NEW FACES NEW PLACES - 2017
Please welcome our new colleagues!

Baker, Tamera - Student Employment Program Coordinator, Financial Aid
  B.A. University of Illinois, Springfield
Tamera, who prefers to be called Tammy, began her campus duties in October. She worked as a systems analyst at State Farm for 12 years and left that position to stay home with her three daughters, Danielle, Jessica, and Lindsey. During her time at home, Tammy worked and volunteered using her technical skills as a web developer. She and her husband, Willie, enjoy watching their daughters play sports. Tammy also enjoys working out, running, reading, and traveling.

Bauer, Michael - Custodian, Physical Plant
Last August, Michael was welcomed to campus. He previously worked at Tobin’s Pizza and Rosati’s Pizza as a delivery driver and most recently worked on campus for a temporary agency. Michael enjoys golfing in his spare time.

Brent, Patricia - Assistant Director of Stewardship, Advancement
  B.A. Illinois State University
Patricia began working on campus in May. She worked for eight years as a recruiter building the company at STL Technology Partners. Most recently, Patricia worked for Unit 5 school district as a substitute teacher and office assistant. Patricia and her husband have two boys. Their oldest son plays football and basketball at Normal Community High School and their younger son plays baseball at Kingsley Junior High School. When Patricia is not at a game she likes to read, play tennis, or take the family dog for a walk. She is a proud supporter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Illinois Wesleyan University Parent Fund, and several Unit 5 parent-driven fundraising programs.

Brodl, Mark - Provost and Dean of the Faculty, Provost's Office
  B.S. Knox College; M.S. University of Illinois, Champaign; Ph.D. Washington University, St. Louis
Mark joined Illinois Wesleyan in July. He brings both practical administrative experience, stemming from his years of developing and administering academic budgets, and a strategic understanding of the intricacies involved in building and nurturing academic programs and fostering diversity. Mark says he was attracted to IWU’s well-established reputation for our outstanding faculty and excellent students who enjoy remarkable success.

Calaway, Jared - Visiting Professor of Religion
  B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University; M.A., M.Phil. Columbia University; Ph.D. Columbia University
Jared Calaway (IWU class of ’03) is excited to return to Illinois Wesleyan University. In addition to IWU, he has taught Literature of the Humanities in Columbia University’s Core Curriculum and Religious Studies courses at the University of Mississippi and Illinois College. His courses have ranged from studying Israelite, Jewish, and Christian canonical and extra-canonical texts in their ancient contexts to the Bible/Religion and modern society and culture, particularly film, athletics, science, and the environment. His research brings critical spatial theory together with canonical and extra-canonical Jewish and Christian literature to investigate shifting ancient understandings of sacred space and sacred time.

Camacho, Santiago - Visiting Instructor in Mathematics
  B.S. Universidad de los Andes; M.S. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Santiago was born in Bogotá, Colombia, and lived there until his early twenties. Santiago attended Universidad de los Andes obtaining a Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics. In the fall of 2011, he moved to Urbana, Illinois to attend the University of Illinois where he completed his Master’s Degree in 2013, and is currently finishing his Ph.D. Aside from Mathematics and education in general Santiago enjoys exercising and playing sports, especially volleyball.

Chlebek, Nicole - Admissions Counselor, Admissions
  B.S. Illinois Wesleyan University
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Nicole last August. While attending IWU, she worked as a multifaith ambassador at Evelyn Chapel for three years, spent summers working various summer camps, interned at Sugar Grove Nature Center and has worked as a golf caddy for six years. Nicole grew up in a family of six, with three siblings including a twin sister who also attended Illinois Wesleyan. Nicole loves the outdoors, is an avid rock climber, competes in obstacle course racing, is an amateur photographer, loves to travel, and is passionate about beer tasting. Nicole is a member of Bloomington Planning Commission, Alpha Kappa Delta, and Phi Beta Kappa.

Chiappetta, Peter - Visiting Assistant Professor of Business Administration
  B.A. Providence College; M.B.A. Columbia University
Peter was born and raised in Connecticut and has enjoyed a diverse professional career as a successful commercial and investment banker, a CFO and corporate development executive, a business owner and operator, a corporate financial consultant and has been elected to and served on the boards of three public companies. In semi-retirement, Peter has pursued his most enjoyable and rewarding activities as a volunteer and community-activist, playing golf and cycling, as well as teaching accounting, economics, and finance as a college instructor.

Conde, Melanie - Residence Director, Office of Residential Life
  B.S. and M.S. Clark University; Ed.M. Boston University
Melanie began her campus duties in July. Her past work experiences consist of work as a guidance counselor, residential counselor, volleyball coach, student leadership programming at Clark University, and student activities complex at MIT. Melanie’s family consists of her parents and two bassett hounds named Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Melanie played volleyball in college and still enjoys playing. She enjoys watching the New England Patriots, the Golden State Warriors, San Francisco Giants, her family bassett hounds, and anything related to California and New England. She is a member of Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education and American School Counselor Association.
Cook, Aarron - Director of Campus Safety, Campus Safety
A.S. Kishwaukee Junior College; B.S. Western Illinois University
In April, Aarron joined Illinois Wesleyan. He has worked for the past twenty-five years in the security field, and for the last five years, Aarron was the Director of Campus Security at Richland Community College. He and his wife, Lia, have three sons, Evan, Chase, and Killian. Aaron has coached his sons in youth football and basketball. He also enjoys watching sports, action movies, and playing PlayStation games. Aarron is a member of Illinois Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement, and American Society for Industrial Security.

Cope, Paul - Groundsman, Physical Plant
B.S. Illinois State University
Paul joined Illinois Wesleyan in May. He has worked as a landscape designer, lawn maintenance supervisor, agriculture lobbyist, and a farmer. Paul enjoys all aspects of cars, watching football, basketball, and spending time with family and friends.

DeAthos-Meers, Saundra - Assistant Professor of Voice for Music Theatre
B.M.E. Central Michigan University; M.M. University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Artist Diploma Boston University; D.M.A. University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana
Lyric soprano, Saundra DeAthos, began her work at Illinois Wesleyan University as an Adjunct Professor of Voice for Music Theater in the fall of 2005. In 2008, her position changed to Visiting Assistant Professor of Voice for Music Theater. In addition to teaching, Saundra continues to be an active performer in opera and performs regularly with symphony orchestras throughout the United States. Saundra resides in Bloomington with her husband, Harold Meers and their two children, Maggie (13) and Gray (7).

Delgado, Loreto - Admissions Counselor, Admissions
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University
Loreto began his duties on campus last August. Prior to returning to the University, he worked as a restaurant manager in Chicago, Illinois. He organized and arranged events such as political fundraisers, receptions, and more for the venue. While attending IWU Loreto worked as a stage manager for Prairie Fire Theatre and for IWU's theatre. He was a music ambassador for the University School of Music.

Dulabaum, Nina - Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology
B.A Oberlin College, M.S. Free University of Berlin, Germany; Ph.D. Technical University of Berlin, Germany
After graduating from Oberlin College (OH), Nina Dulabaum served in Berlin, Germany as an international volunteer during the East-West divide. She continued her studies in Berlin, and earned her M.A. (Free University) and Ph.D. (Technical University) in Psychology and Education. She includes among her accomplishments the publication of a best-selling handbook on cross-cultural communication and conflict transformation (five editions), the establishment of a new department for the Leipzig City Government for community education/outreach, and publications and presentations focusing on student/faculty success and innovative educational technology.

Evans, Kasey - Admissions Counselor, Admissions
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University; M.S. Eastern Illinois University
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Kasey in July. She previously worked as the assistant director of the Illinois Higher Education Center and Alpha Gamma Delta International Fraternity Harm Prevention Specialist. Kasey has a sister in medical school in Arkansas, and her parents live in Tennessee. She enjoys travel, reading, and volunteering. Kasey is a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority and is a Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership volunteer.

Fegan, John - Admissions Counselor, Admissions
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University
John began his campus duties in July. While attending Illinois Wesleyan, John spent four years as a student worker in the music department and his last semester on campus he worked in the admissions department assisting with recruitment activities. John is one of four boys in a big Italian family and he loves sports, plants, and working with his hands.

Fink, Nicholas - Residence Director, Office of Residential Life
B.S. University of Denver; M.S. Oklahoma State
Nicholas was welcomed to campus in July. While working on his master’s degree he worked as a graduate hall director. Nicholas’ family consists of his parents and a sister. He enjoys YouTube, playing board games, and rock climbing. He is a member of National Orientation Directors Association.

Flores-Miranda, Eda - Staff Counselor, Counseling and Consultation Services
In December, Eda began her duties on campus. She brings with her over 13 years of experience working in outpatient and inpatient settings as a mental health therapist. She works at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center and previously worked at Community Elements, Incorporated and also Prairie Center Health Systems, Incorporated.

Floyd, Carly - Admissions Counselor, Admissions
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University
Carly began her campus duties in July. She is a recent graduate of the University. While Carly was a student on campus she was a multifaith ambassador in Evelyn Chapel. Carly had internships at Young Women’s Christian Association McLean County Stepping Stones Program and St. Scholastica’s College in Manila, Philippines with the Freeman Asia Internship Program. Carly and her boyfriend have two cats. She enjoys reading dystopian fiction, walks on rainy days in autumn, learning about world religions, and social justice activism. Carly is a member of Midwest Sociological Society, Interfaith Youth Core, and Circle of the Spirit Tree.
Foley, Emily - Communications Assistant/Dispatch, Campus Safety  
B.S. Illinois Wesleyan University; M.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
The campus community welcomed Emily back to campus in July. She received a music degree from Illinois Wesleyan, is a freelance musician, and gives private music lessons.

Fuist, Todd - Assistant Professor of Sociology  
B.A. and M.A. DePaul University Chicago; Ph.D. Loyola University Chicago  
Originally from Chicago, Todd Nicholas Fuist comes to IWU by way of circling the entire country. After earning his Ph.D. from Loyola in 2013, he worked as a visiting assistant professor from 2013-2015 at Western Washington University, before taking an assistant professor position at Arkansas State University from 2015-2017. Dr. Fuist teaches a variety of classes including Social Movements, Criminology, Media and Popular Culture, Subcultures, and Sociological Theory. His research interests focus on the intersection of culture and politics in social groups, with his current work examining the successful use of science-based messaging in environmental activism. When not working, Dr. Fuist enjoys tabletop gaming and toying around with boutique guitar pedals.

Fulton, Rob - Stage Electrician, School of Theatre Arts  
B.A. University of Georgia; M.A. Illinois State University  
Prior to joining the campus community, Rob worked at Illinois Central College as an assistant professor, instructing and mentoring students in the area of lighting and scenic design. He also has experience working as a technical director and scene shop supervisor. Rob is married to Kari Beth Rust and he enjoys reading, drawing, Netflix, and poker.

Grandchamp, Stephen - Visiting Assistant Professor of Digital Humanities  
B.A. Northern Michigan University, M.A. Western Michigan University, Ph.D. Michigan State University  
Stephen Grandchamp completed his Ph.D. in nineteenth-century British literature at Michigan State University in 2016 and thereafter served as Visiting Assistant Professor of Humanities at Kettering University for the 2016-17 academic year. His research in digital humanities focuses on the pedagogical application of new media in humanities curricula. For instance, his current project is a case study in the use of streaming media to teach poetry. His literary scholarship focuses on failure narratives across nineteenth-century British novels, poetry, scientific writing, and self-help texts. Specifically, his work examines the ways by which these narratives influence the contemporary notion of failure as personally productive. In his spare time, Stephen enjoys collecting vinyl records, playing piano, reading, and spending time with his wife, Kirsten.

Griffin, Linda - Custodian Physical Plant  
Prior to being hired in November, she worked on campus through a temporary agency. Linda’s past work experience was at the Econolodge and at Personal Touch Cleaning. She has five children and 11 grandchildren.

Hill, Katelyn - Assistant Director, Small Business Development Center  
B.S. Ball State University  
Katelyn began her duties on campus in May. Over the past two years, she has worked in digital marketing at Roche Diabetes Care in Indianapolis, Indiana. Katelyn has also held a variety of other roles in housing and residence life, and admissions at Ball State University. She recently married and her interests include diabetes education and mentoring others. Katelyn enjoys running, bike riding, painting, and volunteering locally and abroad.

Hughes, LeAnn - Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing  
B.A. University of Tennessee; M.A. East Tennessee State University  
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed LeAnn to campus in October. She has taken the helm leading the reorganized admissions, financial aid, marketing, communications, publications, printing, and mailing services functions of the University. LeAnn came to IWU from Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee, where she served as the vice president of enrollment and marketing. Her earlier work experience was at King University where she was named vice president of marketing and enrollment management in 2005, after serving in leadership roles for fundraising and communications operations.

Irby, Courtney - Assistant Professor of Sociology  
B.A. Seattle Pacific University; M.A. and Ph.D. Loyola University, Chicago  
After obtaining her B.A. from Seattle Pacific University, Dr. Courtney Irby moved to the Midwest where she completed her graduate work at Loyola University Chicago. Dr. Irby teaches a variety of classes including Families, Gender, Sexuality, Religion, and Social Problems. She is also excited to be preparing a Gateway Colloquium on young adults’ relationships titled “Hanging Out and Hooking Up,” for the fall semester. This class dovetails with much of her research, which has examined how religious communities shape relationship formation. Building upon her previous publications that analyzed gendered styles of dating among evangelicals, her dissertation on Christian premarital counseling explored how religious communities negotiate changing norms surrounding gender and marriage. Originally from Seattle, she maintains a deep love of all things coffee.

Jacobs, Peggy - Instructional Support and Outcome Coordinator, School of Nursing  
B.S.N. Mennonite College of Nursing; M.S.N. Northern Illinois University; D.N.P. University of Illinois, Chicago  
Peggy joined the School of Nursing full-time, previously teaching as an adjunct for several years. Peggy has taught nursing since 1992 and is an advanced practice nurse or APN with clinical work in OB and women's health. Peggy and her husband Randy, who teaches at Heartland CC, have two young adult children. Her research interests are in the areas of the use of simulation in nursing education and breastfeeding support.

Johnson, Maxwell - Recruitment Coordinator, School of Theatre Arts  
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University  
Maxwell returned to campus in February. While attending Illinois Wesleyan he was very involved in the theatre program with an emphasis on writing, performing with the sketch comedy team, and doing stand-up comedy.
Keegan, Beth - Director of the Wesleyan Fund, Advancement  
B.S. Illinois State University  
Prior to coming to campus in December, Beth worked as the Hearts at Home Senior Director of Development. She also spent six years as the Illinois State University Associate Director of Annual Giving. Beth and her husband, Matt, have two sons named Caden and Brooks. She enjoys cooking, baking, and spending time with family and friends.

King, Greg - Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Admissions  
B.A. King College  
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Greg to campus in April. Prior to coming to campus, Greg served as the vice president for enrollment management at Concord University in Athens, West Virginia. He also worked at Glenville State College in West Virginia and King University in Bristol, Tennessee.

Kreiss, Andrew - Director of Marketing, Admissions  
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University  
Andrew, who prefers to be called Andy, began his campus duties in May. Andy refers to himself as the living embodiment of the value of an Illinois Wesleyan liberal arts education. He has worked successfully as an actor both on stage and screen, behind the camera in a wide variety of roles, and as an entrepreneur marketing his own kinetic sculptures. Most recently Andy was the communications and marketing manager for The Los Angeles Trust for Children’s Health, a non-profit organization bringing health care to the students of Los Angeles public schools. He is thrilled to be returning to his roots here at Illinois Wesleyan and enjoys art, photography, fitness, theatre arts, and food. Andy belongs to the Screen Actors Guild, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, and Actor Equity Association.

Legaspi, Christian - Network Administrator, Information Technology Services  
B.S. University of San Carlos; M.S. Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada  
Christian joined Illinois Wesleyan in February. Prior to working on campus, he worked as a technician to maintain telecommunications networks for Mobility and Verizon. He also worked in the Philippines as an engineer to maintain telecommunication networks. Christian and his wife, Dally, have a son named Angelo.

Lindenbaum, Sarah - Visiting Assistant Professor and Outreach Librarian  
B.A. and MLIS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
As outreach librarian, Sarah Lindenbaum is responsible for helping students learn how to effectively utilize library resources and services. She is also the liaison librarian for Religion, Modern Languages, Art, and Theatre Arts. Since 2013, she has been involved in the reconstruction of the private library of a 17th-century Englishwoman, Frances Wolfreston. This entails visiting institutions such as the Bodleian Library in Oxford, the Houghton Library at Harvard, and the Folger Shakespeare Library to examine known copies of Wolfreston's books and search for more. Sarah lives in Bloomington with her husband and three basenjis, and is interested in old houses and native gardening.

Lockett, Darius - Custodian, Physical Plant  
Before Darius was hired as a full-time custodian in January, he worked for several months on campus through a temporary agency. He enjoys playing basketball, drumming, and cutting hair.

Maiers, Morgan - Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement Communications, Alumni Engagement  
B.A. University of Northern Iowa  
Before coming to work at Illinois Wesleyan in December, Morgan worked as a property and casualty marketing coordinator at Cottingham and Butler, Inc. Morgan is engaged to Tyson Massey and she enjoys being outdoors, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Mandros, Gina - Director of Advancement Operations, Advancement  
B.A. Illinois State University  
Gina joined the Illinois Wesleyan campus community in April. She spent nine years in fundraising and nonprofit administration, working at United Way of McLean County, and Easter Seals of Central Illinois. Gina and her husband, Dave, have a five-year-old son and an eighteen-month-old daughter. Gina enjoys running, art, reading, cooking, civic engagement, and spending time with her family. She serves on the board of directors at the Children's Discovery Museum, participated in Leadership McLean County, and is a former member of the Sunrise Rotary.

Mesouani, Hannah - Assistant Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
B.A. Muhlenberg College  
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Hannah to campus in June. She previously worked at Illinois State University in housing and served on the university council of shared governance. Hannah is currently enrolled in the master's degree program in communications at Illinois State. She is originally from Morocco where she taught English as a second language to students from ages four to over sixty. Hannah has always loved working in student affairs and working with people of all backgrounds, trying to help people find their home and be their best selves. Her family is spread across Morocco, Scotland, and Pennsylvania, but she feels lucky to live with her partner and their “goofy” cat. Hannah’s interests revolve around higher education and Netflix. She is an alumna of Phi Mu and former board member of the Pennsylvania Diversity network which founded the Bradbury-Sullivan Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Community Center.

Miller, Kara Lee – Administrative Specialist IV, Accounting & Financial Services, Business & Economics  
Kara began her campus duties in September. She previously worked at Eureka College as an office coordinator in teacher education. She also worked as an office assistant at Heritage Health in El Paso and she worked for 20 years as a travel consultant at Suze Davis Travel. Kara and her husband, Steve, have been married for 30 years and they have a daughter who graduated this year from high school. Kara loves to travel anywhere a palm tree can be found, reading, playing board games, listening to music, watching the Chicago Blackhawks, and spending time with her family.
Nebel-Schwalm, Marie - Assistant Professor of Psychology
B.A. Michigan State University, M.A. and Ph.D. Louisiana State University
Marie Nebel-Schwalm completed her pediatric psychology pre-doctoral internship at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. A licensed Clinical Psychologist, she studies stress reduction and coping strategies among emerging adults. Specific areas of interest include disordered eating, problematic substance use, and risky behaviors. Dr. Nebel-Schwalm also studies stigma of mental illness and ways to reduce this barrier to treatment. She has taught at IWU since 2009.

Niepagen, Anne – Administrative Specialist II, Registrar's Office
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University
Anne was welcomed to campus last August. She and her husband own Wendell Niepagen Greenhouses and Anne has worked there for the past thirty years. Anne’s oldest son, Ryan, is twenty-eight and attending Iowa State University. Her younger son, Jared, died in 2009 when he was eighteen. Anne enjoys reading, gardening, canoeing, camping, and fishing in the Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota. She and her siblings own a cottage in northern Michigan and they enjoy spending time there.

Norton, Connor - Scene Shop Supervisor/Stage Carpenter, School of Theatre Arts
B.A. Syracuse University
Before joining the campus community in September, he worked doing carpentry and maintenance on a large farm in Minnesota. He also worked as the assistant stage manager and props master at a community theater in New Brighton, Minnesota. While at Syracuse University, Connor worked as the master carpenter and the technical director for the student theater.

Oberg, Phillip - Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics
B.S. University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Phil is a Wisconsin native and prior to coming to IWU taught at St. Louis University. Phil’s research has focused on income instability/earnings risk: its measurement, determinants, and consequences. More broadly has an interest in applied microeconomics; and applied econometrics. At IWU Phil will teach statistics-econometrics. For fun he enjoys playing guitar (electric, acoustic, and bass), listening to music, biking, swimming, lifting, reading, cooking, being outdoors, taking pictures, and spending time with family and friends.

Ortery, Karen - Custodian, Physical Plant
In March, Karen joined Illinois Wesleyan. Prior to being hired full-time, she worked on campus through a temporary agency. Karen spent 17 years working at State Farm Insurance. She is married and has four children. In Karen’s spare time she enjoys watching football.

Patino Soto, Abraham - Custodian, Physical Plant
Prior to being hired in December, Abraham worked on campus for two years through a temporary agency. He has two sons, Jair and Jonathan, and three grandsons. When he began to work full-time for the University, Abraham said he was so happy and thankful to God.

Patterson, Kwame - Residence Director, Office of Residential Life
B.S. and M.S. Eastern Illinois University
Kwame began his campus duties in July. Prior to joining the University, he worked as a graduate assistant at Eastern Illinois University. Kwame’s family consists of his parents and four siblings. He enjoys cooking, reading, sports, research, and spending time with family and friends. He is a member of American College Personnel Association and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Robustelli, Carlo - Director of Advancement - Major Gifts/Associates, Advancement
B.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Prior to Carlo’s return to Illinois Wesleyan in May, he was the development director of WGLT public radio at Illinois State University. Carlo previously worked at Illinois Wesleyan as the director of grants and foundation relations and is married to Emily Kelahan, a professor on campus. Carlo enjoys making and eating pizza, politics, gardening, motorcycling, traveling, and watching college basketball.

Scudder, Steven - Assistant Communications/Dispatch, Campus Safety
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Steven to campus in July. While working part-time at the University, he also works as a City of Bloomington Assessor. Steven worked for State Farm Insurance, Mitsubishi Motors North America, and spent six years in the United States Marine Corp. He is excited to work for the University.

Shaver, Patrick - Associate Director of Utilities Operations and Engineering, Physical Plant
B.A. Augustana College
Patrick joined the Illinois Wesleyan campus community in June. He has worked in the water treatment industry for 25 years in formulation, new product development, process engineering, and field service.

Shriver, MacKenzy – Administrative Specialist IV, Educational Studies
B.S. Illinois State University
MacKenzy was welcomed to campus in April. She previously worked for Unit 5 Education District as a kindergarten and a first-grade teacher. She left teaching to work at a safety consulting firm as an office manager. MacKenzy and her husband, Tim, have a dog named Cooper. MacKenzy enjoys reading and she participates in a book club. She also enjoys working out and photography.
Thelemaque, Marc-Athur - Campus Safety Officer, Campus Safety
Marc-Athur who prefers to be called Marc began his duties in May. He and his wife have a seven-year-old son and they moved to Bloomington a year and a half ago from Miami-Dade County, Florida. Marc worked at a large hospital in south Florida where he was responsible for security. Marc’s previous work experience consisted of loss prevention and security transport for the mental health department of the hospital. Marc speaks Creole and French, enjoys traveling, spending time outdoors, and coaching his son in youth basketball and soccer.

Vore, Sara - Events Coordinator, Alumni Engagement
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University
Sara returned to the University in September. Sara worked with training and conferences at Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. While attending Illinois Wesleyan, she worked in the office of residential life and office of student activities and had an internship in the wellness department. Sara enjoys traveling, going to concerts, exploring local businesses and restaurants, trying new fitness classes, blogging, and event planning.

Waldrep, Lee - Assistant Director for Career Engagement, Career Center
B.S. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; M.A. Arizona State University; Ph.D. The American University
Lee recently began his campus duties and has spent the past 20 years working in higher education. He enjoys the work he has done working with the career development of college students and brings work experience in the areas of program administration and development, information management, and career counseling. Lee and his wife, Sherry, have 16-year-old triplets named Cassidy, Karli, and Anslie. Lee enjoys collecting baseball cards, and has traveled to Canada to see polar bears, which interest him.

Weerasinghe, Ganesh - Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics
B.S. University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Ph.D. Auburn University
Dr. Ganesh Weerasinghe received her Ph.D. in Mathematics from the Auburn University, Auburn in 2017. Her research area is stochastic optimization and numerical analysis. Her Ph.D. thesis focused on convergence analysis and numerical simulation particle swarm optimization and she worked under the guidance of Prof. Yanzhao Cao. She obtained her Master’s degree in Applied Mathematics. Ganesh received her B.S. in Finance, Business and Computational Mathematics from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Her spouse, Asanka Jayawardena is a graduate research assistant in the Auburn University, Department of Physics.

West, Wendy - Administrative Specialist II, Multi-Programs: Philosophy, Greek & Roman Studies, Religion, Women's & Gender Studies, and International Studies
Wendy joined the campus community last August. She worked for 13 years in the banking industry and a year as an engineering assistant Mitsubishi. Wendy also worked on campus as a temporary worker in two departments. She and her husband Steve, have a ten-year-old son, lan, and a cat named Zane. Wendy loves reading, camping, fishing, canoeing and listening to music.

Zadorozhna, Olena – Administrative Specialist II, International Office
B.A., M.A. Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics
Olena began her duties on campus in February. She previously worked in various positions at Kyivslar, a telecommunications company. Olena and her husband Lev Ivanov, have a daughter Elizavetta and a son Oliver. Olena enjoys crafting, creating flower arrangements, hiking, dancing, and cooking.

Zelechowski, Jamie - Visiting Assistant Professor of German
B.A. University of Arizona, M.A. University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles
In June 2017, Jamie completed her dissertation, “The Representation of Forced Migration in the Feature Films of the Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic, and Polish People's Republic (1945-1970)” and graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) with her doctoral degree in Germanic Languages. With the support of the Fulbright Commission, she was a guest doctoral student at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany for the 2014-2015 academic year. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in German Studies in 2008 at the University of Arizona—in her home state. Her research interests include: German-Polish relations, Jewish studies, memory studies, space theory, film and media studies, and border studies.

Office Location Changes:
Campus Safety moved from 110 E Graham Street to Memorial Center 171B
Conference Services moved from Memorial Center 171B to Memorial Center 167
The Office of Student Activities moved from the Memorial Center, Suite 167 to the Hansen Student Center, Suite 101

Departmental Name Changes:
Campus Security is now identified as Campus Safety
The Alumni Office is now identified as Office of Alumni Engagement