Pamela Stewart  
Assistant Professor  
School of Art and Design

Dr. Pamela Stewart holds a Ph.D. in art history from the University of Michigan (2015) and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania. Her research has been recognized by grants and fellowships from the Renaissance Society of America and the Rackham Graduate School and International Institute at the University of Michigan. She has presented at national and international conferences and her article on Bernardino Luini's Passion cycle in the church of San Giorgio al Palazzo in Milan was published in The Sacralization of Space and Behavior in the Early Modern World (ed. Jennifer M. DeSilva, Ashgate, 2015). Her current book project, provisionally titled *Imagining Christ, Performing the Passion: Visual Culture and Confraternal Devotion in Renaissance Milan*, explores the ritual use of images in devotion to Christ's Passion by Milanese confraternities from circa 1500-1630.

Dr. Stewart has previously held teaching appointments at the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, and Michigan State University and recently appeared as a contestant on Jeopardy! When not in the classroom or the archives, she can be found being bossed around by her spoiled corgi, Lancelot.

Paul “Skip” Price  
Assistant Professor  
Biology Department

Dr. Paul “Skip” Price received a B.S. in Microbiology with minors in Molecular Biology and Chemistry from Brigham Young University, and a Ph.D. in Molecular Microbiology and Microbial Pathogenesis from the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis for his studies on the disease mechanisms involved in pneumonic plague. He completed his postdoctoral training at Brigham Young University, examining the beneficial interactions between microbes and agriculturally important plants. Dr. Price’s research focuses on the host-bacterial communication involved in biological nitrogen fixation. He is excited to bring his passion for teaching and microbiology research to EMU.

Hanna Seidel  
Assistant Professor  
Biology Department

Dr. Hannah Seidel is an Assistant Professor in Biology. She holds a B.A. in Biology and Mathematics from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Princeton University. Her post-doctoral work was conducted in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Hannah is broadly interested in how organisms grow, develop, and reproduce in variable environments. She studies this process at the cellular level, working to understand how stem cells within tissues 'know' when to divide. Hannah is excited to develop her research program at EMU and looks forward to working with students on projects spanning the areas of cell and developmental biology, genetics, reproduction, and physiology.
Keon Pettiway  
Assistant Professor  
School of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts

Dr. Keon Pettiway's research explores the intersection between rhetoric, history of African photography, and black popular culture within the context of national and continental identities formation following African independence and liberation. Pettiway has continued this line of inquiry by investigating the possibilities and contradictions of identity formation and public diplomacy in recent efforts focused on postcolonial nation branding. Most recently, Pettiway received the Chancellor's Creating Community Award at North Carolina State University for his teaching, and service contributions in the areas of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Prior to completing his Ph.D. at North Carolina State University, Pettiway received his Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from East Carolina University. His research has been published in Across the Disciplines, Media-N Journal of the New Media Caucus, and Communication and Global Engagement Across Cultural Boundaries. Pettiway also continues to work with a team of researchers on the rhetorical dimensions of HIV/AIDS health communication campaigns.

Andrey Kashliiev  
Assistant Professor  
Computer Science Department

Andrey Kashliiev is conducting research in big data management with the focus on big data modeling and large-scale scientific workflows. His broader interests include big data, data science, provenance, big data curation, Semantic Web, Internet of Things, and services computing. Andrey obtained his Ph.D. in Computer Science from Wayne State University. He joins EMU having taught a range of Computer Science courses for over five years at both Wayne State and the University of Texas-Pan American. He has published numerous research articles in peer-reviewed international journals and conferences, including IEEE Transactions on Services Computing, Data and Knowledge Engineering, International Journal of Computers and Their Applications, International Journal of Big Data, IEEE International Congress BigData, and IEEE International Conference on Services Computing (SCC).

Logan Bearden  
Assistant Professor  
English Language and Literature Department

Dr. Logan Bearden's work focuses on multimodal literacy, writing program administration, and curricular transformation. He hopes this research will culminate in modes that exhibit how different kinds of composition programs can initiate, achieve, and sustain multimodal curricular transformation. He holds a Ph.D. with a specialization in Rhetoric and Composition from the Department of English at Florida State University. He also holds an M.A. in Rhetoric and Composition and a B.A. in English Literature with a minor in History from Florida State University.
Matthew Cook
Assistant professor
Geography & Geology Department

Matthew Cook joins EMU as Assistant Professor in the Geography and Geology Department’s Historic Preservation Program. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 2016, studying cultural and historical geography, which culminated in his dissertation, “A Critical Historical Geography of Slavery in the U.S. South.” His M.S., also from UT Knoxville, focused on public memory of the Holocaust in Germany, and he holds bachelor’s degrees (B.S. in Geosciences and B.S. in Communications) from the University of Tennessee at Martin. With a passion for critical pedagogy and extensive teaching experience as a graduate student, Matt is excited to join a faculty that emphasizes Education First. Matt’s current research interests build upon his dissertation, primarily focusing on geographies of memory, historical interpretation, and race relations in the U.S. South. He is also keen to expand this research to other areas including southern Michigan. Matt’s most recent article, “Counter-narratives of slavery in the Deep South: the politics of empathy along and beyond River Road,” is available in Journal of Heritage Tourism.

Xining Yang
Assistant Professor
Geography & Geology Department

Dr. Xining Yang is joining the Department of Geography and Geology at Eastern Michigan University having served as an assistant professor at California State University, Chico. His research interests are in spatio-temporal analysis, social media, volunteered geographic information (VGI) and web GIS. Dr. Yang received a B.Eng. from Wuhan University, China in 2008, and a M.S. from Eastern Michigan University in 2010. He received his Ph.D. in Geography from the Ohio State University in 2015. Dr. Yang has published in Applied Geography, International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research, and Urban Remote Sensing. His doctoral dissertation was featured in Columbus Monthly as “one of the 8 fascinating OSU doctoral dissertations.”

Roxanne Katus
Assistant Professor
Mathematics Department

Dr. Roxanne Katus received her B.S and M.A. in Mathematics here at EMU. She then applied these skills at the University of Michigan while she earned an M.S., Certificate of Plasma Science and Engineering, and PhD in the department of Climate and Space Science and Engineering. During her studies she completed fellowships at NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Since then she completed postdoctoral work at West Virginia University and the University of Michigan and acquired teaching experience at EMU. Dr. Katus was hired to assist the Mathematics department in the development of the new Data Science curriculum.
Khairul Islam
Assistant Professor
Mathematics Department

Khairul Islam joins Eastern’s Mathematics Department this fall as an assistant professor. He earned an MA in Mathematical Statistics from Ball State University and M.Sc in Statistics from Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh. Before coming to Eastern Michigan University, he held an assistant professor position at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. He also worked as a research analyst at the University of Michigan and a research associate at Wayne State University and taught for several years in the departments of Accounting & Finance and Mathematics at Eastern Michigan University. Dr. Islam received his PhD in Statistics from Bowling Green State University. He has research interests in Applied Statistics and extensive research experience analyzing data from health sciences, particularly in cancer and mental health, using complex models such as Latent Model, Structural Equation Modeling, Categorical Data Analysis, Survival Analysis, Computational Statistics and Complex Survey Models.

Deborah Pae
Assistant Professor
School of Music & Dance

Deborah Pae holds degrees from the Juilliard School, New England Conservatory, and is a former Artist-in-Residence at the Chapelle Musicae Reine Elisabeth in Belgium. She has played concertos with Sinfonia Varsovia of Poland, Orchestre Philharmonique Royal de Liège, Ensemble Orchestral de Bruxelles, Orchestre Royal de Chambre de Wallonie, and the Westchester Philharmonic under the batons of Vassily Sinaisky, Thomas Wilkins, Christian Arming, Augustin Dumay, and Itzhak Perlman. Many of her performances have been broadcast internationally on television and radio, most notably the 2003 Grammy Awards and the 75th Anniversary of the Chapelle Musicae Reine Elisabeth. A devoted chamber musician, Ms. Pae is the cellist of the critically acclaimed Formosa Quartet (winners of the First Prize and Amadeus Prize at the 2006 International London Quartet Competition) and founder of Trio Modetra (winners of the 2016 Tarisio Trust Young Artist Grant and Silver Medal at the 2012 Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition). Her mentors include cellists Gary Hoffman, Laurence Lesser, and Joel Krosnick as well as violinists Miriam Fried and Sylvia Rosenberg, and violist Kim Kashkashian. Ms. Pae plays a Vincenzo Postiglione cello (c. 1885) generously on loan from the Arts and Letters Foundation.

Jonathan Skuza
Assistant Professor
Physics & Astronomy Department

Dr. Jonathan Skuza earned his Ph.D. in physics from the College of William and Mary (2011), M.S. in physics from the University of Toledo (2007), and B.S. in physics from Baldwin-Wallace University (2004). He is a condensed matter experimentalist with prior appointments as a Research Professor in the Center for Materials Research and Department of Engineering at Norfolk State University (2013–2016) and a postdoctoral researcher with the National Institute of Aerospace working with the Advanced Materials and Processing Branch at NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia (2011–2013). His research interests have focused on structure-property correlations in thin films and nanostructures, spanning many different topics including magnetism, magneto-optics, magneto-plasmonics, optoelectronics, and thermoelectrics. In addition to his research publications on these topics, he has authored a book chapter in The Handbook of Magnetic Materials and Devices.
Dr. Eamonn Arble's clinical and research efforts are largely focused upon personality assessment and the psychometric evaluation and construction of new personality measures, as well as the primary prevention of trauma among vulnerable populations. His treatment approach is integrative and eclectic, with a particular interest in psychodynamic and interpersonal processes. He received his Ph.D. from Wayne State University, and earlier received an M.S. from Eastern Michigan University. He has trained at numerous facilities, including the Mary. A. Rackham Institute, the John D. Dingell Veteran's Administration, the Center for Forensic Psychiatry, and Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Dr. Alexandros Maragakis received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno after completing his internship at the VA Maryland Health Care System and the University of Maryland, Baltimore Psychology Internship Consortium. His research interests include using quality-improvement methods to develop and implement integrated primary and behavioral healthcare systems, and developing brief interventions to be used in the primary care setting. His current primary research focus is on which components of integrated care

Rachel Schroeder is a sociologist of culture, religion, and social change with global, international, and comparative focus. She holds M.A. degrees in Sociology and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies from the University of Michigan, and she received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Western Michigan University. Her current work takes on the significant yet understudied issue of the impact of religious resurgences on minority rights and freedoms in formerly secularized societies, with Russia as her case of interest. Another area of her expertise deals with collective memories of state violence and repressions. She has extensive teaching experience and is excited to bring her skills and engagement with global and comparative themes to the students at EMU.