
St. Norbert College

Directory of New Faculty Orientation Program Participants

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April Beiswenger: Ms. April Beiswenger joins St. Norbert College as an Assistant Professor of Theatre Studies. April earned her M.F.A. in Theatre, with an emphasis on design, this spring from West Virginia University. Her M.A. in Theatre Arts is from Villanova University.
Office: BAC 166, Phone: ext. 2945, Mentor: Jim Neilson



Kristee Boehm: Dr. Kristee Boehm rejoins the St. Norbert College Community as a Visiting Instructor of Modern Languages & Literatures after a five-year absence, during which she was a Senior Lecturer and Coordinator of the 2nd-year Spanish Program at the University of Washington in Seattle. Previously at SNC, she served as an Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages from 1996 to 2004 and was tenured in 2000. Kristee received her Ph.D. and M.A. in Spanish from the University of Kentucky and her B.A. in Spanish and Business Administration from Alma College, Michigan.
Office: Boyle 304, Phone: ext. 3448



Jason R. Bowers: Captain Jason Bowers is now the Assistant Professor of Military Science in St. Norbert College's Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. Jason was born and raised in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from Michigan State University and a Masters in Leadership Studies from the University of Texas at El Paso. He commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery Branch in 2002. Assignments include being a platoon leader, executive officer, and battery commander of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment at Fort Carson, Colorado. During this assignment, he deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Upon completion of the Advanced Course at Fort Bliss, he was assigned to Schofield Barracks, HI. Jason held various positions on the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team staff including Assistant

Operations Officer. He deployed with the Brigade to Iraq and served as the Assistant Civil Affairs Officer for the duration of the 15-month deployment.

Office: St. John's Hall, Phone: ext. 6552



Emanuel Castro de Oliveira: The Economics Discipline welcomes Mr. Emanuel Castro de Oliveira as Adjunct Instructor of Economics. Emanuel recently finished work on his Ph.D. from Kansas State University, specializing in macroeconomics, international economics and econometrics. He received his M.B.A. from Kansas State University and his B.A. from Licenciatura, Corporate Management, University of Coimbra.

Office: Cofrin 329, Phone: ext. 2941, Mentor: Marc von der Ruhr

Chris Dalton: Mr. Chris Dalton joins St. Norbert College as an Adjunct Instructor of History for the fall semester. Chris is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in East Asian Studies from the University of Arizona, Tucson. He received his M.A. in East Asian Studies from the University of Arizona, Tucson, and his B.A. in East Asian Languages and Literature from the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Office: Boyle 302, Phone: ext. 2989, Mentor: Larry McAndrews



Leanne Kent: The community is pleased to have Dr. Leanne Kent continue in the Philosophy Discipline as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy. Leanne joined the SNC Community last year as a Visiting Instructor of Philosophy. Specializing in both theoretical and applied ethics (including business and medical ethics), Leanne recently earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy at Bowling Green State University. Her dissertation is entitled *Tragic Dilemmas, Virtue Ethics and Moral Luck*. She won several awards for her graduate work at Bowling Green. Leanne completed her M.A. at the University of Alberta and her B.A. (Honors) at the University of Regina. She is a native of Canada.

Office: Boyle 402, Phone: ext. 2909, Mentor: John Holder



Ed Lamm: St. Norbert College is pleased to welcome Mr. Ed. Lamm as Executive Director of Enrollment & Marketing. Originally from Clintonville, Wisconsin, Ed most recently worked at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh as Assistant Dean of Graduate and Doctoral Programs and was at Central Methodist University in Missouri as the Dean of Admission prior to that. Ed has his B.A. in Government from Lawrence University and earned his M.B.A. in Management from North Park University in Chicago.

Office: Admissions, Phone: ext. 3005



Linda McKeag: We are pleased to welcome Ms. Linda McKeag, a local resident, to St. Norbert College as a Visiting Instructor of Accounting. Linda received her M.B.A. in Finance from the University of St. Thomas and her B.S. from University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Her teaching duties will include financial and intermediate accounting. Linda lives in Allouez with her husband, Bryan, and three sons.

Office: Cofrin 332, Phone: ext. 2906, Mentor: Iris Jenkel



Christopher Meidl: The Education Department welcomes Dr. Christopher Meidl to the community. Christopher joins us as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Education. He earned his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction: Early Childhood Education from Pennsylvania State University, his M.A. from the University of New Orleans, and his B.A. from Saint John's University in Minnesota. He left a tenure-track university appointment to return to Wisconsin, his home state.

Office: Boyle 406, Phone: ext. 2994, Mentor: Mark Bockenbauer



Tynisha Meidl: The Education Department also warmly welcomes Dr. Tynisha Meidl to the community. Ty joins us as an Assistant Professor of Education, specializing in literacy and reading. A recent graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Ty earned her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction: Language and Literacy Education. Her M.E. is from the University of Texas, Pan-American, and her B.S. in Spanish is from Pennsylvania State University.

Office: Boyle 238, Phone: ext. 2903, Mentor: Susan Landt



Jason Mills: Visiting Instructor of Biology, Dr. Jason Mills, joins the Biology Discipline. Jason is very familiar with the Wisconsin area, having received his Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his B.S. in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.
Office: JMS 310, Phone: ext. 3366, Mentor: David Hunnicutt



Kevin Murphy: Dr. Kevin Murphy, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, is as pleased to be staying in the Midwest as we are to have him here. He recently received his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from the University of Iowa and his B.A. is from Augustana College.
Office: Cofrin 328, Phone: ext. 3063, Mentor: Kathy Muhs and Larry Scheich



Sarah Parks: Our new Director of the Music Program, Head of Choirs and Choral Music Education, and Assistant Professor of Music is Dr. Sarah Parks. Sarah left a tenured position at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls to join our community. She received her Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Minnesota, her M.M. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her B.M. from St. Olaf College in Minnesota.
Office: APHFA 135, Phone: ext. 3115, Mentor: Marcie Paul



Robert Pyne: Dr. Robert Pyne is Director of the Peace and Justice Center. Before coming to St. Norbert College in 2009, he served as Director of Leadership Development for African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM). In that role, he oversaw the development and delivery of training in eight countries of sub-Saharan Africa, working primarily in peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and pastoral education. Before joining ALARM, Robert was Professor of Theological Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, where he taught for 17 years and twice received the Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. He has authored or co-authored two books and dozens of articles. Robert received his Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) and Master of Theology (Th.M.) in Systematic Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary and his B.A. in Communication from Arizona State University. He and his wife

Julie are the parents of four children.

Office: Student Union 128, Phone: ext. 3978



Tanya Randle: The Philosophy Discipline welcomes Tanya Randle as Teaching Fellow of Philosophy. Tanya recently finished work on her Ph.D. from Emory University in Atlanta, specializing in philosophy of religion. She received her M.A. in Philosophy from Emory University, and a B.A. in Philosophy and a B.S. in Psychology from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff.
Office: Boyle 324, Phone: ext. 2991, Mentor: Don Abel



Beth Tarasawa: The Sociology Discipline is happy to announce that Dr. Beth Tarasawa is joining us as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. Beth took her Ph.D. and M.A. in Sociology at Emory University in Atlanta, and her B.S. at Portland State in Sociology with a Women's Studies Minor. Her primary responsibilities will be race and ethnicity, stratification and research methods. Beth has been trained in both quantitative and qualitative methods. She has put her quantitative training to use co-writing, with Associate Professor Regina Werum at Emory, a set of papers on new immigrants to the south, with a particular focus on ethnic diversity and competition in education, and policies designed to support education in multi-ethnic contexts.

Office: Boyle 455, Phone: ext. 2993, Mentor: Cheryl Carpenter



Pat Wagner: St. Norbert College is pleased to welcome Mr. Pat Wagner as Executive Director of Development. Pat comes to SNC from The Prairie School in Racine, WI where he served as the Senior Advancement Officer for Development for the past nine years. Prior to his position at The Prairie School Pat worked in sales, operations and marketing. Pat has a B.A. in Economics from Lawrence University.

Office: Advancement - Main Hall, Phone ext.3365



Nicolas Winter: Dr. Nicolas Winter joins St. Norbert College as a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Chemistry. Nick has a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. He obtained his Ph.D. in Computational Chemistry from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 2006 and subsequently completed a three year research postdoctoral position with Prof. George Schatz at Northwestern University. While at UC Santa Cruz, Nick received both the Chemistry Department and campus-wide Outstanding Teaching Assistant awards. During his postdoctoral at Northwestern University, Nick completed the Graduate Teaching Certificate Program offered through the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence. Some of his research interests including modeling biological systems with a coarse-grained molecular dynamics approach with a particular focus on drug delivery and

release. In his free time, Nick enjoys running, biking, and being in nature.

Office: JMS 405, Phone: ext. 2974, Mentor: Larry Scheich