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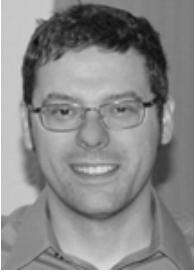
# St. Norbert College

## Directory of New Faculty Orientation Program Invitees

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**Brandon Bauer:** St. Norbert College welcomes Mr. Brandon Bauer as Assistant Professor of Art in New Media and Photography. Brandon is an award-winning artist whose work has been exhibited and screened nationally and internationally. He received his B.F.A. in Painting from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and his M.A. and M.F.A. in Intermedia from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Brandon received a Graduate Student Fellowship for the completion of his Master of Fine Arts Thesis Project and Exhibition titled *This Is What You Were Born For: Mapping Afghan History*. Brandon joins us from Lawrence University where he was a lecturer in the Department of Art and Art History. Prior to that he taught at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Brandon and his wife Wendy are the proud parents of a new baby girl.

Office: Bush Art Center Room 165, Phone: ext. 2901, Mentor: Jim Neilson



**Tomas Bogardus:** Dr. Tomas Bogardus joins St. Norbert College as a Teaching Fellow of Philosophy. Tomas received his B.S. in General Biology, *magna cum laude*, from the University of California, San Diego, and his M.A. in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics from Talbot School of Theology, Biola University. He recently completed his Ph.D. at the University of Texas with his dissertation titled *An Epistemological Approach to the Mind-Body Problem*. Tomas is married to Tanja and they have a new daughter, Minna.

Office: Boyle Hall Room 412, Phone: ext. 2926, Mentor: John Neary



**Mara Brecht:** Dr. Mara Brecht is welcomed to the faculty of St. Norbert College as an Assistant Professor of Religious Studies. Mara received her B.A. in religion and history from Oberlin College, her master's of theological studies from Harvard Divinity School, and her doctorate in theology from Fordham University. She enjoys running and exercising, playing soccer, reading contemporary fiction, walking her dog, spending time with her husband Ben, baking, and learning to upholster.

Office: Boyle Hall Room 452, Phone: ext. 2902, Mentor: Shalisa Collins



**Erik Brekke:** We are pleased to welcome Dr. Erik Brekke to St. Norbert College as an Assistant Professor of Physics. Erik received his B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He joins us from Wheaton College where he completed a two-year visiting position. Erik and his wife, Susie, have two young daughters, Jannah and Emilia. His interests include biking, camping, reading, frisbee, and playing almost any game.

Office: JMS Room 307, Phone: ext. 3189, Mentor: David Hunnicutt



**Shan Bryan-Hanson:** St. Norbert College welcomes Ms. Shan Bryan-Hanson as Curator of Art Galleries and Collections of Art. Shan received her B.A. from Anderson University and her Master of Fine Arts from the University of Montana-Missoula. She joins us from Silver Lake College where she was an Assistant Professor of Art.

Office: Bush Art Center Room 162, Phone: ext. 3072, Mentor: Julie Massey



**Bonnie de Arteaga:** St. Norbert College also welcomes Ms. Bonnie de Arteaga as Adjunct Instructor of Art. Bonnie graduated in art education from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She is a working artist whose prints have been exhibited nationally and internationally. Her work is part of the corporate collection of Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee. She is the founder of Main Street Art Works gallery and artist co-op in Hilbert, WI.

Office: Bush Art Center Room 163, Phone: ext. 2946



**Kathryn Geimer-Chojnacki:** Ms Kathryn Geimer-Chojnacki joins the St. Norbert College community as Adjunct Instructor of Education. Kathryn received her B.A. from Mount Mary College and her M.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has extensive classroom experience both teaching and evaluating students for special education, and supporting regular education and special education teachers in their roles in teaching a child with a disability. She has served on numerous local and state transition and curriculum committees and has helped to develop alternate assessments for students with disabilities, the Wisconsin Alternate Assessment (WAA) as well as the alternate ACCESS for English language learners. She most recently joins us from the Green Bay Area Public Schools where she continues to work with transition of students (18-21) at NWTC.

Office: Boyle Hall Room 229, Phone: ext. 3004



**Megan Haak:** The sociology discipline also welcomes Ms. Megan Haak as Teaching Fellow of Sociology. Megan received her B.A. in Industrial/Organizational Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and her M.A. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is completing work on her dissertation “Status Attainment Revisited: A Contemporary Study for Gender and Educational Attainment.” Megan joins us from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she is currently an Adjunct Instructor.

Office: Boyle Hall Room 455, Phone: ext. 2973



**Carrie Kissman:** Dr. Carrie Kissman, Assistant Professor of Biology, is welcomed into our community in the Natural Science Division. Carrie received her B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her Ph.D. from Michigan State University. She joins us from Miami University where she most recently served as a Visiting Assistant Professor.

Office: JMS Room 305, Phone: ext. 2955, Mentor: Deborah Anderson



**Jamie Lynch:** Dr. Jamie Lynch joins the St. Norbert College community as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. Jamie received his B.S. from Western Washington University, his M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from The Ohio State University.

Office: Boyle Hall Room 454, Phone: ext. 2939, Mentor: Mark Bockenbauer



**Christopher Meidl:** Dr. Christopher Meidl returns to St. Norbert College as an Assistant Professor of Education. He has been a Visiting Assistant Professor of Education here since 2009. Christopher 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.

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



**Christopher Morong:** Dr. Christopher Morong joins St. Norbert College as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Christopher earned his Ph.D. and M.S. from the University of Chicago, and his B.S. from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Most recently, Christopher served as an Adjunct Instructor of Chemistry at the Dominican University.

Office: JMS Room 405, Phone: ext. 2974, Mentor: Jon Russel



**Luis Navarro-Ayala:** We welcome Mr. Luis Navarro-Ayala as a Visiting Instructor of Modern Languages & Literatures. Luis earned his B.A. from the University of California-Davis, and is in the process of receiving his Ph.D. in French & Francophone Studies from UCLA. Luis has extensive teaching experience at the high school and college levels in California, and is very excited to join our community at St. Norbert College.

Office: Boyle Hall Room 324, Phone: ext. 2962, Mentor: Bradford Ellis



**Robert Osgood:** Dr. Bob Osgood joins the St. Norbert College community as Chair of Teacher Education. Bob received his B.A. from the University of Oregon, his M.Ed. from the University of Vermont, and his Ph.D. from The Claremont Graduate School. Most recently, Bob was Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for Teacher Education and Professor of Education at Muskingum University.

Office: Boyle Hall Room 219, Phone: ext. 3092, Mentor: Tim Flood



**Nicholas Padilla:** Mr. Nicholas Padilla returns to St. Norbert College as an Adjunct Instructor of Geography. Nick received his B.A. from St. Norbert College, his M.S. from Texas State University-San Marcos, and is currently working on his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Nick's research interests are focused on the politics of mobilization and resistance to drug eradication efforts in Colombia. His dissertation project is primarily concerned with issues of representation, indigenous identity, and development. When he has a break from academe, Nick enjoys walking his dog, cheering for the Green Bay Packers, and traveling with his wife Heather.

Office: Boyle Hall Room 231, Phone: ext. 2966



**Melinda Roberts:** St. Norbert College welcomes Ms. Melinda Roberts as Director of the English as a Second Language Institute. Melinda has her B.A. in English and Comparative Literatures and a minor in Sociology from California State University, Fullerton, her TESOL Certificate from the University of California, Irvine, and her MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Languages from Azusa Pacific University. She taught ESL and was a program coordinator in Southern California for 10 years before moving to New York to work as the National Consultant for an ESL publisher. During the six years she was in New York, she also taught ESL, Composition and Literature classes. In her free time Melinda enjoys photography, birding, and any activity that is in or alongside water.

Office: Bemis Room 306, Phone: ext. 3125



**Keith Sherony:** St. Norbert College welcomes Dr. Keith Sherony as a Visiting Professor of Economics. Keith received his B.A. from Rosary College, his M.S. from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Keith joins us from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he has been part of the faculty since 1983.

Office: Cofrin Hall Room 329, Phone: ext. 2941, Mentor: Paul Bursik



**Alexa Trumpy:** Dr. Alexa Trumpy joins the St. Norbert community as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology. Alexa received her B.A. from DePauw University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from The Ohio State University. She studies social movements, gender, and culture. Alexa is currently working on a book about framing theory and recent changes in the American pro-life movement. Office: Boyle Hall Room 430, Phone: ext. 2948, Mentor: Wendy Scattergood



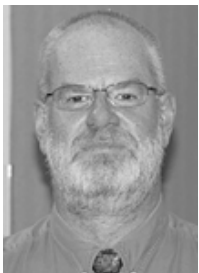
**Kristin Vogel:** We are delighted that Ms. Kristin Vogel became the new Director of the Mulva Library at St. Norbert College effective July 1, 2011. Kristin recently served as Librarian and Associate Professor at Saint Louis University. She has previously held positions at Illinois Wesleyan University and Alma College. She has an undergraduate degree in Peace and Global Studies from Earlham College and a Master's degree from Indiana University's School of Library and Information Science with concentrations in Academic Libraries, Technology, and Reference & Instruction. Office: Mulva Library Room 114, Phone: ext. 3290, Mentor: Linda Beane-Katner



**Mary Elizabeth VonDras:** We are pleased to welcome Ms. Mary Elizabeth VonDras as an Adjunct Instructor of Modern Languages and Literatures. Mary Elizabeth earned a B.A. in philosophy from Wellesley College and began a long period of academic and career exploration based on an interest in the philosophy of art and design. Technical coursework led to the realization that her gifts did not include spatial reasoning. Nonetheless, a keen interest to learn more about architectural and cultural history led inadvertently to more serious study of French language and culture. She completed two masters degrees in French literature at Syracuse University and Washington University in St. Louis. She then served as Coordinator of Study Abroad at Washington University in St. Louis, and later as

Publisher and Editor of a small educational magazine company. Redevelopment and marketing of the magazines brought Mary Elizabeth into close contact with vibrant high school communities, which sparked her drive to earn teacher certification in French K12 and to later transition into teaching French at an inner-city public school in St. Louis. Marriage and subsequent motherhood led to relocation to Green Bay and a part-time teaching schedule. Mary Elizabeth is also an adjunct at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where she teaches Intro to Humanities. In free moments, Mary Elizabeth is an avid knitter!

Office: Boyle Hall Room 302, Phone: ext. 2968



**James White:** We are pleased to welcome Dr. James White as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology. James received his B.A. from the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign and his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. Office: Boyle Hall Room 447, Phone: ext. 2970



**Andrea Wochenske:** Dr. Andrea Wochenske joins the St. Norbert College community as Adjunct Instructor of Biology. Andrea received her B.S. from the University of Kentucky and her D.C. from Palmer Chiropractic University. She is an active Chiropractor in the local area and has most recently taught at NWTC and UWGB. She is married and has a two year old daughter. Andrea also enjoys antiquing, cross-stitching, gardening, and traveling. Office: JMS Room 309