

New faculty join School of Liberal Arts & Sciences

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Eleven new faculty members have joined the professional staff this fall in Alfred University's School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, including a new chairman for the Division of Education. Dr. Ann P. Monroe-Baillargeon is the new chairman of the Division of Education and an associate professor. This semester she is teaching assessment in the early childhood/childhood classroom, literacy in content areas, and independent study. She comes from the University of Rochester where she was an assistant professor with a joint appointment in the Warner Graduate School of Education instructing in the teaching and curriculum and educational leadership programs. Since 1996, she has also been an adjunct faculty member for the University of Maine-Farmington at the Maine Summer Institute, teaching courses on inclusive education. Monroe-Baillargeon has been the principal investigator in a Rochester City School research project -- "Time to Talk: Educators Experiences in Professional Development Literature Circles." Her most recent funded grants included two for the NYS Task Force on Quality Inclusive Schools -- Midwest Regional Liaison: Higher Education Support Center (HESC) and Faculty Fellowship: HESC. Monroe-Baillargeon is also a consultant for the Arkport Central School District on inclusive school principles and practices; the Rochester City School District for a SIG grant and co-teaching in inclusive education; and for Nazareth (Rochester) Schools, grades kindergarten through 12 (K-12) for STEM program redesign, inclusive schooling and curricular mapping. Her professional affiliations include membership in the Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, the Association of Teacher Educators, the NYS Association of Teacher Educators, the American Educational Research Association, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. She is also a member of the NYS Higher Education Task Force on Quality Inclusive Schooling. Monroe-Baillargeon earned a bachelor of arts degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a master of science degree in special education administration from the University of Southern Maine, and a doctorate in teaching and curriculum from Syracuse University. She holds certification in New York State for school district administrator, school administration/supervision, and special education K-12. Dr. John D'Angelo of Baltimore, MD, was hired as assistant professor of chemistry. He has been a postdoctoral research associate in the laboratories of Professor Gary Posner at Johns Hopkins University. He was awarded the Johns Hopkins Department of Pharmacology National Institutes of Health Anticancer Drug Development Training Grant Fellowship for 2006-07. D'Angelo earned his doctorate from the University of Connecticut at Storrs. He received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook. He is a member of the American Chemical Society. This fall, D'Angelo is teaching general and organic chemistry. Christopher C. Foster of Lewisville, Texas, is the new instructor of music/director of bands in the Division of Performing Arts. He is currently working towards a doctorate in music appreciation in trumpet performance at the University of North Texas, Denton, and holds a master of music degree in trumpet performance and a bachelor's of music degree in music education, both from the University of Nevada-Reno. Foster played trumpet with the University of North Texas Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Band from 2003 to 2006. At AU, he is teaching fundamentals of music and giving private lessons in brass while directing the concert band and jazz ensemble. Zachary Hamm was hired as a technical director in the Division of Performing Arts. His fall teaching load includes technical theater class and lab. Most recently, Hamm was assistant technical director for PlayMakers Repertory Company, LORT D Theater, Department of Dramatic Art, University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill. He has also been a lecturer in the Department of Dramatic Art. He was also chairman of the Recruitment Committee in the department. He served as the technical director of "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Durham (NC) Academy, January-February 2007. He holds a master of fine arts degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a bachelor of arts degree in art and architectural studies from Connecticut College, New London, CT. Hamm is co-author of "Snowing Leaves," a juried article for the Tech Expo Theatre Technology Exhibit, United States Institute for Theatre Technology Stage Expo and Conference, 2007. Dale Inglett of Jackson, MS, joins the Division of Human Studies as a professor of studio art. Most recently, he has been a visiting assistant professor of art at Millsaps College, Jackson, MS, where he was faculty adviser to the Art Club. At AU, Inglett is teaching fine arts, independent study, and a fine arts seminar this semester. Inglett earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Augusta State University, Augusta, GA, and a master of fine arts degree from the University of Georgia, Athens. Rahul K. Mehta of Alfred is a visiting (one year) assistant professor in the Division of English. He is teaching writing courses this semester. Mehta most recently was a staff assistant for language and literature, Rochester (NY) Institute of Technology, and freelance permissions manager for "Discovering Patterns in Mathematics and

Poetry."He holds a master of fine arts degree in fiction writing from Syracuse University and a bachelor of arts degree in public policy analysis from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Dr. Anna Mummert of East Lansing, MI, is a visiting (one year) assistant professor in the Division of Mathematics. She is teaching calculus I, differential equations, and independent study. She most recently taught at Michigan State University where she was a visiting research instructor. Mummert earned a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from SUNY Geneseo and a doctorate in mathematics from Penn State University. In 2006, she was awarded the Penn State Graduate School's Graduate Assistant Outstanding Teaching Award. She is a member of the Association for Women in Mathematics, the Mathematical Association of America and the American Mathematical Society.

Dr. Lynn M. Petrillo of Sugarloaf, PA, is a visiting (one year) assistant professor in the Division of English where she is teaching writing II and American literature. Petrillo most recently taught at Keystone College, La Plume, PA. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in English and education as well as a teaching certificate in English from Lafayette College, Easton, PA; a master of arts degree in English and creative writing from the University of California-Davis; and a doctorate in English and creative writing from Binghamton University (SUNY). Petrillo is a member of the Modern Language Association, Associated Writing Programs, Keystone Writers, and Amnesty International.

Constance S. Synakowski of Wellsville is a visiting (one year) instructor in the Division of Education and student teacher supervisor. She most recently was principal of Wellsville High School. Prior to that, she was principal of the Wellsville Middle School and a language arts teacher in Groton, NY, Angelica, NY, and Wellsville. At AU, she is teaching a seminar on teaching and professional development, student teaching and supervising independent study. Synakowski earned a bachelor of arts degree in English with minors in education and biology from the Connecticut College for Women, New London, CT, and a master of arts degree in English from St. Bonaventure University. She attended the Institute for Portfolio Assessment in the Arts at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, and earned NYS certification in administrative supervision and curriculum from St. Bonaventure. She holds NYS certification in school district administration. She is a member of the Wellsville Central School Building Project Committee, the Wellsville Central School Technology Committee, and a trustee of the David A. Howe Public Library, Wellsville. Synakowski was the 2006-07 president of the Allegany-Cattaraugus Principals' Association. She is a member of the School Administrators Association of New York State; the Association for Curriculum and Development; and Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Chapter, Connecticut College.

Dr. Gregory D. Trombly of Baldwinsville, NY, has been hired as a visiting (one year) assistant professor in the Division of Education. He is teaching psychological foundations of education, independent study, student teaching, human development: the lifespan, and the teaching-learning process. Most recently, Trombly was student teacher supervisor at SUNY Oswego. Trombly earned a bachelor of arts degree in elementary and early secondary education, grades nursery through ninth, in science, as well as a master of science degree, at SUNY Oswego. He holds a certificate of advanced study in educational administration and a master of science degree in educational administration from SUNY Albany. And he earned a doctoral degree in cultural foundations of education from Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio. Trombly holds permanent NYS teacher and school district administration certification. He is a member of the American Educational Research Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, Phi Delta Kappa, Pi Lambda Theta, and the School Administrators Association of New York State.

Dr. Benjamin H. Welsh of Keuka Park, NY, is a visiting (one year) associate professor in the Division of Education. Most recently, he was an associate professor of education at Keuka College. At Alfred this semester, he is teaching social foundations of education, education fieldwork, independent study, student teaching, and current teaching methods: adolescent subjects. Welsh earned a bachelor of arts degree in English with a music minor, a master of science degree in secondary education, and a doctoral degree in education, culture and society, all from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He is certified in English in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the American Educational Research Association, the American Educational Studies Association, and the History of Education Society.