

# Loyola Marymount University

## NEW FACULTY 2009–10: BIOSKETCHES

### TO THE LOYOLA MARYMOUNT COMMUNITY:

I am pleased to introduce our new faculty colleagues for 2009-2010. There are 21 new tenured and tenure track faculty representing disciplines across the university. These individuals are a demonstration of our continuing commitment to hire highly qualified faculty as stated in the university's strategic plan. In addition, we welcome 23 new visiting and clinical faculty for this academic year. Our new colleagues are committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service and will enrich our commitment to the encouragement of learning. Please give your warmest welcome to our new faculty and support their induction into our community.

To all our faculty, new and returning, I wish you a most successful and rewarding year. I look forward to meeting with all of you and personally wishing you the very best.

Sincerely,



Ernest Rose  
Senior Vice President  
for Academic Affairs and  
Chief Academic Officer



### **DEXTER L. BLACKMAN** ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HISTORY

Dexter recently completed his doctoral studies in History at Georgia State University in Atlanta. A native North Carolinian, he obtained his B.A. and M.A. in History at North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC.

His teaching and research interests include African American, Hip-Hop, the African Diaspora and contemporary U.S. histories. He is currently working on a manuscript on Black Power and the 1968 Olympic Project for Human Rights. Dexter writes critical cultural articles and organizes and guides college and historical tours for an organization that serves low-income youth. His hobbies include the African drum circle, travel, athletics, deejaying and the arts.



### **DANIEL BONILLA** VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR NATURAL SCIENCES

Daniel joins the Natural Sciences department as a Visiting Assistant Professor. He earned a B.S. in Athletic Training from the University of La Verne and became a Board Certified Athletic Trainer (A.T.C.). He went on to receive his M.S. in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science from the University of Hawaii, Manoa. His work experience includes time teaching undergraduate courses in Emergency Care and CPR as well as Weight Training and Nutrition. His research focuses on biomechanics and he specializes in shoulder strength and rehabilitation of overhead athletes. He lives in Corona and enjoys playing the guitar and spending time with his family, friends and girlfriend, Shannon.



**NICOLE BOUVIER-BROWN**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY**

Nicole graduated *summa cum laude* from Saint Mary's College of California, having earned her B.S. in Chemistry/Biology with an Environmental Science emphasis. She proceeded to earn her doctoral degree from the University of California, Berkeley, where she was a member of Dr. Allen Goldstein's research group. Nicole then spent a semester as an Adjunct Professor in the Environmental Science department at the University of San Francisco while simultaneously serving as a postdoctoral scholar in the Goldstein group at UC Berkeley. During her time as a graduate student, Nicole's research focused on developing novel analytical techniques for measuring biogenic volatile organic compound (BVOC) emissions from vegetation at the Blodgett Forest Research Station in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of northern California, as well as analyzing the contribution of those emissions to ozone reactivity and aerosol formation. Her work has been published in journals such as *Atmospheric Environment*, *Atmospheric Chemistry & Physics*, and *Journal of Chromatography A*. A native southern Californian, Nicole is happy to have the luxury of riding her bike along the beach and watching sunsets over the ocean again. She is currently living in Playa del Rey with her husband, Andy. In her free time, she takes every opportunity to fill their home with the smell of freshly baked home-made bread.



**NICHOLAS BROWN**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

Nicholas received a B.A. in Political Science from Northwestern College (IA) and earned a M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University and an M.A. in Theological Studies from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in Christian Ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary. His research interests include capacity-building in weak states, just peacemaking and crafting a public ethical discourse in a democratic and pluralistic society. He and his wife Audrey have a one year-old son named Jonah.



**MỠ H. BUI**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**MARKETING / BUSINESS LAW**

Myla received her Bachelor of Business Administration double majoring in Marketing and Management and her M.B.A., both from Loyola University New Orleans. She completed her Ph.D. in Marketing from the University of Arkansas and joined the Department of Marketing and Business Law as an Assistant Professor of Marketing in fall 2009. She has professional working experience in promotional marketing through Nola.com and business development/market research through Intralox Inc., USA. Her research interests include consumer judgment and decision making pertaining to emotions, health and nutrition, as well as global retailing environments. She enjoys reading, creative writing, running, cooking, traveling and learning about different cultures. Myla is currently living in Marina Del Rey with her husband, Mike, and their two cats.



**EMEK KÖSE CAN**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**MATHEMATICS**

Emek received her B.S. in Mathematics from Middle East Technical University, Turkey and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Mathematics from Drexel University. Her work experience includes time spent teaching at the University of Western Ontario in Canada, at Drexel University and at Loyola University in New Orleans. Her research area is Image Science with a focus on catadioptric sensors. In her dissertation she worked on imaging systems that overcome the difficulties of conventional optical devices. She is also interested in mathematics education. Her hobbies are reading, camping and cooking.



**VICENTE CASSANO**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**BIOLOGY**

Vicente is a lecturer with experience teaching Life Sciences at the university level in the U.S. and Brazil. He earned a B.S. in Biology and a Teaching License in Natural Sciences and Biology from the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), an M.S. in Biological Oceanography from the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande (FURG), and a Ph.D. in Biology from UCLA. He was a Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Protein Expression Technology Center, MBI-UCLA, and a Visiting Assistant Professor in Biochemistry at the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ). He has taught courses at UCLA, UERJ, CSUN, and SMC. His research interests range from the study of Systematics, Population Genetics, and Evolution of marine fishes, Marine Ecology, and Comparative Morphology.



**ERNESTO COLIN**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN EDUCATION**

Ernesto joins the Department of Language and Culture as a Visiting Assistant Professor. He holds a B.A. in Chicana/o Studies and Spanish and an M.A. in Secondary Education, both from LMU. He is currently working towards his Ph.D. in Anthropology of Education at Stanford University. His work experiences include teaching Spanish at Culver City and Animo Leadership Charter High Schools. He also served as a part time faculty member in the School of Education at LMU and as an adjunct faculty in Chicana/o Studies and Anthropology at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, California. Ernesto's research interests include Aztec Dance, Cultural Citizenship, Culturally Relevant Pedagogy, Cultural Anthropology, Interdisciplinary Chicana/o Studies and International Native American Studies. In his free time, he enjoys Aztec Dance and Ceremony, world travel, sports, cooking, family, and the Native American Arts. He is also a DJ at 88.9 FM KXLU on campus and the founder of the show, "Serenata de Tríos."



**LAUREL FRANZEN**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**ACCOUNTING**

Laurel received her B.A. from UC San Diego, her M.B.A. from Chapman University, and her Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Washington. She has prior teaching experience at the University of Texas, Dallas and the University of Washington. Her research interests include the valuation of R&D and issues related to financial distress and bankruptcy prediction. Her research has been published in such journals as the *Journal of Finance* and the *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*.



**LYNELL GEORGE**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**ENGLISH**

Lynell is a Visiting Assistant Professor in English and Journalism. She earned a B.A. in English from LMU and has done post-graduate work at San Francisco State University in the Masters Creative Writing Program. She is a journalist, essayist and culture critic who has worked as a staff writer for both the *Los Angeles Times* and *L.A. Weekly*. She is the author of *No Crystal Stair: African Americans in the City of Angeles* (Verso), a collection of essays and reportage. Her work has also appeared in *The Smithsonian*, *Vibe*, *Essence*, *the Utne Reader*, *Ms.*, *Black Clock* as well as anthologies, *Writing Los Angeles: A Literary Anthology* (Library of America), *Another City. Writing from Los Angeles (City Lights)*, *Step into a World* (Wiley). Winner of the National Association of Black Journalists Award for feature writing as well as a finalist for the Penny-Missouri Award in features, she has covered arts and culture, social issues, human behavior, race and identity politics and sense of place in Los Angeles. She is currently a fellow with the Horizon Institute, a nonpartisan think tank, dedicated to developing new ideas about how our economy can embody the values of inclusiveness, sustainability and fairness starting at the neighborhood level.



**CAROL GRAHAM**  
**VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**ACCOUNTING**

Carol graduated from The University of Strathclyde, Scotland with an honors degree in Accounting and Finance. After spending two years as a visiting Ph.D. student at the Stern School at New York University, she earned her doctoral degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Strathclyde. Carol's first full-time teaching position was at The University of Pacific where she was an Assistant Professor for three years. Since 1998, she has been at the University of San Francisco where she is currently an Associate Professor. Carol is on leave from USF for the next two years during her stay as a Visiting Professor at LMU. She is delighted that she is able to continue to teach within the Jesuit Network. Most of Carol's research is in the area of market-based accounting research in general, with specific interest in the issues of earnings quality and accounting conservatism. In her spare time, Carol enjoys running, having fun with friends and most of all spending time with her husband and three sons.



**MICHELLE HAUER**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & COMPUTER**  
**SCIENCE**

Michelle earned her B.S. in Engineering Physics from LMU and her M.S.E.E. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from USC. Since 1997, she has been working part-time as a Systems Engineer at Raytheon Company while pursuing her doctoral degree at USC. During her undergraduate studies at LMU, she worked on the Space Shuttle program at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston as a "co-op" student. Her areas of expertise are optics, photonics, and optical fiber communications. Her current research is on an intraocular camera for retinal prostheses. She is married to Brian, an LMU alumnus, and they reside in Hawthorne. She loves to travel, read, listen to music, and cook, especially baking. She looks forward to traveling quite a bit more now that she has completed graduate school.



**JOSHUA HAYES**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**PHILOSOPHY**

Joshua earned his B.A. in Classics-History-Politics from Colorado College and received a Ph.D. in philosophy from the New School for Social Research. He previously taught courses in philosophy and religious studies at Santa Clara University and Stanford University. Josh specializes in the history of philosophy with an emphasis upon Aristotle and his influence upon contemporary debates in metaphysics, psychology, and ethics. He is currently editing a volume of essays devoted to the reception of Aristotle within the medieval Arabic tradition with a colleague at Pitzer College. When not translating Greek and learning Arabic, Josh enjoys running at the beach and taking the occasional cycling tour along the California coast.



**LISA JUSTINE HERNANDEZ**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**CHICANA/O STUDIES**

Lisa Justine is an Associate Professor on a one-year academic leave from St Edward's University in Austin, Texas. She earned a B.S. in Computer Science from St Edward's, a B.A. in Chicano Studies from UC Berkeley, and an M.A and Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from UT Austin. Her research areas include Chicana/o Literature, Women's Studies, and Cyberspace. She is developing online resources, including an online searchable database for the *Chicana/Latina* Studies journal as part of a larger project, *This Bridge Called Cyberspace* that will provide online accessibility and search capabilities for print-based publications by women, people of color, and other social identity groups. Her current hobbies include watercolor, yoga, and Seido Karate.



**KAROL ANN HOFFNER**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**SCREENWRITING**

Karol received a B.F.A from Southern Methodist University, with majors in Journalism and English and an M.E. from the University of North Texas. She is an A.B.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in Screenwriting where she also taught classes. She works as a screenwriter in Hollywood and has written original movies as well as novel adaptations for television mini-series and movies-of-the-week. She is currently writing a feature adaptation for a book she optioned this past summer. Karol is also the author of two young adult novels. Barnes and Noble singled out the second, *Surf Ed.*, for a national summer reading campaign. For the past two years, she has been a part-time instructor in the Screenwriting Department at LMU. She is married with two children, one dog and a cat and lives quite happily at the beach.



**KAREN HUCHTING**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

Karie is a true lion graduating from LMU with a B.A. in Psychology and an MA in Education. She earned her Ph.D. in Applied Social Psychology from Claremont Graduate University. Her research emphasis is on Health Education and she enjoys teaching Quantitative Methods and Analyses. She brings over 9 years of experience working on grant funded research studies including work at UCLA on the prevention of HIV, homelessness, substance use, and work at LMU on college alcohol use. She is also the volunteer LMU Division I Women's Soccer assistant coach.



**ANGELA JAMES**  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES**

Angela earned her B.A. and her Ph.D. in Sociology and her M.A. in Afro-America Studies, all from UCLA. Her work experience includes seven years teaching Sociology/American Studies and Ethnicity as an Assistant Professor at USC. She has spent the last seven years at UCLA as a Visiting Research Scientist in addition to her responsibilities as Assistant Dean for Academic Initiatives and Institutional Research. She has been published in journals such as the *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Race and Society* and *Sociological Perspectives*.



**ADRIANA JAROSZEWICZ**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**ANIMATION**

Adriana earned her B.F.A. in Graphic Design from the University of the Pacific and her M.F.A. in Film, Video and Computer Animation from USC. She has been serving as a Digital Trainer for animators, composers, hair, layout, character set up and character pipeline crews for Sony Pictures Imageworks for the past four years. She has trained artists for the following feature films: "Monster House," "Superman Returns," "Surf's Up," "Open Season," "Spiderman 3," "I am Legend," "Beowulf," "Watchmen," "G-Force," "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," and recently "Alice in Wonderland" and "Cats and Dogs 2." Her research interests include expanding her knowledge of the François Delsarte System of Expression and learning about Laban Movement Analysis and its application to animation. In her free time, she enjoys looking for new technology and how it is artistically used in visual effects projects. She lives in Playa Del Rey with her husband Martin, where they enjoy cycling and jogging on the beach and watching films.



**COLONEL PAUL JUDGE**  
**CHAIR & ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**AEROSPACE STUDIES**

Paul is an active duty Air Force Colonel and pilot. He is currently the Commander of AFROTC Detachment 40 and professor of Aerospace Studies. He has 25 years of service, over 4000 flying hours, three overseas assignments, and has commanded at the Squadron and Group level. Colonel Judge earned a B.A. in Mathematics at the University of Miami and has three Master's degrees in Administration, Logistics, and Strategic Studies. He has received numerous awards including an Aerial Achievement medal from Desert Storm and the 2007 SECDEF Transformation Research Award. He is married, has a 12 year old daughter, and hails from Webster, NY.



**ARIF KARIM**  
**VISITING PROFESSOR**  
**CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY**

Arif received his B.S. and M.S. in Chemistry from UC San Diego. He went on to receive his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry with a focus on molecular machines and physical organic chemistry from the University of Zurich in Switzerland. His experience includes time spent at UCLA working as a postdoctoral scholar and lecturer in the Chemistry department. During his time in Zurich, he traveled extensively throughout Europe and particularly enjoyed his time in Barcelona and Brussels. He grew up in San Diego and is a lifelong Chargers and Padres fan. He likes to spend his free time searching out new eateries in Los Angeles and enjoys keeping up with the latest technological advances.



**WOJCIECH KOCYAN**  
**CLINICAL PROFESSOR**  
**MUSIC**

Wojciech was born in Poland where he received his M.A. in Piano Performance. He then went on to earn a D.M.A. from USC. He is a laureate of several international piano competitions, including F. Busoni and Viotti, as well as a special prizes winner of the XI International Chopin Competition and a First Prize winner of the Paderewski Piano Competition. He has performed on all continents participating in music festivals such as Musica Antiqua Europae Orientalis, Capri Festival, Bydgoszcz International Music Festival, H. M. Gorecki Festival, Beethovenfest, Paderewski Festival, Liszt Festival in Vienna, San Francisco Liszt Festival and the Chopin Festival in Paris. He has recorded for television, radio and film and his performances have been broadcast in Europe, United States and Australia. In 2007, the Gramophone magazine, chose his recording of Prokofiev, Scriabin and Rachmaninoff as one of 50 best classical recordings ever made. He has been a member of part-time faculty at LMU since 1999. He lives in Marina Del Rey where he takes full advantage of the beach.



**MIKAEL KREUZRIEGLER**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**PRODUCTION (FILM & TELEVISION)**

A native of Vienna, Austria, Mikael is a filmmaker and cinematographer of features, shorts and commercials. His work has been screened at the Berlin Film Festival, the Sundance Film Festival, the Directors Guild of America, and many film festivals around the world. He earned his Magister philosophiae degree (M.A.) in German Literature, Philosophy, and Theatre Studies upon completing a thesis on Ernst Lubitsch's musical comedies from the University of Vienna, and he received an M.F.A. in film production from USC. His latest film, *The Intruder*, is currently making the rounds on the festival circuit. At the moment he is preparing two new films, *Sisters of Vengeance*, and *What's up with Gravity?*



**CHAN LU**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**MODERN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE**

Chan will be joining the department of Modern Languages and Literatures as an Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics. She earned a B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature from Xiangtan University, P.R. China, and an M.A. in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language from Beijing Language and Culture University, P.R. China. She also holds a Ph.D. in Second Language Acquisition from Carnegie Mellon University. Her research focuses on Chinese reading acquisition among different learner groups. Her current research is on English-Chinese biliteracy acquisition among Chinese heritage language learners in the United States. Her hobbies include photography and piano.



**STEVEN MAILLOUX**  
**PRESIDENT'S PROFESSOR OF RHETORIC**  
**ENGLISH**

Steve received his B.A. from Loyola University of Los Angeles and his Ph.D. from USC. Prior to arriving at LMU, he taught rhetoric, critical theory, and U.S. cultural studies as Professor of English and Comparative Literature and Chancellor's Professor of Rhetoric at the UC Irvine. He also served in several administrative positions during his years at UCI, including Associate Dean of Humanities for Graduate Study and Acting Director of the UC Humanities Research Institute. Earlier, he received on-the-job training as Chair of English at Syracuse University when that department initiated a comprehensive reform of its literature curriculum in the direction of critical theory and cultural studies. He is the co-editor of *Interpreting Law and Literature* (1988) and editor of *Rhetoric, Sophistry, Pragmatism* (1995) as well as the author of *Interpretive Conventions: The Reader in the Study of American Fiction* (1982), *Rhetorical Power* (1989), and *Reception Histories: Rhetoric, Pragmatism, and American Cultural Politics* (1998). His most recent book is entitled *Disciplinary Identities: Rhetorical Paths of English, Speech, and Composition* (2006). His hobbies include running and traveling with his wife, Molly.



**MICHON MATTHIESEN**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

Michon joins the department of Theological Studies as a Visiting Professor of Systematic Theology. She received an A.B. from Occidental College, M.A.'s from the University of Chicago Divinity School and the University of Notre Dame, a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, and a Ph.D. from Boston College. She specializes in sacramental and liturgical theology, but also has a keen interest in teaching Thomas Aquinas, in patristic theology, and in the relationship between literature and theology. Michon has taught at St Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, CA. As she was once an assistant winemaker in Sonoma County, Michon enjoys good food and wine. To relax, she swims, cycles, and takes long walks with her princely Standard Poodle, Phanneuf.



**JON MOCHIZUKI**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**HISTORY**

Jon joins LMU as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the History department. He earned B.A.s in History and English from UCLA, and an M.A. in History from UC Irvine. His research focuses on twentieth-century United States history, and his teaching experience includes appointments in the UCI Humanities Core and Composition programs, as well as classes in Asian American Studies and East Asian history. He has worked as a part-time instructor in the department of History at LMU since 2006. A Southern California native, he and his wife Teresa spend their leisure time reading, watching movies, visiting museums and enjoying the beautiful weather.



**ALEXANDRA NEEL**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**HUMANITIES PROGRAM**

Alexandra joins the Humanities Program after spending two years as an Assistant Professor in the Department of English at the University of Oregon. She earned a dual B.A. from Smith College in English and French Literature and a B.A. in English Literature from Clare College, Cambridge University. After spending several years as an art critic for *Time Out New York*, she returned to academia and received her M.A. and Ph.D. in English from Princeton University. Her most recent article on Coleridge and photography was published in a special issue of *Victorian Studies*. Her research focuses on the exchanges between literature, visual culture, and polar travel in nineteenth-century Britain. A native of New York City, she looks forward to moving to the other great city. She lives in Venice with her daughter Lucy and husband Dermot Ryan, who is an Assistant Professor of English at LMU.



**KATHLEEN NORRIS**  
**CLINICAL PROFESSOR**  
**COMMUNICATON STUDIES**

Kathy earned her B.A. in Speech Communication from the University of Hawaii, Manoa and her M.A. from California State University, Long Beach. She has been teaching Communication Studies courses as an Adjunct faculty member at LMU since 1989. Her work experience includes coaching high school speech and debate at Chadwick School (1990-2009). In her free time Kathy enjoys running and vegetarian cooking. She lives with her husband and two children in Palos Verdes Estates.



**MICAH OFFICER**  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**FINANCE/C.I.S.**

Micah earned a B.Comm from the University of Auckland and an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Rochester. He joins the College of Business Administration as an Associate Professor in the Finance department after eight years at USC. His research focuses on corporate finance and corporate governance issues, including capital structure, dividend policy, corporate governance, stockholder voting rights, and the contractual features of merger agreements. He has published articles in top-tier finance journals, such as the *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Business*, and *Journal of Corporate Finance*, and regularly gives presentations at universities and conferences around the world. In addition, he is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Financial Economics*. His paper titled "Inter-firm linkages and the wealth effects of financial distress along the supply chain" (co-authored with M. Hertzfel, Z. Li, and K. Rodgers) won the Fama/DFA prize for best capital markets paper published in the *Journal of Financial Economics* in 2008.



**NATALIE ORTIZ**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**MATHEMATICS**

Natalie joins the Mathematics Department as a Visiting Assistant Professor. She brings with her a B.S. in Mathematics and an M.A. in Teaching English as a second Language/Multicultural Education, both from LMU. Her experiences include working as an Associate Researcher in the Applied Physics Department at Logicon and as Reliability and System Safety Engineer for the RS-68 Engine and Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) Programs at Rocketdyne in Canoga Park. She has been working as a part-time instructor in the Mathematics department at LMU since 1997. She also taught Mathematics and coached soccer and softball at Westchester High School (1993-1997). She lives in La Verne with her husband, Ray, and their five children. In her spare time she enjoys camping with family and friends, playing soccer, reading and volunteering.



**TODD OTANICAR**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

A native of California, Todd will be joining the Mechanical Engineering department as an Assistant Professor. He earned his B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Kansas, his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati, and his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Arizona State University. In 2008, he was an NSF East Asia Summer Pacific Institute (EAPSI) Fellow in Australia researching solar thermal energy in micro-collectors. His work experience includes four years at GE Aircraft Engines as a Design Engineer and as a member of the Edison Engineering Development Program. His work has been published in the *International Journal of Sustainable Transportation* and the *Journal of Solar Energy*. He is looking forward to returning to life by the beach and getting a chance to go surfing. He and his wife, Jennie, are expecting their first child this year. In his spare time, he enjoys photography.



**EMILIO PACK**  
**CLINICAL PROFESSOR**  
**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

Emilio is a clinical faculty member and the Assistant Director of the Institute of School Leadership and Administration (*ISLA*). He earned a B.A. in Psychology from Loyola Marymount University, an M.A. in Psychology from California State University, Los Angeles, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy from Pepperdine University. His research areas include urban school reform and charter school leadership. Dr. Pack is the administrator of the Charter School Leadership Academy and has extensive experience as the founding principal of one of the most successful charter high schools in Los Angeles. He also helped open 5 additional schools as the Director of New School Development for a prominent Los Angeles charter school management organization.



**LESLIE PONCIANO**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Leslie comes to us with a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California Irvine, an M.A. in Developmental Psychology from Columbia University, and her Ph.D. in Education from the UCLA. She was an Academic Coordinator for UCLA and she taught part-time at Cal State University Los Angeles, UCLA, and at LMU for the past 8 years. Her research interests include the attachment relationships young children form with caregivers other than their biological parents and identity issues for foster youth. Leslie is currently working on a manuscript titled “*The Role of Maternal Sensitivity and other Foster Mother Characteristics in the Quality of Attachment*” to be submitted for publication in the *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*. She has been married for 15 years and has three children ages 13, 8 and 2. When she has free time, she loves to spend it with her family. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, relaxing at the beach, and skiing.



**CRAIG RICH**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

Craig earned his B.A. from Radford University, his M.S. in Management Communication from the University of Portland, and his Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Utah. He has over six years of instructional experience in higher education. He also has experience working as a fundraising strategy and grant writing consultant with clients such as the University of Portland Theatre Department, the Harabee Centre (an African cultural awareness organization in Portland, OR), and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat for Evangelization. His research has appeared in the *Southern Journal* and *Classroom Communication and Instructional Processes*. His hobbies include running, hiking, cooking, and traveling.



**ANI SHABAZIAN**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Ani Shabazian earned her B.A. from UCLA where she majored in Psychology and History and minored in Applied Developmental Psychology. She went on to pursue a Master’s degree in Human Developmental Psychology from Harvard University. Ani then returned to UCLA to complete an MA/Ph.D. program in Urban Schooling from UCLA’s Department of Education. Ani is the recipient of the UCLA Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award. While at UCLA, she had the privilege of being trained at the world renowned Pikler Institute, a Hungarian orphanage noted for its innovative and successful approach to rearing children raised in institutions. Her research interests focus on bridging theory with practice through service learning in the field of early childhood education. Currently, Ani has a dual appointment at LMU, serving as an Assistant Professor in the School of Education and as the Director of the Children’s Center. She feels truly privileged to be working at a University that is devoted to advocating for the causes of social justice in the realm of children’s development and education.



**WILLIAM SHAULES**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

Bill earned his B.A. in Spanish Literature and Culture from California State University Northridge. He also received an M.A. in Religious Studies from Mount St. Mary’s College in Los Angeles as well as an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He went on to receive his Ph.D. from Fuller Seminary in 2005. In addition to teaching for LMU, he is involved in the formation of deacons and lay ministers for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He enjoys teaching and traveling abroad and has visited countries in South America, Europe, and has taught in St. Petersburg, Russia. Along with this he is an avid photographer and runner. He lives in Simi Valley with his wife Jennifer and their two teenage children.



**ANA LAURA TREVINO**  
**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**  
**MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPY**

Ana Laura earned her B.A. in Clinical Psychology from Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico. She received her first M.A. in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy from the Instituto de Investigacion en Psicologia Clinica y Social before moving on to complete a second M.A. in Family Psychotherapy at the Institut de la Familia AC in Mexico. Her work includes creating, in coordination with Debra Linesch and Jacqueline Sigg, the Art Therapy Certificate Program at the Universidad Iberoamericana. She has presented at numerous conferences including the Mexican Family Therapy Association and the American Art Therapy Association.



**CASSANDRA VENNEY**  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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