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.
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.

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.

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
Brenda 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.

Michael Yudell is an award-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.

Dr. Frank Anbari is the Director of Project Management & Clinical Professor in Drexel’s Construction, Engineering, and Project Management and Systems Engineering Department. His previous teaching and research experience includes the George Washington University School of Business, Penn State University, University of Texas at Dallas, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, University of Technology Sydney and more. In 2008 and 2010, Anbari was a co-recipient of the International Project Management Association IPMA® Outstanding Research Contribution. He has also earned a Continuing Education Director’s Award from Penn State University and was a Drexel Fellow for the LeBow College of Business.
GRADUATE COLLEGE
Natalie Marciano, MSED, Assistant Dean

Natalie Marciano is a higher education professional with over 15 years of experience supporting diverse student populations. She is a recognized leader in the development and administration of university programs, processes and initiatives. She works closely with senior administrators, faculty and students to establish academic excellence in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies through interdisciplinary programs and academic policy.

Marciano has extensive experience with launching new graduate schools, policies and academic advising, student advocacy, recruiting and admissions, faculty affairs, student programming, experiential learning and more.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
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GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Guillermo Ibarrola Recalde, GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs

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.
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 20th 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.

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.

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.
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.

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.
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.

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.

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
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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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.