INTRODUCING THE

2021 Tenure Track Faculty and Staff
Gautam Agarwal
Assistant Professor in Neuroscience

Gautam is a neuroscientist who has lived for the last 18 years on a west coast (California and Portugal, respectively). He is interested in how experiment and theory can inform each other in unpacking the complexity of brain and behavior. He specializes in analyzing patterns in brain waves. He has also designed a video game to study complex problem solving across thousands of global participants. In time, he hopes to interface neuroscience with other practices (such as medicine, psychology, meditation, dance, and media studies) towards improving our quality of life.
Jasmine Baetz, Lincoln Visiting Professor in Ceramics, received her MFA from the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she worked on a major community-created public art project to commemorate Los Seis de Boulder, the six Chicano student movement activists who were killed in 1974.
Bethany Caulkins
Assistant Professor in Chemistry

Bethany (Beth) Caulkins received her PhD from the University of California, Riverside and is joining the Keck Science Department as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Her work will explore protein structure and function using physical techniques, like NMR.
Melissa Mesinas
Consortium for Faculty Diversity Fellow in Psychology

Melissa Mesinas, Visiting Assistant Professor and CFD Postdoctoral Fellow, received her Ph.D. in Education from Stanford University. Her teaching and research focus on the cultural nature of human development and learning in diverse communities, including the experiences of Indigenous Mexicans.
Sierra Williams, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of California, Irvine. Her research is at the interface of chemistry and biology, specializing in organic synthesis and protein engineering. Currently, her research interests focus on understanding and improving potential protein therapeutic to combat harmful bacteria.
New Visiting Professors 2021

As of September 8, 2021

Aditi Vyas
Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology

Albert Dorsey
Visiting Assistant Professor of History

Ariel Vaughn
Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Benjamin Schlau
Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology

Franck Fu
Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry

G. Santiago Sandi-Urena
Visiting Professor of Chemistry

Mioy Huynh
Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Roberto Sirvent
Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics

Suryatapa “Sury” Jha
Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology

Thomas Dershem
Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics

Yunhua Ding
Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics
New Staff Fall 2021
As of September 8, 2021

Amy Crown
Academic Administrative Assistant for Art

Andrea Moore
Post Award Grant Specialist

Cristina Zubok
Assistant Registrar

Delanie Pacheco
Administrative Assistant for Parent Engagement

Jacci Yin
Assistant Director for Admission

Jason Tor
Integrated Science Lab Director for Keck

Joshua Hall
User Support & Application Specialist

Katrin Nazarian
Student Employment Coordinator

Keila Fisher
Admission Counselor

Cristina Zubok
Assistant Registrar

Lauren Ng
Sustainability Coordinator

Maria Mancera
Executive Assistant to the President

Montserrat Aguilera
Area Coordinator for Residential Life

Samuel Rivera
Line Cook I

Shelby Reinhardt
Administrative Assistant for Admission

Winnie Bee
Area Coordinator for Student Engagement