

NEW FULL-TIME FACULTY 2008-09

Rachel N. Bauer joins the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures as Assistant Professor. Dr. Bauer received her B.A. from Duquesne University, her Masters in Spanish Literature from Purdue University, and her Ph.D. in Spanish Literature from Vanderbilt University. Her dissertation was entitled “Madness and Laughter: Cervantes’s Comic Vision in *Don Quixote*”. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Dr. Bauer served as Assistant Professor of Spanish at Meredith College. Her research interests include early modern comic literature, word play in Cervantes, journey and humor, baroque poetry, and narrative cartography.

Eric J. Breck joins the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science as Visiting Assistant Professor. Mr. Breck received his B.S. in Mathematics and Linguistics from the University of Michigan, his M.S. in Computer Science from Cornell University, and will soon receive his PhD in Computer Science from Cornell as well. His research interests include natural language processing, machine learning, and artificial intelligence. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Mr. Breck served as Instructor and Teaching Assistant in the Department of Computer Science at Cornell and as a Senior Artificial Intelligence Engineer at the MITRE Corporation. Mr. Breck received the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and was Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Michigan.

Clayton D. Brown joins the Department of History as Assistant Professor. Dr. Clayton received B.A.’s in both Asian Studies and History from Utah State University, his M.A. in History from Utah State University, and his PhD in East Asia Studies from the University of Pittsburgh. His dissertation, entitled “Making the Majority: Defining Han Identity in Chinese Ethnology and Archaeology”, explores the modern creation of Han, China’s majority and now the largest ethnic group on earth. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Dr. Brown served as Instructor on Modern East Asian Civilizations at the University of Pittsburgh. His special interests include oral histories and interviews with war veterans to understand how the experiences of common people intersect with global history.

Ben Butler joins the Department of Art as Assistant Professor. Mr. Butler received his Master of Fine Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and his B.A. from Bowdoin College. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Mr. Butler taught at SUNY New Paltz, Bowdoin College and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. His interests include modern and post modern art, ceramics, sculpture, photography, and contemporary art criticism.

Amy Collins Cardenas joins the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures as Instructor. Ms. Cardenas received her B.A. in Spanish from Rhodes College and her M.A. in Spanish from Tulane University. Ms. Cardenas served as Teaching Assistant in the Department of Spanish while at Tulane.

Kristin Cole joins the Department of English as Assistant Professor. Dr. Cole received her B.A. in English and German from Hanover College, her M.A. in English from the University of Texas at Austin, and her Ph.D. in English from the University of Texas at Austin. Her dissertation was entitled “Rum, Ram, Ruf, and Rym: Middle English Alliterative Meters.” Before coming to Rhodes, Dr. Cole served as Lecturer in the Department of English at the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to this position, she served as Instructor at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr.

Cole is the recipient of the Medieval Summer Fellowship from the University of Texas at Austin, the Swedish Studies Excellence Endowment Scholarship, and the Professional Development award from the University of Texas at Austin.

Richard Dagger joins the Department of Political Science as Professor and will serve as Director of the Search for Values in Light of Western History and Religion Program. Dr. Dagger received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and his PhD in Political Science from the University of Minnesota. For the past seven years, Dr. Dagger has served as the Director of the Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Law, as Professor of Political Science, and as Affiliate Professor of Philosophy at Arizona State University.

Jon Davis joins the Department of Biology as Faculty Fellow. Mr. Davis received his B.S. in Biology from Northern Arizona University and will soon receive his PhD in Biology from Arizona State University. His dissertation, entitled “The effects of environmental water availability on the behavioral and physiological ecology of a Sonoran Desert ectotherm, the Gila monster”, explores the influence that seasonal variation in resource availability (water) can directly have on animal behavior and physiology. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Mr. Davis served as a researcher and Teaching Assistant at Arizona State in the Department of Biology.

Alberto del Pozo Martinez joins the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures as Assistant Professor. Dr. Martinez received his B.A. in Spanish Literature from the University of Zaragoza, Spain, his Masters in Spanish Literature from Vanderbilt University, and will soon receive his Ph.D. in Spanish Literature from Vanderbilt University. His dissertation, entitled “Impacto de la Filología en la literatura hispanoamericana: la obra de Roberto Bolaño” (“Impact of Philology on Spanish American Literature: the Works of Roberto Bolaño”), focuses on how modern and postmodern literary creation in Spanish America has progressively adopted the forms of literary criticism. Dr. Martinez has served the past four years as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Vanderbilt University. His research interests include 20th and 21st Century Spanish American prose fiction and Theories of Literary History and Literary Genres: Benjamin, Bakhtin, Foucault.

Kimberly Fisher joins the Department of Chemistry as Assistant Professor. Dr. Fisher received her B.S. from Wheeling Jesuit University, her M.S. from West Virginia University, and her Ph.D. from West Virginia University. Her dissertation topic was “A Short and Concise Synthesis of a Variety of Naphthoquinones and Hydroquinones and the Application of the Methodology in Total Synthesis of Ellipticine Analogs.” Before joining Rhodes, Dr. Fisher served as Instructor at West Virginia University. Her skills include multi-step chemical synthesis and infrared spectroscopy.

Li Han joins the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures as Assistant Professor. Dr. Han received her B.A. in Chinese Literature from Nanjing University, completed one year graduate study in Classical Chinese Literature at Nanjing University and will soon receive her PhD in East Asian Languages and Literatures from the University of California Irvine. Her dissertation, entitled “News, Public Opinions and History: Fiction on Current Events in Seventeenth-Century China”, attempts to further the understanding of the important cultural and political functions Chinese fiction assumed in the late imperial period. Her research interests include traditional Chinese fiction, narrative theory, and the cultural history of late imperial China. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Dr. Han served as Teaching Assistant in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at UC-Irvine.

Barrett Hathcock joins the Department of English as Assistant Professor. Dr. Hathcock received his B.A. in English, with a concentration in Creative Writing, from Rhodes College in 2000, and his M.F.A. in Creative Writing (Fiction) from the University of Alabama. Before coming to Rhodes, he served as Teaching Assistant for the Department of English in the University of Alabama. Prior to this position, Dr. Hathcock served as adjunct Communication Arts Instructor in Samford University. Dr. Hathcock is the recipient of the Buford Boone Fellowship. His publications include stories in *The MacGuffin*, essays in *The Quarterly Conversation* and *The Colorado Review*, and book reviews.

Matthew Hild joins the Department of History as Assistant Professor. Dr. Hild received his B.A. in History from Kennesaw State College, his M.A. from the University of Georgia, and his Ph.D. from Georgia Institute of Technology. His dissertation was entitled “Greenbackers, Knights of Labor, and Populists: Farmer-Labor Insurgency in the Late-Nineteenth-Century South.” Prior to joining Rhodes, he was a Visiting Lecturer at Georgia State University. Dr. Hild has authored the book *Greenbackers, Knights of Labor, and Populists: Farmer-Labor Insurgency in the Late-Nineteenth-Century South*.

Alexandra Hoerl joins the Department of Political Science as Assistant Professor. Dr. Hoerl received her B.A. in Public Policy from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and her Ph.D. from Rutgers University. Her dissertation was entitled “The Necessity of Inspiration and the Crisis of Modern Political Communication.” Before coming to Rhodes, she served as Full-Time Visiting Lecturer at the University of Vermont. Her research interests are classical and medieval political thought, modern political thought, American and British political thought, republican and democratic political thought, public policy, interest groups, and political participation. Dr. Hoerl received the Bevier Dissertation Fellowship from Rutgers University. She is a member of American Political Science Association and Association for Political Theory.

Heather Jamerson joins the Department of Anthropology and Sociology as Assistant Professor. Dr. Jamerson received her B.S. in Human Development from Montreat College, her M.T.S. from the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and will soon receive her Ph.D. in Sociology & Certificate in Women’s Studies from Emory University. Her dissertation, entitled “Wines Tastes: The Role of Service Workers and Consumers in Cultural Production”, uses wine as a case study to examine how the production of culture through institutional classification systems and service worker intermediaries interact with consumers who have varying levels of cultural capital to create, maintain, or lessen social hierarchies. Dr. Jamerson has won several teaching awards as a graduate instructor at Emory University, including the Dean's Teaching Fellowship and the Department of Sociology Graduate Student Teaching Award on two separate occasions. Her teaching interests focus on social/political theory, social stratification, culture, economic sociology, urban or community sociology, and social change. Dr. Jamerson’s research interests focus on the interaction of social structures and the cultural beliefs, values, and norms that legitimate these arrangements. She is currently writing several articles, one entitled “Crush” The Battle Between Old Wine Culture and New World Wine Markets”.

Laura Luque de Johnson joins the Department of Biology as Assistant Professor. Dr. Luque de Johnson received her B.S. in Biology from Florida International University, her M.S. in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of Texas at Dallas, and her Ph.D. in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of Texas at Dallas. She is currently completing a postdoctoral fellowship at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in the Department of Infectious

Diseases. She has also served as a visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology here at Rhodes during the 2007-08 school year. Dr. Luque de Johnson's research interests include molecular mechanisms of viral entry and virus-mediated membrane fusion, structure-based design of inhibitors against paramyxovirus replication, and development of vaccine against paramyxovirus infection.

Michael Julian joins the Department of Chemistry as Assistant Professor. Dr. Julian received his B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Central Arkansas and his Ph.D. in Organic / Polymer Chemistry from the University of Southern California. His thesis was entitled "Preparation and Use of Photonic Band Gap Structures to Manipulate the Optical Properties of Photoactive Materials". Prior to coming to Rhodes, Dr. Julian served as Chemistry Instructor at California State University-Stanislaus and a Visiting Assistant Professor at University of Arkansas – Fort Smith. He has also served as a postdoctoral research assistant at Iowa State University as well as the University of Southern California. His expertise lies in design, synthesis, modification, and analysis of Nanomaterials, characterization of materials using analytical and photophysical instrumentation, and multiple step synthetic organic and polymer synthesis

Tait Keller joins the Department of History as Faculty Fellow for Environmental Studies. Dr. Keller received his B.A. in History from the University of Rochester, his M.A. in German and European Studies from Georgetown University, and his Ph.D. in History from Georgetown as well. His dissertation, entitled "Eternal Mountains– Eternal Germany: the Alpine Association and the Ideology of Alpinism, 1909-1939", analyzes the German and Austrian Alpine Association, the social milieu in which it was rooted, and its evolving understanding of Alpinism. Dr. Keller has most recently served as Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Towson University.

Todd Krueger joins the Department of Physics as Assistant Professor. Dr. Krueger received his B.S. in Physics from Whitworth College, his M.A. and Ph.D. in Physics from Washington University. Before joining Rhodes, Dr. Krueger served as Adjunct Physics Professor at Maryville University. He was awarded the Dean's Fellowship at Washington University. Dr. Krueger belongs to such associations as the American Association of Physics Teachers and the Acoustical Society of America.

Jeanne Lopiparo joins the Department of Anthropology and Sociology as Assistant Professor. Dr. Lopiparo received her A.B. in Anthropology from Harvard University, where she was Phi Beta Kappa, and her PhD in Anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley. Her dissertation was entitled "Household Ceramic Production and the Crafting of Society in the Terminal Classic Ulua Valley, Honduras". She recently served as a research fellow in the Department of Archaeology at Umea University in Sweden as well as a postdoctoral scholar in the Department of Anthropology/Archaeological Research at UC Berkeley. She has published numerous articles in anthropological and archaeological publications and has done extensive research in Ulua Valley, Honduras. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Dr. Lopiparo served as Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology at UC Berkeley.

Robert Lusteck joins the Department of Anthropology/ Sociology as Faculty Fellow for Environmental Studies. Mr. Lusteck received his B.A. in Anthropology and History from Mississippi State University, his M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Alabama, and his Ph.D. in Anthropology with a Paleoecology minor from the University of Minnesota. His latest

paper was entitled “Extending the Phytolith Evidence for Early Maize and Squash in Central New York.” Before coming to Rhodes, he served as Anthropology Instructor at the University of Minnesota. Prior to that position, Mr. Lusteck served as the Anthropology Undergraduate Advisor at the University of Minnesota. His teaching interests are archeology, specifically settlement and subsistence practices of prehistoric peoples. He is particularly interested in the relationships between humans and plants. His dissertation involved the use of statistically analyzed phytolith assemblages to trace the prehistoric movements of maize in the Americas. Mr. Lusteck is a member of the Society for American Archaeology, Southeastern Archaeological Conference, among others.

Joe Montelione joins the Department of Music as Assistant Professor. Dr. Montelione received his B.A. in Music in Trumpet Performance from the State University of New York College, his M.A. in Trumpet Performance from George Mason University, and will soon receive his D.M.A. in Trumpet Performance from the University of Southern California. He has most recently served as the Trumpet Ensemble Director, Brass Ensemble Conductor, Chamber Winds Conductor, and Music Librarian at USC. Dr. Montelione has performed in a number of Broadway musicals, such as the *King and I* and *Victor/Victoria*.

Alex J. Novikoff joins the Department of History as Assistant Professor. Dr. Novikoff received his B.A. in History and Archaeology from NYU, where he was Phi Beta Kappa, his M.A. in Medieval Studies from the University of York, U.K., his MPhil in Historical Studies from Wolfson College, Cambridge University, and his Ph.D. in Medieval History from the University of Pennsylvania. His dissertation, entitled “Dialogue and Disputation in Medieval Thought and Society, c. 1050-1350”, seeks to draw connections between written dialogues and the cultural and institutional world of scholastic and university disputations. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Dr. Novikoff served as visiting assistant professor at St. Joseph’s University and as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University, Temple University, and Rosemont College.

Brian Page joins the Department of History as Instructor. Mr. Page received his B.A. in History and Music from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, his M.A. in History from the University of Memphis, and his Ph.D. in History from Ohio State University. His dissertation was entitled “From Slaves to Citizens: Race, Culture, and the Politics of Emancipation in the Mid-South, 1860-1880.” Before coming to Rhodes, he served as Adjunct Instructor at the University of Memphis. Prior to this, Mr. Page served as Graduate Associate (Instructor) at Ohio State University. His teaching interests include African American History. He has been published in such scholarly journals as *Journal of Urban History*.

Jason Richards joins the Department of English as Assistant Professor. Dr. Richards received his B.A. in Comparative Literature and Classics from California State University- Long Beach, his M.A. in English from CSU-Long Beach, and his Ph.D. in English from the University of Florida. His dissertation was entitled “Whites in Blackface, Blacks in Whiteface: Racial Fluidities and National Identities”. Before coming to Rhodes, he served as Lecturer in the Department of English at SUNY Brockport. Prior to this position, Dr. Richards served as an Instructor in the Department of English at Auburn University as well as an Adjunct in the Department of English at Santa Fe Community College. His teaching interests are early and Nineteenth-Century American Literature, gothic studies, critical race theory, postcolonial studies, and world literature. Dr. Richards recently received the Longman Ward for World

Literature Teaching at Auburn University. He has been published in such scholarly journals as *Transcendental Quarterly* and has served as a guest lecturer at the American Literature Association Conference.

Rashna Wadia Richards joins the Department of English Assistant Professor of Film Studies. Dr. Richards received her BComm from Narsee Monjee College in Mumbai India while minoring in English. She went on to receive her M.A. in English from the University of Mumbai (Bombay), focusing on Feminism and Postcolonial Studies. She later received another M.A. in English from West Virginia University focusing on Critical Theory and 20th Century American Literature. Dr. Richards received her Ph.D in English (Film and Media Studies) from the University of Florida. Her dissertation was entitled “Lightning Flashes: A Cinephiliac History of Classic Hollywood”. Before coming to Rhodes, Dr. Richards was Assistant Professor as well as the Director of Film Studies in the Department of English at SUNY Brockport. Prior to this position, Dr. Richards served as an Instructor in Radio-TV-Film at Auburn University and was a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of English at both the University of Florida and West Virginia University. Her teaching interests include U.S. film history, film theory and aesthetics, transnational and cultural studies, Indian diasporic cinema, Bollywood and postcolonial studies, critical theory, and American Literature and Culture, 20th and 21st Century.

Zandria F. Robinson joins the Department of Anthropology and Sociology as Assistant Professor. Dr. Robinson received her B.A. in English and African American Studies from the University of Memphis, her M.A. in Sociology from the University of Memphis, and will receive her Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University. Her dissertation, entitled "Black Cultures in a New South City", examines the production and accomplishment of regional cultures through a case study of African Americans in the urban South. Dr. Robinson's research interests include sociology, Black/African American Studies, urban sociology, race, class, gender, social theory, and sociology of knowledge. Prior to coming to Rhodes, she served as instructor in the Departments of Sociology at both Southwest Tennessee Community College and the University of Memphis. Dr. Robinson is a Predoctoral Fellow with the American Sociological Association and serves as Member-At-Large for the Association of Black Sociologists.

John Ronan joins the Department of English as Assistant Professor. Dr. Ronan received his B.A. in Italian and English from the University of California-Berkeley and his PhD in Comparative Literature from UC-Berkeley as well. He also studied at the Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy in the Departments of Italian and French Literature. His dissertation was entitled “Autobiography and the Ethics of Friendship in American Transcendentalism”. Dr. Ronan’s research interests include 17th-, 18th-, and 19th- Century American Literature and Culture, 20th-Century American Literature and Culture, Ancient and Modern Philosophy, Critical Theory, Cultural Studies, Race and Gender Studies, and Italian Literature and Culture after 1800. Dr. Ronan presently serves as Assistant Professor in the Department of English at the University of Memphis. He also served as the Director of the English Honors Program at the University of Memphis from 2006-7.

Jeffrey J. Sable joins the Department of Psychology as Assistant Professor. Dr. Sable earned his B.A. in Psychology from Drury College (now Drury University), his M.S. in Psychology (Behavioral Neuroscience/Physiological Psychology) from Kansas State University, and his Ph.D. in Psychological Sciences (Cognition and Neuroscience) from the University of Missouri-Columbia. His dissertation was entitled “Electrical and optical investigations of event-related brain activity in human auditory cortex elicited by rapidly presented tones”. Dr. Sable has most

recently served as Visiting Assistant Professor and Scientist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also taught undergraduate courses at KSU and the University of Missouri as a Graduate Instructor. Dr. Sables teaching interests include neuroscience, especially physiological psychology, sensation and perception, experimental methods, and introductory or general psychology.

Susan Satterfield joins the Department of Greek and Romans Studies as Assistant Professor. Dr. Satterfield received her B.A. in classics from the University of Alabama and will soon receive her Ph.D. in classics from Princeton University. Her dissertation, entitled “Gifted Knowledge: The Sibylline Books in the Roman Republic and Early Empire”, is a social and religious history examining the use of the Sibylline Books in Roman society, Italian relations, and foreign diplomacy. Prior to working on her doctorate, Dr. Satterfield served as Intermediate Latin Instructor at Princeton. Her research interests include Roman religion, Roman history, and Latin historiography. Dr. Satterfield’s honors include being Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Alabama and receiving the Harvey Fellowship to support her doctoral work. She recently presented her paper entitled “Alien Insiders: The Etruscan *Haruspices* in Rome” at the annual meeting of the American Philological Association in Chicago.

Jennifer Sciubba joins the Department of International Studies as Faculty Fellow for Environmental Studies. Ms. Sciubba received her B.A. in International Relations from Agnes Scott College, where she was Phi Beta Kappa, her M.A. in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, and will soon receive her Ph.D. in International Relations and Comparative Politics from the University of Maryland as well. Her dissertation, entitled “The Politics of Population Aging in Germany, Italy, and Japan”, combines political science, demography, and economics to argue that fears of gerontocracy from population aging ignore two important factors: the particularities of political institutions and the politics of aging in policy areas outside of social security. Ms. Sciubba has most recently served as Instructor in the Principles of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland as well as a Demographics Consultant in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Arlington, VA.

Michael Sheard joins the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science as Department Chair and Professor of Mathematics. Dr. Sheard received his B.A. from Yale University, his M.A. from the University of California at Berkeley, and his PhD from UC Berkeley as well. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Dr. Sheard served as the Rutherford Professor of Mathematics at St. Lawrence University and was Chair of its Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Statistics from 1994-2002. He has also been a Visiting Scholar at Dartmouth, a Visiting Associate Professor at Amherst College, a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and an Instructor at the Ohio State University. His research specializations include mathematical logic, philosophy of logic, set theory, and graph theory.

Etty Terem joins the Department of History as Assistant Professor. Dr. Terem is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University. She received her BA and MA in Middle Eastern History from Tel Aviv University and PhD in History and Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University. Her research interest has been the relationships between Islamic law and society. Her dissertation entitled the *New Mi‘yar* of al-Mahdi al-Wazzani: Local Interpretation of Family Life in Late Nineteenth Century Fez is a study of legal thought as a cultural phenomenon. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Dr. Terem taught at Boston University and served as a Teaching Fellow at Harvard and Tel Aviv University.

Rychetta Watkins joins the Department of English as Assistant Professor. Dr. Watkins received her A.B. in English and Psychology from Washington University, her M.A. in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois as well. Her current book project, *“We Shall Have to Struggle”*: *Black and Yellow Power and the Making of Revolutionary Identity*, defines and traces the development and transmission of a revolutionary subjectivity, the guerilla, in African American and Asian American literature and culture of the Power period, using texts from a variety of genres—novels, anthologies, editorial cartoons, and political rhetoric. Prior to coming to Rhodes, Dr. Watkins served as Assistant Professor in the Department of English at William Jewell College in Missouri. Her research interests include African American literature and culture, Asian American literature and culture, and Ethnic American Literature.