

# Library Advisory Group: FY21 Member Bios

## **BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, SCIENCE & HEALTH SYSTEMS**

*Margaret A. Wheatley, PhD, John M. Reid Professor*

Department of Biomedical Engineering



Dr. Wheatley received her undergraduate degree in chemistry and a master's in biochemistry, from Oxford University, UK. Her PhD in Chemical Engineering was from University of Toronto, Canada. She completed post-doctoral research with Dr. Robert Langer at MIT, then after three years in industry (advanced drug delivery group at Glaxo Smith Kline), joined Drexel faculty. Her research interests include cancer detection and treatment through development of novel contrast agents for diagnostic ultrasound, pulsed and triggered drug delivery systems, and *ex vivo* gene therapy for spinal cord repair. Her laboratory is an eclectic mix involving polymers in the design of stabilized microbubbles, *in situ* ultrasound-triggered generation of drug-loaded nano particles for solid tumor chemotherapy, the development of multi-modal theranostics and development of multi-

functional constructs for spinal cord repair. She particularly values unique solutions that devolve from the interplay of ideas that develop from the diverse research topics in her lab.

## **CLOSE SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

*Gina Waters, Director*

Administration & Operations



Gina Waters has worked at Drexel since 2002. In her current role as the Director of Administration & Operations, Gina provides a variety of services related to school administration, operations and finance, and University compliance and regulations for both the Close School of Entrepreneurship and its Baiada Institute for Entrepreneurship. Gina also works in curricula development and student-facing areas within the Close School.

Prior to joining the Close School in 2013, she served a diverse population of students, staff, and faculty as the Department Administrator in the History & Politics Department. In that role, Gina provided academic advising, registration, and program-planning assistance to both undergraduate and graduate students.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

*Gary Rosenberg, PhD, Professor, Pilsbry Chair of Malacology*  
Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University  
Department of Biodiversity, Earth and Environmental Sciences



Gary Rosenberg, PhD, is curator of mollusks at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. He has published more than 60 peer-reviewed scientific articles and is the author of the *Encyclopedia of Seashells* (1992). In 2012, he was president of the American Malacological Society. He serves on the editorial boards of several journals and is a Commissioner for the International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature, for which he chairs the editorial committee. He teaches courses in Evolution, Evolutionary Ecology, and Systematic Biology, and has previously taught Invertebrate Paleontology.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

*Rachel Reynolds, PhD, Associate Professor*  
Department of Communication



Dr. Reynolds grew up in Chicago, which has long been an immigrant-receiving city, and one in which questions of race and ethnicity, inequality, geography, and access to power are always in the air. Over the course of her education, she came to approach the richness and challenges of American diversity through the study of language in interaction, the linguistic performance of group belonging, and intercultural dialog. Recently, she joined a research project that looks at violence against women as a global phenomenon. In particular, she is exploring streaming video on demand and how rape myths are or are not perpetuated in visual and textual discourses of popular culture.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

*Jason Orne, PhD, Assistant Professor*  
Department of Sociology



Jason Orne is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Drexel University and urban ethnographer of sexuality, especially queer enclaves and communities. His work brings these communities' lessons on the power of carnality—the sensual, erotic, and worldly pleasures that guide much of human action—to sociology's embodiment and spatial turn. As a scholar-artist, Dr. Orne brings artistic techniques in creative nonfiction to develop theoretical language with scientific rigor grounded in ethnography's materiality. As a methodologist, Orne works in multidisciplinary teams with medical, public health, and engineering colleagues to use rigorous sociological qualitative methods within their fields' research. He has developed new training methods for large-scale qualitative projects, as well as analytical techniques that combine qualitative with quantitative and clinical data.

## **COLLEGE OF COMPUTING & INFORMATICS**

*Alexander Poole, PhD, Assistant Professor*

Department of Information Science



Alex H. Poole's research foci include digital curation, archives and records management, digital humanities, and diversity, inclusivity, and equity. He received the Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research from the American Library Association in 2019, the Dr. Bob Williams History Fund Best Paper Award from the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIST) in 2017 and 2018, the Arline Custer Memorial Award for Best Article from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) (2018), and the Theodore Calvin Pease Award from the Society of American Archivists in 2013.

## **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

*Chris Sales, PhD, Assistant Professor*

Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering



Christopher M. Sales is an Associate Professor in the College of Engineering at Drexel University. His research interests are in studying microbes that can clean up pollution and help humans use resources more efficiently. He currently has several research projects funded by NSF, DoD, EPA, and PA DEP studying the presence and risks of the forever chemicals PFAS in our environment, as well as how to use plasma discharges to remove PFAS from water. In addition to his research, he has a strong desire to support initiatives that focus on enhancing diversity in higher education. For example, he is actively involved in mentoring underrepresented minority (URM) college students and engaging high school students and teachers in STEM activities.

## **COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

*Cheryl Hanau, MD, Professor & Richard Shuman, MD*

Pathology & Laboratory Medicine



Cheryl Hanau, MD, is professor and Richard Shuman, MD, Chair of the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine. Before her appointment as chair, Dr. Hanau served the College of Medicine in a number of other key positions, most recently as associate dean for admissions, and program director of the Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Residency.

## **COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

*Brenda Douglass, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, CDE, CTTS, DNP, Program Director, Associate Clinical Professor*  
Doctor of Nursing Practice Department



Brenda L. Douglass is the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program director and holds a dual role as full-time associate clinical professor in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She is an advanced practice nurse and a board-certified family nurse practitioner (FNP). In addition to teaching, Douglass brings forth a wealth of clinical experience in her role as FNP, caring for individuals with acute and chronic conditions. She has practiced clinically in various specialty areas of endocrine, cardiology, pulmonology, sleep disorders and chronic health conditions. Her extensive nursing experience in emergency nursing and trauma care adds to her knowledge in caring for individuals across the lifespan and educating upcoming nursing professionals.

## **DORNSIFE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

*Michael Yudell, PhD, MPH, Professor & Chair*  
Department of Community Health & Prevention



Michael Yudell is an awarding-winning historian and ethicist of public health whose work focuses on the history and ethics of genomics, the history of the race concept, and the history and ethics of autism research. Yudell also directs the Program in Public Health Ethics and History at the Dornsife School of Public Health. He received his PhD and MPH from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University and his BA in History and Soviet and Eastern European Studies from Tufts University. He is the author of *Race Unmasked: Biology and Race in the 20th Century* (Columbia University Press, 2014), which examines the way biologists, especially geneticists, shaped the race concept during the 20th century from eugenics to the sequencing of the human genome.

## **GOODWIN COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

*To be determined*

## **GRADUATE COLLEGE**

*To be determined*

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

*To be determined*

## **GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

*Md Rasheduzzaman, PhD Candidate, Environmental Engineering*

*Vice President of Academic Affairs of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at Drexel University*



I am a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering at Drexel University. My research focuses on managing water quality in premise plumbing systems such as hotel and hospital water systems. I am the current Vice President of Academic Affairs of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at Drexel and an editorial board member of Emerging Voices in Education (EViE) which is a journal run by doctoral students. At GSA, I am responsible for managing the operation of academic events and opportunities, including Scholars Share, travel award, and the Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholars (DEGS) Conference. Before joining GSA, I was the vice-president of the International Graduate Student Association (IGSA). Working with different student organizations is always

a fun and learning experience for me. As an executive board member of GSA, I hope to continue working for the vibrant Drexel graduate student community.

## **LEBOW COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

*Johnny Lee, PhD, Associate Clinical Professor*

*Department of Accounting*



Dr. Lee is an Associate Clinical Professor of Accounting at LeBow College of Business, Drexel University. He earned his Ph.D. in Accounting and Information Systems from University of Utah. He has published in journals such as Communications of the Association for Information Systems, Communications of ACM, Journal of Business Research, Journal of Real Estate Portfolio Management, Accounting Perspectives, Management Research Review, and Information Systems Management. His current research interests are in accounting information systems, management accounting, E-commerce, supply-chain, consumer behavior, and business value of information systems.

## PENNONI HONORS COLLEGE

Lloyd Ackert, PhD, Teaching Professor  
Department of History



Lloyd Ackert is a Teaching Professor of History at Drexel University. He is currently writing a biography of Ruth Patrick, one of the foremost ecologists and environmentalists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Patrick was unique in her career for being able to unite academia with government, business, and the general public. This project builds on Ackert's history of Russian science and the concept of the "cycle of life" in ecology. He teaches courses in History of Science, Russian and Soviet history, and specialized courses for the Pennoni Honors College.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Joy Phillips, PhD, Associate Clinical Professor



Joy C. Phillips, PhD, is an Associate Clinical Professor for the Drexel University School of Education. Her work focuses on guiding online Ed.D. students through the dissertation process to successful degree completion. Her research focuses on educational leadership, policy development and implementation, and school reform with emphasis on investigating the intended and unintended consequences of educational policy implementation. Her work has been published in the *Journal of School Leadership*, *Journal of Research on Leadership Education*, *International Journal of Leadership in Education*, *Torrance Journal for Applied Creativity*, *Journal of Curriculum and Supervision*, and *UCEA Review*.

## THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Rebecca Rich, JD, Assistant Teaching Professor & Director  
Legal Research Center



Rebecca Rich's research interests include the education of students with disabilities, administrative law, bioethics, disability law and technology in legal education and libraries. Previously, she served as senior associate director and interim director of the Panza Maurer Law Library at Nova Southeastern University. Before assuming those leadership roles, she revitalized the library's faculty liaison program while serving as faculty services librarian. She is the author of "Rewritten Opinion: *Olmstead v. L.C.*," a chapter in *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Health Law Opinions*, which is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press in 2020.

## **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

*Blake Brown, USGA Digital Media Manager*

## **WESTPHAL COLLEGE OF MEDIA ARTS & DESIGN**

*Mark Brack, PhD, Associate Professor*

Department of Architectural History



Dr. Brack is the Architecture Department's resident architectural historian. He teaches a variety of courses including the much-admired three-term series on the history of world architecture that is required of all architecture and architectural engineering majors. Dr. Brack also created the department's slide library that now contains approximately 25,000 images. A large selection of his architectural photographs is also found on the Society of Architectural Historian's "Image Exchange" web page. As chair of the ARFAA Lecture Series, he has invited many world-renowned architects to the Drexel campus. He also serves on Philadelphia's University City Historical Society's board of directors.

## **EX. OFFICIO**

### **CONVENER: Danuta A. Nitecki, PhD, Dean of Libraries**



As Dean of Libraries since 2010, Dean Nitecki has worked to envision and model the academic library that best contributes toward achieving Drexel University's dynamic mission. Serving on the Provost's Academic and Deans Councils, the President's Executive Council, as well as various campus groups, she has worked to evolve the Libraries as an integral part of the learning enterprise. Dean Nitecki is also an alumna and a Professor at Drexel's College of Computing and Informatics.

Prior to returning to Drexel, Dean Nitecki held administrative positions in the libraries of Yale University, University of Maryland at College Park, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She has been active in national, state and regional associations, served as a consultant and invited presenter throughout the US and internationally, and has published over ninety articles, books, compilations, and reviews on such topics as user-based evaluation of library services, research methods, library space, document delivery, and management of library services and information technology applications.

### **THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES OF DREXEL UNIVERSITY**

*Ted Daeschler, PhD, Professor and Associate Curator of Vertebrate Zoology for the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University*

Department of Biodiversity, Earth & Environmental Science



Ted Daeschler has been at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia since 1987. Ted studied geology at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and received a Master's in paleontology at the University of California at Berkeley in 1985. He was awarded his PhD at the University of Pennsylvania in 1998. Ted's responsibilities at the Academy of Natural Sciences focus on research, collections building, and on public programs within the museum. He served as a scientific advisor for the renovation of the Academy's Dinosaur Hall, and a variety of other paleontological exhibits. Ted's work reflects the rich history of vertebrate paleontology at the Academy of Natural Sciences, both in research and in public education.

### **DREXEL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

*Brad Eden, Director, Scholarly Connections*

Dr. Brad Eden has a masters and PhD in musicology, as well as an MS in library science. Previous positions include Dean of Library Services at Valparaiso University; Associate University Librarian for Technical Services and Scholarly Communication at the University of California, Santa Barbara; and Head of Bibliographic and Metadata Services/Head of Web and Digitization Services at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His recent publications include *Leadership in Academic Libraries: Connecting Theory to Practice* (Scarecrow Press, 2014), and the ten-volume series *Creating the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Academic Library* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2015-17). He served as president of the Library Publishing Coalition (LPC) in 2015-2016, and he is also editor of the *Journal of Tolkien Research*, an online peer-reviewed journal.

## **DREXEL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

*Stacy V. Stanislaw, Communications Manager*



Stacy Stanislaw is the Communications Manager for the Drexel University Libraries. She provides managerial leadership and support for the Libraries' communications program and helps raise awareness of the resources, services and partnership opportunities offered by the Libraries. Prior to joining Drexel, Stacy worked as the Library Communications Manager for the Americas for Taylor & Francis Group's e-Journals division. Stacy has more than 10 years of professional experience working across marketing, communications, and customer relations within the scholarly information industry.

## **DREXEL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

*John Wiggins, Director, Library Service & Quality Improvement*



John Wiggins reduces costs and increases speed of services for the Libraries' users through his leadership of the Library Services Team, which is comprised of staff from the Access Services, Acquisitions, Electronic Resources and Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery units at all Drexel University Libraries locations. He is particularly interested in normalizing the Libraries' user feedback to support improvement planning, tracking and qualitative metrics. John also serves on the Libraries' senior leadership team and represents the Libraries to groups supporting the development of the University's civic engagement.

## **DREXEL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

*Ann Yurcaba, Director, Library Administrative Services*



Ann Yurcaba is the Director of Library Administrative Services at Drexel University Libraries where she oversees the organization's budget, staff development and facilities. Ann is a member of the Strategic Leadership Group and works closely with library leadership teams to implement the Libraries' strategic plan. Prior to joining the Libraries, Ann was the senior director of member programs and services at LYRASIS, a non-profit organization created to serve and support libraries. She holds a BS in Home Education and a MA in Library Science, both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## **OFFICE OF THE PROVOST**

*Shivanthi Anandan, PhD*

*Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education*



Shivanthi Anandan, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences, serves as vice provost for undergraduate education. Working within the framework established by our 2012-2019 Strategic Plan, Dr. Anandan formulates initiatives committed to assuring that Drexel undergraduate students are among the most academically, socially, and civically engaged in the nation, and driven by a passion for learning by doing. Dr. Anandan received her bachelor's in Botany from the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka, and her doctorate in plant molecular biology from the University of California at Los Angeles.

## **OFFICE OF RESEARCH**

*To be determined*

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

*To be determined*

## **STUDENT LIFE**

*Kaitlyn Delengowski, Associate Director for Special Events*



Kaitlyn Delengowski is the Director of Special Events for Student Life under the Enrollment Management and Student Success umbrella. Her role provides coordination and support for major campus programming including Welcome Week, Family Weekend, Student Life Scholarship and IMPACT Awards, the University City 5K, and Commencement. She also is the liaison for the Drexel Family Association, which connects to the University and provides parents and family members with communication, involvement, and development opportunities.