From the Interim Chancellor

It's a pleasure to welcome you as the newest member of the talented and dedicated faculty at the University of Mississippi! As a new colleague, you are bringing new energy and spirit to campus that will enhance our commitment to academic excellence.

As a valued member of our academic community, what will you do to boost our national profile or accelerate our growth, impact, and success? It will be exciting to see how you'll build on our momentum.

Looking ahead to the fall faculty meeting, please let us know how we can help you enjoy a smooth and successful transition to UM. And once again, welcome — so glad you're now a part of our campus community.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Sparks
Interim Chancellor

From the Provost

Welcome to the University of Mississippi. We are glad that you are joining our vibrant community of scholars that is committed to educating and serving the citizens of our state, nation, and world. The work you do here will be incredibly meaningful. Quite simply, it changes lives.

We are dedicated to fostering an atmosphere that unleashes your creativity. The University of Mississippi is a better place when you succeed. We are committed to nurturing a culture that respects the dignity of every person. This is fundamental to our community's values and is critical to fairness, civility, integrity, academic honesty, and academic freedom.

We are glad you are here and look forward to the great things you will accomplish as members of our community.

Sincerely,

Noel E. Wilkin
Provost
DREW W. BILLINGS
Philosophy and Religion
Instructional Assistant Professor of Religion

Dr. Billings received his Ph.D. from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. He specializes in the study of the New Testament and early Christianity within the context of the ancient Mediterranean world.

SARAH A. BILSKY
Psychology
Assistant Professor

Dr. Bilsky received her Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. She specializes in the developmental psychopathology of anxiety and related problems.

BRANTLY CALLAWAY
Economics
Assistant Professor of Economics

Dr. Callaway received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He specializes in econometrics and labor economics.

KIMBERLY J. CHANDLER
Gender Studies and African American Studies
Instructional Assistant Professor of African American Studies and Gender Studies

Dr. Chandler received her Ph.D. from Wayne State University. She specializes in communication studies with a focus on the intersections of African American gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, and gender performance.

HILARY COULSON
History and International Studies
Visiting Assistant Professor of History

Dr. Coulson received her Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego. She specializes in the history of prisons and institutions in the Antebellum South.

GAVIN S. DAVIES
Physics and Astronomy
Assistant Professor of Physics

Dr. Davies received his Ph.D. from Lancaster University, UK. He specializes in experimental high-energy particle physics, specifically neutrino physics.
LESLIE DELASSUS
Theatre & Film and Gender Studies
Instructional Assistant Professor of Film and Gender Studies

Dr. DeLassus received her Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. She specializes in film preservation and film history.

AERYNN DIGHTON
Classics
Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics

Dr. Dighton received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She specializes in ancient Roman clothing and Late Republican history.

LAUREN E. FERRY
Political Science
Assistant Professor of Political Science

Dr. Ferry received her Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego. She specializes in financial crises and foreign aid.

EMILY FRANSEE
History
Visiting Assistant Professor of History and International Studies

Dr. Fransee received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She specializes in the history of race and gender in the French empire.

KARIANN FUQUA
Art and Art History
Visiting Assistant Professor of Art

Ms. Fuqua received her M.F.A. from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She specializes in painting and drawing as well as museum studies.

AYLA GAFNI
Mathematics
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Gafni received her Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. She specializes in analytic number theory and harmonic analysis.
TYLER GILLESPIE
Writing and Rhetoric
Instructor of Writing and Rhetoric
Mr. Gillespie received his M.F.A. from the University of New Orleans. He specializes in journalism and first year composition.

IAN GOWAN
Modern Languages
Croft Visiting Instructional Assistant Professor of Spanish
Dr. Gowan received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He specializes in contemporary Latin American theater/film and second-language acquisition.

MANDY L. GOYNES
Theatre & Film
Visiting Assistant Professor of Scenic Design
Ms. Goynes received her M.F.A. from Temple University. She specializes in theatre scenic design.

NAVE GRAHAM
Music
Instructor of Flute
Dr. Graham received her Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She specializes in flute performance and pedagogy.

ANURADHA GUPTA
Physics and Astronomy
Assistant Professor
Dr. Gupta received her Ph.D. from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, India. She specializes in gravitational wave physics and astrophysics.

RHONDA HACKWORTH
Music
Associate Professor of Music and Director of Music Education/Graduate Program Coordinator
Dr. Hackworth received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory. She specializes in vocal health for K-12 music teachers.
ELIZABETH HEARN
Music
Assistant Professor of Music Education

Dr. Hearn received her Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. She specializes in choral music education. Her research interests include assessment in the music classroom, ACDA history, and job mobility in music education.

OWEN JAMES HYMAN
African American Studies
Instructional Assistant Professor of African American Studies

Dr. Hyman received his Ph.D. from Mississippi State University. He specializes in the histories of race, science, and the environment in the American South.

KRISTIN GEE HICKMAN
Sociology and Anthropology
Croft Assistant Professor of Anthropology and International Studies

Dr. Hickman received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She specializes in language, politics, and cultural production in the Middle East and North Africa.

CHARLES JOUKHADAR
Modern Languages
Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic

Dr. Joukhadar received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. He specializes in Arabic sociolinguistics and the teaching of Arabic as a foreign language.

CHRISTOPHER HUTCHINSON
Modern Languages
Assistant Professor of German

Dr. Hutchinson received his Ph.D. from Stanford University. He specializes in 15th- and 16th-century German literature and culture.

JIMIN KAHNG
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Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics

Dr. Kahng received her Ph.D. from Michigan State University. She specializes in second language acquisition and education.
CHRISTINE RENEE KRALIK  
Music 
Instructor of Cello and Bass  

Dr. Kralik received her Doctorate of Musical Arts from Texas Tech University. She specializes in the performance and study of the violoncello.

DEANNA K. KREISEL  
English 
Associate Professor of English  

Dr. Kreisel received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University. She specializes in Victorian literature, environmental humanities, and feminist and gender criticism.

AARON LEE  
Psychology 
Assistant Professor  

Dr. Lee received his Ph.D. from the University of Wyoming. He specializes in health psychology with a focus on psychosocial determinants of disease and self-management behaviors among adults with chronic health conditions.

SCOTT R. MACKENZIE  
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Dr. MacKenzie received his Ph.D. from Cornell University. He specializes in 18th-century and Romantic literature.

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Dr. Mau received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He specializes in macroeconomics and monetary policy.

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Modern Languages 
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Dr. Modolo received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in Renaissance and Baroque Italian literature.
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Sociology and Anthropology
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English
2019-2020 John and Renée Grisham Writer in Residence

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Croft Instructional Assistant Professor of Spanish

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Instructor of Writing and Rhetoric

Mr. Parker received his M.F.A. from Eastern Kentucky University and is pursuing his Doctorate in English at Murray State University. He specializes in English pedagogy and technology.

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Biology
Assistant Professor of Biology

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Music
Instructor of Oboe

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ELIZABETH VENELL
Gender Studies
Instructional Assistant Professor of Gender Studies

Dr. Venell received her Ph.D. from Emory University. She specializes in feminist and LGBTQ experimental cinema.

JOSEPH D. WELLMAN
Psychology
Assistant Professor of Psychology

Dr. Wellman received his Ph.D. from the University of Maine. He specializes in the social psychological antecedents and consequences of stigmatization, prejudice, and discrimination.

TROY DREWRY
Biomedical Engineering
Professor of Practice

Dr. Drewry received his B.S. and Master’s Degrees from The University of Louisiana-Lafayette and University of Memphis, respectively. He also holds a Master’s in Engineering Management from Christian Brothers University. He is President and COO of MB Innovations, a medical device product development firm located in Memphis, Tennessee.

CHARLES FLEMING
Computer Science
Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Dr. Fleming received his B.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi and his Ph.D. from UCLA. Dr. Fleming’s research interests include computer security, machine learning, mobile computing, and virtual reality.

MIKE GILL
Chemical Engineering
Instructor in Chemical Engineering

Mr. Gill received his undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi and his M.B.A. from Queens University of Charlotte. He has over 30 years of experience in both chemical and manufacturing industries.
**YIWEI HAN**  
Mechanical Engineering  
Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Han received his Ph.D. from North Dakota State University, Fargo. His specialization is additive manufacturing, and his research is in high resolution electrohydrodynamic 3D printing of function materials.

**SAKIB HASAN**  
Electrical Engineering  
Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering

Dr. Hasan received his B.Sc. from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and his Ph.D. from UTK. His research interests include semiconductor device modeling, VLSI circuit design, secure nanoelectronic circuit design, and neuromorphic computing.

**TIM HOLSTON**  
Computer Science  
Instructional Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Dr. Holston received his B.S. Degrees from Mississippi Valley State University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. His research interests include big data analytics, online learning systems, and STEM education.

**CHARLIE WALTER**  
Computer Science  
Assistant Professor of Computer Science

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**KENYA G. BLEDSOE**  
Leadership and Counselor Education  
Assistant Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education

Dr. Bledsoe received her Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. She specializes in clinical supervision, school counseling, and college access for underrepresented student groups.

**DIANA CAMILO**  
Leadership and Counselor Education  
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Dr. Camilo received her Ed.D. from Argosy University. She is experienced in district-wide planning, management, and the evaluation of interventions and policies to sustain the implementation of school counseling programs.
KAYLA C. CROOK
Teacher Education
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Dr. Crook received her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. She is a behavior analyst who specializes in working with teachers and students in elementary school settings.

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Leadership and Counselor Education
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FRANK FERNANDEZ
Higher Education
Assistant Professor of Higher Education

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Leadership and Counselor Education
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Dr. Kluck received her Ph.D. from Texas Tech University. She specializes in psychological and relationship issues that disproportionately affect women.

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BioMolecular Sciences
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Pharmacy Practice
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Dr. Roper received her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. She specializes in air pollution toxicology and uses in vitro and in vivo methods to identify the components of air pollution that are the most health relevant.

MANVI SHARMA
Pharmacy Administration
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BARRY BABIN
Marketing
Morris Lewis Professor and Department Chair of Marketing

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LAURIE A. BABIN
Marketing
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CASSIE L. AUSTIN  
Nursing  
Instructor of Nursing

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Instructor of Nursing

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Nursing  
Instructor of Nursing

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CHRISTY SIMS NIELSON  
Patterson School of Accountancy  
Assistant Professor of Accountancy

Dr. Nielson received her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. She specializes in auditing and will be teaching in the School’s masters programs in accountancy/tax and data analytics.
KATERINA BEREZINA
Hospitality Management
Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Hospitality Management

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BRIAN BOUTWELL
Legal Studies
Associate Professor of Legal Studies

Dr. Boutwell received his Ph.D. from Florida State University. He specializes in quantitative genetics, with a particular focus on environmental and psychological risk factors for antisocial and violent behavior in humans.

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Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management
Instructor of Recreational Therapy

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MICHAEL COREY
Legal Studies
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PATRICIA DIGBY
Social Work
Visiting Instructor of Social Work

Mrs. Digby received her M.S.W. from the University of Southern Mississippi. She specializes in Child Welfare and Training.

PATRICIA DOTY
Legal Studies
Adjunct Instructor of Legal Studies

Ms. Doty is a 30-year veteran of both public and private sector corrections. She received her Master’s Degrees from Delta State University and the University of Mississippi. She is currently employed as a police officer with the Federal Reserve Bank in Memphis, Tennessee.
BRIAN A. DROUBAY  
Social Work  
Assistant Professor of Social Work  
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Dr. Droubay received his Ph.D. from the University of Utah. His research interests center on the intersection of human sexuality, values and religion, and clinical social work.

PETER W. GRANDJEAN  
Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management  
Dean of the School of Applied Sciences and Professor of Exercise Science  
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Dr. Grandjean received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, his M.S. from Texas Christian University, and his B.A. from Anderson University. He specializes in transient vascular function responses to exercise and how they contribute to long-term adaptations in health and chronic disease.

DANIEL W. DURKIN  
Social Work  
Associate Professor of Social Work  
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Dr. Durkin received his M.S.W. and Ph.D. from The University of Alabama. Dr. Durkin completed a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Center for Quality Aging at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Durkin’s research has examined issues with aging, including family caregiving for older adults with dementia, the male caregiving experience, and assisting families with the transition to nursing home care.

YING HAO  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
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KRISTY M. DURKIN  
Social Work  
Visiting Professor of Social Work  
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Dr. Durkin received her Ph.D. from The University of Alabama. She also attained Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Her work focused on the role of self-efficacy in the effectiveness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) training for child welfare workers.

WESLEY G. JENNINGS  
Legal Studies  
Chair and Professor of Legal Studies  
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Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Management
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MYRIAM KORNISCH
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Assistant Professor of Neurogenic Communication Disorders

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SHELIA NABORS
Social Work
Adjunct Instructor of Social Work

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HYEJIN PARK
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders

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JOSHUA SHIPP
Legal Studies
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STEVEN SOIFER
Social Work
Professor of Social Work

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D’ANDRE WALKER
Legal Studies
Assistant Professor of Legal Studies

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NADEEJA WIJAYATUNGA
Nutrition and Hospitality Management
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The University of Mississippi is a community of learning dedicated to nurturing excellence in intellectual inquiry and personal character in an open and diverse environment. As a voluntary member of this community:

I believe in respect for the dignity of each person.

I believe in fairness and civility.

I believe in personal and professional integrity.

I believe in academic honesty.

I believe in academic freedom.

I believe in good stewardship of our resources.

I pledge to uphold these values and encourage others to follow my example.