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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Aug. 26, 2020) – The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) announced its new faculty appointments at the start of the new academic year.

“These faculty come to USJ prepared in their academic disciplines and ready to teach on-campus or online,” said Provost Michelle Kalis, Ph.D. “They bring expertise to longstanding and new programs, and research or clinical expertise that will allow them to engage with other faculty and students. They are an important part of what we are sure will be a memorable academic year.”

School of Arts, Sciences, Business, & Education

Pablo Correa, Ph.D., assistant professor, joins the Department of Culture, Arts & Languages. Dr. Correa received his Ph.D. in Communication Theory from Florida State University. He is a filmmaker with expertise in digital media and documentary film. Prior to joining USJ, he was a visiting assistant professor at Willamette University.

As a filmmaker, Dr. Correa works on projects commemorating Emmett Till and documenting the racial reconciliation movement in the Mississippi Delta in collaboration with the Emmett Till Interpretive Center. Additionally, Dr. Correa works on a multimodal project, Fannie Lou Hamer’s America, as assistant videographer, web designer, and co-instructor for the Young Filmmaker’s Workshop, which instructs and empowers Mississippi Delta high school students to tell their own stories through digital media.

James Hogan, assistant professor, joins the Department of Business Administration. He is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Master of Science degree in Accounting and Taxation from the University of Hartford. Prior to joining USJ, he was a visiting assistant professor and adjunct instructor at the University of Hartford’s Barney School of Business, as well as an adjunct instructor at USJ.

Professor Hogan’s professional background includes more than 30 years in the financial services industry; he has held the positions of Chief Financial Officer and Chief Audit Executive. He started his career at the “Big Four” accounting firm KPMG, rising to the level of Audit Manager. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts and the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Elyssa Miller, Ed. D., assistant professor, joins the Department of Education. Dr. Miller received her Ed. D. in Mathematics Education from Boston University. She is a mathematician and an educator with expertise in secondary mathematics education. Prior to joining USJ, she was an assistant professor of mathematics at Lasell University, and an assistant professor of education at Lesley University.

Dr. Miller's professional background includes more than 15 years of mentoring novice teachers of mathematics as well as supervising student-teachers. In addition to teaching and research, Dr. Miller serves on the SAT Mathematics Development Committee and is a Reader and Table Leader for the Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus Exam.

Chadene Tremaglio, Ph.D., assistant professor, joins the Department of Biology. Dr. Tremaglio received her Ph.D. in Microbiology from Boston University School of Medicine. She is a virologist with expertise in RNA biology and viral RNA synthesis. Prior to joining USJ, she was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, where she investigated delivery strategies for novel ovarian cancer therapeutics targeting tumor suppressor genes.

Dr. Tremaglio's professional background includes more than fourteen years in molecular biology-focused bench research. She has worked on diverse topics, including bacterial biofilm formation, bacterial symbioses, mechanisms of viral replication, and is eager to provide engaging undergraduate research experiences.

Sarah Kathryn Zingales, Ph.D., associate professor, joins the Department of Chemistry. Dr. Zingales received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Georgia State University. She is a medicinal chemist with expertise in design and synthesis of small molecules as anticancer therapeutics. Prior to joining USJ, she was an associate professor of chemistry at Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Zingales' professional background includes teaching and conducting research with undergraduate students in the sciences. She is an advocate for active learning in STEM education and increasing participation of women in STEM. She has been part of collaborative research teams that have been awarded more than \$1.9 million in funding from the National Science Foundation.

School of Interdisciplinary Health & Science

Monika Costa, assistant professor, joins the Department of Nursing. Professor Costa received her master's degree in Nursing Education from Sacred Heart University, and is actively pursuing a doctorate in Nursing Education. She is a Registered Nurse with expertise in maternal newborn health.

Prior to joining USJ, she was a nurse educator for Women's Health and Ambulatory Service at Hartford Hospital. Professor Costa's professional background includes twelve years of experience in maternal health nursing. She is also a licensed Prepared Childbirth Educator and an International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant.

Brian Enns, assistant professor, joins the Department of Psychology. Professor Enns is the new director of the Criminal Justice and Restorative Justice program at USJ. He received his Master in Public Administration degree from the University of Hartford. Prior to joining USJ, Professor Enns was an assistant professor of criminal justice for five years at Housatonic Community College and Goodwin College.

Professor Enns' professional background includes 23 years in law enforcement; he retired from the West Hartford Police Department. The majority of his career, 15 years, was spent as a detective investigating serious and complex criminal cases. He is certified by the Connecticut Police Academy to teach criminal investigation to police officers.

Lisa Fanelli, OTD, associate professor, joins the Department of Nutrition and Public Health as the program director for Health Science. Dr. Fanelli received her Clinical Doctorate in occupational therapy from Quinnipiac University. She is an occupational therapist with expertise in adult and older adult rehabilitation, and dementia care. Prior to joining USJ, she was an associate professor and director of clinical education at Quinnipiac University, and previously was an assistant professor at Goodwin College.

Dr. Fanelli's professional background includes more than 20 years in adult and older adult rehabilitation, with the last nine years in academia. She has presented on topics pertaining to clinical education, rehabilitation, and dementia care. Dr. Fanelli is a trained Dementia Friend Champion and most recently chaired a committee to endorse Quinnipiac University as a member of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Universities.

School of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Studies

Susan Curilla, assistant professor, joins the Department of Physician Assistant Studies as principal faculty. Professor Curilla received her master's degree in Medical Science from Yale University School of Medicine PA Program. She is a Certified Physician Assistant with expertise in pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Prior to joining USJ, she practiced clinically as a Physician Assistant with Starling Physicians, and will continue caring for outpatient pulmonary and sleep patients at Starling, in addition to her academic duties.

Professor Curilla's professional background includes eight years of clinical practice in critical care, hospital medicine, anesthesiology, pulmonary medicine, and sleep medicine.

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