

2015–2016

NEW FACES

As we begin the school year, a new round of colleagues and students settles in the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences. This sheet offers a brief introduction of those who have joined us since October 1, 2015. Please welcome them to the division—or, better yet, greet them in person at the HSS 50th Anniversary Celebration kickoff on October 8!



LAWRENCE JIN

Assistant Professor of Finance

Jin received a PhD in financial economics from Yale in 2015 after earning an MS in electrical engineering from Caltech and spending two years as an analyst at Citigroup. His research focuses on asset pricing, behavioral finance, financial intermediaries, and household finance. He received the 2015 AQR Top Finance Graduate Award, which recognizes scholars whose "dissertation and broader research potential carry the greatest promise of making an impact on the finance practice and academia."

OMER TAMUZ

Assistant Professor of Economics

Tamuz started in HSS in July 2015 after a two-year Schramm Postdoctoral Fellowship with MIT and Microsoft Research New England. He received his PhD in mathematics from the Weizmann Institute of Science in 2013. His research focuses on how people learn through social interaction, as well as on games and strategic behavior in networks. His achievements include the Michael B. Maschler Prize in Game Theory (2013) and a Google fellowship in social computing (2011).



ALBERT PARK

Visiting Professor of Economics

Park visits this winter from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, where he is director of the HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies, Chair Professor of Social Science and Professor of Economics, and a HKUST Institute for Advanced Study senior fellow. After receiving his PhD in economics from Stanford in 1996, he joined the faculty at University of Michigan and went on to the University of Oxford. Park's research interests include development, labor, applied microeconomics, and the Chinese economy.



ASIF SIDDIQI

Eleanor Searle Visiting Professor of History

Siddiqi, Professor of History at Fordham University, joins us for the 2015–16 academic year. He received his PhD from Carnegie Mellon University in 2004. He describes himself as interested in "the mutually constitutive aspects of culture and technology in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries." Siddiqi is working on a book that explores the network of expertise necessary to create and maintain the Gulag prison camp system while he also researches and teaches about the history of space exploration.



PAUL W. RHODE

Moore Distinguished Scholar

Rhode joins us this year from the University of Michigan. He is an economic historian focused on the United States in the twentieth century, with interests ranging from the performance of election betting markets to the economic development of the Pacific region. He co-authored the recently released *Arresting Contagion: Science, Policy, and Conflicts over Animal Disease Control*, which examines how efforts to combat livestock infections turned the United States from a disease-prone nation into a world leader in controlling communicable diseases.



KEITH PLUYMERS

Howard E. and Susanne C. Jessen Postdoctoral Instructor in the Humanities

Pluymers received his PhD in environmental history and early modern European history from the University of Southern California, focusing on land use and resource management in his dissertation "Colonizing Lands and Landscapes in the English Atlantic, c. 1580 – c. 1640." He designed and instructed the course Conservation, Preservation, and Sustainability in the Early Modern World and was awarded a USC Dissertation Completion Fellowship in 2014.



CHARLES SEBENS

Ahmanson Postdoctoral Instructor in the History and Philosophy of Physics

Sebens received his PhD in philosophy from the University of Michigan this year. He studies the philosophy of physics, focusing on the foundations of quantum theory, the philosophy of science, epistemology, metaphysics, logic, and decision theory. He received an Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. In 2016, he will start as an assistant professor in the department of philosophy at the University of California, San Diego.



DENNIS LEHMKUHL

Research Assistant Professor of History and Philosophy of Science

Lehmkuhl specializes in the history and philosophy of physics, with a focus on space-time theories. As of 2015, he is scientific editor at the Einstein Papers Project. He received his DPhil from the University of Oxford in 2009, following graduate studies at Imperial College London, the London School of Economics, and the University of Hamburg. He has been a Departmental Lecturer at the University of Oxford, a Junior Professor at the University of Wuppertal, and a visiting fellow at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Philosophy of Science.





ALEXANDRE DUBÉ

Caltech-Huntington MTI Fellow

Dubé, a historian of the French colonies in North America, is Assistant Professor of Early Modern Atlantic History at Washington University in St. Louis. He will soon publish a book on colonial Louisiana and its role in the French Empire. He previously worked as L. R. Wilson Assistant Professor at McMaster University and was awarded the Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in association with the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture in 2011. He received his PhD in history from McGill University in 2010.

CORA GILROY-WARE

Caltech-Huntington MTI Fellow

Gilroy-Ware earned a PhD in history of art from the University of York, completing a dissertation titled "Marmoréalities: Classical Nakedness in British Sculpture and Historical Painting, 1798–1840." She received a Robert R. Wark Fellowship in 2014 and a Curatorial Research Grant from the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art in 2013.



JEFFREY COCKBURN

Postdoctoral Scholar in Neuroscience, O'Doherty Lab

Cockburn received his PhD in cognitive sciences from Brown University. He is interested in the neural mechanisms that support learning and decision making and uses a variety of experimental methods and data sources, including EEG, genetics, electrophysiology, and special populations, to inform, constrain, and complement multiple levels of computational modeling.



AHRASH DIANAT

Postdoctoral Scholar in Economics, Social Science Experimental Laboratory

Dianat earned a PhD in economics from the Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science (ICES) at George Mason University. He is primarily interested in how behavioral agents make decisions in strategic environments and how individual decision making shapes group and market outcomes. His current research uses laboratory experiments to investigate strategic behavior and equilibrium selection in centralized matching clearinghouses, such as those used to match students to public schools and interns to hospital residencies.



DUK GYOO KIM

Postdoctoral Scholar in Economics

Kim received his PhD in economics from Cornell University. He is an applied microeconomic theorist whose work focuses on public economics, behavioral economics, microeconomic theory, and experimental economics.



ALEXANDR CAPSUC

Graduate Student

Capsuc is interested in microeconomics, game theory, and matching theory and is curious about interdisciplinary research involving algorithmic approaches. He received his BA from Bogazici University, Turkey, and MA from Koc University, Turkey. He enjoys observing scientific phenomena and combining academic perspective with real-life experience. He participated in local school Olympiads in mathematics and is enthusiastic about solving non-standard problems.



SEO-YOUNG (SILVIA) KIM

Graduate Student

Kim is interested in experimental economics, behavioral game theory, and political economy. She has a BA from Seoul National University, some background in real analysis and measure theory, and experience implementing framed field experiments and lab experiments. She studies institutions and organizations and is keen to learn about social networks and limited strategic thinking, as well.



XIAOMIN LI

Graduate Student

Li is interested in neuroeconomics, game theory, and microeconomic theory. She received her Bachelor of Economics degree with a major in finance from Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and will receive an MA in economics from New York University. She has a background in real analysis, topology, game theory, and econometrics and enjoys reading and doing economic theory.



YIMENG LI

Graduate Student

Li is interested in political economy, microeconomic theory, and applied microeconomics. He received his Bachelor of Economics degree from Central University of Finance and Economics, China. He is currently at the London School of Economics pursuing an MSc in econometrics and mathematical economics. He has a background in ordinary differential equations, real analysis, linear algebra, and abstract algebra.



VADIM MARTYNOV

Graduate Student

Martynov is interested in game theory, microeconomic theory, mathematical economics, and mechanism design. He received his BS in mathematics from the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow. Complementing his background in economics and mathematics (real, complex, convex, functional analysis, linear and commutative algebra, game theory, and auction theory), Martynov enjoys economic theory and is eager to learn about mathematical and experimental economy.



HONGYU (JANE) DING

Software Developer, Rangel Lab

Ding received her PhD in mathematics from Indiana University Bloomington in 1996. Before joining the HSS division, she worked with Caltech's LIGO Lab as a software engineer for six years and then with the Division of Biology and Biological Engineering as a research scientist and software developer for 11 years. Her current interests lie in software engineering, especially web application development with artificial intelligence.

