

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

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

New Term Appointments

Ms. Allison Barlow – Lecturer, Human Ecology
Clinical Dietitian, Cookeville Regional Medical Center
M.S. Lipscomb UCOLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

New Tenure-Track Faculty

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

New Term Appointments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS New Tenure-Track Faculty

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

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

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

New Term Appointment

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

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

Mr. Larry Smith - Lectu946 0 TdlanCo

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
New Tenure-Track Faculty

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

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

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

New Term Appointments

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

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

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

New Term Appointments

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

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

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

SCHOOL OF NURSING New Tenure-Track Faculty

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

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

New Term Appointments

Ms. Alyssa Ragland- Instructor, Nursing

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