring impressive credentials and enthusiasm to their classrooms, to their laboratories and to their scholarship.

Please join me in welcoming our new faculty to the Oakland University community.

James Lentini
Welcome TO OUR NEW FACULTY

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Jill Chrobak
Timothy Donahue
Guy-Serge Emmanuel
Martha Escobar
Joyce C. Havstad
Mary Jamieson
Juan Martinez Millan
Matthew May
Edward Nakfoor
Daniel Propson
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Peng Zhao

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TERRESSA BENZ, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Terressa Benz attended the University of California Irvine, receiving her master’s in Social Ecology in 2007 and a Ph.D. in Criminology, Law and Society in 2011. Her areas of interest include criminological theory, policing, white-collar crime, firearms, gentrification and situational crime prevention. Dr. Benz has been working as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Idaho, during which time she spent her summers interviewing Detroit residents regarding their strategies of self-protection. Additionally, Dr. Benz is working collaboratively on a survey project examining attitudes about recent guns on campus legislation being passed in many states.

JILL CHROBAK, PH.D.
Visiting Professor of Writing and Rhetoric
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Jill Chrobak received her bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degrees from Michigan State University between 2000 and 2007. Her areas of professional expertise includes cultural rhetorics, community literacy, hip-hop culture, professional writing and African American literacies. Dr. Chrobak presents her work at multiple academic conferences such as CCCC’s, Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) and Cultural Rhetorics. Her chapter on visual rhetoric is featured in “Grizz Writes: A Guide to First Year Writing at Oakland University.” Dr. Chrobak is most looking forward to teaching writing to diverse, bright and interesting students at OU. Furthermore, she is looking forward to engaging more fully in the professional development of the Writing and Rhetoric department as well as helping to grow the writing major.

TIMOTHY DONAHUE, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of English
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Timothy Donahue received his bachelor’s degree from Xavier University in 2003 and his master’s degree from the University of Chicago. He then completed two more master’s degrees and his doctorate program at Columbia University between 2009 and 2015. Dr. Donahue’s professional expertise includes 19th Century U.S. Literature, 19thCentury Latin American Literature, Early American Literature, History and Culture of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, History and Theory of the Novel, and political theory such as theories of nationalism and sovereignty. At Oakland University, Dr. Donahue is most looking forward to joining OU’s English department, which he has already found to be a highly collegial community of scholars and teachers doing exciting scholarly and creative work. Dr. Donahue enjoys running, cycling, conversations about serial TV and occasionally successful forays into culinary improvisation.
GUY-SERGE EMMANUEL, M.F.A.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Art and Art History
College of Arts and Sciences

Guy-Serge Emmanuel received his bachelor’s degree in 1998 from Brooklyn College. Emmanuel then completed his Master of Fine Arts in 2014 at New Jersey City University. His areas of professional expertise include communication design, typography, web design, motion graphics, digital imaging, digital photography and design for social change. Emmanuel has worked for multiple clients, which include TV Guide, Coldwell Banker and SOHOMD. Recently, he has started a non-profit venture called ViableRoots. His photography work has been exhibited in group shows and faculty exhibitions and his design work has been exhibited at the Visual Arts Gallery in Jersey City, NJ. In his spare time, Emmanuel enjoys good food, cooking and exploring new restaurants.

MARTHA ESCOBAR, PH.D.
Associate Professor of Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Martha Escobar received her bachelor’s degree from Deusto University in 1997. After receiving her B.A., she went on to complete her master’s (2001) and doctorate (2002) from SUNY-Binghamton. Dr. Escobar’s areas of professional expertise include cognitive and behavioral science, as well as behavioral models of cognitive dysfunction. Her research focuses primarily on learning and memory mechanism in normal and psychopathological states, with a concentration on fear learning and memory dysfunction, as well as STEM education in underrepresented minorities. Her research has resulted in over 35 publications and funding from NIH, NSF and AURIC. At Oakland University, Dr. Escobar is most looking forward to joining an active, growing faculty and student body.

JOYCE C. HAVSTAD, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Joyce C. Havstad received her bachelor’s degree from the University of California, San Diego. She then obtained a master’s degree from San Diego State University, returning to UC San Diego later to complete her doctorate degree. Dr. Havstad’s areas of professional expertise include philosophy of biology, philosophy of chemistry, philosophy of science, and science and technology studies. Dr. Havstad’s current philosophical work focuses on the study of biology, chemistry, ecology, and paleontology, as well as on issues in biomedical ethics, environmental ethics, and research ethics. At Oakland University, Dr. Havstad is most looking forward to joining a wonderful department full of smart and kind philosophers. As a native of California, she is excited to explore the Midwest.
MARY JAMIESON, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Mary Jamieson received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Kansas in 2001. She then completed her master’s degree in 2004 at the University of Texas, before heading to the University of Colorado where she obtained her doctorate degree in 2010. With professional expertise in plant and insect ecology, Dr. Jamieson’s research integrates multiple levels of biological organization, spans local and regional spatial scales, and links applied and theoretical concepts in ecology and evolutionary biology. At Oakland University, Dr. Jamieson is most looking forward to learning more about the Campus Student Organic Farm. She hopes to get involved with this group and explore their research and outreach opportunities. In addition to her interests in science, Dr. Jamieson has a love for the arts and would like to someday incorporate art, filmmaking and photography into her work to help communicate science to the general public.

JUAN MARTINEZ MILLAN, PH.D.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Juan Martinez Millan received his bachelor’s degree at the University of Seville, Spain in 2006. Dr. Martinez Millan then completed his master’s (2010) and doctorate (2015) degrees at the University of Virginia. His areas of professional expertise include contemporary Latin America poetics and culture, U.S. Latina/o literature, and film studies. Dr. Martinez Millan has published articles on contemporary Mexican poetry and prose in “Romance Quarterly” and “A Contracorriente.” His current research focuses on the function of autopoetic texts in contemporary Latin American literature.

MATTHEW MAY, PH.D.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Matthew May received his bachelor’s degree from Franklin College in 2007. He then obtained his master’s (2009) and doctorate (2015) degrees from the University of Georgia. Dr. May’s areas of professional expertise include sociology of religion, culture, health, organizations, work and family. Dr. May’s research focuses on competition between religious organizations and its impact on the women and men that sustain them. He has publications in numerous journals, including “Social Currents and Teaching Sociology.” At Oakland University, Dr. May is most looking forward to contributing to a growing university with a strong commitment to teaching and research.
EDWARD NAKFOOR, M.A.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Journalism
College of Arts and Sciences

Edward Nakfoor received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Detroit in 1990 and then completed his master’s degree from Wayne State University in 1998. His areas of professional expertise include retail marketing, consulting and sourcing retail trend stories in local and national media. Nakfoor is an award-winning freelance copywriter, magazine contributor and advertorial writer, as well as columnist for the Gannet-owned Birmingham Eccentric newspaper in suburban Detroit. He has taught advertising copywriting at Detroit’s College for Creative Studies and has co-written several movie scripts, as well as tutored English and writing to high school and college students.

DANIEL PROPSON, PH.D.
Adjunct Professor of Philosophy
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Daniel Propson completed his bachelor’s degree at the University of Michigan in 2002. Currently, he is working towards his doctorate in Philosophy from Wayne State University, with an anticipated graduation date later this year. Dr. Propson’s professional expertise includes platonic studies, ancient philosophy and ethics of engineering. His work has been published in the “History of Philosophy Quarterly and Dialogue.”

WALTER S. TEMPLE, PH.D.
Visiting Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Walter Temple completed his bachelor’s degree from Elon College in 2000 and then received his master’s degree from American University in 2004. Most recently, Dr. Temple completed his doctorate program from the University of Miami in 2015. His areas of professional expertise include 20th and 21st Century French and Francophone studies, French and North African Cinema, Diaspora Studies, and Second Language Acquisition. At Oakland University, Dr. Temple is most looking forward to joining a dynamic department and engaging with his new colleagues. He also looks forward to working with OU’s unique student population, as well as contributing to the continued growth of an outstanding university. In his spare time, Dr. Temple enjoys playing the piano and traveling to France.
TIAN TIAN, D.M.A.
Assistant Professor of Music, Theatre and Dance
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Tian Tian attended the Julliard School, receiving her bachelor’s degree in 2006 and her master’s degree in 2008. She later completed her doctorate degree at Eastman School of Music in 2011. Dr. Tian’s areas of professional expertise include piano performance, pedagogy and literature. She presents lectures to teacher organizations across the country and travels to China annually to present concerts, lectures and master classes, which has earned her the title of Honorary Professor at nine different universities. At Oakland University, Dr. Tian is most looking forward to the wonderful opportunities for artistic development the facility and location offer. She is also looking forward to building a strong program with her colleagues, attracting some of the best students and artists to the university and area.

KAREEN TONSING, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Kareen Tonsing received her Ph.D. from the University of Hong Kong in 2012. Her areas of professional expertise focus on examining factors associated with adaption processes of immigrants. Aside from her research on immigration, Dr. Tonsing’s other interests are aimed at researching children and family welfare, mental health and family violence, and her studies can be found throughout multiple peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Tonsing has presented her work at various international academic conferences in the United States, United Kingdom, Sweden and Hong Kong.

VIVIANA WEEKES-SHACKELFORD, PH.D.
Visiting Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice
College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Viviana Weekes-Shackelford received her doctorate degree from Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Weekes-Shackelford’s areas of professional expertise include evolutionary psychology and developmental psychology. Her research is evolutionary inspired and has had the broader goal of gaining a clearer and more comprehensive understanding of within-family conflict, parental psychology, and female mating psychology. Dr. Weekes-Shackelford is also the co-director of the Evolutionary Psychology Lab in the Department of Psychology.
HELEN LEVENSON, J.D.
Assistant Professor of University Libraries
Kresge Library

Helen Levenson completed her bachelor’s degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 1977. Levenson then completed her A.M.L.S. degree in Ann Arbor in 1985 before heading to Wayne State University where she received her Juris Doctorate degree in 1998. Her areas of professional interests include collection development and management, library budget management, library space planning and usage, information literacy instruction, and electronic resources acquisition and access. Levenson is experienced in developing collections, teaching information literacy and implementing enhanced library services, and was a moderator, coordinator and speaker at the 2011 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference and program coordinator for the first Special Libraries Association Great Lakes Regional Conference. At Oakland University, Levenson is most looking forward to joining the scholarly and collegial community.

EMILY SPUNAUGLE, M.S.L.S.
Assistant Professor of Research Services
Kresge Library

Emily Spunaugle received her bachelor’s degree at Olivet Nazarene University in 2012 and her master’s degree at Loyola University at Chicago in 2013. Two years later, Spunaugle completed her M.S.L.S. degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is particularly passionate about student research and reframing the research process as a narrative responsive to fluctuating information contexts. Apart from teaching information literacy, Spunaugle’s professional interests also include institutional logics that prohibited suspected Communist literatures from entering Soviet-era American libraries. At Oakland University, Spunaugle is most looking forward to meeting students and fellow faculty members, as well as getting involved in the Oakland community. In her free time, she enjoys refurbishing mid-century furniture and restoring her Detroit apartment to its former Art Deco glory.
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY WILLIAM BEAUMONT
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

AMY DEBAETS, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine

Dr. Amy DeBaets received her bachelor’s degree from Truman State University in 1997. She obtained her master’s degree from Trinity International University in 2000. She then completed her Master of Divinity and Master of Theology between 2006 and 2007. Dr. DeBaets then obtained her doctorate degree in 2012 from Emory University. Her areas of professional expertise include bioethics, particularly spirituality and medicine, emerging technology ethics, and research ethics. At Oakland University, Dr. DeBaets is excited and most looking forward to joining OUWB’s community of scholars and helping its students to engage ethical issues to develop themselves as humanistic physicians.

SARAH LERCHENFELDT, PHARM.D.
Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine

Dr. Sarah Lerchenfeldt completed her pharmaceutical degree from Ohio Northern University in 2009. Between 2010 and 2012, Lerchenfeldt completed her pharmacy residencies at Harper University Hospital and Karmanos Cancer Center. Her areas of professional expertise include hematology and oncology, while her practiced interests include the prevention and management of infection in immunocompromised hosts, as well as the prevention and management of graft-versus-host-disease in stem cell transplant patients. At Oakland University, Dr. Lerchenfeldt is most looking forward to working with medical students and getting them excited about pharmacology by applying pharmacological principles to real-life situations.

AMEED RAOOF, PH.D.
Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine

Dr. Ameed Raoof received his doctorate of medicine and master’s in science from the University of Baghdad, College of Medicine. Dr. Raoof then completed his Ph.D. at the University of Dundee, Scotland, U.K. before completing the Medical Education Scholars Program at the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor. Dr. Raoof’s professional expertise includes teaching gross human anatomy and neuroanatomy. His research work has focused on enhancing the role of plastinaton in anatomy education, assessing and improving the effectiveness of peer presentations/evaluations during gross anatomy lab sessions, as well as assessing the effectiveness of innovative teaching methods in undergraduate anatomy courses. At Oakland University, Dr. Raoof is most looking forward to the opportunity to offer the best anatomy education to medical students.
STEFAN WALTER, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine

Dr. Stefan Walter received his Ph.D. from the University of Bayreuth, Germany in 1996. His areas of professional expertise include biochemistry, protein folding, protein chemistry, enzymes, and biophysics. Dr. Walter has conducted research in the area of molecular chaperones at Yale Medical School, the Technical University of Munich, Germany, and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Over this time span, Dr. Walter published more than 20 peer-reviewed papers in various scholarly journals. He is most looking forward to contributing to the notion of making the OUWB into a medical school with a nationwide recognition for training outstanding, empathetic doctors. His hobbies include being outdoors, cooking, traveling, attending concerts and reading.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CAITLIN DEMSKY, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Management and Marketing
School of Business Administration

Dr. Caitlin Demsky received her bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University in 2010, and two years later she received her master’s degree from Portland State University. Most recently, Dr. Demsky completed her doctorate program from Portland State University in 2015. Her areas of professional expertise include workplace aggression, recovery from workplace demands, work-life balance, workplace interventions, occupational health psychology, and employee stress and well-being. Dr. Demsky is a recipient of the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. At Oakland University, Dr. Demsky is most looking forward to conducting applied research in the Metro Detroit area, as well as finding a community of like-minded faculty and students.

AMANDA STYPE, PH.D.
Visiting Professor of Economics
School of Business Administration

Dr. Amanda Stype received her bachelor’s degree from Ohio Northern University in 2009 and her master’s degree from Bowling Green State University in 2010. Most recently, Dr. Stype obtained her doctorate degree from Michigan State University in 2015. Her areas of professional expertise include defense economics, military and veterans’ programs, household economics, labor economics, and public economics. She has served as a summer associate at the RAND Corporation and as an intern with the Department of Defense. At Oakland University, Dr. Stype is most looking forward to the opportunity to interact with both faculty and students and to improve her teaching and research. She is an avid Cleveland Browns fan, a casual knitter and enjoys playing pinball.
NEW FACULTY

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

LARRY BUZAS, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership
School of Education and Human Services

Dr. Larry Buzas climbed the academic ranks through completing his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degrees at Western Michigan University. Dr. Buzas served as the program coordinator for the Master of Leadership for Organizational Learning and Performance in the Department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology at Western Michigan University. His research interests include transfer of learning, leadership and team development, while his professional practices include learning and performance consultant roles in the private sector, state government, and nonprofit organizations. At Oakland University, Dr. Buzas is most looking forward to working with the outstanding faculty in the Department of Organizational Leadership. In his spare time, Dr. Buzas is an avid drummer/percussionist and enjoys performing gigs on the weekend.

TERRANCE MCCLAIN, PH.D., LPC, SCL
Special Instructor of Counseling
School of Education and Human Services

Dr. Terrance McClain received his bachelor’s degree from Rochester College in 2003 and then completed his master’s degree (2006) and doctorate (2015) from Oakland University. Dr. McClain has co-authored a chapter on ethnicity in the textbook “Workforce Diversity: Current Issues and Case Studies” (editors C. Scott and M. Byrd) as well as presented with one of the textbook’s editors at the Equity in the Classroom Conference at the University of Michigan in 2014. He has presented at numerous conferences sponsored by various groups connected to Oakland University. Dr. McClain is looking forward to continuing his work with the counseling department of the School of Education and Human Services, and building the School Counseling Program into one of the best in the country.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

WILLIAM EDWARDS, PH.D.
Visiting Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering
School of Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. William Edwards completed his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degree at Oakland University. His areas of professional expertise include engineering program management, engine design and development, lean and flexible manufacturing, and quality improvement. Dr. Edwards has won Ford’s Top Quality Improve in Warranty Reduction. He also has publications on vehicle dynamics, as well as articles covering the auto industry. At Oakland University, Dr. Edwards is most looking forward to the outstanding cohesive working environment, great students and exciting projects. He enjoys a great learning environment, as well as sharing knowledge and experiences with others.
ERIK FREDERICKS, PH.D.  
Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering  
School of Engineering and Computer Science  
Dr. Erik Fredericks graduated from Lake Superior State University in 2007 with his bachelor's degree in computer science and engineering. Dr. Fredericks then went on to complete his master’s degree at Oakland University in 2011, and four years later completed his doctorate program at Michigan State University. His areas of professional expertise include search-based software engineering, evolutionary computation, software testing, requirements engineering, and model-driven engineering. Dr. Fredericks has published several conference publications and an article in the “Journal of Empirical Software Engineering.” At Oakland University, Dr. Fredericks is most looking forward to exciting new research collaborations with the diverse range of interests among Oakland University faculty. Dr. Fredericks also enjoys web and video game development.

PENG ZHAO, PH.D.  
Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering  
School of Engineering and Computer Science  
Dr. Peng Zhao graduated in 2009 from the University of Science and Technology of China with his bachelor's degree in thermal science and energy engineering. Dr. Zhao then completed his master’s degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering in 2011 and his doctorate program in 2015 from Princeton University. Dr. Zhao’s areas of professional expertise include combustion and reacting flows, internal combustion engines, chemical kinetics, environmental science and energy conversion. Dr. Zhao has published research articles in peer-reviewed journals, such as “Combustion and Flame” and “Proceedings of the Combustion Institute.” At Oakland University, Dr. Zhao is most looking forward to building close ties with the local auto-industry, as well as bridging fundamental combustion research with advanced engine technologies. In his spare time, Dr. Zhao enjoys practicing Chinese calligraphy, listening to music, and playing tennis and table tennis.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

ELISE BROWN, M.S.  
Instructor of Wellness, Health Promotion  
School of Health Sciences  
Elise Brown completed her bachelor’s degree in 2004 from Louisiana Tech University, and then completed her master’s degree in 2009 from Midwestern State University. She will receive her doctorate degree in health promotion at the University of the West of Scotland in 2016. Brown's area of professional expertise is focused on school-based childhood obesity prevention, child physical activity interventions, and multi-modal high intensity interval training. She is most looking forward to getting to know the students and faculty at Oakland University, as well as contributing her efforts toward the department’s teaching excellence and research endeavors.
MOZHgon RAJAEE, PH.D.

Assistant Professor of Health Sciences
School of Health Sciences

Dr. Mozhgon Rajaee received her bachelor’s degree in 2007 from Spring Arbor University. She completed her master’s and doctorate degrees between 2012-2015 at the University of Michigan. Dr. Rajaee’s areas of professional expertise include environmental health and justice of vulnerable communities through community-based research and initiatives to influence healthy behaviors and policy. She has engaged in research projects focusing on environmental health with small-scale gold mining and electronic waste in Ghana. At Oakland University, Dr. Rajaee is most looking forward to making local, community connections and collaborating with other faculty to initiate projects that improve environmental and overall health. In her free time, she likes spending time outside, hiking, and learning about local ecology.

LAUREL STEVENSON, PH.D.

Visiting Professor of Health Sciences
School of Health Sciences

Dr. Laurel Stevenson received her bachelor’s degree at the University of Michigan in 2003. She then obtained her master’s (2006) and doctorate (2010) degrees from Indiana University. Her areas of professional expertise include community-based participatory research, mixed-methods research, global health and development, HIV/AIDS, health behavior and bioethics. Dr. Stevenson has been teaching at OU in health sciences for two years, teaching at the undergraduate level and for the Master of Public Health program. Currently, she is acting as the Evaluation Consultant for the CDC REACH grant with the Healthy Pontiac Coalition. At Oakland University, Dr. Stevenson is most looking forward to helping students discover their talents and interests, as well as working on community-based research projects.

CHRISTOPHER WILSON, PH.D.

Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy
School of Health Sciences

Dr. Christopher Wilson graduated from Oakland University with his bachelor’s degree in health science in 1999 and then completed his master’s degree in physical therapy in 2001. He then received his transitional doctorate degree in physical therapy from the University of St. Augustine in 2005. In 2015, he completed his doctorate in physical therapy (DScPT) from Oakland University. Dr. Wilson was honored by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) with the APTA Emerging Leader Award in 2009 and the Signe Brunnström Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching in 2015. He is active in clinical research in the areas of Hospice/Palliative Care and Safe Patient Handling and Mobility.
SCHOOL OF NURSING

MERIAM CABORAL-STEvens, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Nursing
School of Nursing

Dr. Meriam Caboral-Stevens received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Philippines in 1985. Dr. Caboral-Stevens then completed her master’s degree in 2002 from Molloy College, New York, and most recently, was awarded her doctorate degree from the Graduate Center City University of New York in 2015. Her areas of professional expertise include cardiovascular disease, particularly heart failure and adult health, with interests in older adults and their use of technology. Dr. Caboral-Stevens has published 17 articles in peer-reviewed journals. At Oakland University, she is most looking forward to the opportunity to work with nursing colleagues in the Midwest, as well as collaborate in interprofessional research activities. In her spare time, Dr. Caboral-Stevens enjoys traveling, especially to Europe.

TERESA CHAHINE, MSN, RN, PMHNP-BC
Adjunct Instructor
School of Nursing

Teresa Chahine received her bachelor’s and master’s degree from Wayne State University. She is a board certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, with experience in working with inpatient, outpatient and crisis psychiatric facilities. Chahine has a private practice in Oakland and Macomb Counties, working with a broad age range from late adolescence through adulthood, and specializing in elder neurocognitive disorders. The focal point of Chahine’s professional practice is primary prevention. She also views the capability of being proactive and having a positive approach to providing patient care, managing and fostering change as essential to building a well-respected practice and promoting service excellence.

LAN YAO, PH.D.
Assistant Professor of Nursing
School of Nursing

Dr. Lan Yao received her Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2004. Her areas of professional expertise include mental and physical health of family caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s disease, tailored exercise/physical activity intervention for frail older adults, and trans-cultural comparisons of nursing care in older adults. Dr. Yao’s research aims to reduce falls, and improve functional mobility, psychosocial well-being and the quality of life in vulnerable older adults.
WELCOME NEW DEANS

JON MARGERUM-LEYS, PH.D.
Dean of School of Education and Human Services

Dr. Jon Margerum-Leys holds a Ph.D. in educational studies (educational technology and teacher education) from the University of Michigan, where he also earned a master’s in educational technology. He has a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from California State Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo and a Bachelor of Music in Education from the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Margerum-Leys joins Oakland from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, where he was dean of the School of Education. He brings to Oakland University more than a decade of expertise in academic administration and nearly three decades of scholarship in educational media, technology and teaching at the K-12 level. He is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles in scholarly journals. His research interests are educational technology, knowledge acquisition and transfer by student and cooperating teachers, and professional development of P-12 teachers.

CLAUDIA A. PETRESCU, PH.D.
Dean of Graduate Education

Dr. Claudia Petrescu holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and a Master of Social and Public Policy from Duquesne University. She also earned two degrees in Romania, a Master of Economics from Babes-Bolyai University and a post-graduate degree in international relations from the National School of Public Administration and International Relations. Her work has included serving as faculty associate for policies and procedure, and as assistant to the Dean of College of Arts and Sciences for strategic planning. In her role as dean, she will continue to hone her leadership and planning skills by fostering a culture of service to graduate students and academic units at Oakland. She will also develop new strategies for recruitment, enrollment and retention of a diverse student body; oversee initiatives to maintain and enhance program quality; and work to broaden awareness and recognition of OU’s graduate program strengths.

STEPHEN P. WEITER, M.L.S.
Associate Professor and Dean of University Libraries

Mr. Stephen Weiter holds a Master of Library Science degree from the Syracuse University School of Information Studies, a Master of Arts in International Relations from the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Louisville. He also completed studies at Harvard University’s Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians. Weiter is director of college libraries at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) and has also served as principal law librarian for automation and technical services at the New York State Appellate Division Law Library in Rochester, New York. As chief administrative officer of the libraries, Weiter will provide vision, direction and planning for library staff. He will also oversee professional development of library personnel, support fundraising activities, guide advancement of library technology and programs, and assure that the libraries continue to play a central role in the intellectual life of the university.