



## Brian Albanese

(979) 458-1122  
albanese@tamu.edu  
Office: PSYC 220

Brian Albanese is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences who began his career at Texas A&M on August 16, 2022. He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Florida State University after completing a pre-doctoral internship at the Charleston Consortium in Charleston, South Carolina. His research employs a multi-method approach to better understand and treat transdiagnostic risk factors for anxiety-related conditions, with particular interest on PTSD and suicidal thoughts and behaviors. His research has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute on Drug Abuse and several internal awards.



## Alison Altman

(979) 458-1052  
aaltman@tamu.edu

Alison Altman is an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry who began her career at Texas A&M on August 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Yale University and her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. From 2013-2016, she was a Nuclear Energy University Program Fellow, and from 2017-2018 served as an International Institute of Nanotechnology Fellow. Her research employs a multimodal approach combining synthesis with spectroscopic characterization and computational prediction methods to crack open the black box of solid-state synthesis. She also runs the Altman Chem Lab.



## Michaela Baca

michaela510@tamu.edu  
Office: LAAH 412

Michaela Baca is a lecturer in the Department of English who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 16, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Denver and both her master's and doctoral degrees from Texas A&M. Her research focuses on medieval and early modern women's writing and feminist approaches to book history and bibliography. She has received numerous awards, including the U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship, Fasken Graduate Student Teaching Award and Association of Former Students Distinguished Graduate Student Award for Teaching.



## Sarah Beck

s-beck@tamu.edu  
Office: BLTN 302A

Sarah Beck is an interdisciplinary rhetorical scholar and lecturer in the Department of Communication and Journalism, who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 15, 2022. She received her Ph.D. in communication with an emphasis in rhetoric and culture from the University of Colorado Boulder. Her research focuses on the lives of queer, trans and lesbian women and non-binary folks as well as embodied research methods. Her scholarly work focuses on the realm of digital culture and everyday life.



**Michael (Jake)  
Beck**

jakebeck@tamu.edu  
Office: BLTN 302E

Michael (Jake) Beck is a lecturer in the Department of Communication and Journalism who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 15, 2022. He earned his master's degree from the University of North Texas and his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. His research interests are the intersection between performance studies and video game studies through the use of live, embodied performances.



**Piotr Bojakowski**

piotr.bojakowski@tamu.edu  
Office: ANTH 105A

Piotr Bojakowski is an assistant professor in the nautical archaeology program within the Department of Anthropology who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Nevada, Reno, and his Ph.D. in anthropology from Texas A&M. His research interests include early modern nautical archaeology, shipbuilding and hull reconstruction, artifact preservation and maritime and military history.



**Katie Custer  
Bojakowski**

katie.bojakowski@tamu.edu  
Office: ANTH 312D

Katie Custer Bojakowski is an instructional assistant professor of maritime archaeology and seafaring history in the Department of Anthropology. She began her career at Texas A&M University on August 16, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree in anthropology from Eastern Washington University and her master's and doctoral degrees in anthropology from Texas A&M. Her research focuses include post-medieval seafaring and ship construction in the Atlantic World, rigging and outfitting ships, early navigation and maps and life aboard ships.



**Kenneth Bowman**

(979) 862-4060  
Email: k-bowman@tamu.edu  
Office: OMB 1014A

Kenneth Bowman is the David Bullock Harris Professor of Geosciences in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences who began his career at Texas A&M University on September 1, 2022. He received his Ph.D. in geophysical fluid dynamics from Princeton University. His research interests include atmospheric transport and mixing, dynamics and chemistry of the upper troposphere and lower stratosphere, climate dynamics, satellite meteorology and statistical climatology.

# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**Betsy Breyer**

979-845-7141  
Office: OMB 706A

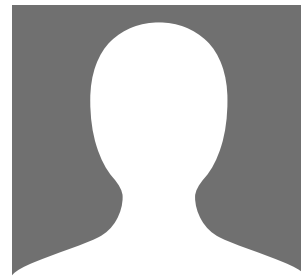
Betsy Breyer is an instructional assistant professor in the Department of Geography who began her career at Texas A&M University on September 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree in economics from Reed College, her GIS certificate and master's degree from Portland State University and her Ph.D. in geography from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her scholarly work combines critical social theory and geospatial techniques to understand the intertwined social and biophysical processes that make up urban systems. She is advancing several projects that investigate urban greenspace to engage problems of environmental governance, sustainability and social inequity.



**Yuguang Cai**

(979) 862-6650  
ycai@tamu.edu

Yuguang Cai is an instructional associate professor in the Department of Chemistry who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 15, 2022. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Princeton University. His research focuses on the liquid-solid interface, specifically investigating the structure, function, and assembly of molecules at these interfaces, including the spreading, wetting, and adhesion of liquids on surfaces at the nanoscale.



**Chris Butler**

chris.butler@tamu.edu  
Office: HELD 307

Chris Butler is an instructional associate professor in the Department of Biology who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 15, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in natural resources from Cornell University and his Ph.D. in zoology from Oxford University. He was also a Fulbright scholar in Botswana from 2016-2017. His research explores the effects of climate change on the phenology and distribution of organisms and ways to mitigate the impact of those changes.



**Simone Cecchini**

cecchini@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 525G

Simone Cecchini is an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. He received his master's degree from the University of Rome La Sapienza and his Ph.D. from Northeastern University. His research lies at the interface of global analysis and topology, and he is particularly interested in topological invariants of elliptic operators and their relationship with the metric properties of manifolds.



**Xiaowei Chen**

xiaowei.chen@tamu.edu  
Office: HALB 351

Xiaowei Chen is an associate professor in the Department of Geology and Geophysics who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree in geophysics from the University of Science and Technology in China and her master's and doctoral degrees in geophysics from the University of California, San Diego. As an observational seismologist, she researches earthquakes from a variety of tectonic environments, and is expanding her research into structural and environmental seismology using dense nodal arrays and DAS.



**Liwei Chen**

liweic@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 321

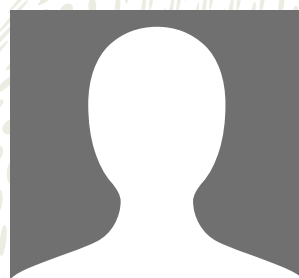
Liwei Chen is an instructional assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Zhejiang University and his Ph.D. in mathematics from Washington University in St. Louis. His research interests include several complex variables, harmonic analysis and partial differential equations. He received the 2019-2020 Outstanding Visiting Assistant Professor Award from UC Riverside.



**Lee Cremar**

(956) 271-1367  
lee.creмар@tamu.edu

Lee Cremar is a lecturer in the Department of Chemistry who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 10, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Texas-Pan American and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research interests are related to synthetic and computational materials chemistry with its application towards improving mechanical and electrical properties in carbon-based materials.



**Sougata Dey**

(979) 862-3731  
deysou88@gmail.com

Sougata Dey is a lecturer in the Department of Chemistry who began his career at Texas A&M University on September 1, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Calcutta, his master's degree in organic chemistry from the Indian Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Münster. He specializes in chemically modified I-aptamer evolution and in vitro RNA biology.

# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**Patricia Edgar**

(979) 458-2062  
patti.edgar@tamu.edu  
Office: 116 HELD

Patricia Edgar is an instructional assistant professor in the Department of Biology who joined the Texas A&M University faculty on December 16, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Texas A&M and her Ph.D. in pharmacology from Duke University. Dr. Edgar previously had been with the Texas A&M Career Center since 2019, where she directed the Samford Geosciences Career Center and served science students across several colleges while also directing the annual Sciences Career Fair.



**Joshua Edwards**

(979) 458-7243  
jedwa@tamu.edu

Joshua Edwards is an instructional assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry, who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 15, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in microbiology and chemistry from Louisiana State University and his Ph.D. in chemical education from the University of Utah. His research interests in chemical education include structural factors that impact students' social belonging in large chemistry courses and factors that influence undergraduate students' interest to pursue studies in chemistry.



**Ahmed El-Hashash**

(979) 862-7485  
ahashash@tamu.edu  
Office: 319 HELD

Ahmed El-Hashash is an instructional associate professor in the Department of Biology who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 15, 2022. He received his master's degree in cell biology from Zagazig University and his Ph.D. in developmental biology from the University of Manchester.



**Ryan Fletcher**

rffletcher@tamu.edu

Ryan Fletcher is an instructional assistant professor in the Department of History who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 16, 2022. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. He specializes in the religious politics generated by the westward expansions of slavery and capitalism.

# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**Alison Fout**

(979) 845-2323  
fout@tamu.edu

Alison Fout is a professor in the Department of Chemistry who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree from Gannon University, her master's degree from University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and her Ph.D. from Indiana University. She was also a Mary Fieser and NIH postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University from 2009-2012. Her Fout Research Program focuses on the synthesis of ligand architectures that can support transition metal complexes capable of mediating unusual transformations for biological, environmental and energy problems.



**Bradford Garcia**

bradford\_garcia@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 351

Bradford Garcia is a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 16, 2022.



**Nataliya  
Goncharuk**

natasha\_goncharuk@  
tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 510H

Nataliya Goncharuk is an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. She received her Ph.D. from the Institute for Information Transmission Problems in Moscow. Her research is focused on global bifurcations of planar vector fields.



**Michael  
Hessel-Mial**

mhesselmial@tamu.edu  
Office: LAAH 316

Michael Hessel-Mial is a lecturer in the Department of English who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 16, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in cultural studies and comparative literature from the University of Minnesota and his Ph.D. in comparative literature from Emory University. His research interests include science fiction, world philosophy pedagogy and digital poetics. He has received several honors, including the Mellon Graduate Teaching Fellowship at Emory.



## **Nathan Holt**

(979) 458-7033  
nathan.holt@tamu.edu  
Office: MPHY 313

Nathan Holt is a lecturer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. He received his Ph.D. in theoretical nuclear physics from Texas A&M. His research interests include nuclear physics, high energy nuclear physics and nuclear theory. He earned the Theoretical Physics Award for Excellence in 2008.



## **Selin Islekel**

(979) 845-5659  
selinislekel@tamu.edu  
Office: YMCA 317

Selin Islekel is a visiting assistant professor and ACES Fellow in the Department of Philosophy and Humanities who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree from Koc University and her master's and doctoral degrees from DePaul University. Her research interests include social and political philosophy, philosophy of race and decolonial feminism.



## **Konstantinos Karathanasis**

(979) 845-2124  
k.karath@tamu.edu  
Office: ACAD 229D

Konstantinos (Constantine) Karathanasis is a lecturer in the Department of Global Languages and Cultures who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 16, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and his master's and doctoral degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. His research interests include Greek drama and historiography, Greek history, Latin elegy and satire, and sex and gender in Greco-Roman antiquity.



## **Caroline Keegan**

carolinekeegan@tamu.edu

Caroline Keegan is a visiting assistant professor and ACES Fellow in the Department of Geography who began her time at Texas A&M University on September 1, 2022. She earned her bachelor's degree in environmental studies from the University of Colorado and her master's and doctoral degrees in geography from the University of Georgia. Her current research focuses on the contemporary conditions and racialized histories of the farm labor system in the US South.

# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**Kevin Kelly**

kjkelly@tamu.edu  
Office: MIST M519

Kevin Kelly is an assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from the University of Notre Dame and his master's and doctoral degrees in physics from Northwestern University. He is a theoretical particle physicist, and his research interests include dark matter and the standard model as well as the search for new particles beyond.



**Eunhui Kim**

eunhuik1025@tamu.edu  
Office: BLTN 209G

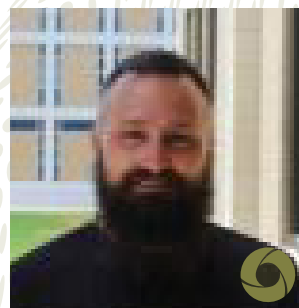
Eunhui Kim is a lecturer in the Department of Communication and Journalism who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 15, 2022. She received her master's degree in communication studies from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and her Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. Her research interests are identity and cultural adjustment as well as humanities and cultural studies.



**Patricia Klein**

pjklein@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 342BC

Patricia Klein is an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and philosophy from Williams College and her Ph.D. in pure mathematics from the University of Michigan. Her research interests include commutative algebra, algebraic combinatorics and algebraic geometry, with particular emphasis on Hilbert-Samuel multiplicities, Koszul and local cohomology, liaison, and the Gröbner geometry of Nakajima quiver varieties and matrix Schubert varieties.



**Matthias Koch**

(979) 845-2891  
mdkoch@tamu.edu  
Office: BSBW 409

Matthias Koch is an assistant professor in the Department of Biology who began his career at Texas A&M University on July 1, 2022. He received his master's degree in physics from the University of Freiburg and his Ph.D. in biophysics. His Koch Lab researches how bacterial cells infect host tissue.



# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**Michael Kordell**

(979) 458-7735  
mkordell@tamu.edu  
Office: MPHY 314

Michael Kordell is a lecturer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022.



**Kristy Kulhanek**

kristykulhanek@tamu.edu  
Office: BLTN 202

Kristy Kulhanek is a lecturer in the Department of Communication and Journalism who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 15, 2022. She has an Ed.D. in leadership and innovation from Arizona State University.



**Nilanjana Laha**

nlaha@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 416D

Nilanjana Laha is an assistant professor in the Department of Statistics who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. After receiving her Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Washington, Seattle, she worked as a postdoctoral research fellow in biostatistics at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Her research broadly spans dynamic treatment regimes, high dimensional inference and shape constrained inference.



**Brandi Lenz**

(979) 845-2451  
brandi.lenz@tamu.edu  
Office: HALB

Brandi Lenz is an instructional assistant professor in the Department of Geology and Geophysics who began her career at Texas A&M University on June 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in Earth science from The Ohio State University. Her research interests include subsurface geophysics, sediment mechanics and natural hazards. Her current research focuses on slope stability, marine geohazards and geomechanics using reflection seismic data collected offshore in Oregon.

# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**Xin Liu**

xliu@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 342BB

Xin Liu is an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began her career at Texas A&M University on July 1, 2022. She received her Ph.D. in mathematics from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her research interests include nonlinear partial differential equations, hydrodynamic equations, gas-vacuum interface problems, gaseous star problems, geophysical fluid dynamics and singular limit.



**Larry May**

(979) 458-7972  
larry.may@tamu.edu  
Office: MPHY 309

Larry May is a lecturer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics as well as his Ph.D. in nuclear chemistry from Texas A&M. His continued research interests are in physics pedagogy, the asymmetry energy of the nuclear equation of state and enabling undergraduate research opportunities for students who would not normally have access to world-class undergraduate research experiences.



**Ning Ning**

(979) 845-3141  
patning@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 416C

Ning Ning is an assistant professor in the Department of Statistics who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Shandong University and her master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from University of Southern California. Her research interests include stochastic processes, Markov chains, time series, networks and machine learning.



**Joaquin Rodriguez Nieva**

(979) 845-4012  
jrodrigueznieva@tamu.edu  
Office: MPHY 410

Joaquin Rodriguez Nieva is an assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022.

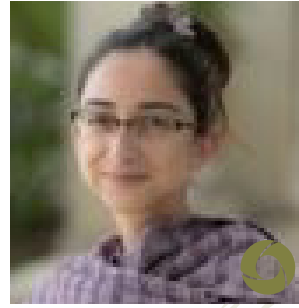
# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



## Angela Perri

aperri@tamu.edu  
Office: ANTH 235C

Angela Perri is an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree from Portland State University and her Ph.D. in archaeology from Durham University in the U.K. Her research interests include environmental archaeology, zooarchaeology, parasitology, paleoecology, hunter-gatherers, domestication, adaptation and canids.



## Jolene Ramsey

(979) 862-8391  
jolener@tamu.edu  
Office: 306E BSBE

Jolene Ramsey is a visiting assistant professor and ACES Fellow in the Department of Biology who began her time at Texas A&M University on July 1, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree in biology and Spanish from Western Colorado University and her Ph.D. in microbiology from Indiana University Bloomington. Her current research at the Ramsey Lab includes use of molecular virology and genomic tools in both phage newly isolated from the environment and model phage systems to answer fundamental questions about how phage kill bacteria.



## Margaret Ray

(979) 845-7351  
mray@tamu.edu  
Office: LASB 274

Margaret Ray is an instructional associate professor in the Department of Economics who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 16, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University, her master's degree from Western Illinois University and her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. She specializes in applied microeconomics and econometrics, industrial organization and antitrust, regional economics, economic education and equine industry economics. In addition to her experience in teaching, she has served as an economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.



## Akshay Sarathi

sarathi@tamu.edu  
Office: ANTH 312C

Akshay Sarathi is a lecturer in the Department of Anthropology who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 16, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in history from Grand Valley State University and his master's and doctoral degrees in anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research interests include Indian Ocean studies and archaeological methods, such as compositional analysis and paleoclimatology.

# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**Toryn Schafer**

(979) 845-3141  
tschafer@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 435

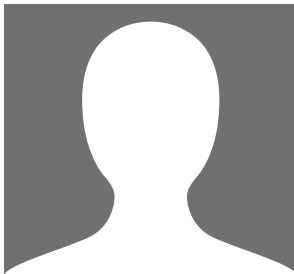
Toryn Schafer is an assistant professor in the Department of Statistics who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri and was a postdoctoral associate at Cornell University. Her research interests include Bayesian statistics, machine learning, ecology applications and general data science



**Jonathan Siegel**

jwsiegel@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 608J

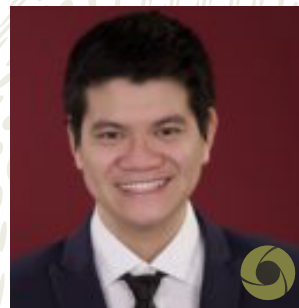
Jonathan Siegel is an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. His research interests include approximation theory, statistics, and machine learning. He is particularly interested in the approximation theory of neural networks and its application to numerical PDEs.



**Kyle Thicke**

thicke@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 320

Kyle Thicke is an instructional assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022.



**Minh-Binh Tran**

minhbinh@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 505C

Minh-Binh Tran is an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. He received his Ph.D. in applied mathematics from Université Sorbonne Paris Nord, France.

# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**George Villanueva**

gvillanueva1@luc.edu  
Office: BLTN 309C

George Villanueva is an associate professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism who began his career at Texas A&M University on July 1, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in Black studies and history from the University of California at Santa Barbara, his master's degree in global media and communications from the London School of Economics and Political Science and his Ph.D. in communication from the University of Southern California. He researches the role that communication, organizing, media, activism and expressive culture play in place-based advocacy and social change goals of marginalized communities of color in cities.



**Runmin Wang**

runminw@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 406C

Runmin Wang is an assistant professor in the Department of Statistics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research interests include high-dimensional data, time series and change-point analysis.



**Kun Wang**

kwang@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 328J

Kun Wang is a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in information and computational science from Xiamen University, his master's degree in pure mathematics from Xiamen University and his Ph.D. in pure mathematics from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras.



**John Weeks**

jweeks03@tamu.edu  
Office: BLOC 353

John Weeks is an instructional assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 16, 2022. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Lee University and his Ph.D. in mathematics from Texas A&M.

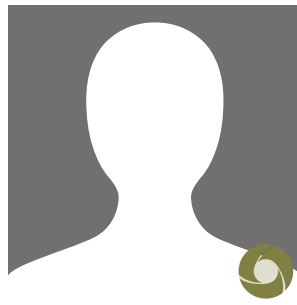
# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**Christopher Weitzel**

cweitzel@tamu.edu

Christopher Weitzel is an instructional associate professor in the Department of Chemistry who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 15, 2022. He received his Ph.D. in biological chemistry from Indiana University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Brandeis University.



**Michael Willis**

msw188@tamu.edu

Office: BLOC 623B

Michael Willis is an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022.



**Rachel Wright**

(979) 845-4605

rwright@bio.tamu.edu

Office: HELD 320C

Rachel Wright is an instructional assistant professor in the Department of Biology who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 23, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree and her Ph.D. in genetics from Texas A&M. Her current research involves characterizing the various mouse models the Chapkin Lab has developed.



**Yunkang Yang**

yunkangyang@tamu.edu

Office: BLTN 202D

Yunkang Yang is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism who began his career at Texas A&M University on July 1, 2022. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington. His research interests include U.S. right-wing media, disinformation and social media.

# Summer-Fall 2022 New Faculty Bios



**Michael Youngs**

mdyoungs@tamu.edu  
Office: MPHY 304

Michael Youngs is a lecturer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy who began his career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022.



**Jin Zhang**

(979) 845-4959  
jinzhang@tamu.edu  
Office: HALB 157

Jin Zhang is an associate professor in the Department of Geology and Geophysics who began her career at Texas A&M University on August 1, 2022. She received her Ph.D. in geology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research focuses on the compositions, structures and dynamics of the Earth and other planets through high pressure (P)-temperature (T) experiments.