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**AHLQUIST, DANIEL** (Ph.D., Cornell University; Development Sociology), Assistant Professor. Professor Ahlquist's teaching and research explore the ways in which political and economic inequalities between social actors (individuals and groups) play out through uneven relationships to the environment, technology, knowledge, and capital. In his teaching, Professor Ahlquist focuses the socio-material dimensions of agriculture and food systems, conservation, development, and environmental justice. His two-pronged research agenda includes: 1) a long-term ethnographic study state conservation and development projects, agrarian change, displacement, and changing forms of inequality and risk-taking in Indigenous communities in upland northern Thailand; and, 2) an interdisciplinary, NASA-funded study of land cover and land use change related to climate change and dam development in the Lower Mekong River Basin. Professor Ahlquist teaches in the Social Relations & Policy (SRP) and Humanities, Culture & Writing (HCW) fields in James Madison College. He is also affiliated with the Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy (STEPP) minor, Peace & Justice Studies, and Asian Studies. Before coming to MSU, he spent two years as a post-doctoral fellow in the Thompson Writing Program at Duke University.

**ARONOFF, Yael S.** (Ph.D. PLS, Columbia University; Political Science), Professor Yael Aronoff is the Director of the Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel and is the Serling Chair in Israel Studies at Michigan State University. Dr. Aronoff served as the President of the Association of Israel Studies from 2019-2021. Dr. Aronoff's book, *The Political Psychology of Israeli Prime Ministers: When Hard Liners Opt for Peace*, was published by Cambridge University Press (2014) and she is co-editing a book with Dr. Ilan Peleg and Dr. Saliba Sarsar entitled, *Continuity and Change in Political Culture: Israel and Beyond* that is forthcoming in 2020. She is also working on a book manuscript on *The Dilemmas of Asymmetric Conflicts: Navigating Deterrence and Democratic Constraints*. Dr. Aronoff has published in *Foreign Policy*, *Israel Studies*, *Israel Studies Review*, and *Political Science Quarterly*. Her recent publications include "The Zionist Center-Left Opposition to the Netanyahu Governments," in *Israel Under Netanyahu: Domestic Politics and Foreign Affairs*, ed. Robert Freedman, Routledge 2019 and "Israeli Prime Ministers: Transforming the Victimhood Discourse," in *The Victimhood Discourse in Contemporary Israel*, Ed. Ilan Peleg. Roman & Littlefield, 2019. Dr. Aronoff was awarded the MSU Teacher-Scholar Award in 2011 and the MSU John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs Award in 2015. She has given over 100 public lectures and is a Lecturer in the Association of Jewish Studies Distinguished Lectureship Program. She also holds an M.I.A. in international affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (1992), and a B.A. in international relations from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs and Public Policy (1990). She has taught in the Government Department at Hamilton College, and has served as Assistant for Regional Humanitarian Programs in the Pentagon's Office of Humanitarian and Refugee Affairs and in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as a Jacob K. Javits Fellow. She was Senior Associate at Columbia University's Institute of War and Peace Studies. At James Madison College, Dr. Aronoff teaches MC220, "International Relations I: World Politics and International Security," MC335 "Israeli Politics, Cultures, and Society," MC324A, "Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in the Middle East," MC326 "U.S. Foreign Policy," and MC492 senior seminars which have focused on "Israeli Foreign Policy," "The Dilemmas of Asymmetric Wars," and "Leadership, Political Psychology, and Foreign Policy." She also rotates participating in teaching MC202, "Introduction to Public Affairs II: Democracy and Globalization." Yael Aronoff has led the MSU Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel Study Abroad program to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem during the summers of 2007, 2010, 2013, and 2017. She co-led the James Madison College study abroad program in Brussels in the summer of 2014.

**AXELROD, MARK** (Ph.D., Duke University; JD, Stanford University), Associate Professor. Mark Axelrod holds a joint appointment in James Madison College and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. His teaching and research center around international and comparative environmental governance, with a focus on justice outcomes. His recent courses include MC 202 (Introduction to Public Affairs II), MC 221 (Politics of International Economic Relations), MC 362 (Public International Law), MC/FW 450 (International Environmental Law & Policy), MC 492 (International Relations Senior Seminar), and FW 813 (Natural Resource and Environmental Governance). Axelrod's current research addresses institutional change in international environmental law, local implementation of international environmental principles in India, policy impacts of scientific uncertainty, and gendered impacts of marine fisheries policy in India. His most recent work is published in *Global Environmental Politics*, *World Development*, and *Marine Policy*. Professor Axelrod is a co-leader of the Michigan Chapter of Scholars Strategy Network, and the campus representative for the Climate Science Legal Defense Fund. Beyond MSU, he is active with the International Studies Association Environmental Studies Section and the United Planet Faith & Science Initiative. He also sits on the Editorial Board of *Global Environmental Politics* journal and the Board of Contributors for the International Environmental Agreements Database.

**BENITEZ, GALIA** (Ph.D., Indiana University; Public Policy and Political Science), Assistant Professor. Professor Benitez's academic interests focus on public policy, public management, international relations and political economy. Based on these interests, she is able to offer a range of courses in IR, Political Economy, and Latin American topics. One of her published works is entitled *A South American Perspective: Regional versus Global Trade Patterns*.

**BERG, ALLISON** (Ph.D., Indiana University; Bloomington; English), Associate Professor. Professor Berg's research focuses on the history and literature of social movements, with an emphasis on race, class, gender, and sexuality. Her publications include the book "Mothering the Race: Women's Narratives of Reproduction, 1890-1930", which examines how early twentieth century African American and white women writers defined and deployed motherhood as a political identity central to racial uplift, feminist, birth control, and eugenics movements. She has also published many articles on topics including the civil rights movement, the Harlem Renaissance, multicultural pedagogy, feminism, and film. Her article "Trauma and Testimony in Black Women's Civil Rights Memoirs" was published in the *Journal of Women's History*. Professor Berg teaches courses including MC 281, "Immigrants, Minorities, and American Pluralism"; MC 368, "The Civil Rights Movement and its Legacies"; and MC 498, "The History and Future of Modern Feminism." She is the director of the James Madison Reading and Writing Consultancy and also serves as James Madison's Faculty Excellence Advocate. In the latter role, she works with faculty from across the university to advance core values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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**BORCILA, ANDALUNA** (Ph.D., Purdue University; American Studies), Associate Professor. Professor Borcila's research and teaching center on the politics of representation, cross-cultural encounters, media's role in a global world, race and gender, marginalization and privilege, and the articulation of national and transnational identities. She has published work on American representations of post-communism and on post-cold war "Eastern Europe" as well as on the televisual gendering of American identity. She is currently working on a project on remembering "communism" and the events of 1989.

**BRATHWAITE, KIRSTIN** (Ph.D., University of Notre Dame; Political Science), Assistant Professor. Professor Brathwaite received an MA in Comparative Ethnic Conflict from Queens University, Belfast and an MA and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame. She specializes in International Relations and is interested in questions of nationalism, identity and military conflict. Her current research focuses on soldiers' motivation in combat as well as civil-military relations during counterinsurgency conflicts. She teaches a broad range of courses, including Introduction to World Politics, International Security, Crisis Negotiation Through Simulation, and Popular Culture in International Politics.

**BRATHWAITE, ROBERT** (Ph.D., University of Notre Dame; Political Science), Assistant Professor and Associate Dean of Research. Robert Brathwaite is an Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Research at James Madison College with a specialization in international relations and the faculty director of the James Madison College Human Rights Data Science Lab. He has a Ph.D. and MA in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame. Robert's teaching and research interests include topics associated with international security, terrorism, cyberwarfare, religious violence, and the conduct of civil wars. Before receiving his Ph.D. from Notre Dame, he also spent time in Washington, D.C. researching issues impacting contemporary security dynamics and spent the 2021-2022 academic year as an International Affairs Fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations working at the Department of Defense. He has taught courses that cover the following topics: international relations, international security, cyberwarfare, U.S. foreign policy, intra-state violence, and research methods. In his spare time, Robert enjoys the outdoors and is an avid snowboarder.

**BURNS, GENE** (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania; Sociology), Professor. Professor Burns' research interests include the politics of religion and of secularism, reproductive politics, and social movements. He also teaches social policy and social theory. His book, *The Moral Veto: Framing Contraception, Abortion, and Cultural Pluralism in the United States* won the 2006 Distinguished Book Award from the American Sociological Association's Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements. He is also the author of *The Frontiers of Catholicism: The Politics of Ideology in a Liberal World*, a New York Times Notable Book of the Year in 1993. His scholarship has also looked at questions such as why American Catholic nuns became very feminist in the late 20th century, why sexuality so often becomes the focus of religious politics, and why social movements take the paths they do. He was a recipient of the Mid-Michigan Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and was also awarded a fellowship to the Annenberg Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

**CASH, JODRAN** (Ph.D., Baylor University; Political Science), Assistant Professor. Jordan Cash is an Assistant Professor at James Madison College. His research focuses on American politics, constitutional law, and American political thought and development. He teaches courses on American political institutions within the Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy major, including classes on Congress, the Presidency, and the Supreme Court. Prior to coming to James Madison College, he was a Lecturer at Baylor University and the founder and director of the Zavala Program for Constitutional Studies. He was also a post-doctoral research fellow in the Program on Constitutional Democracy at the University of Virginia.

**CHANDRA, SIDDHARTH** (Ph.D., Cornell University; Economics), Professor. Professor Chandra is Director of the Asian Studies Center. Prior to joining Michigan State University, he was Director of the Asian Studies Center and Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. He is President of the American Institute for Indonesian Studies and the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Treasurer of the American Institute of Indian Studies, and a member of the Finance Committee of the Association for Asian Studies. He has received funding from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation for his research, which has appeared or will appear in a variety of scientific and social-scientific journals including *American Psychologist*, *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, *Demography*, *Population Studies*, *Demographic Research*, *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, *Tobacco Control*, *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology*, the *International Journal of Drug Policy*, the *Journal of Research in Personality*, the *Journal of Regional Science*, *Land Economics*, the *Journal of Economic History*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *World Politics*, *The British Journal of Political Science*, and *The Journal of Asian Studies*. His recent research on the influenza pandemic of 1918-1920 in Asia has been featured on BBC World as well as in a variety of newspapers and magazines in Asia.

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**CRAIG, TOBIN L.** (Ph.D., Boston College; Political Science), Associate Professor. Professor Craig teaches both in the PTCO core curriculum and is the director of the STEPP minor. His teaching and scholarship focuses on the philosophic origins of modern science and technology, and the practical and theoretical challenges posed by the advance of modern science and technology.

**DAS GUPTA, SEJUTI** (Ph.D., School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London), Assistant Professor. Sejuti Das Gupta completed her doctoral studies from School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. She received the Felix scholarship to conduct her doctoral research in Development Studies. Her book was published by Cambridge University Press in 2019, *Class, Politics, and Agrarian Policies in Post-liberalisation India*. Her areas of interest are capitalism, colonialism, agrarian political economy, public policy, class-caste and state-society interactions. Trained in Political Science, she shifted to Development studies to conduct interdisciplinary research. She is trained in empirical research. Her core interest is to contribute toward combining theory and practice for a better understanding in social science. Right after receiving her PhD, she joined Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India, where she served as the Academic Coordinator for Masters in Development Practice, under the Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows' Scheme. She has worked at the grassroots in India on issues of mining, land acquisition and displacement. She completed her Masters and M. Phil from Jawaharlal Nehru University in Political Studies in 2008. Her recent research focus on women and work. She was recently awarded a Regional Economic Initiative grant to conduct research on the pandemic's effect on women's work in Michigan, on a formal-informal continuum.

**ELEMO-KAKA, O. OLUFUNMBI** (Ph.D.; Michigan State University; Political Science), Assistant Professor. Omowumi Olufunmbi Elemo-Kaka is an Assistant Professor in the Comparative Cultures and Politics Field. Elemo-Kaka earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Michigan State University (2012). Her research interests focus on democratization and citizenship, political representation and accountability, federalism and subnational politics, and public finance (e.g. management of natural resource revenue and tax policy/reform) in the context of Sub-Saharan Africa. Elemo-Kaka has recently published research in the Oxford Handbook of Nigerian Politics and African State Governance: Subnational Politics and National Power.

**EL-RAYES, WASEEM** (Ph.D., University of Maryland; Government and Politics). Waseem El-Rayes is Associate Professor of Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy at James Madison College, Michigan State University. He specializes in political philosophy with a focus on ancient Greek and medieval Islamic political thought, including the work of Plato, Aristotle, al-Farabi, Ibn Sina (Avicenna), al-Ghazali, Ibn Bajja (Avempace), Ibn Tufayl, Ibn Rushd (Averroes), and Ibn Khaldun. His research examines the contrast between ancient-medieval and modern thought with respect to the problem of political legitimacy as well as the relationship between piety and politics. His articles have appeared in *Arabic Sciences and Philosophy*, *Mélanges de l'Université Saint-Joseph*, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy, Religious Studies and Theology*, and *The Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. He is now completing a book entitled *Against the Politics of Forever: Ibn Khaldun and the Science of Culture*. The work is an interpretive analysis of Ibn Khaldun's science of culture as it is articulated in his *Kitab al-'Ibar* in general and its *Muqaddima* in particular.

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**FLAIM, AMANDA** (Ph.D., Cornell University; Development Sociology) Assistant Professor. Professor Flaim studies problems and paradoxes in human rights policy, including statelessness and citizenship, human trafficking, and the global expansion of rights to education and birth registration. Her current research projects explore the risk of trafficking among Cambodian and Burmese men and boys into the Thai fishing industry, and the causes and consequences of statelessness in Thailand and Nepal. Professor Flaim has consulted for several NGOs and United Nations agencies on a number of projects, including designing and leading two of the largest country-level surveys of stateless populations conducted to date. Prior to arriving at James Madison College, she was a postdoctoral associate and Human Rights Fellow at Duke University, where she taught courses on human rights, citizenship, migration, and qualitative and mixed methods research for public policy students. In a new \$1M initiative supported by the Luce Foundation, Dr. Flaim is collaborating with fellow MSU/JMC faculty and students, as well as artists, activists, UNESCO, and leading faculty partners in Southeast Asia to interrogate and imagine inclusive ecological futures along the imperiled Mekong River and its tributaries. She holds a Master's degree in Comparative and International Education from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in Development Sociology from Cornell University.

**FORE, MELISSA** (Ph.D., Michigan State University; English) Assistant Professor. Professor Fore's research engages African American literature, critical race theory, and cultural studies to query the ways in which laws and social prohibitions against interracial intimacy create moments of erotic spectacle. Her work explores how the concept of race is both legally and culturally constructed, the contexts within which it operates, and the ways cultural and artistic texts influence, echo, and ratify these prohibitions. Professor Fore teaches in the first year writing program and is a core faculty member of Michigan State University's Center for Gender in a Global Context.

**GARNETT, SHERMAN W.** (Ph.D., University of Michigan; Slavic Languages and Literature), Professor. Sherman W. Garnett is the former Dean of James Madison College, arriving in 1999. Under Dr. Garnett's leadership, Madison College has expanded its development and alumni activities, expanded career, advising, diversity, events programming, and expanded the College by 15 faculty members and more than 200 students. The College has added programs in science policy, Muslim Studies, and Comparative Cultures and Politics and new faculty in environmental, energy, and health policy. Dr. Garnett directed MSU's special self-study on internationalization for the 2005 North Central Association re-accreditation of the university, a process MSU passed with flying colors and much praise for its vision of internationalization past, present, and future. Dr. Garnett continues to consult on national security issues, especially those relating to former USSR, weapons of mass destruction, and defense strategy and arms control. Since coming to MSU, he has been sought out by the National Security Council, the National Intelligence Council, the Foreign Service Institute, the State Department, and the National Defense University. He was one of the project directors of the East-West Institute's 2001 Bipartisan Task Force on US-Russian Relations. He has published widely on arms control, Russian national security, Ukraine and other states of the former USSR. He has lectured at leading universities and institutes in the United States and throughout the world. Dr. Garnett has published widely in such national and international publications as *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *The Detroit News*, *Nezavisimaya gazeta*, *Rzeczpospolita* and *IJSS Strategic Survey*. He is the author or co-author of *Keystone in the Arch: Ukraine in the New Political Geography of Central and Eastern Europe* (1997); *Limited Partnership: Russia-China Relations in a Changing Asia* (1998); *Getting it Wrong: Regional Cooperation and the Commonwealth of Independent States* (2000); and a *Trilateral Commission* study, *The New Central Asia: In Search of Stability* (2001). He is the editor or co-editor of *Belarus at the Crossroads* (2000) and *Rapprochement or Rivalry: Russia-China Relations in a Changing Asia* (2000). From 1994 to 1999, Dr. Garnett was a Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. At the Endowment, he specialized in the foreign and security policies of Russia, Ukraine and other states of the former USSR. From 1998 to 1999, he served as an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University, teaching on security issues in the former USSR. He has taught regularly at Madison College, including courses on contemporary security issues, nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, and issues in political theory and literature. From 1983 to 1994, Dr. Garnett worked in a variety of positions in the US Government, ending his service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia. During his nearly ten years in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Dr. Garnett worked on a wide variety of security and arms control issues. He served as Director for the Offices of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia (1992-1993) and European Security Negotiations (1989-1992). He was the Secretary of Defense's Personal Representative to Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe Review Conference in Vienna and Negotiations on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (1988-1989). He also worked on issues of chemical and biological weapons arms control as a staff member of the Directorate for Multilateral Negotiations (1984-1988). He was the Senior Representative of the Secretary of Defense to the 1986 Review Conference on the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, as well as a member of the US delegation to the Negotiations on a Comprehensive Chemical Weapons Ban in Geneva, US-Soviet Talks on Chemical Weapons Non-Proliferation, and special talks on Chemical Weapons Non-Proliferation among leading chemical producing states. Dr. Garnett entered government service in 1983. Upon leaving government service, he received the Defense Department medal for Distinguished Civilian Service. Dr. Garnett received his Ph.D. in Russian Literature from the University of Michigan in 1982.

**GOETT, JENNIFER A.** (Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin; Social Anthropology). Jennifer Goett is an Associate Professor of Comparative Cultures and Politics at Michigan State University. She is a cultural anthropologist, specializing in political and feminist anthropology. Her research interests include race, gender and feminist theory, social movements, human rights, violence and the state, and critical security studies in Latin America. She has published work on indigenous and Afrodescendant social movements for territorial recognition in Central America, particularly Nicaragua, and on state sexual violence, racialized policing, and infrastructure megaprojects. Goett is the author of *Black Autonomy: Race, Gender, and Afro-Nicaraguan Activism* (Stanford University Press 2016). The book examines the gendered strategies that Afrodescendant Kriol women and men use to assert autonomy over their bodies, labor, and spaces in the context of drug war militarization and state violence in Nicaragua. Her articles have appeared in *American Ethnologist*, *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, *NACLA Report on the Americas*, *LASA Forum*, and other publications.



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**GRAHAM, NORMAN A.** (Ph.D., Columbia University; Political Science), Professor. Acting Dean 1998-99, 2006. Professor Graham's interests include international security and economic relations, international organization, Western and Southeastern Europe, and Central and South Asia. He has taught at Columbia University and led the Yale University Summer Seminar on International Business. He has also served as a Research Associate with the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the Futures Group. His publications include ten books. His recent research has focused on technology transfer and security in Europe, the external relations of the European Union and economic and political transition in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. At present, he is engaged in research on the Persistence of Authoritarianism in Russia and on environmental sustainability in Central Eurasia. He was the recipient of an MSU Teacher-Scholar award in 1993 and also serves as the Director of the Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian studies at MSU. He has served as a visiting Professor at the Institute for Political Studies at the University of Lille, France; the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy in Baku, and the Kazakh National Agrarian University in Almaty. Professor Graham has collaborated with Adjunct Professor Timur Kocaoglu and Professor Emeritus Folk Lindahl (PTCD) to publish *Making Russia and Turkey Great Again? Putin and Erdogan in Search of Lost Empires and Autocratic Power* (Lexington Press/Rowman & Littlefield, 2021). At present, he is co-editor with Professor Sabyr Nurtazin of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University of a special issue of the journal *Water* on "Water Resources Management and Policy."

**HUNT, CONSTANCE C.T.** (Ph.D., Boston College; Political Science), Associate Professor. Dr. Hunt has special interests in constitutionalism and law, literature and politics, and the history of political theory, including women and political philosophy. Her dissertation is entitled, *The Orbit of Politics: A Study of Aristotle, Machiavelli and The Federalist on the Size of the Political Community*. She served as Assistant Dean from 2003-2006, Director of Academic Affairs from 1998-2003, Director of Institutional Planning from 1996-1998 and Bradley Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow for 1995-1997. She published *The Origins of National Identity in Shakespeare's Henry V in Perspectives on Political Science*, Summer 2007, and *The Persistence of Theocracy: Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter* in Winter 2009, and republished in *Children's Literature Review* in 2011. She is currently developing research on Kazuo Ishiguro's work. In 2010, Professor Hunt began co-directing the Interdisciplinary and Teaching Fellows Program (IIT), a joint initiative between James Madison College and the MSU Graduate School. She received the 2012 MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Awards in recognition of outstanding undergraduate teaching, a Michigan State University all-university award. And in 2013, she was named one of the Top 15 Distinguished Professors of the Year by the Presidents Council of Michigan. In 2016, she received the MSU Honors College Sustained Commitment to Honors College Students Award. She also received the 2016 ASMSU Senior Class Council Outstanding Faculty Award.

**JACKSON, JOHN** (Ph.D., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities). John Jackson publishes in the history and philosophy of science focusing on the scientific study of race. He has authored or edited six books most recently *Darwinism, Democracy, and Race* (co-authored with David Depew). He teaches primarily in the STEPPS specialization area.

**JEZIERSKI, LOUISE** (Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley; Sociology), Associate Professor. Professor Jezierski's research includes reorganization of legacy manufacturing cities and regions and new economies, especially the cities of Detroit, Lansing, Pittsburgh, Cleveland; urban and regional economic and community development; social inequality of class, race and gender relations and US policy. Some recent projects include Detroit's legacy as a Progressive City; Detroit Film Narratives; Lansing, MI Neighborhoods and Schools Project; Community Development in Civic Park, Flint, MI; Soccer and Community Building in Detroit, MI, Civic Culture in Pittsburgh; "Race/Socioeconomic Area Characteristics & Cancer - Detroit" funded by the National Cancer Institute, The Effect of State Legislation on Sub-Prime Lending, Michigan's Latino Communities, and funding from US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the National Hispanic Housing Council for a study on Hispanic housing access in El Paso Texas. She was a postdoctoral fellow at UCLA's Institute of American Cultures in 1992 at the Chicano Studies Research Center. She teaches, Social Theory; Metropolitan Societies - a course on Detroit; Global Cities and Urbanism, Social Policy, Social Movements, and Civic Engagement and Community Development. She was an MSU Lilly Teaching Fellow in 2000-2001. She received the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Awards in recognition of outstanding undergraduate teaching, Michigan State University all-university award (2010). She also received an MSU Curricular Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Award (2010 and 2017). Professor Jezierski is a Faculty Advisory Board Member of MSU's Center for Community and Economic Development and served as Managing Editor of the *Journal of Urban Affairs* (2009-2014).

**JOHNSON, BRIAN** (J.D., Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, Ph.D., Michigan State University) Dr. Johnson is an Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for James Madison College at Michigan State University. Most recently, he served as Associate Institute Director for Michigan State University Extension's Children and Youth Institute, and Assistant Professor in Human Development and Family Studies. In that capacity, he was responsible for initiating and coordinating educational programming and applied research programs in the areas of early childhood education and youth development across Michigan. Johnson's scholarly interests focus on examining the constitutionality of laws and policies that affect youth and college-age populations. He also has a particular interest in exploring and increasing sense of belonging among students at the college level. Johnson has extensive experience directing pipeline, recruitment and retention programs, and has taught at the K-12, undergraduate, and graduate levels. Also a certified elementary teacher, his pipeline programs focus on preparing students for college during the K-12 years, and ensuring they receive resources for success throughout their college experience. Johnson's advising, recruitment and retention initiatives have been recognized at the university and state levels. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Teaching degree from Hampton University, a Juris Doctorate from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

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**JUDGE, JEFFREY** (ABD, University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies; International Studies), Assistant Dean. Mr. Judge pursued his Master of Arts degree in International Studies at the University of Denver where he focused on International Security and International Economics. In 1998 he passed his Ph.D. qualifying exams and the following year was hired as Director of Admissions at James Madison College of Michigan State University. In this capacity, Mr. Judge also served as an academic advisor and instructor. In 2006, Mr. Judge was named Director of Academic Affairs for James Madison College and promoted to Assistant Dean in 2010, a capacity in which he currently serves.

**KOMORI, YASUMASA** (Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh), Associate Professor. Professor Komori's teaching and research interests include international political economy, international relations of East Asia, global governance, and global poverty and inequality. He has published articles on regional institutions in East Asia and the Asia-Pacific. He is currently working on a book project which explores the historical evolution of the Asian Development Bank.

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