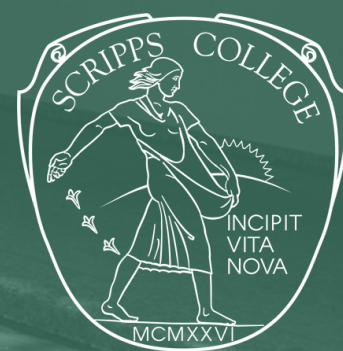


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# 2021 Tenure Track Faculty and Staff





# 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 Ceramicist Assistant Professor

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.

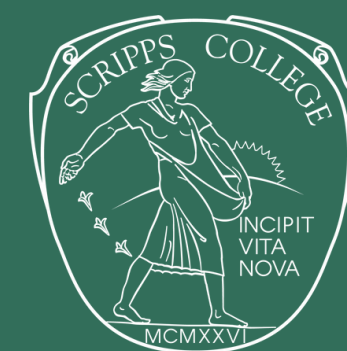




# Sierra Williams

Assistant Professor in Chemistry

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 Visting Professors 2021

As of September 8, 2021

Aditi Vyas

Visiting Asstistant 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

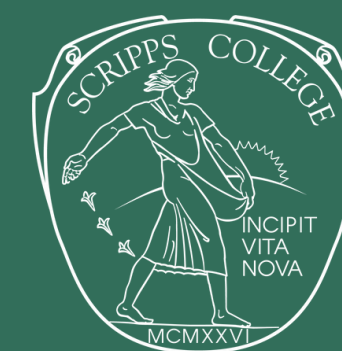
Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology

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

Joshua Hall

User Support & Application Specialist

Montserrat Aguilera

Area Coordinator for Residential Life

Andrea Moore

Post Award Grant Specialist

Katrin Nazarian

Student Employment Coordinator

Samuel Rivera

Line Cook I

Cristina Zubok

Assistant Registrar

Keila Fisher

Admission Counselor

Shelby Reinhardt

Administrative Assistant for Admission

Delanie Pacheco

Administrative Assistant for Parent Engagement

Cristina Zubok

Assistant Registrar

Winnie Bee

Area Coordinator for Student Engagement

Jacci Yin

Assistant Director for Admission

Lauren Ng

Sustainability Coordinator

Jason Tor

Integrated Science Lab Director for Keck

Maria Mancera

Executive Assistant to the President

