

*Welcome  
Bates New Faculty  
2024-2025*





Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to welcome many new colleagues to the Bates faculty this year. These colleagues bring exciting new scholarship and creative work to our community and we will all benefit from their talent, innovation, and novel perspectives. As we continue our shared work to situate Bates as a national model for liberal arts education, I am thankful to work with the dedicated and talented faculty on our campus. Our newest colleagues will help fulfill our efforts.

Bates is a dynamic college, and we need to commit to building the professional spaces that allow every member of our intellectual community to thrive. As a first step towards that goal, please join me in welcoming these colleagues, and please reach out to them as they get oriented for the year.

Best wishes for an inspired academic year!

Malcolm Hill,

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty





# Laurie Baker

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Laurie Baker joins Bates as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. She is a disease ecologist and marine biologist by training with a keen interest in data science, spatial statistics, and the use of novel data sources in decision making. Laurie earned her B.Sc. degree in marine biology at the University of St. Andrews. She completed graduate studies in marine biology at Dalhousie University (M.Sc.) and in epidemiology at the University of Glasgow (Ph.D.). The core of her research focuses on spatial and temporal patterns in human and biological systems including disease spread, animal movement, and fisheries management. During her free time, she enjoys cycling, hiking, swimming, sailing, and knitting.



# Nick Balascio

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Nick Balascio joins Bates as an Associate Professor of Earth and Climate Sciences. Nick is a paleoclimatologist and his research examines how recent climate changes due to global warming compare to past centuries and millennia by interpreting clues in geologic archives. He primarily works in the Arctic and reconstructs past environmental conditions by analyzing geochemical properties of sedimentary records. Nick holds a Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, an M.S. from Northern Arizona University, and a B.S. from Union College. He was a Lamont Postdoctoral Fellow at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University and most recently was a faculty member in the Geology Department at William & Mary prior to arriving at Bates.

# Cat Balco

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Cat Balco joins Bates as a Professor of Art and Visual Culture and the Chair of the Art and Visual Culture Department. Cat's studio work includes large-scale gestural abstract paintings and collaborative projects that address issues of art and healing. Formerly a Professor of Painting at the University of Hartford's Hartford Art School, Cat is looking forward to working with students in Olin's visual art studios. She received a B.A. in Studio Art (Painting) and an M.F.A in Painting from Yale University. Outside of the studio, Cat loves to ski, ice skate, and hang out with her husband and two sons.

# Justin Baumann

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Justin Baumann joins Bates as an Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies. He received his Ph.D. in Marine Sciences from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2018, his M.S. in Earth Sciences from The Ohio State University in 2013, and his B.S. in Earth Sciences and Biology from The Ohio State University in 2011. He has previously been a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Bowdoin College. His research focuses on climate change impacts on coastal ecosystems and organisms, with a focus on tropical coral reefs and New England rocky intertidal ecosystems. He also specializes in data science and programming (R) applications for ecological sciences. Justin is particularly passionate about teaching and mentoring students. Outside of science, Justin enjoys hiking, kayaking, and playing and coaching ultimate frisbee.



# Frances Bell

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Frances Bell joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of History. Frances is a historian of the revolutionary Atlantic World, with particular interest in the Haitian Revolution and the legalities of slavery and abolition. Her current research examines the migration of several thousand enslaved and formerly enslaved people from revolutionary Haiti to the early United States between 1791 and 1810, focusing in particular on their interactions with the law as they moved between jurisdictions. Frances brings her research into the classroom with creative pedagogical methods; at Bates, she is looking forward to teaching courses including *The Rise of American Empire*. In her spare time, Frances enjoys knitting, cycling, and playing DnD.

# Joyce Bennett

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Joyce Bennett joins Bates as an Associate Professor of Anthropology. With a B.A. in American Studies and Music Performance from the University of Richmond and a Master's and Ph.D. in Anthropology from Tulane University, she joined the Anthropology Department at Connecticut College in 2014. Her research focuses on how marginalized Indigenous peoples, especially those in Guatemala, resist oppression as they navigate the global neoliberal market. In Maine, she looks forward to enjoying much outdoor time and learning to cook (and eat) local cuisine.

# Casey Berger

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Casey Berger joins Bates as an Assistant Professor of Physics. She has previously held positions as an assistant professor of physics and data science at Smith College and a postdoctoral research associate at Boston University. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she was a Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellow and a William Neal Reynolds fellow in the Royster Society of Fellows. Her research is in computational and data science methods in many-body quantum mechanics. She is passionate about using equity-focused pedagogy to create a classroom where everyone can learn and grow. Before her career as a physicist, she worked in talent management in Hollywood. When not working, you can find her outside running, hiking, kayaking, or gardening, or curled up inside with a good book.

# Victoria Bryan

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Victoria Bryan joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology. She received her Ph.D. in Personality and Social Psychology from the University of New Hampshire in 2023. Her research focuses on the intersection between human problem-solving abilities and interpersonal relationship dynamics, specifically, how people reason about the traits, goals, and motives that drive others' behavior and whether they draw on their understanding of others to facilitate more successful interpersonal interactions. Most recently, Victoria has been working as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of New Hampshire's Prevention Innovations Research Center, where she's led research on adolescent dating violence prevention. Victoria enjoys hiking, skiing, gardening, and listening to true crime podcasts when not teaching or conducting research.

# Scotty Farley

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Scotty Farley joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry. After studying physical organic chemistry at Reed College, his Ph.D. and postdoctoral work at Oregon Health and Science University focused on synthesizing chemical probes to interrogate the roles of host lipids in viral infection. His work continues to employ the tools and techniques of synthetic organic chemistry to inform our understanding of both basic lipid biochemistry and host-pathogen interactions. He is excited to teach introductory biochemistry and Biochemistry of Viral Replication at Bates. Outside of academia, Scotty enjoys running in the woods, knitting overly elaborate sweaters, and reading unhealthy amounts of medieval literature.

# Dylan Freas

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Dylan Freas joins Bates as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry. After graduating from Williams College in 2016, he moved to California to carry out his graduate studies at Caltech and his postdoctoral research at Stanford. In the lab, Dylan is interested in developing new chemical methods to synthesize small organic molecules and degradable polymers. In the classroom, he hopes to make organic chemistry accessible and fun, especially for students who don't plan to pursue a career in chemistry. Dylan is a first-generation college student and is excited to support & encourage first-gen students at Bates! Outside of academics, Dylan loves the outdoors, playing games (board games, recreational sports), backpacking, and running.

# Mayumi Fukushima

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Mayumi Fukushima joins Bates as an Assistant Professor of Politics. She is a political scientist specializing in international security, particularly in the areas of asymmetric security alliances, deterrence, and nuclear weapons. Her teaching interests include international politics of East Asia, nuclear politics, and technology and conflicts, among others. She comes to Bates from Harvard University, where she was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the International Security Program of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. She earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Before her academic career, she served as a Japanese career diplomat, concentrating on national security issues and U.S.-Japan relations. Originally from the bustling city of Tokyo, Japan, she is excited to explore the natural beauty of Maine. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, running, and playing the piano.

# Sophie Hamacher

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Sophie Hamacher joins Bates as a Visiting Lecturer in Art and Visual Culture. Sophie is an artist, filmmaker, curator, and educator. She holds a B.A. in Visual and Critical Studies from the School of the Art Institute in Chicago, a Meisterschüler Degree (M.F.A.) in Film/Video/Multimedia and a Masters Degree in Art Education from the University of the Arts in Berlin, Germany. Her essays, reviews, and interviews have appeared in *October*, *Artforum*, *The Brooklyn Rail*, and *Scapegoat*, and she runs a micro-cinema in an old barn under the name Flying Point Projects. She completed the Whitney Museum's Independent Study Program in Critical Studies (2005). *Supervision: On Motherhood and Surveillance* (MIT Press, 2023) a wide-ranging anthology of art and writing exploring how surveillance impacts contemporary motherhood is her most recent project.

# Logan Hambric

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Logan Hambric joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Logan received his Ph.D. from Lehigh University in 2024. He specializes in Algebraic Geometry, with a focus on Tropical Geometry and Phase-Tropical Hypersurfaces. His current research is focused on using combinatorial data to study the structure of Very Affine Hypersurfaces, 4-Manifolds, and K3 Surfaces. Logan enjoys grilling, exploring the local area with his wife, Channing, and trying to find the best seafood in Portland.



# Lindsey Hamilton

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Lindsey Hamilton (she/hers), Director of the Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning, joins Bates this fall as a Visiting Lecturer. She earned a B.S. in Neuroscience from Bates College (once a bobcat, always a bobcat!) and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Wake Forest University School of Medicine. With over 20 years of extensive training in animal and human behavioral and cognitive research, Lindsey is an experienced neuroscientist. Prior to her shift to educational research and the scholarship of teaching and learning, she contributed significantly to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense with research focused on behavioral pharmacology and toxicology. Throughout her career, Lindsey has consistently championed evidence-based inclusive pedagogical practices and is always happy to talk teaching anytime. Current areas of research include metacognition, student autonomy, and the pedagogy of play. In her free time, she enjoys reading fiction voraciously, hiking with her kids and partner around Maine, powerlifting, and fighting hordes on the internet for tickets to K-pop concerts.

# Lisa Landoe Hedrick

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Lisa Landoe Hedrick (she/her) joins Bates College as Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies in American Religions/Religion in the Americas. After receiving her Ph.D. in Religious Studies from the University of Chicago in 2019, she was a Teaching Fellow (2019–2021) in the Divinity School and the College, offering courses in Religious Studies, Anthropology, and Gender and Sexuality Studies. Between 2021 and 2024, she was a Harper-Schmidt Fellow and Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences at the University of Chicago, teaching in the Core. Her current research concerns methodological reform in the academic study of religion as a constructive response to critical social theories (e.g., poststructural, feminist, postcolonial, decolonial, and post-/a-secular) of the late-20th and early-21st centuries.

# Justin C. Hulbert

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Justin C. Hulbert, joins Bates College as an Associate Professor of Neuroscience. He received his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, a M.A. from the University of Oregon, and a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, where he focused on memory inhibition. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the Princeton Neuroscience Institute, he joined the Psychology faculty at Bard College in 2015, where he established the Memory Dynamics Lab. At Bates, his lab (<https://memlab.bates-catapult.net>) will continue using the tools of cognitive neuroscience to investigate and enhance memory adaptations across various states of consciousness (e.g., wake, sleep, and meditative).

# Morgan Kinney

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Morgan Kinney, Associate Director of Community-Engaged Research and Learning at the Harvard Center for Community Partnerships joins the Bates faculty this fall as a Visiting Lecturer, teaching a First-Year Seminar, *The Civic Self: Exploring Place and Purpose in Community*. Morgan earned a B.A. in Psychology and a M.Ed. in Student Development in Higher Education from the University of Maine. Her expertise is at the intersection of higher education and community impact.

# Jacob Kraus

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Jacob Kraus joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology. He is a behavioral ecologist who studies how animals modify their behaviors and diets in response to seasonal changes in climate and resource availability. Jacob received his bachelor's degree from Reed College and his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he studied the behavioral variation and behavioral flexibility of snub-nosed monkeys. Jacob is excited to teach courses that allow students to explore how animals interact with the world around them. Outside of academia, Jacob enjoys hiking with his dog, frisbee golf, reading, and board games.

# Zen Kuriyama

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Zen Kuriyama joins Bates as an Assistant Professor of Music. Zen's cross-disciplinary scholarship engages with the fields of musicology, Jewish studies, Christian sacred music, liturgical theology, affect theory, and performance studies. He is also a choral conductor and classical singer. Zen holds a Ph.D. and M.F.A. in musicology from Brandeis University; a M.S.M. in choral conducting from the University of Notre Dame; a M.Mus. in voice performance from Stony Brook University; and a B.A. from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. He is a first-generation Japanese American and loves to hike!

# Janice R. Levi

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Janice R. Levi joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of History. Her research focuses on the history of Jewish presence in West Africa with special attention to methods of historical transmission under duress and intercultural and intracontinental connections. She received a B.A. in History from the University of Oklahoma, M.A. African Studies from Indiana University, and M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of California, Los Angeles. She enjoys cooking, learning and developing foraging skills, reading, and navigating local landscapes with her pup.

# Nick Manganaro

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Nick Manganaro joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry. He is a first-year visiting professor teaching general chemistry and forensic science. He earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and his bachelor's in Forensic Science from the University of New Haven. His research centered around inorganic materials under extreme pressure. Nick has experience working for the Massachusetts State Crime Lab and the Boston Police Crime Lab. Nick hails from Boston and enjoys lifting, tennis, and DnD in his free time.

# Alex McAuliff

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Alex McAuliff joins the Bates faculty as an Assistant Professor of Politics. Her research focuses on the role of gender and inclusion in conflict resolution. Her current work explores the gendered power dynamics within the Northern Irish peace process and the implications for enduring, sustainable peace. At Bates she will be teaching courses on conflict resolution, international politics, foreign policy, and negotiation. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in International Relations from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and her B.A. from Colby College. As a native Mainer, she is thrilled to return to her home state.

# Kalin McDannell

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Kalin McDannell joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Earth and Climate Sciences. He grew up in Pennsylvania and attended college as a first-generation student, earning his Ph.D. from Lehigh University before completing postdocs at the Geological Survey of Canada in Calgary and Dartmouth College, where he is currently a lecturer. Kalin is a geologist and geochemist that studies the interactions between plate tectonics, surface processes, and climate to understand Earth history. His primary expertise is mineral dating using radiometric techniques in the field of geochronology, and he has mostly worked in Costa Rica, Alaska, Mongolia, and Canada. Outside of geoscience, Kalin enjoys spending time with his family, hiking, gardening, and playing music.

# Scott McPheeters

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Scott McPheeters joins Bates as a Visiting Lecturer in Theater and Dance. He holds a B.A. in Theater Arts from Dickinson College, an M.F.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts from Sierra Nevada University, and currently lives in Biddeford, Maine where he is a co-director of Subcircle - a dance company, artist residency, and arts presenting organization. McPheeters was a free-lance performer in Philadelphia for 14 years and currently creates performance works that consider queer belonging in rural spaces.

# Rafael Mello

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Rafael Mello joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics. He has a B.A. in International Relations and Political Science from the University of the Pacific, M.A. from the Federal University of Santa Catarina, and Ph.D. in International Relations from the University of Brasília. Rafael's research focuses on unequal international political-economic relations, primarily concerned with the repercussions these interactions have on economic development and on the democracy-authoritarian nexus in Latin America and the broader Global South. In his free time, he enjoys hikes, spending time with his partner and their dog Frida, and watching movies with difficult-to-guess (not easily predictable) endings.

# Bahar Modir

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Bahar Modir joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics. She earned her Ph.D. in Physics Education Research from Kansas State University. She holds a B.S. from Arak University and a M.S. from Tehran University. In her previous role, she served as an Assistant Professor of Physics at Texas A&M University-Commerce. In her research, she has used different cognitive theories to investigate students' procedures during group problem solving activities and has explored characteristics of discussions in online classroom learning communities for educators. She has teaching experience in student-centered classrooms. She enjoys cooking foods and decorating them and calligraphy.

# Cristina Morales Segura

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Cristina Morales Segura joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Hispanic Studies. Cristina received her Law Degree by the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, a Masters in Company Law by the IE Business School in Madrid and a PhD in Latin American, Iberian and Latino Cultures by the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Her professional career has been both in Corporate Law in Spain, and more recently as a professor of Spanish Languages and Cultures in the United States. She is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor in the College's Hispanic Studies Department. Cristina has published 14 articles and book chapters on the interactions between Law and Literature.



# Kate Olson

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Kate Olson (she/her) joins Bates as a Visiting Lecturer in Environmental Studies. Kate is a writer, climate sociologist, and educator whose work explores the interconnections among people, places, and livelihoods in a changing climate. Her writing has appeared in *Smithsonian Magazine*, *The Guardian*, *DownEast*, *Earth Island Journal*, and *Civil Eats*, among other places. Kate is currently a Tribal Climate Equity Fellow at the USDA Northeast Climate Hub. She holds a Ph.D. in environmental sociology from Boston College, a M.A. in urban and environmental policy and planning from Tufts University, and a B.A. in sociology and psychology from Middlebury College.

# Özgür Özkan

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Özgür Özkan joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics. His research focuses on the nexus of international security and comparative politics, specifically civil-military relations, authoritarianism, political violence, armed conflict, and security cooperation, with a regional specialization in Turkey, Russia, and the Middle East. Özgür completed his Ph.D. in International Studies at the University of Washington, Seattle. He has been a Research Fellow at the Middle East Initiative at Harvard Kennedy School and a Visiting Scholar at the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Özgür enjoys cooking, exploring wildlife—particularly birds and fungi—and photography in his free time.

# Lydia Page

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Lydia Page, Assistant Director of Student Writing, joins Bates this fall as a Visiting Lecturer, teaching a First-Year Seminar exploring Multimodal Composition. Lydia received a B.A. and M.A. from Colorado State University in the field of Rhetoric and Composition. At Bates, Lydia works in the Student Writing and Language Center (SWLC), training and mentoring approximately 70 peer writing and language tutors, including course-attached writing tutors for every First-Year Seminar. Lydia's hobbies include reading, running, and crocheting.

# Rebecca Payne

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Rebecca Payne joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Earth and Climate Sciences and Physics. Her research focuses on using computer modeling techniques to study how the climate and atmospheric chemistry of the Earth has changed over its history—particularly, how oxygen, greenhouse gasses, and life have co-evolved together—and how Earth’s atmospheric history can be used to help search for life on other planets. She received her Ph.D. as a dual-title in Geosciences and Astrobiology from Penn State in 2020, and was a research associate in Astronomy with the Carl Sagan Institute at Cornell University. She is also passionate about the importance of effective science communication, and has worked with numerous programs to help advise students in STEM become stronger and more confident communicators in their academic, technical, professional, and creative writing. Outside of her work, Rebecca loves to paint (and try to learn as many other crafts as possible), bake, spend time with her chinchilla, and play D&D and board games.

# Andy Elliot Ricci

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Andy Elliot Ricci (he/they) joins Bates as an Assistant Professor of Digital and Computational Studies. Andy has a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Cornell University and a bachelor's degree from Union College. Their research explores how people interact with and through technology, focusing on telepresence robots and identity expression. Andy looks forward to teaching computer science and robotics courses at Bates and exploring Maine with his dog Reggie.

# Edith Sallah

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Edith Sallah joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics and is excited to start teaching. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Florida International University, an M.A. in Economics from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Ghana. Her research explores the distinct influences of private credit components on future share returns. She enjoys cooking and hiking.

# Catherine C. Saunders

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Catherine C. Saunders joins Bates as a Visiting Professor of Africana. She earned a B.A. in English from Howard University, an M.A. from Mills College, and returned to Howard to culminate her studies with a Ph.D. in African American literature. Her research interests include 20th and 21st century African American literature, Black interiority, critical race theory, the literature of the Black Diaspora (Caribbean and Black British literature to be specific), Black popular culture, and gender studies. She is excited to teach Africana 100 (with her colleague Dr. Fra-Molinero) and The Writings of Toni Morrison.

# Michael Schrimpf

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Michael Schrimpf joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology. He is an ecologist who studies marine birds, particularly those of the Southern Ocean around Antarctica, and is interested in the role of public participation in the scientific process. Michael has a B.A. from Lawrence University, an M.Sc. from the University of Washington, and a Ph.D. from Stony Brook University, and comes to us most recently from a postdoctoral fellowship at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. He is excited to spend time getting to know Maine's local birdlife and is happy to go birding with anyone.

# Courtney Smith

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Courtney Smith joins Bates as an Associate Professor of Theater. Courtney is a lighting, scenic, and digital media designer for live performance. He works primarily in theatre, dance, and film but can also be found working on music videos, events, and anything with a solid story and a great group of people behind it. As co-founder of the off-Broadway professional theater company, the Dogteam Theatre Project, Inc. engages professionals in diverse areas to provide students advanced training and mentorship. Originally from the state of Washington, Courtney received an M.F.A. in design & technology from the University of Idaho.

# Eddie Szeman

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Eddie Szeman, Assistant Director of Student Academic Support in the Student Academic Support Center, joins Bates this fall as a Visiting Lecturer, teaching a First-Year Seminar exploring Leadership Theories and Frameworks. He graduated from Winthrop University and earned an M.A. in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University. Prior to joining Bates, he worked as an experiential educator teaching environment science, regional history, and group dynamics courses to K-12 students. Eddie joined Bates College in 2018 as a member of the Student Affairs team in the Office of Residence Life and Health Education and has since transitioned to Academic Affairs where he supports peer-lead learning initiatives and academic community-building.

# Keelan Trull

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Keelan Trull joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Originally from Kansas, Keelan completed his Ph.D. at Purdue University developing fluorescent protein biosensors. More recently, he finished his postdoc at the University of Notre Dame engineering new optogenetic tools for cancer research. He is currently very excited to get back into the classroom. Outside of work, Keelan enjoys catching Pokémon, playing cozy games, and is currently working his way through the Wheel of Time series.

# Benoît Vallée

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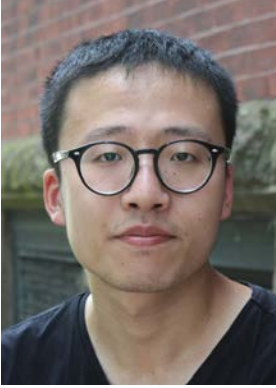
Benoît Vallée joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American and Latinx Studies. He is researching the overlooked Dominican contributions to Hip-Hop and its origins in New York City, as well as the ways Hip-Hop culture developed in the Dominican Republic following New York Dominicans return trips to the island. He employs ethnographic qualitative methods, visual and cultural production analysis as well as archival work to highlight how Hip-Hop artists navigate the cultural politics of Blackness and Latinidad. More broadly, his research and teaching interests encompass Hip-Hop, Dominican/Dominican-American Studies, Comparative Ethnic Studies, Cultural Studies, Caribbean Studies, Latinx Studies, Afro-Latin American Studies, New York Afro-Latinx/Latinx, Migration Studies, Transnationalism, Criminalization, Deportation and Urban Anthropology. In his spare time, Benoît likes to ride his bikes (road or mountain), watch and play soccer, spin and mix records, prepare full-leaf loose teas and cook.



# Xinhao Wang

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Xinhao Wang joins Bates as a Visiting Instructor in Economics. His research focuses on quantitative macroeconomics, focusing on productivity shocks in production networks and macroprudential policy. Xinhao received his B.A., from Nanjing University and his M.A., from George Mason. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Rutgers.

# Liang Wu

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Liang Wu joins Bates as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, with his teaching and research focus on political economy and globalization, maritime, science and technology, labor, environmental, and policy studies. Liang earned his Ph.D. in anthropology from The Graduate Center, City University of New York studying the lifeworlds and lifeways of seafarers, and the technoeconomic, infrastructural, legal, geographical, and social developments of container shipping in the postwar era. As a first-generation and international student, Liang became a Science Communication and Marine Policy Specialist at the U.S. federal government, and is currently an engaged scholar for sustainable and socially-just future, an interdisciplinary post-PhD researcher examining the socio-environmental and international politics and dynamics of shipping decarbonization and digitalization. Liang speaks more than six languages and enjoys nature, music, working out, and of course, the sea.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Since 1855, Bates College has been dedicated to the emancipating potential of the liberal arts. Bates educates the whole person through creative and rigorous scholarship in a collaborative residential community. With ardor and devotion — *Amore ac Studio* — we engage the transformative power of our differences, cultivating intellectual discovery and informed civic action. Preparing leaders sustained by a love of learning and a commitment to responsible stewardship of the wider world, Bates is a college for coming times.

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