Assistant professor, anthropology
Interests: Language, semiotics of culture; politics of communication; Amazon, Japan
Course(s): Fundamentals of Linguistic Design; Language and Power; Language and Culture

Why Notre Dame: I chose Notre Dame because of its commitment to undergraduate education and research. I am also especially excited to be joining Notre Dame just as the Anthropology Department launches a new Ph.D. program. The collegial and supportive environment, as well as the spirit of inquiry, makes this department and this campus an ideal place to pursue my intellectual career.

Emily Beck

Assistant professor, theology
Interests: Latina/o theology, theological aesthetics; medieval mysticism
Course(s): Foundations of Theology; God of the People: A Latina/o Theology

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Kimberly Belcher

Associate professor, theology
Interests: Interdisciplinary and liturgical theology; Eucharistic theology; social studies; Trinitarian theology; and liturgical participation
Course(s): Sacramental and Liturgical Theology doctoral seminar; University Seminar in Foundations of Theology

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Christopher Chowrimootoo

Instructor, Program of Liberal Studies
Interests: Opera; modernism; middlebrow culture; Benjamin Britten; historiography and aesthetics of 20th-century music
Course(s): Music as a Liberal Art; Great Books Seminars

Recent position/institution: Early Career Fellow in Opera Studies, Oxford Brookes University

Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame by its commitment to promoting and supporting research at the highest level. Moreover, as someone whose research seeks to situate music in a variety of different, intellectual, literary, and cultural contexts, I found Notre Dame a suitable home for myself in the Program of Liberal Studies.

Susan Collins

Associate professor, political science
Interests: Classical political philosophy; history of political thought; ancient founding and constitutionalism
Course(s): Freedom and Empire in Classical Perspective

Recent position/institution: Associate professor and Ross M. Lence Distinguished Teaching Chair, University of Houston

Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame by its commitment to excellence in both teaching and research. In particular, the Department of Economics has built an incredibly collegial work environment and strong reputation for cutting-edge economic research.

Tatiana Fazal

Associate professor, political science and peace studies, College of Arts and Letters and Kroc Institute
Interests: The relationship between state sovereignty and international law

Recent position/institution: Assistant professor, political science, Columbia University

Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame combines the best features of a world-class arts college with the size of a major research university. Great attention to undergraduate education is matched with extensive resources and support for faculty research.
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Tim Machan
Professor, English
Interests: medieval language and literature; historical English language
Courses: (a) J.R.R. Tolkien; (b) Imagining Medieval Societies
Recent position/institution: Professor of English, Marquette University
Education: Ph.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison; M.A., University of Durham, England; B.A., University of Wisconsin–Madison
Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame’s unwavering commitment to the liberal arts in its undergraduate education sets the institution apart from a great many of its peers; its openness to all disciplinary research for a medico-in particular—it’s a dream job.

Nicolete Manglos
Research assistant professor, Center for the Study of Religion and Society
Interests: Religion; moral culture; development; African and the African Diaspora
Recent position/institution: Visiting assistant professor, Williams College
Education: Ph.D., M.A., University of Texas–Austin; B.A., Wheaton College
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Blake Roeber
Assistant professor, Classics
Interests: Epistemology, philosophy of language, metaphysics, early modern philosophy of religion
Courses: Pragmatic Encroachment
Recent position/institution: Graduate student, Rutgers University
Education: Ph.D., Rutgers University; M.A., Northern Illinois University; B.A., Wheaton College
Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame has an outstanding philosophy department. I can now count as colleagues many of the most influential philosophers in the field where I work.

Joseph Rosenberg
Assistant professor, Classics
Interests: Medieval theology; history and depictions of the landscape played in Ireland; poems and political literary theory; social theory and design
Courses: (a) J.R.R. Tolkien; (b) Imagining Medieval Societies
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Anna Levine
Research assistant professor, Institute of Religion
Interests: Feminist film, TV and popular music studies
Recent position/institution: Associate professor and graduate advisor, Department of Radio, Television-Film, University of Texas at Austin
Education: Ph.D., University of Southern California; M.A., Georgetown University, B.A., University of San Diego
Why Notre Dame: Notre Dame has a stellar international reputation as a research and teaching institution, and I’m thrilled to become part of its intellectual community and to add to its rich heritage. I admire ND’s commitment to social justice and look forward to being part of a community that is working to project through our scholarship and pedagogy. The Film, Television, and Theatre has an amazing student body, and I’m excited to contribute to its growth in the areas of TV, film and media studies and to work alongside colleagues whose work I’ve admired. I’m excited as well to contribute to ND’s Gender Studies Program. And I did it! That’s Irish!}

Elyse Speaks
Assistant professor, English
Interests: Creativity and popular culture; development; and design
Recent position/institution: Postdoctoral researcher, Notre Dame
Education: Ph.D., M.A., Brown University; B.A.; Notre Dame
Why Notre Dame: Since I was an undergraduate here, I have found Notre Dame to be a special place. I particularly love working with the students, who always encourage and intellectual interest in the face of new subjects and ideas.

Mariana Serrano
Assistant professor, philosophy
Interests: Ethics; political philosophy
Courses: Ethics
Recent position/institution: Visiting assistant professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Education: Ph.D., M.A., B.A., University of California, Berkeley, B.A., Pomona College
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Assistant professor, computer science and engineering

Interests: Network science; data mining; machine learning; big data; database

Course(s): Database Concepts

Recent position/institution: Assistant professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology

Why Notre Dame: I was attracted to Notre Dame because of the university's history and the opportunity to work with leading researchers.