

## College of Liberal Arts Tenure-Track Hires 2007-08

### **Black American Studies**

**Name:** Ronald Caffey

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.: 2007:** Southern Illinois University

**Bio:** Ronald A. Caffey has a BA from Southern Illinois University, in Industrial Technology; a Master's of Science in Business Administration, also from SIUC. This summer he received the Ph. D. in Educational Administration from this university. He will be joining the Black American Studies faculty, using his varied background to teach courses related to educational history, cultural leadership and also be part of the BAS Core Curriculum faculty. His present position is the Director of the Minority Engineering Program at SIUC, a position he has held for the last six years.

### **Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections**

**Name:** Nancy Morris

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** exp. 2007, University of Maryland

**Bio:** Nancy Morris, Ph.D. in Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, 2007. Dr. Morris studies crime over the life course using a developmental perspective. Specifically, she examines adolescent development and ways in which increases in social competence can lead to reductions in offending. This area of inquiry links juvenile delinquency and adult criminality with research on individuals, families, schools, and community environments.

**Name:** Nicholas Corsaro

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** exp. 2007, Michigan State University

**Bio:** Corsaro joins the SIUC faculty in the Spring of 2008 after completing his doctorate from the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Corsaro has been involved in multiple research projects examining the change in gun violence by using specific deterrence approaches. He has served as a researcher on the Indianapolis Violence Reduction Partnership (IVRP) project, the Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT) project conducted by the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearm and Explosives (ATF) division in Washington, D.C., and the national Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative.

## **Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections** **(cont)**

**Name:** Kristine Miller

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** exp. 2007, University of Texas at Dallas

**Bio:** Kristine M. Miller, Ph.D. in Criminology, University of Texas at Dallas, 2007. Dr. Miller has done research on Texas prisons, including sexual assault among inmates, routine activities and fear, and ways in which inmates use techniques of neutralization to minimize prison violence. She is interested in many aspects of homicide, violence, corrections and capital punishment.

**Name:** Kimberly Kempf-Leonard

**Title:** Director/Professor

**Ph.D.:** 1986, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

**Previously Employed at:** Professor, University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

**Bio:** Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Ph.D. in Social Systems Sciences: Criminology & Criminal Law, University of Pennsylvania, 1986. Dr. Leonard specializes in the study of criminal careers, juvenile delinquency, and policy issues in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. She is nationally recognized for her research on race, ethnicity, and gender and juvenile justice. She recently served as editor-in-chief of *The Encyclopedia of Social Measurement* published by Elsevier/Academic Press.

## **Department of English**

**Name:** Dan Wiley

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** 2000, Harvard University

**Previously Employed:** Assistant Professor of English, Hastings College

**Bio:** Dan M. Wiley holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Harvard University (2000) and is assistant professor of Irish and Irish immigration studies at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. His primary research interests include early Irish language and literature, Hiberno-Latin literature, pre-Norman Irish history, and paleography. Professor Wiley has published articles on early Irish topics in *Ériu*, *Peritia*, and *Emania* and is a contributor to Seán Duffy's *Medieval Ireland: An Encyclopedia* and John Koch's *Celtic Culture: A Historical Encyclopedia*. At present, he is working on an edition and translation of both recensions of *Aided Diarmata meic Cerbaill* 'The Violent Death of Diarmait mac Cerbaill'.

## **Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures**

**Name:** Yasuko Taoka

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** 2007, The Ohio State University

**Bio:** Ms. Yasuko Taoka is broadly interested in Latin literature of the first two centuries, C.E. Her current research interests include Roman philosophy and epistolography.

## **Department of Geography**

**Name:** Guangxing Wang

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** 1996, University of Helsinki, Finland

**Postdoc:** University of Illinois

**Bio:** Dr. Wang's scholarly interests include Development, integration, and applications of geospatial technologies (remote sensing, GIS, and spatial statistics) and uncertainty analysis approaches to environmental and natural resources modeling and monitoring at landscape, regional and global levels.

**Name:** Matthew Therrell

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** 2003, University of Arkansas

**Postdoc:** University of Virginia

**Bio:** Therrell earned his doctoral degree in 2003 from the University of Arkansas and was involved with post-doctoral research at the University of Virginia. His research focused on the past, with emphasis on dendrochronology, which is the science of using trees and tree rings to date events and environmental change, historical climatology, ancient forests and global change. He is also interested in modern water resource issues. Here at SIUC, he plans to develop tree-ring chronologies for use in the study of paleoclimatology. His other interests include biogeography and landscape ecology, human-environmental dynamics and archaeology. This fall, he teaches courses on weather, climate and society and on global climate changes.

## **Department of History**

**Name:** Joseph Sramek

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** 2007, City University of New York Graduate Center

**Bio:** Dr. Sramek's field specializations are: British Empire, Modern Britain, Colonial India, Gender.

## **Department of History (cont.)**

**Name:** Gray Whaley

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** 2002, University of Oregon

**Previously Employed:** Lecturer, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

**Bio:** Dr. Whaley's specializations are in United States, Native American, American West and World History

## **School of Music**

**Name:** Billie Hagemier

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** 2005, DM, Indiana University

**Previously Employed:** Assistant Professor – Houston Baptist University

**Bio:** Dr. Billie Hagemier was born in Oakdale, Louisiana, educated in Oakdale schools and attended Louisiana College (Pineville, LA) for two years before transferring to Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, where she received her BM/Voice in May 1970. She attended University of Missouri at Kansas City, Conservatory of Music, and earned the MM/voice performance degree in August 1972. She was a finalist in the Metropolitan Guild Auditions in 1973 and was consequently accepted into the apprentice program of the Opernhaus Zürich in Zürich, Switzerland from 1974-76. She returned to the USA to teach for a year at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL, before enrolling in the doctoral program at Indiana University, where she studied with Margaret Harshaw. In 1979, she returned to Europe for an audition trip and was offered a contract at the Pfalztheater Kaiserslautern. Billie was there for three years and sang many roles, including Leonora in *Forza del Destino*, Leonora in *Il Trovatore*, Senta in *Der Fliegende Holländer*, Jenufa in *Jenufa*, and Contessa in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*. From there she moved to Saarbrücken for a short time before relocating to Düsseldorf and the Deutsche Oper am Rhein, where she sang many leading roles in opera by Puccini, Mozart, Wagner, and Verdi.

## **School of Music (cont.)**

**Name:** Paul Transue

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** 1999, Eastman School of Music

**Previously Employed:** Toledo Opera

**Bio:** **Dr. Paul Transue** is a very active collaborative pianist in demand as both a coach and accompanist. Currently the Principal Coach/Accompanist and Assistant Conductor for Toledo Opera, he previously held the position of Musical Director and Coach/Accompanist for the Opera Program at the Cleveland Institute of Music from 1997 to 2004--joining the CIM faculty from the Eastman School of Music where he received a D.M.A. in Accompanying and Chamber Music with a specialty field of Opera Coaching. He has worked professionally as a coach and accompanist with Seattle Opera, Cleveland Opera, Toledo Opera, The Ohio Light Opera, Opera in the Ozarks, Lyric Opera Cleveland, the Janiec Opera Company of the Brevard Music Center, and the Chautauqua Institute Vocal Program. He has recently been a Guest Artist/Coach at the A.J. Fletcher Opera Program of the North Carolina School for the Arts, and at the Meadows School of the Arts, Southern Methodist University, in Dallas. He recorded Three Sonatas by Friedrich Kuhlau for Centaur Records with flautist Keith Pettway. In addition to his doctorate, Dr. Transue holds a Master's Degree in Accompanying from The Florida State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance from James Madison University, and his teachers include Jean Barr, Russell Miller, John Greer, Carolyn Bridger, Timothy Hoekman, and Vicki Berneking. As a member of Trio Sortilège, he won the MTNA Collegiate Chamber Music Competition and was twice a semi-finalist at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition.

## **Department of Political Science**

**Name:** Yoonho Kim

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** exp. 2007, Cornell University

**Bio:** Professor Kim will be teaching courses in the public administration subfield. He has a published piece in Public Administration Quarterly and has presented his research at many conferences within the discipline. His research interests include, organizational analysis, civil service reform, comparative public administration of the U.S., Japan, and Korea, and quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

## **Department of Psychology**

**Name:** Paul Etcheverry

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** 2004, Purdue University

**Postdoc:** Iowa State University

**Bio:** Dr. Etcheverry studies interpersonal relationships and health, the influence of social networks on relationship outcomes and substance use, and the influence of social cognitive factors in interpersonal relationships. He will teach courses in Social Psychology and Research Methods.

## **Department of Sociology**

**Name:** Mark Leach

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** exp. 2007, University of California, Irvine

**Bio:** Sociology is pleased to announce the hiring of Mark Leach as Assistant Professor of Sociology. Mark received his PhD from the University of California-Irvine, and his research focuses on Mexican immigrant intranational migration and social inequality. Dr. Leach has published several articles and book chapters, including publications in the prestigious journal *Work and Occupations*, and *Journal of Population Research*. Mark will be developing and teaching new courses on Latina/o issues in the United States, and teaching statistics.

## **Department of Speech Communication**

**Name:** Melissa Curtin

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Ph.D.:** exp. 2007, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

**Bio:** Melissa Curtin, ABD University of New Mexico; M.A. Indiana University. Ms. Curtin has published critical ethnographic work dealing with Spanish language heritage and Anglo negotiations of ethnolinguistic identity. Her dissertation is a critical ethnographic study of the multilingual "linguistic landscape" in Taipei, Taiwan. She will join the intercultural communication faculty as an Assistant Professor in Speech Communication in spring 2008 after engaging in Spanish language immersion training in Mexico and defending her dissertation this fall.