Donna Abelli  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Donna Abelli, a certified public accountant, began her career at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and became a partner in assurance services. After serving as a public accountant, she worked as a chief financial officer for both private and public companies in life sciences, small businesses and nonprofits. During this time, she received her MBA from Suffolk University Sawyer Business School, with admission into Beta Gamma Sigma. Professor Abelli teaches accounting and management courses. Her research interests include corporate governance, business ethics, and financial reporting. A teenager, adopted cats, and a dog keep her busy with scarce downtime!

Karen Aicher  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

Karen Aicher received her PhD in cognitive psychology from the University of Connecticut. Prior to pursuit of her degree, Dr. Aicher was a clinical speech pathologist for many years. She worked with patients in hospital and rehabilitation settings, students in public schools, and adults in group homes and sheltered work settings. Dr. Aicher’s research has focused on the influence of prior knowledge on language behavior, with a particular focus on new learning in adults.
Angela Bailey
DEPARTMENT OF MOVEMENT ARTS, HEALTH PROMOTION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Angela Bailey received her PhD from Virginia Tech in human nutrition, food and exercise with a focus on community behavior. Dr. Bailey currently teaches Principles and Practices of Health Education/Health Promotion, Epidemiology, and Program Planning in Health Promotion. Her research and scholarship interests include health literacy and nutrition and physical activity interventions that target at-risk populations. Dr. Bailey recently published an article in *Health Education Research* and was the recipient of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Graduate Teaching and Leadership Award in 2015. She enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, biking and hiking.

Alice Wen-jui Cheng
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Alice W. Cheng received her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Rhode Island. She completed her American Psychological Association (APA) accredited internship at the Asian Pacific Family Center of Pacific Clinics in Los Angeles where she was immersed in learning culturally adapted interventions for Asian Americans. Her research interests are social cultural contexts influencing health disparities among ethnic minorities, Asian American mental health, racial stereotypes, diagnostic bias, multicultural competency, and alcohol-use disorders. Recently she served as a guest editor for *Psychological Services* and has two book chapters forthcoming (i.e., “Teaching Abnormal and Personality Psychology using a Multicultural Framework, Collectivism and Individualism”). Dr. Cheng currently teaches Multicultural Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, and Foundations of Clinical Practice. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, true crime stories, foreign and independent movies, hiking and hanging out with her dog Libby.
Holly Grant-Marsney
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Holly Grant-Marsney received a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Dr. Grant-Marsney’s research is about adoption, the adopted person, and their close relationships. She is interested in how adoption is associated with attachment development and the impact of adoption and contact arrangements on family dynamics. She currently teaches several undergraduate and graduate courses, including Introductory Psychology, Child Psychology, Research Methods in Psychology, and Theory and Process of Group Interaction. In her free time, she loves being in nature, hiking or biking, and cooking.

Ashley Hansen-Brown
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Ashley Hansen-Brown completed her PhD in social psychology at the Ohio State University. She currently teaches two sections of Social Psychology and two sections of Statistics for Psychology. Her research focuses on trait narcissism in social contexts such as close relationships but Dr. Hansen-Brown is also starting a new line of research on the scholarship of teaching and learning. In her free time she enjoys reading science fiction novels, playing with her two cats, and exploring the Northeast with her partner.
Christina Hodel
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Christina Hodel received her PhD in film and media studies from the University of Kansas. She currently teaches Beginning Videography, Media and Multiculturalism, and Film Theory and Criticism. As a practicing artist, Dr. Hodel has written, directed, and produced various industrials, public service announcements, commercials, event trailers, video installations, narrative films, and documentaries. Her work has received funding, won awards, and been screened at festivals including Tallgrass International Film Festival and Bare Bones International Film and Music Festival. Dr. Hodel’s current research explores issues of gender, identity, and girl power in contemporary “tween” television. She has published in Girlhood Studies, In Media Res, the Alberta Journal of Educational Research, the Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism, Studies in the Humanities, and the Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television. When not engaging in academic pursuits, Dr. Hodel enjoys high altitude mountaineering, SCUBA diving, and practicing karate.

Theresa Jackson
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Theresa E. Jackson earned her PhD in developmental psychology from Clark University. She is currently teaching Introductory Psychology and Research Methods in Psychology. Her early research investigated urban girls’ experiences with puberty and the transition to womanhood. More recently Dr. Jackson’s research has explored how perceptions of choice and control affect decision-making in relation to reproductive health across the lifespan. She has published in Feminism and Psychology and Women’s Reproductive Health. Dr. Jackson enjoys training for, but not actually running, half marathons, trying new recipes with her spiralizer and a good cup of coffee.
Stephanie Jacobsen
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

Stephanie Jacobsen received her doctorate in marketing from the University of Rhode Island. This fall she is teaching Marketing Principles and Marketing Management and Strategy. She has numerous peer-reviewed publications on topics including social media, word of mouth communications, and millennials. Dr. Jacobsen’s hobbies include traveling, cooking, teaching aerobics, and spending time with family and friends.

Norio Kadano
DEPARTMENT OF MOVEMENT ARTS, HEALTH PROMOTION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Norio Kadano received his PhD in exercise and sport science, with a concentration in biomechanics, from Oregon State University. He currently teaches Biomechanics and focuses his research on balance and motion in older adults and muscle modeling. The goal of his research is to improve the health of older adults. Before he came to Bridgewater State University, Dr. Kadano worked as a post-doctoral research scholar at Northwestern University and the University of Ottawa in Canada. In his spare time, he enjoys watching movies.
Erin Kalish  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

Erin Kalish completed her AM in British and American literature at Washington University in St. Louis. This semester she will be teaching first-year writing courses as well as 200-level literature courses and 300-level 19th-century British literature. Her research interests include Victorian social fiction and Gothic literature.

Haleh Khojasteh  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Haleh Khojasteh received her doctorate in computer science at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada. Before coming to BSU, Dr. Khojasteh taught at Ryerson University. At BSU she is currently teaching Analysis of Algorithms and Computer Science I. Dr. Khojasteh’s research interests include cloud computing and data centers, distributed systems, computer networks, wireless networks and communication, wireless sensor networks, mathematical modeling and optimization, performance analysis, stochastic processes, data analysis and machine learning. Her favorite activities include reading books and hiking.
Yiheng Liang
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Yiheng Liang received his PhD in computer science and engineering from the University of North Texas. His undergraduate major was software engineering with special interests in information and network security. While doing research in computational epidemiology during his doctorate, Dr. Liang extended his research into the area of big data. This semester he is teaching undergraduate courses in software engineering and a graduate course on data science. Dr. Liang had abundant teaching experience in computer science at the University of Central Missouri.

Amy Lovera
DEPARTMENT OF ART

Amy Lovera is a multimedia artist whose works explore the interplay between biographical and fictional narratives. She holds an MFA in photography from Rhode Island School of Design with a certificate in collegiate teaching from Brown University. Her work has been exhibited and published both nationally and internationally, including a screening of an animation at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, a performance at the RISD Museum and a publication in Mexico’s Fine Art Photography journal, Luna Córmica. Professor Lovera has also been awarded grants from Rhode Island’s State Council of The Arts and from the LEF Foundation. This semester she is teaching all levels of photography, both digital and darkroom processes. Professor Lovera also teaches classes that involve the moving image, such as Video Art and Animation. Outside of her art practice, she enjoys creating costumes and performing with a local dance company. She also likes cooking delicious food with family and friends and having picnics with her two little girls.
Michele Meek  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Michele Meek completed her PhD at the University of Rhode Island. This fall she is teaching Multimedia Storytelling, Screenwriting, and Cyberculture and Digital Media. Dr. Meek’s research spans film/media studies, gender studies, literature, and girlhood studies. She has two essays forthcoming, “Lolita Speaks: Disrupting Nabokov’s ‘Aesthetic Bliss’” (Girlhood Studies) and “‘It Ain’t For Children’: ‘Shame-Interest’ in the Adaptations Precious and Bastard Out of Carolina” (Literature/Film Quarterly). She is currently editing the book Independent Female Filmmakers to be published through Routledge. Dr. Meek is also a filmmaker and creative entrepreneur who loves immersive travel.

Sarah Montgomery  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Sarah Fawn Montgomery holds a PhD in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she specialized in creative writing and literary editing and publishing, as well as women’s and gender studies and disability studies. She has a memoir forthcoming with The Ohio State University Press and is the author of three poetry chapbooks, “Regenerate: Poems from Mad Women”, “Leaving Tracks: A Prairie Guide, and The Astronaut Checks His Watch.” She currently teaches Creative Nonfiction Writing Workshop, Literary Themes: Illness and Health in Literature, and Writing Rhetorically.
Rachel Navarre  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Rachel Navarre received her PhD from the University at Texas in Austin in government. After completing her doctorate she served as a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for Inter-American Policy at Tulane University in New Orleans. Dr. Navarre is currently teaching Introduction to American Government, Immigration Policy, and Research Design and Quantitative Methods in Political Science. Her research focuses on comparative public policy, specifically issues of framing and issue definition, and immigration policy in the U.S. and abroad.

Taryn Palluccio  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Taryn Palluccio received her doctorate in inorganic chemistry from Tufts University. Dr. Palluccio’s research interests include deciphering reaction mechanisms and relating structural aspects of reactive metal complexes to their functions through crystallography. She has published several manuscripts in scientific journals related to this work. Dr. Palluccio currently teaches a variety of courses designed for both science and nonscience majors, including Chemical Principles I and II, Survey of Chemistry I, Chemistry in Everyday Life, and Advanced Inorganic Synthesis. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and ballet dancing.
Kumiko Reichert
LIBRARY SERVICES

Kumiko Reichert received her master’s in library sciences from Rutgers University and an MA in musicology from Brooklyn College of the CUNY, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music. Her scholarship interests are in bibliographic control and metadata, global library services, and music and global-language information retrieval. She was recently invited as a Lightening Talks speaker by New England Technical Services Librarians Annual Conference and gave a full presentation to the New England Library Association Conference. Ms. Reichert enjoys going to concerts and playing music with her husband, a professional violinist.

Michael Root
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Michael Root received his doctorate in psychology from the University of New Hampshire. He currently teaches Statistics for Psychology and Research Methods in Psychology. Dr. Root’s current research interests include heuristic decision-making, cheater detection during social exchanges, and developing pedagogical techniques for improving psychological literacy. His hobbies include reading, gaming and cooking.
Rachel Stahl  
**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**  

Rachel Shelley Stahl recently graduated from the University of Connecticut with a doctorate in mathematics. She currently teaches Precalculus with Trigonometry and Calculus I. Dr. Stahl’s research interests are in the fields of combinatorics and logic, specifically computability theory. She is also interested in math pedagogy and enrichment, and during the summers she enjoys working with the STEM outreach program Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics. In her spare time, she enjoys running, hiking, spending time with family, and walking her retired racing greyhound, Mo.

Jeffrey Steen  
**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**  

Jeffrey Steen, a licensed social worker, recently completed his doctorate at New York University where he was awarded a pre-doctoral fellowship by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Dr. Steen is a fellow in the Alcohol and Other Drugs Education Program for social work faculty, funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and sponsored by Boston University. With colleagues, he recently studied the wellness and workplace experiences of 6,000+ social workers. Dr. Steen teaches Practice, Human Behavior, and Fieldwork seminar in the MSW program. An INFJ, he enjoys reading/writing and travel.
Christopher Swart
DEPARTMENT OF MOVEMENT ARTS,
HEALTH PROMOTION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Christopher Swart received his doctorate at Springfield College where he specialized in exercise physiology. His doctoral dissertation addressed “The Effects of Beta-Alanine and Sodium Bicarbonate Supplementation on Anaerobic Performance in Trained Males.” Dr. Swart is a BSU alum, having completed both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Bridgewater State. He currently teaches Physiology of Exercise, Physiology of Exercise Lab, Exercise Prescription, and Applied Nutrition for Sport and Exercise. His hobbies include lifting weights, running and following Boston sports teams.

Philip Szlosek
DEPARTMENT OF MOVEMENT ARTS,
HEALTH PROMOTION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Philip Szlosek, a certified athletic trainer, earned his PhD in teaching and administration from Springfield College. Dr. Szlosek’s research agenda includes evaluating athletic training professional readiness and the development of a professional readiness assessment instrument for athletic training. This fall he is teaching Management of Lower Extremity Conditions lecture and lab and Administration in Athletic Training. In his free time Dr. Szlosek enjoys spending time with his family, playing the saxophone, enjoying the outdoors and following Boston professional sports.
Alexandre Turgeon  
CANADIAN STUDIES, INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR

Alexandre Turgeon received his PhD from Université Laval in history. Dr. Turgeon is the Killam Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies. This fall he is teaching Quebec and Canada since 1867. His current research focuses on the links between history, collective memory, and social media. During his doctoral work he analyzed the role of the caricaturist Robert La Palme in the conception and diffusion of the mythistory of the Great Darkness of the Duplessis’ era in Québec society. His papers have been published in *The Canadian Historical Review, Journal of the Canadian Historical Association, Québec Studies* and *Revue d’histoire de l’Amérique française*, among others. He enjoys spending time with his family, writing, traveling, watching movies and TV shows – both serious and funny ones.

Adam Ulenski  
DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD

Adam Ulenski received his doctorate in education with a specialization in literacy from the University of Central Florida. This fall, Dr. Ulenski is teaching Theory/Practice of Teaching Reading, Teaching Reading at an Elementary School, Teaching Content Literacies, and Improving Literacy Instruction. His current research interests include investigating methods and approaches that prepare literacy coaches to engage in numerous instructional roles and leveraging the role of the literacy coach in support of struggling readers and writers’ self-efficacy and motivation through the use of digital literacies. He recently joined a kickball league and plans to join a national softball league in Boston very soon.
Melissa Winchell
DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Melissa Winchell obtained her doctorate in educational leadership and leadership in urban schools from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Dr. Winchell teaches courses in secondary education pedagogy, curriculum, and assessment for undergraduate and graduate students. Her research interests include critical cultural competence and contemplative education. She was a lead author for a chapter in Freire’s Intellectual Roots: Toward Historicity in Practice, which won the Society of Education Professors Book Award for 2014. Dr. Winchell’s next publication is a chapter titled, “No Place Like Home: Reconceptualizing Whiteness as Place Space within Teacher Education.” She enjoys travel, coffee and volunteering; she is a community advocate with Inclusion Matters, the Federation for Children with Special Needs, a local school council, and Brockton’s Department of Developmental Services.

Tracey Woodard
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tracey Woodard made a mid-life career change and recently earned her doctorate in criminology from Florida State University. Dr. Woodard is currently teaching Introduction to Criminal Justice, and Juvenile Delinquency. Her research and scholarship interests include examining the social processes and outcomes associated with maternal incarceration, juvenile delinquency, child abuse and mental health. Most recently Dr. Woodard published in Children and Youth Services Review. When not fully immersed in teaching and scholarly activities, she enjoys reading fiction again, that is post graduate school!
Yihong Xiao
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Yihong Xiao received her PhD in finance and an MS in actuarial science from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Xiao has taught Financial Management and Fixed Income Security Analysis to undergraduate students and provided financial consulting to technology, utility, and aviation companies before joining BSU. Her research interests include investments, corporate finance and real estate finance economics. Dr. Xiao’s paper “Do REITs use cash reserves efficiently? Evidence from corporate acquisitions” (with Chinmoy Ghosh and Milena Petrova) was published in the Journal of International Money and Finance.

Leo Shingchi Yip
DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Leo Shingchi Yip received his doctorate in East Asian languages and literatures from The Ohio State University. Dr. Yip currently teaches Elementary Chinese, Elementary Japanese, and Intermediate Japanese. His research interests lie in the assimilation of Chinese culture and literature in Japan, with a focus on the interplay between the “other” and the “self.” He was a Freeman Postdoc Fellow of East Asian Studies at Wittenberg University and an awardee of Emerging Scholar Award from the Association for Asian Performance. Dr. Yip has published articles on Sino-Japanese cultural exchanges in traditional performances in various peer-reviewed journals. In 2016, he published his first book China Reinterpreted: Staging the Other in Muromachi Noh Theater. He enjoys playing tennis and hiking.
Wanchunzi Yu
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Wanchunzi Yu received her PhD in statistics from Arizona State University, then spent two years there as a postdoctoral fellow. Dr. Yu has taught several statistical courses, such as Regression Analysis, Mathematical Statistics, and Analysis of Variance. This semester, she is teaching Elementary Statistics and Regression Analysis. Her broad research interests include design and analysis of experiments, generalized linear models and mixed models. Dr. Yu likes to read, play and travel with her family in her leisure time.