

**Tennessee Tech University**  
**New Faculty Appointments 2020 – 2021**  
**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN ECOLOGY**  
**New Tenure-Track Faculty**

Dr. Michael Nattrass – Assistant Professor, Agriculture  
Graduate Research Assistant, Mississippi State University  
Ph.D. Mississippi State University, 2020

**New Term Appointments**

Ms. Allison Barlow – Lecturer, Human Ecology  
Clinical Dietitian, Cookeville Regional Medical Center  
M.S. Lipscomb University, 2018

Mr. William Campbell – Lecturer, Agriculture 2+2 Lawrenceburg  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, University of Wyoming  
M.A. Eastern Illinois University, 2017

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
**New Tenure-Track Faculty**

Dr. Lauren Wright– Assistant Professor, Sociology & Political Science  
Assistant Professor, Northeastern State University  
Ph.D. University of Central Florida, 2017

**New Term Appointments**

Ms. Jennifer Cheek- Instructor, Sociology & Political Science  
Adjunct Instructor, Southeastern Louisiana University  
M.S. Southeastern Louisiana University, 2008

Dr. Daniel Ernst- Lecturer, English  
Assessment Research Coordinator, Purdue University  
Ph.D. Purdue University, 2020

Ms. Shelley Forgey – Lecturer, Mathematics  
Temporary Instructor, Tennessee Tech University  
M.S. Tennessee Tech University, 1987

Dr. Zachary Holden- Instructor, Chemistry  
Lecturer, Indiana State University  
Ph.D. Ohio State University, 2015

Ms. Maria Cristina Humita - Lecturer, Foreign Languages  
Instructor, Miami University  
M.A. University of Cincinnati, 2009

Dr. Elena Kazakova – Lecturer, Foreign Languages  
Assistant Professor, Whittier College  
Ph.D. John Hopkins University, 2012

Dr. Twanelle Majors- Lecturer, Chemistry  
Instructor, Tennessee Tech University  
Ph.D. Tennessee Tech University, 2015

Ms. Wendy Cook-Mucci - Lecturer, Sociology & Political Science  
Instructor, Tennessee Tech University  
M.A. Southern Illinois University, 1996

Mr. Harvey Ring - Lecturer, Mathematics  
Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee  
M.S. University of Tennessee, 2020

Mr. Marcus Rogers- Lecturer, Mathematics  
Instructor, Tennessee Tech University  
M.S. University of Mississippi, 1999

Dr. Matthew Stenson-Lecturer, English  
Visiting Instructor, Tennessee Tech University  
Ph.D. University of Nebraska, 2009

### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS New Tenure-Track Faculty**

Dr. Ryan Matthews– Assistant Professor, Decision Sciences & Management  
Adjunct Instructor, Trine University  
D.B.A. Kennesaw State University, 2016

Dr. Hyewon Park– Assistant Professor, Economics, Finance & Marketing  
Instructor, Paul Merage School of Business  
Ph.D. University of California, 2020

Dr. Yi Peng - Assistant Professor, Economics, Finance & Marketing  
University of Alabama  
Ph.D. University of Alabama, 2020

### **New Term Appointment**

Dr. Kate McCombs – Instructor, Decision Sciences & Management  
Instructor, Florida Atlantic University  
Ph.D. University of Florida, 2020

Mr. Christopher Nation - Lecturer, Decision Sciences & Management  
Instructor, Lawrence Technological University  
M.S. Lawrence Technological University, 2013

Mr. Larry Smith - Lecturer, Decision Sciences & Management  
Instructor, Tennessee Tech University  
M.S. Tennessee Tech University, 1977

Mr. Seth Williams - Lecturer, Decision Sciences & Management  
Information Systems Manager, Cookeville Police Department  
M.B.A. Tennessee Tech university, 2015

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
**New Tenure-Track Faculty**

Dr. Ajit Korgaokar – Associate Professor, Exercise Science, Physical Education, & Wellness  
Associate Professor, University of Tennessee at Martin  
Ph.D. Middle Tennessee State University, 2013

Dr. David Mann- Assistant Professor, Exercise Science, Physical Education, & Wellness  
Instructor, Tennessee Tech University  
Ph.D. Columbus State University, 2019

Dr. Scott Smith - Associate Professor, Exercise Science, Physical Education, & Wellness  
Assistant Professor, Ohio University  
Ed.D. University of Missouri, 2002

Dr. Katherine Hermann-Turner – Associate Professor, Counseling & Psychology  
Associate Professor, University of Louisiana  
Ph.D. The College of William & Mary, 2012

**New Term Appointments**

Ms. Angelica Galvan - Instructor, Counseling & Psychology  
Instructor, Pennsylvania State University  
M.A. Tennessee Tech University, 2017

Dr. Ka Rene Grimes – Lecturer, Curriculum & Instruction  
Mentor and Supervisor, University of Texas  
Ph.D. University of Texas, 2020

Mr. Daryl Gates – Lecturer, Curriculum & Instruction  
Adjunct Professor, Grambling State University  
M.A. LA Tech University, 1984

Dr. Wesley Webber – Instructor, Counseling & Psychology  
Doctoral Candidate, University of Alabama  
Ph.D. University of Alabama, 2020

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**  
**New Tenure-Track Faculty**

Dr. Tarek Elfouly – Associate Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering  
Associate Professor, Qatar University  
Ph.D. Besancon University, 2000

Dr. Charles Van Neste - Assistant Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering  
CESR Research Associate, Tennessee Tech University  
Ph.D. Tennessee Tech University, 2009

Ms. Shirin Noei – Research Assistant Professor, CESR  
Graduate Research Assistant, University of Florida  
M.S. Florida International University, 2016

Dr. Rory Roberts – Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering  
Associate Professor, Wright State University  
Ph.D. University of California, 2005

Dr. Arman Sargolzaei – Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering  
Assistant Professor, Florida Polytechnic University  
Ph.D. University of Florida, 2020

Dr. John Tester – Associate Professor, General & Basic Engineering  
Professor, Northern Arizona University  
Ph.D. Virginia Tech, 1999

### **New Term Appointments**

Dr. Michael Baswell - Lecturer, Manufacturing & Engineering Technology  
Lecturer, Tennessee Tech University  
Ph.D. Tennessee Tech University, 2008

Dr. Daniel Brookshear – Lecturer, Mechanical Engineering  
Instructor, Tennessee Tech University  
Ph.D. University of Tennessee, 2013

Dr. Venkata Paruchuri- Lecturer, Manufacturing & Engineering Technology  
Adjunct Faculty, Tennessee Tech University  
Ph.D. Tennessee Tech University, 2019

### **COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS New Tenure-Track Faculty**

Mr. Joshua Field – Assistant Professor, Art, Craft & Design  
Assistant Professor, Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design  
M.F.A. University of Massachusetts, 2012

Mr. Christopher Sisk – Assistant Professor, Art, Craft & Design  
Book Designer, Duke University Press  
M.F.A. Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts, 2018

### **New Term Appointments**

Mr. Nathaniel Hall – Instructor, Art, Craft & Design  
Instructor, DeAnza College  
M.F.A. San Diego State University, 2016

### **COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES New Tenure-Track Faculty**

Dr. Teddy Burch – Assistant Professor, Communication  
Instructor, University of Central Oklahoma  
Ph.D. Oklahoma State University, 2020

Dr. Vicki Dieffenderfer – Director - Assistant Professor, Professional Studies  
Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas  
Ph.D. University of Tennessee, 2014

### **New Term Appointments**

Dr. Betsy DeSimone - Instructor, Communication  
Instructor, University of Tennessee  
Ph.D. University of Tennessee, 2020

Ms. Paige Hawkins- Lecturer, Interdisciplinary Studies  
ASL 2 IAD Hoosiers Teacher, Indianapolis Indiana  
M.A. Gallaudet University, 2019

Mr. Laith Zuraikat - Lecturer, Communication  
Teaching Associate, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
M.Ed. Upper Iowa University, 2016

### **SCHOOL OF NURSING New Tenure-Track Faculty**

Dr. Stacey Browning – Assistant Professor, Nursing  
Assistant Professor, Middle Tennessee State University  
D.N.P. Vanderbilt University, 2015

Dr. Geeta Maharaj – Assistant Professor, Nursing  
Associate Professor, Middle Tennessee State University  
D.N.P. University of Utah, 2008

### **New Term Appointments**

Ms. Alyssa Ragland- Instructor, Nursing  
Graduate Assistant, Tennessee Tech University  
M.S. Tennessee Tech University, 2019

Ms. Ashleigh Snow – Lecturer, Nursing  
Instructor, Tennessee Tech University  
M.S. Tennessee Tech University, 2016

