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PRESIDENT MONACO: Welcome everyone. For those of you who are new to Tufts, please let me introduce myself and my colleagues up in the front – I am Anthony Monaco, President of the University, and beside me are David Harris, Provost and Sr. Vice President; Jianmin Qu, Dean of the School of Engineering; and Jim Glaser, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. I now call on Dean Glaser to open an Arts and Sciences meeting.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEGREES
Liberal Arts and Jackson College

DEAN GLASER: I would now like to open a meeting of Liberal Arts and Jackson College. Members of the faculty, I have the honor to present these candidates from Liberal Arts and Jackson College. It is the function of this faculty to recommend to the Board of Trustees all candidates for degrees in Liberal Arts and Jackson College as authorized by the trustees for the award of the degree in August, 2017, subject to the usual conditions. I am happy to certify that these candidates have met or will meet the degree requirements, as set forth by this faculty, for the programs in which they have been enrolled. The total number of bachelor degrees to be recommended is 108. Of those, in arts and sciences, there are 61 bachelors of arts candidates, 19 bachelors of fine arts candidates, and 28 bachelors of science candidates. Is there a motion to recommend? So moved. Second? [Second.] All in favor? Against? Abstentions? The motion carries. I would now like to close the Liberal Arts and Jackson College meeting. They will all graduate with an August degree, including one I care deeply about, thanks to the economics department.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Dean Cook to open a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Faculty Meeting.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

DEAN COOK: Members of the faculty, I have the honor to present these candidates from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. It is the function of this faculty to recommend to the Board of Trustees all candidates for degrees in the graduate school of arts and sciences as authorized by the trustees for the award of the degree in August 2017, subject to the usual conditions. I am happy to certify that these candidates have met or will meet the degree requirements, as set forth by this faculty, for the programs in which they have been enrolled. The total number of degrees to be recommended is 97. Of those, 81 are master's degrees and education specialists, and 16 are Ph.D. or OT.D. degrees. The numbers of graduate degrees are as follows: 23 master of arts, 29 master of arts in teaching, 3 master of fine arts, 20 master of science, 4 master of public policy, 15 doctors of philosophy, 1 doctor of occupational therapy, and 2 educational specialists. Is there a motion to recommend? Second? [Second.] They will all get their degrees.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Dean Qu to open a School of Engineering Faculty Meeting.

School of Engineering

DEAN QU: Members of the faculty, I have the honor to present the degree candidates from the School of Engineering. It is the function of this faculty to recommend to the Board of Trustees
all candidates for degrees in engineering as authorized by the trustees for the award of the degree in August 2017, subject to the usual conditions. I am happy to certify that these candidates have met or will meet the degree requirements, as set forth by this faculty, for the programs in which they have been enrolled. The total number of degrees to be recommended is 96. Of those, there are 11 bachelor of science candidates, 2 master of engineering candidates, 25 master of science candidates, 35 master of science in engineering management, 9 master of science in innovation and management candidates, and 14 Ph.D. candidates. Is there a motion to recommend? Second? [Second.] The motion carries. I now close the meeting of the School of Engineering.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I would now like to open the Arts, Sciences & Engineering Faculty Meeting. At this time, I would like to propose that the faculty vote on all the degrees just voted by the School of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Engineering. All those in favor? The motion carries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT MONACO: At this time, I call on Anne Mahoney who will make an announcement about Matriculation.

Singing Alma Mater at Matriculation

PROF. MAHONEY: At matriculation tomorrow, we will sing all three verses of Alma Mater. Custom has been to only sing the first and second verses, but I believe the third is a useful sentiment. See you all tomorrow.

PRESIDENT MONACO: At this time, I call on Bob Cook who will read a resolution on the retirement of Sinaia Nathanson, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Resolution on the Retirement of Sinaia Nathanson

DEAN COOK: I am pleased to recognize Associate Dean Sinaia Nathanson for her many years of outstanding teaching, scholarship, and service at Tufts University upon her retirement. After more than 30 years of being an active member of the Tufts community, Sinaia will be stepping away from her integral and daily role in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the end of this week.

Sinaia arrived at Tufts as a graduate student in the Department of Psychology. Working with Dr. Jeff Rubin, she earned her Ph.D. here specializing in social psychology, conflict resolution and organizational behavior. Each of these areas would become an essential element in informing her career and contributions. First as a part-time lecturer and then as a full-time lecturer starting in 1996, Sinaia has been a faculty member in the Department of Psychology. It was during this time that she earned her well-deserved reputation as being one of best teachers at Tufts. She was consistently evaluated as the highest rated faculty member in our team-taught Psych 1 course. It was also during this time she developed and taught the very first courses on this campus for undergraduates on leadership. She emerged as a strategic leader herself as seen in her work on faculty committees, program development, and eventually her role as the Associate Dean of the
Graduate School. This included serving as a board member for the Peace and Justice Studies Program and serving for more than 10 years as a faculty member in the Gordon Institute.

In 2005, she took over direction of the nascent graduate summer teaching institute. Under her subsequent guidance, this program was transformed into the juggernaut we now know as GIFT. Each year, the Graduate Institute for Teaching, takes our best Ph.D. students and offers them an intensive three-week boot camp on becoming a better teacher and academic. More than 250 Ph.D. students from GSAS, SOE, Sackler, Friedman, Fletcher, the School of Medicine, and the Dental School have been privileged to have a truly transformative educational experience, and to experience Sinaia’s singular passion for excellence. This program was cited in the T10 strategic plan as one of the best interdisciplinary programs here at Tufts. Over the last decade she has been instrumental in creating one of the best graduate professional development programs in the nation. With over 50 different workshops on a wide variety of topics, a new boot camp focused on graduate research called GREAT, the creation of NOD program, external funding from NSF, and the development of the wintership concept, her impact and contributions towards advancing graduate education across Tufts are enormous.

In 2012, she became the Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Among her many roles in this capacity, she has helped individual students perform at their very best and sometimes when facing their most daunting challenges. Her deep understanding of human nature and conflict resolution have been critical as she has helped guide students through a wide variety of academic grievances and difficult life choices. In every case, she has provided guidance that is filled with grace and wisdom.

For me, it has been my pleasure to work with her over the last few years. Her wise counsel has saved the students and faculty from my most “creative” ideas and helped to retain the very best ones. It has been greatly appreciated.

As she steps away, little will slow Sinaia down. In the next few years Sinaia will be traveling, and sharing her time between Tel Aviv & Boston. She is already contracted to consult for higher-education organizations in both cities. In addition, she will continue to be affiliated with Tufts by providing workshops in the areas of her expertise and returning for one last round of the GIFT program next summer.

So, speaking for all of us, it has been our privilege to work with you over all these years. Your passion infuses everything that you do – Tufts owes much to your commitment, creativity, and generosity in sharing your heart and soul with all in the graduate community and beyond. Please join me in celebrating Sinaia’s outstanding and long-lasting contributions to Tufts. There is no replacing you, you are truly one-of-a kind. On behalf of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Psychology, I respectfully request that this resolution be spread on the minutes and that a copy of it be provided to Associate Dean Nathanson.

PRESIDENT MONACO: At this time, I call on Jim Glaser to say a few words about Jillian Dubman.

Remarks about Jillian Dubman’s departure
DEAN GLASER: This, alas, is Jillian’s last day at Tufts. Jillian started here 13 years ago. I believe she started matriculation day, and in Jillian style, she did the complete cycle, 13 times. She knew how much help we all need. We had a great celebration of Jillian in Ballou Hall last week. She’s done a lot for us with her council, advice, and keeping the trains running. I just wanted to say that here in this room as it seems appropriate to have the sentiment spread across the minutes the faculty.

Recognition of Distinction Award Winners from AS&E

PRESIDENT MONACO: We are going to carry on with the 3rd year of a new tradition at this meeting. At this time, we would like to recognize all of the AS&E recipients of Tufts Distinction Awards over the summer. Please stand when your name is called so we can recognize you: Mary Ann DiRamio from the Gordon Institute; Kristin Finch from the School of Engineering; Beth Ann Frasso from chemical engineering, and now University Advancement; Elizabeth Gottlieb from international relations; and Branwen Smith-King from athletics, who has since retired from Tufts. On behalf of everyone, congratulations again to our colleagues who have won these awards. Where are they? Okay, in absentia.

Remarks from President Monaco

PRESIDENT MONACO: We are excited to begin another year and I hope that this summer was both refreshing and productive for everyone. I wanted to mention what has happened in Charlottesville and say that the university will continue to speak out because these important issues affect our community and higher education at large. I think it will be a busy year for making statements.

On campus, there has been a great deal of construction activity including a number of renovation projects. The Central Energy Plant is now completed and the Cogen equipment is now being tested and will be online in a couple of months. The sidewalk will be restored the week of September 11th. The work is largely complete at the intersection of College Ave and Boston Ave. Weather permitting, line striping will be completed during overnight shifts before September 6th; handrails and guardrails will be done the week of September 4th. The iron fence installation at the hill will occur in October. The sidewalks are wider, there are more points for pedestrians to cross, and it is generally safer now.

In capital planning, the Cummings building was originally planned to be an air rights building, but it was too cost prohibitive now that there won’t be a proper station. Our new building that we refer to as the terra firma option will house math, economics, the Gordon Institute, among other departments. It will be designed between now and March 2018, then a two-year construction, with expected completion in the fall of 2020. The T is expected to open in late 2021.

We have many new classrooms and social interaction spaces. After the Dana Barnum renovation is complete, it will house Tisch College, TIE, environmental studies, sustainability. CIERP, film and media studies, the art studios relocated from Lane Hall, and offices from engineering and Fletcher. The two auditoriums will remain, there will be additional classroom spaces, and there is improved circulation in the building. We are targeting occupancy in mid-2019 following construction that begins in early 2018.
Projects to advance residential life include work on our wood-frame houses over the spring and summer on the Medford side, in Miller from May 2018 to January 2019, followed immediate by Houston to be completed by fall 2019.

We continue to be tremendously proud of our faculty scholarship and educational innovation, and we were listed in the Nature index as the 11th most innovative university in the world based on third party patents referencing our research. David will speak more on the academic side.

In student life, the Greek life investigations continues over the summer and the Student Life Review Committee gave an update to the community in June and we will release the full report in the coming weeks along with a detailed outline of plans to implement their recommendations. There has already been much activity underway this summer on issues ranging from social spaces to hazing prevention. There will also be enhancements to social spaces including the repurposing of our former Brown & Brew into a multipurpose room. This will be a topic of discussion at an upcoming AS&E faculty meeting.

Work continues on the Task Force for Student Mental Health. The working groups on undergraduates and graduate-professional students were active this summer and we are considering better provisions of mental health services and counseling. You will hear more at the end of the semester as the group winds down and makes its report.

We had a good end of year, financially, and we have continued efforts to ensure Tufts has resources, facilities, and infrastructure for students and faculty to flourish. The budget for FY17, we predicted a $6.7 million surplus; that ended up being improved to $13 million university-wide. The surplus was very modest given that we have a $900 million budget across the university. Jim and Jianmin’s budgets continue to be constrained as they try to bring the budget to break-even. There are no reserves for capital investments in the future. Hats off to Joe Auner, to colleagues, and Karen Mulder who have worked on improving the summer session, which this year provided $1 million dollars more income than it did last year. We hope to use our assets to drive more students to campus during future summers.

In advancements and campaign planning, this is the second year that they were above their goal. The overall achievement was $145 million, exceeding our annual goal of $140 million. $83.9 million came from AS&E and the AS&E annual giving fund, or the Tufts Fund, was up $10.4 million from last year, a significant increase of 9%. Participation of alumni was up 6% in the number of undergraduate donors, resulting in a 22% increase in alumni participation overall. That’s important for our US News & World Report rankings.

We also have two special events coming up on campus soon: the opening of the Allen Discovery Center is September 19th and the SEC officially opens on October 13th.

As you can see, we are expecting a busy and productive year. I hope you are looking forward to a good academic year ahead.

Remarks from Provost Harris
PROVOST HARRIS: I first want to say congratulations to Karen Richardson; Lee Coffin had been here for a long time and Karen has taken over, and you’ll see tomorrow the fantastic students she was able to recruit to Tufts. Congrats. Matriculation is tomorrow. If you’re on the fence about attending, I encourage you to go because two things in the last week showed me how important it is. There is no matriculation at my daughter’s school; at Tufts, it’s a great ceremony marking a transition for all of us, and it’s nice for parents to see the faculty take the time to come. I met with one family from Mumbai whose first child to go to school outside India is starting Tufts this year. They were so impressed with how friendly and inviting the faculty have been and so I want to thank and encourage you to attend matriculation.

A few updates: let’s start with the faculty senate. We talked a lot about this in the last year and thank you to A&S&E separately. They have now met and had their elections and members of AS&E were both elected on their Executive Committee. They will be involved in Diversity and Inclusion, benefits discussions with the VP of HR, and involved in T10 strategic plan.

Secondly an update on Diversity and Inclusion. We recently hired our new Chief Diversity Officer, Amy Freeman. We are excited to have her; she joins us from Penn State and you’ll see her tomorrow at matriculation. She actually starts in a week and a half, but she is making a special trip just to see matriculation. The Bridging Differences Initiative talks about issues of free speech across the country. We look at research that builds on experience at Tufts and across the world so we can better answer the questions, how do we as a university engage better? We try to get out in front of issues before there are protests and speakers. We have posted a video on it on the provost’s website. The last thing around Diversity and Inclusion is about the disturbing events happening in Charlottesville and across the country over the last several months. I taught classes on race and policy, and I wish I still was right now; we know that not everyone deals with these topics, but they will creep in. CELT created resources last March when we knew who the presidential candidates were and that is back up on the front of their website.

The Residential Strategies Working Group asked how many undergraduates we should have at Tufts. It seems like adding one wouldn’t matter much, but doubling the population would be a big deal. The RSWG is looking at ways to increase revenue and reinvest it in the university with a focus on students. They are thinking about housing, the right number of students for Tufts, and taking into account the student experience. They will approach appropriate AS&E committees before any decisions are made.

Simin Meydani is the point person on the OVPR’s strategic plan. She handles transactions, compliance, and strategy, especially how we could do strategy better and where the cross-school efforts are.

Lastly, a faculty committee did work over the summer on DISC, the Data-Intensive Studies Center, and we are about to launch a search for a director to manage research and education.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT MONACO: We are very fortunate to have had so many successful full-time faculty searches in Arts and Sciences and Engineering this year, and we are also happy to introduce some SMFA faculty who were unable to attend this meeting last year. We are excited that all of
our new colleagues are able to be here today, and we look forward to meeting you at the Provost’s reception following the meeting. After a previous discussion with the Executive Committee, we have asked each department chair and administrator to limit his/her introductory remarks for each new faculty or staff member so that we can keep the meeting moving and make it to that reception. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

I now call on Dean Glaser to announce newly tenured and/or promoted faculty members, as well as new faculty appointments, in the School of Arts and Sciences. Jillian or Erica will bring microphones to each person who is making an introduction today, so if you are making an introduction, you don’t need to worry about coming down to the front. I ask that you hold the applause until the end of the announcements.

INTRODUCTIONS
Newly Tenured and Promoted Faculty Members in A&S&E

DEAN GLASER: Thank you, Tony. It is a time to celebrate our colleagues who have been promoted to full Professor. Please stand if you are here. David Art, political science; Gary Bedell, occupational therapy; Mitch McVey, biology; Christy McWayne, child study and human development; Jayanthi Mistry, child study and human development; Sarah Pinto, anthropology; and Christina Sharpe, English. Congratulations.

I ask James Rice to please stand, granted tenure at the rank of professor.

Granted tenure at the rank of Associate Professor are Cedric De Leon, sociology, pending August TAAC decision, and Silke Forbes from economics.

Promoted to associate professor with tenure: Tim Atherton, physics and astronomy; Hugo Beauchemin, physics and astronomy; Eitan Hersh, political science; John Lurz, English; Nimah Mazaheri, political science; Noe Montez, drama and dance; and Anna Sajina, physics and astronomy.

As part of the CBA, we have set a more robust avenue to senior lecturer. Please stand: Rana Abdul-Aziz, international literary and cultural studies; Maria Juliana Berte, romance languages; Anne De Laire Mulgrew, romance languages; Hedda Harari-Spencer, International literary and cultural studies; Jessica Harney, occupational therapy; Maria Lagunas Davis, romance languages; Paul Lehrman, music; Penn Loh, urban and environmental policy and planning; Amy Millay, romance languages; Barbara Parmenter, urban and environmental policy and planning; Ann Roppaport, urban and environmental policy and planning; Anne-Christine Rice, romance languages; Cynthia Robinson, education; Joel Smith, music; and Jonathan Witten, urban and environmental policy and planning.

New Professorships in A&S&E

DEAN GLASER: As for our new named professorships, it is a great honor and recognition that the university values your scholarship and work here: Joseph Auner, Austin Fletcher Professor of Music; James Rice, Walter S. Dickson Professor of English and American History; Susan
Napier, Goldthwaite Professor of Rhetoric; and Vickie Sullivan, Cornelia M. Jackson Professor in Political Science.

**New/Interim Department Chairs in A&S&E**

DEAN GLASER: We have two new and interim department chairs: Anne Gardulski in earth and ocean sciences and Alisha Rankin in history.

**New/Interim Program Directors in A&S&E**

DEAN GLASER: The following are new and interim program directors: Pawan Dhingra, Asian American studies; Adriana Zavala, consortium of studies in race, colonialism and diaspora and Latino studies; Kelly Greenhill, international relations; Souhad Zendah, middle eastern studies; and Hilary Binda, women’s, gender, and sexuality studies.

Now I’d like to call on the department representatives and program directors to introduce new faculty. We’ll start with art and art history and Christina Maranci.

**New Full-time Faculty Members in A&S&E**

PROF. MARANCI: Join me in welcoming Diana Martinez. Diana Martinez received her Ph.D. in architecture history and theory from Columbia University, where she also received her Masters of Architecture. She received her B.A. in architecture from UC Berkeley. She has practiced as an architect in San Francisco, Manila and New York. Professor Martinez has taught design, history, and theory courses at Columbia University, Cornell University, Barnard College, and the Pratt Institute. Her teaching interests center around the problems and possibilities of a global architectural history. She is currently working on the manuscript for her book, *Concrete Colonialism: Architecture, Infrastructure, Urbanism and the American Colonization of the Philippines*. Professor Martinez will also take on the role of Director of Architectural Studies.

DEAN GLASER: And now Harry Bernheim in biology.

PROF. BERNHEIM: Norah Warchola, who joins biology full time, has been a part-time lecturer in the Department of Biology since 2016. She received her B.S. in biology and her Ph.D. in ecology and evolution from Stony Brook University. Previously, she was a post-doctoral research associate at Harvard and Tufts studying Fender’s blue butterfly and Bartram’s Scrub-Hairstreak butterfly. Professor Warchola has published in the *Journal of Applied Ecology* and the *Journal of Insect Conservation*, and she has been a member of the Ecological Society of America since 2005. The department is delighted and looks forward to her future academic successes.

DEAN GLASER: Jennifer Allen in community health.

PROF. ALLEN: Adolfo Cuevas joins Tufts most recently after a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard’s school of public health. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. in applied psychology from Portland State University. And a fun fact, he recently developed a taste for oysters.
Michelle Stransky joined us last year at the 11th hour and is full time this year. Her research interests are in health disparities and disabilities.

DEAN GLASER: Heather Nathans in drama and dance.

PROF. NATHANS: Drama and dance and film and media studies are delighted to introduce Tasha Oren. Her research interests are in exploring topics as diverse as the creation of Israeli television and the origin of cooking shows like that of Julia Child. She comes from Milwaukee so she already has her snow boots. We are thrilled to have her here.

DEAN GLASER: Dan Richards, economics

PROF. RICHARDS: Economics is happy to welcome Silke Forbes, whose research interests include industrial economics, entrepreneurship, innovation, and market structure. Her field is industrial organization, which is the same as my field, so this would be a good time to talk about me, right? Maybe not. She is a terrific colleague and we welcome her to Tufts.

DEAN GLASER: Greg Carleton, international literary and cultural studies

PROF CARLETON: On behalf of international literary and cultural studies, it is my pleasure to introduce Annie Pfeifer. The 30 second cap is not enough to describe her. She is truly an international scholar, with work in Germany, Iran, and Africa. Her interdisciplinary research includes hoarding, and she wrote a great op-ed in the New York Times this summer about raising children in the age of Trump.

DEAN GLASER: Loring Tu, mathematics.

PROF TU: David Smyth comes to Tufts from the Australian National University, Canberra where he has taught since 2013. He received his M.A.S. in mathematics from Cambridge University and his Ph.D. from Harvard. Professor Smyth’s area of research and teaching is in algebraic geometry, and he also sang roles with a Canberra regional opera company.

DEAN GLASER: We’re looking forward to you singing Alma Mater tomorrow.

PROF SMYTH: Be careful what you wish for!

DEAN GLASER: Boris Hasselblatt, mathematics

PROF HASSELBLATT: Alexandru Hening joins Tufts from Imperial College London. His research interests include stochastic processes and partial differential equations and their applications to mathematical ecology. He will be a great addition to the math department.

DEAN GLASER: Gary Bedell, occupational therapy.

PROF BEDELL: Jessica Harney has taught at Tufts since 2013 in both physical therapy and occupational therapy. She received a bachelor’s degree in occupational therapy from Boston University and a doctor of physical therapy from the MGH Institute of Health Professions.
DEAN GLASER: Hugh Gallagher in physics and astronomy.

PROF GALLAGHER: Taritree Wongjirad comes to Tufts from a post doc at MIT. He received his B.S. in physics and B.A. in philosophy from Yale University in 2006 and his Ph.D. in physics from Duke University in 2014. Professor Wongjirad is an expert in hardware development of next-generation particle detectors, as well as in the analysis techniques, such as deep learning, required to extract maximal information from them. He has mentored high school and university students, and also interned for Senator Byron Dorgan in North Dakota, his home state.

DEAN GLASER: Debbie Schildkraut, political science.

PROF SCHILDKRAUT: Eitan Hersh joins Tufts as an associate professor. He got his Ph.D. from Harvard, and his B.A. from Tufts in 2005. He is the author of Hacking the Electorate which is about how voter data affects elections. He has written for the New York Times, 538, and The Boston Globe, and he may be the only member of the university whose research has been parodied in The Onion.

DEAN GLASER: Joe Auner, stepping in for religion.

DEAN AUNER: Elana Jefferson-Tatum is a wonderful hire in religion and the consortium of studies in race, colonialism, and diaspora and she truly brings those departments together. Her research looks at how religion can be understood by looking at race, colonialism, and diaspora. She will teach two classes, Africana Sacred Matters and Translating Vodoun. She is also the mother to a very cute two-year old.

DEAN GLASER: Nancy Bauer for the SMFA at Tufts.

DEAN BAUER: I’ll start with Jeannie Simms, who is an old hand at the SMFA for a number of years. She is a world-renowned photographer who has shown at a number of great institutions including MoMA. Among her exhibitions are her excellent portraits of some of the first few same sex couples to be married. She will now be director of the MFA program.

Silvia Bottinelli joins visual and critical studies. Her active research is connected to the way she teaches. Her interest is in Italian art in the post-fascist period and in food studies in art. She is also spearheading the effort to use sustainable materials at the SMFA. She was on leave from the SMFA last year and we are thrilled to have her back teaching.

The SMFA was always one of the best places to study performance art, but in the recent past the program diminished. We made a conscious decision to build it up again and we are thrilled to have two new professors of the practice in that area. Danielle Abrams is no stranger to this space [Balch Arena]. As soon as she joined last year as a visiting artist, she worked with Noe Montez and Kareem Khubchandani. Her work reflects on the fact that she has a Jewish mother from
Queens and a black father, like when she put her head in borscht and asks you to think about what that means. We’re thrilled; welcome.

There was fierce competition for the performance search and we hired Anthony Romero. His work is consciousness-raising, asking what does it mean to be a citizen in a world where social justice seems to be shrinking from view? He is a proponent of artistic citizenry and he will be starting something on the Tufts campus. He represents everything that the SMFA has been traditionally about. We also welcome his wife Abby, a collaborator at the SMFA.

Irina Yakubov is from Uzbekistan. She works in video and multi-channel and single-channel video installations. Her work focuses on what it's like to be an immigrant in this country.

DEAN GLASER: Finally, Pawan Dhingra from sociology.

PROF DHINGRA: Cedric de Leon received his M.Phil. from Cambridge University and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He comes to Tufts after serving as department chair and associate professor of sociology at Providence College. He will take on directing the American Studies Program next year.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I now call on Dean Qu to announce newly tenured and/or promoted faculty members, as well as new faculty appointments, in the School of Engineering.

DEAN QU: Pleasure to make the following announcement. Please stand when you are announced. Promotion to Professor: Irene Georgakoudi in biomedical engineering.

Tenure at the rank of Professor: Helen Suh, computer science.

Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor: Shuchin Aeron, electrical and computer engineering; Usman Khan, electrical and computer engineering; and Daniele Lantagne, civil and environmental engineering.

Jivko Sinapov has been named the newly established James Schmoltze Assistant Professor of Computer Science.

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce that Laurie Baise is named the department chair for civil and environmental engineering effective September 1st. Please join me in congratulating these new promotions and appointments.

I now call on some department chairs to introduce new faculty. Kurt Pennell from civil and environmental engineering.

PROF PENNELL: Jonathan Lamontagne received a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of New Hampshire in 2009. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. in environmental water resources systems analysis from Cornell University in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Jonathan studies the water resource group, uncertainty, and robustness issues for models of the integrated human-climate system. Please join me in welcoming Jonathan.
Amy Pickering received her B.S. in biological engineering from Cornell University, her M.S. in civil and environmental engineering from UC Berkeley, and her Ph.D. in environment and resources from Stanford University. Before arriving at Tufts, Professor Pickering was a senior fellow at Stanford University’s Center for Innovation in Global Health as well as a research scientist in civil and environmental engineering. Please join me in welcoming Amy.

DEAN QU: Kathleen Fisher from Computer Science.

PROF FISHER: It is a pleasure to introduce our new colleagues. Susan Landau will be a bridge professor with Fletcher. She received her B.A. from Princeton University, her M.S. from Cornell University, and her Ph.D. from MIT. She has been a visiting professor in the Department of Computer Science at University College London, with prior experience at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Google, Harvard, and SunMicrosystems Laboratories. She recently wrote and published *Surveillance or Security? The Risks Posed by New Wiretapping*.

Liping Liu began his association with the Department of Computer Science as a visiting assistant professor in the summer of 2016. Over the last year he has held the position of post-doctoral associate at Columbia University working with David Blei on aspects of machine learning. Professor Liu, who earned his doctorate at Oregon State University, is interested in probabilistic modeling, classification, and clustering within machine learning. He applies these machine learning techniques to ecology studies. We look forward to collaborating with him here.

Megan Monroe comes to Tufts from IBM research, where she designed and developed visual analytics tools for a wide range of Watson technologies, including client-facing interfaces, as well as visual dashboards to enable the back-end debugging of machine learning algorithms. Megan’s doctoral work at the University of Maryland focused on the analysis of temporal, event-based records, such as electronic health records and transaction logs. Her interests cover not only a wide range of computation, but also the application of computational thinking as a general problem-solving technique. We are happy to welcome her to the department full time now.

Jivko Sinapov was just named the James Schmoltze Assistant Professor of Computer Science. His work is in developmental robotics and how they learn what they do in order to interact with the environment.

**New Administrators**

PRESIDENT MONACO: At this time, we will introduce the new administrators who have recently joined Tufts. I am also requesting that you hold your applause until the end of the introductions.

I call on David Harris, Provost and Senior Vice President.

PROVOST HARRIS: When Sherman left, our first search did not produce a hire. But from this new search, I am happy that we got Abi Williams to fill the position of Director of the Institute for Global Leadership. Abi got his Ph.D. at Fletcher in law and diplomacy. He held an amazing and interesting series of positions at Georgetown, The Hague Institute for Global Justice, and in the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, where he was a principal adviser.
to Secretaries-General Ban Ki-moon and Kofi Annan. He is the perfect person to bring the IGL into its next manifestation. He is insightful, has written books, articles, and chapters, and brings his expertise in peacekeeping and conflict management to Tufts.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Jim Glaser, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

DEAN GLASER: There is a line in The Godfather, “just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in” – this is true for Margery Davies, who will serve as Interim Secretary of the Faculty for AS&E. She was associate dean of faculty affairs in AS&E for a number of years and now she holds this seat until we replace the irreplaceable Jillian Dubman.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I now call on Jianmin Qu, Dean of the School of Engineering.

DEAN QU: This summer Craig Thomas joined us as Director of Marketing and Communications. He came to us from Wilkes University in Pennsylvania. There, Craig led the university’s digital marketing and recruitment efforts, building and implementing a creative strategy driven by data analytics. He created the university’s first social media strategy and spearheaded the strategic redesign and launch of a new university website.

Bruce Panilaitis, Director of the Science and Engineering Complex, which he has been managing all summer. Bruce will be the project management liaison between groups and individuals moving into the new Science and Engineering Complex (SEC) and the service providers who are preparing the space. He will serve as the point person for user requests, and will manage use of the building by occupants and members of the Tufts community. Although today is Bruce’s first official day as the SEC Director, he will work to ensure a smooth transition from his former position as senior research administrator for the School of Engineering.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Nancy Bauer, Dean of the SMFA at Tufts and Dean of Academic Affairs for A&S.

DEAN BAUER: Dina Deitsch is our new Director and Chief Curator of University Art Galleries. I don’t think she is here. We are writing and texting, but we never talked about this meeting. Dina emerged after very serious, long, and intense search for this position. It is critical for Tufts to be known in arts as well as in sciences, law, social sciences, and humanities. She started July 1st and she has done amazing work here at the art gallery and the exhibition space at the SMFA. Dina comes from the Carpenter Center at Harvard. Before that she was a curator at the deCordova Museum, and she is extremely well-known regionally for pulling people and exhibitions together in interesting ways. She has really intellectually interesting exhibits and collaborations, is very energetic, and I’m thrilled to have her here.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Mary Pat McMahon, Dean of Student Affairs.

DEAN McMAHON: Dr. Linda Daniels will now be serving on a permanent basis as Senior Director of Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion for the Division of Student Affairs. She assumed this role as an interim, part-time position in addition to her clinical work at the Counseling and Mental Health Services this past February. Linda received her Doctorate and Master’s in clinical psychology from Long Island University (C.W. Post Campus). Prior to joining Tufts, Dr. Daniels
served for seven years as a faculty member and Director of the Doctoral Forensic Psychology Concentration Program at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology (now the William James College). She will provide direct supervision of the Africana Center, Asian American Center, Latino Center, LGBT Center, and Women’s Center Directors, and ensure coordination of social justice leadership programming across the Division and in coordination with the University Chaplaincy.

Now I’ll pass it over to Linda Daniels for some more introductions.

MS. DANIELS: We have two great hires at our centers. Hope Freeman, at the LGBT Center, earned her M.S. in school management from Simmons and Africana studies from Smith College. Her non-profit work with youths and adolescents focuses on advocacy and social justice especially with LGBTQ populations. K Martinez is the new director of the Women’s Center. They earned their M.A. in higher education administration from Boston College and a B.A. in history and journalism from Loyola University-New Orleans. Prior to their arrival at Tufts, they worked at Stanford as the Associate Director of the Diversity and First Generation Office.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Raymond Ou, Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

ASSOCIATE DEAN OU: Kevin Kraft is our new Director of Community Standards, which was a position held by Mickey Toogood. He started in February and comes to us from MIT where he spent four years as Director of Student Citizenship. He holds a Master’s degree in education leadership from Oklahoma State and a Bachelors from Marquette. He is a member of the Association of Student Conduct Administrators and the board member of the Association of Threat Assessment professionals.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I now call on Carmen Lowe, Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

DEAN LOWE: I am pleased to announce two new alpha deans. As you may know, Jean retired and Joe left for another university. I am thrilled to introduce Kendra Barber, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Advising for A-G portion of undergraduates. She comes from the University of Maryland where she was an undergraduate academic advisor and worked with grant funded diversity initiatives. A sociologist by training, she uses her experience to understand how the culture of universities does not always produce an inclusive environment for all students, and she applies this understanding to help students better navigate bureaucratic procedures, campus resources, and academic expectations. She has been recognized for excellence in teaching and advising.

Robin Olinsky is the new Associate Dean of Undergraduate Advising for P-Z portion of undergraduates. She came from the Tufts Academic Resource Center where she trained 140 peer tutors. Recent accomplishments include re-vamping the curriculum for and teaching a successful seminar for students facing academic probation, and launching the first annual Academic Support Summit for Tufts faculty and advisors. Robin earned her B.A. in theatre studies from Wellesley College and her M.A. in Theatre Education from Emerson College. Prior to coming to Tufts, Robin taught middle school and helped design the curriculum for a new charter school. Please join me in congratulating them on their new roles.
PRESIDENT MONACO: I now call on Dorothy Meaney, Interim Director, Tisch Library.

MS. MEANEY: Elizabeth Settoducato, who is our new Engineering Research and Instruction Librarian, joined Tisch on June 1st after earning her degree from the University of Michigan, where she was a member of the library associates program. Her expertise is in comics and graphic novels, and she has an interest in diversity and inclusion and social justice.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Dawn Terkla, Associate Provost.

ASSOCIATE PROVOST TERKLA: Jessica Sharkness was recently promoted to Director of the Office of Institutional Research and Evaluation. This is her second tour of duty at Tufts; she has been with us cumulatively for ten years. She went to Dartmouth and UCLA, and we expect many creative new initiatives from her office.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Alan Solomont, Dean of Tisch College for Civic Life.

DEAN SOLOMONT: It is my privilege and pleasure to introduce our new Associate Dean, Colonel Diane Ryan. We had a national search and found a star. Diane was recommended to us by Professor Rich Lerner who is working with her on a large research project to assess character development in the military. Diane served 29 years in the Army, where she was a paratrooper. When she was deployed to Iraq, she worked with and created a support network for women serving for the first time in the Iraqi Army. She comes to us from U.S. Military Academy at West Point where she was an Academy Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. During her tenure working on the Admissions Committee, the number of women admitted to the Academy doubled. In addition to her duties at Tisch, she is also an Adjunct Associate Professor of Child Studies and Human Development in the Eliot-Pearson Department. To paraphrase Casablanca, I think this is the beginning of beautiful relationship.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Patricia Campbell, Executive Vice President.

EXECUTIVE VP CAMPBELL: I’d like to introduce Barb Stein, our new Vice President of Operations. She is in charge of all of our capital programs, dining, and public safety. I am delighted to find that the best candidate was already at Tufts; she has been here since 2013. You can thank her for the SEC coming in on budget and on time. She also has experience working around Boston in construction and project management.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on John Morris, Athletic Director.

MR. MORRIS: We welcome Alexis Mastronardi to the Jumbo family as our new Senior Associate Athletic Director/SWA. She is basically the COO of our department. Alexis is a Boston native and graduate of Melrose High. She got her B.A. from Skidmore College, and two masters degrees, one from BU and another from Emmanuel. She has experience in the corrections system – she worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department. She was an intercollegiate athlete and, fun fact, she has three more Boston Marathon finishes than me, which means she has three Boston Marathon finishes.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Jim Glaser.
DEAN GLASER: I wanted to let everyone know that John Macdonald will perform an original composition in honor of Jillian at the Provost’s reception.

PRESIDENT MONACO: The meeting is adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted,

Margery Davies
Interim Secretary of the Faculty for Arts, Sciences & Engineering

Minutes taken by Lindsay Riordan
Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Faculty for Arts, Sciences & Engineering
APPENDIX
New Faculty Biographies 2017-2018

**Diana Martinez, Assistant Professor, Art and Art History**
Diana Martinez received her Ph.D. in architecture history and theory from Columbia University, where she also received her Masters of Architecture. She received her B.A. in architecture from UC Berkeley. She has practiced as an architect in San Francisco, Manila and New York. Professor Martinez has taught design, history, and theory courses at Columbia University, Cornell University, Barnard College, and the Pratt Institute. Her teaching interests center around the problems and possibilities of a Global Architectural History. She is currently working on the manuscript for her book, *Concrete Colonialism: Architecture, Infrastructure, Urbanism and the American Colonization of the Philippines*. Professor Martinez will also take on the role of Director of Architectural Studies.

**Norah Warchola, Lecturer, Biology**
Norah Warchola has been a part-time lecturer in the Department of Biology since 2016. She received her B.S. in biology and her Ph.D. in ecology and evolution from Stony Brook University. Previously, she was a post-doctoral research associate at Harvard and Tufts studying Fender’s blue butterfly and Bartram’s Scrub-Hairstreak butterfly. Professor Warchola has published in the *Journal of Applied Ecology* and the *Journal of Insect Conservation*, and she has been a member of the Ecological Society of America since 2005.

**Amy Pickering, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering**
Amy Pickering received her B.S. in biological engineering from Cornell University, her M.S. in civil and environmental engineering from UC Berkeley, and her Ph.D. in environment and resources from Stanford University. Before arriving at Tufts, Professor Pickering was a senior fellow at the Stanford University’s Center for Innovation in Global Health as well as a research scientist in civil and environmental engineering. She has previously worked as an environmental engineer in the Office of Water for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., participated in tsunami relief work in Sri Lanka, and served as the director of project development for a nonprofit organization in La Paz, Mexico. Professor Pickering’s research combines tools from multiple disciplines to study the sustainability and child health impacts of water, hygiene, and sanitation interventions in low-income settings. She is also interested in the links between climate change, water access, and infectious disease. Her academic career has its foundation in biological and environmental engineering, while her doctoral training was in Stanford University’s Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources.

**Jonathan Lamontagne, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering**
Jonathan Lamontagne received a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of New Hampshire in 2009. As an undergraduate, he worked as a math tutor, a construction laborer, and a hazardous waste inspector for the NH Department of Environmental Services. He was also an exchange student at Heriot Watt University in Scotland for 6 months. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. in environmental water resources systems analysis from Cornell University in 2014 and 2015, respectively. His graduate studies focused on flood frequency analysis and the
incorporation of uncertainty in hydropower systems planning, which included close collaboration with researchers and engineers in various federal agencies including the USGS, USACE, USBR, and the BPA. As a graduate student, he was the recipient of a 3-year graduate research fellowship from the Hydro Research Foundation. Following his graduate studies, Professor Lamontagne worked as a postdoctoral research associate at Cornell University, studying uncertainty and robustness issues for models of the integrated human-climate system.

**Adolfo Cuevas, Assistant Professor, Community Health**
Adolfo Cuevas comes to Tufts after a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard’s school of public health. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. in applied psychology from Portland State University. His research focuses on the social determinants of health for racial and ethnic minorities. He is currently studying the association between perceived discrimination and health among Dominican community members as well as the moderating role of acculturation status and heritage group between sociocultural stress exposures and obesity. Professor Cuevas has published in the *American Journal of Public Health*, *Psychology and Health*, the *American Journal of Health Behavior*, *Women’s Health*, and the *Oxford Handbook of Integrative Health Science*. He has received grants from the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

**Michelle Stransky, Lecturer, Community Health**
Michelle Stransky received her M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of New Hampshire. Her work focuses on access to health care and health care utilization among underserved populations, specifically people with disabilities and complex health issues, across the lifespan. Currently, she is examining these outcomes among adults with communication disabilities with a team of scholars from the fields of medicine and speech and language therapy. Her teaching expertise includes U.S. health care systems, research methods, and statistics. Professor Stransky has contributed to grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. She has published in the *Disability and Health Journal, Medical Care*, and the *Public Health Reports*. She also serves on the Academy Health Disability Research Interest Group.

**Susan Landau, Bridge Professor, Computer Science and the Fletcher School**
Susan Landau received her B.A. from Princeton University, her M.S. from Cornell University, and her Ph.D. from MIT. She has been a visiting professor in the Department of Computer Science at University College London, with prior experience at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Google, Harvard, and SunMicrosystems Laboratories. She currently serves on the National Academies’ Forum on Cyber Resilience and is an editor for the *Journal of Cybersecurity* and Lawfareblog. Professor Landau has also written or co-written several books, including *Surveillance or Security? The Risks Posed by New Wiretapping Technologies* and *Privacy on the Line: the Politics of Wiretapping and Encryption*.
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Jivko Sinapov, Assistant Professor, Computer Science
Jivko Sinapov received his Ph.D. in computer science and human-computer interaction from Iowa State University in the fall of 2013. While working towards his Ph.D. at ISU’s Developmental Robotics Lab, he developed novel methods for behavioral object exploration and multi-modal perception. He was a clinical assistant professor with the Texas Institute for Discovery, Education, and Science at UT Austin and a postdoctoral associate working with Peter Stone at the Artificial Intelligence lab. His research interests include developmental robotics, computational perception, autonomous manipulation, and human-robot interaction.

Tasha Oren, Visiting Associate Professor, Drama and Dance & Film and Media Studies
Tasha Oren comes to Tufts from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she was associate professor since 2007 and served as director of film studies and head of the cinema, media and digital studies program. She received her B.F.A. from NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts, her M.A. from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Professor Oren’s research focus is on U.S. and global media history and theory. She is the author of Demon in the Box: Jews, Arabs, Politics and Culture in the Making of Israeli Television and has edited several books including Global Television Formats – Understanding Television Across Borders, which won the Best Edited Collection, 2013 prize from the Society for Cinema and Media Studies Book Award. Her newest project is a history of food media and a co-edited volume on contemporary feminism, both under contract with Routledge Press. Professor Oren also serves on the editorial board for Television and New
Media, and is a member of the Media Across Borders scholars’ consortium and the Society for Cinema and Media Studies.

**Silke Forbes, Associate Professor, Economics**
Silke Forbes received her M.A. from the University of Manheim in 1999 and her Ph.D. from MIT in 2003, both in economics. She taught at UC San Diego from 2003-2012 and at Case Western Reserve University since 2012. Professor Forbes has published most recently in the *American Economic Journal – Microeconomics*, the *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, and the *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*. She won the Mather Spotlight Prize for Women’s Scholarship from Case Western in 2013, and received a grant from the NSF for her project “Strategic Response to Public Disclosure Programs: Evidence from the U.S. Airline Industry.” Professor Forbes’ research interests include industrial economics, entrepreneurship, innovation, and market structure.

**Annie Pfeifer, Assistant Professor, International Literary and Cultural Studies**
Annie Pfeifer received her M.A. from the University of Toronto and her Ph.D. from the Department of Comparative Literature at Yale University. Her research and teaching interests include literary and political theory, aesthetics, visual and material culture, ecocriticism and discard studies, and museum studies. She is currently at work on her book manuscript, entitled *To the Collector Belong the Spoils*, which examines the relationship between the techniques of literary modernism and twentieth-century practices of collecting objects, focusing on Walter Benjamin, Carl Einstein, and Henry James. She has several articles forthcoming on Benjamin, hoarding and queer theory, and Iran’s role in Germany’s leftist discourse that will appear in journals like *New German Critique* and critical anthologies such as *Que(e)rying Consent* and *Iran and the West*. She is the recipient of a DAAD post-doctoral fellowship and is currently a fellow at the Robert Walser Center in Switzerland. Before coming to Tufts, she has taught at Rutgers University and the University of Bern. She joins Tufts as a specialist in modern German and comparative literature.

**Alexandru Hening, Assistant Professor, Mathematics**
Alexandru Hening joins Tufts from Imperial College London, where he held the position of Chapman Fellow for one year. He spent 2013 to 2016 at the University of Oxford as a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Statistics. He received his B.S. from Jacobs University Bremen in Germany and his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, both in math. Professor Hening has published in the *Journal of Mathematical Biology*, *Electronic Communications in Probability*, and the *Annals of Applied Probability*. His research interests include stochastic processes and partial differential equations and their applications to mathematical ecology, physics, and mathematical finance. Recent publications include, “Stochastic population growth in spatially heterogeneous environments: the density-dependent case,” and “Persistence in Stochastic Lotka—Volterra food chains with intraspecific competition.”

**David Smyth, Assistant Professor, Mathematics**
David Smyth comes to Tufts from the Australian National University, Canberra where he has taught since 2013. He received his M.A.S. in mathematics from Cambridge University and his Ph.D. from Harvard. Professor Smyth’s area of research and teaching is in algebraic geometry, with an emphasis on the geometry of moduli spaces of curves, algebraic stacks, and singularities. He has written or co-written articles for the *Journal of Algebraic Geometry*, *Compositio Mathematica*, and *Inventiones Mathematicae*. Recent publications include, “Second Flip of the Hassett-Keele Program: Existence of Good Moduli Spaces.” He has taught courses in algebra, geometry, number theory, and cryptography.

**Jessica Harney, Senior Lecturer, Occupational Therapy**

Jessica Harney has taught at Tufts since 2013. She received a bachelor’s degree in occupational therapy from Boston University and a doctor of physical therapy from the MGH Institute of Health Professions in 2006. She has worked as a director of rehabilitation services, physical therapist, and occupational therapist, and she has been president of New England Disabled Sports since 2015. Professor Harney has also worked as the International Paralympics Medical Classifier for Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding and the head of US Paralympics Medical Classification for Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding. She will now be the Director of the entry-level Master’s program and will spearhead the development of a new entry-level clinical occupational therapy doctoral program (OTD) program at Tufts.

**Taritree Wongjirad, Assistant Professor, Physics and Astronomy**

Taritree Wongjirad comes to Tufts from MIT where he was the Pappalardo Fellow from 2014-2017. He received his B.S. in physics and B.A. in philosophy from Yale University in 2006 and his Ph.D. in physics from Duke University in 2014. Professor Wongjirad is an expert in hardware development of next-generation particle detectors, as well as in the analysis techniques, such as deep learning, required to extract maximal information from them.

**Eitan Hersh, Associate Professor, Political Science**

Eitan Hersh received his B.A. in philosophy from Tufts and his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Harvard. Professor Hersh’s book, *Hacking the Electorate: How Campaigns Perceive Voters* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2015. He has also written articles for *Election Law Journal*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, and the *American Journal of Political Science*, as well as the *Boston Globe*. Having taught at Yale University since 2011, he now brings his research interest in civic participation and the relationship between election rules, strategies, and the behavior of voters to Tufts.

**Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Mellon Bridge Assistant Professor, Religion, Race, and Colonialism**

Elana Jefferson-Tatum joins Tufts from Hobart and William Smith Colleges where she has been a visiting assistant professor for the past year. She received her M.T.S. from Harvard Divinity School and her Ph.D. from Emory University. Her areas of research and teaching interests include, history of religion, African religious studies, material culture, and African gender studies. Her current project, “Religious Matters: African (Vodoun) Materialities and the Western
Concept of Religion,” interrogates the category of religion to draw attention to the significance of materialities (specifically, "objects," nature, and bodies) within African religious cultures. She currently serves on the editorial board for the Journal of Africana Religions and the steering committee for the Indigenous Religious Traditions Group, and is working on “The World is a Marketplace” (Ayé lojà): Towards an Indigenous Theory of Religious Pluralism” for the Journal of Religion.

Danielle Abrams, Professor of the Practice, SMFA 3D and Performance
Danielle Abrams has been teaching at the SMFA since 2014. Previously, she taught at Goddard College, College of NY Staten Island, York College, and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Ms. Abrams received her B.F.A. from Queens College in New York and her M.F.A. from UC Irvine. She has presented at several conferences, most recently at the College Art Association in Washington, D.C. on “The Feminist Art Project, Performing Identity as Intersectional,” and has exhibited her work at the Grand Central Art Center in located at Cal State Fullerton, the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, and the Westbeth Gallery in New York.

Silvia Bottinelli, Lecturer, SMFA Visual and Critical Studies
Silvia Bottinelli received her Ph.D. from the University of Pisa, Italy in 2008 and has been a member of the SMFA visual and critical studies department since 2009. Her current research focuses on art and domesticity in post-fascist Italy. Professor Bottinelli researches how reconstruction of residential areas and government support to families after World War II affected a deep transformation of the home, and how artists, designers, and photographers interpreted and documented these changes in domestic cultures, in the context of gender and class. Her most recent book, SeleArte, An Open Window to the World (Lucca, Italy: Fondazione Ragghianti 2010), analyzes public intellectuals’ contributions to art and art history in the construction of a strong post-war Italian identity.

Nate Harrison, Professor of the Practice, SMFA Media Arts
Nate Harrison earned his M.F.A. from the California Institute of the Arts and his Ph.D. in art and media history, theory and criticism at the University of California, San Diego. Professor Harrison is an artist and writer working at the intersection of intellectual property, cultural production, and the formation of creative processes in electronic media. He has produced projects and exhibited for the American Museum of Natural History, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Centre Pompidou, the Kunstverein in Hamburg, and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, among others. He has lectured at a variety of institutions including the University of Glasgow, Experience Music Project in Seattle, and Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts in New York. He co-directed the L.A. project space ESTHETICS AS A SECOND LANGUAGE from 2004–2008 and began teaching sound art at the SMFA in 2009. He teaches in both media arts and the M.F.A. graduate program.

Anthony Romero, Professor of the Practice, SMFA3D and Performance
Anthony Romero received his B.A. in art history from Texas State University and his M.F.A. from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He has taught at Temple University, Moore College of Art and Design, and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. His recent performances include “Broadcast from a serpent-headed spaceship” in Chicago, “Please don’t bury me alive!” in New York, and “6 Collaborations” in Philadelphia. Mr. Romero has also held the position of Artist-in-Residence at Harold Washington College, the Luminary in St. Louis, and Antioch College.

**John Shultz, Professor of the Practice, SMFA Print and Graphic Arts**

John Schulz received his B.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin, did graduate work in drawing and painting at the University of Texas, and received an M.F.A. from the University of Illinois. He has been teaching at the SMFA since 1995 in the print and graphic arts department as well as the M.F.A. program. Mr. Shultz has recently exhibited his works at the Edinburgh College of Art, the Southern Graphics Council International Conference, the Virginia Arts of the Book Center, and the Academie Beeldende Kunsten in Belgium. His most recent lecture focused on a printmaking project for drawing and painting students at the University of Edinburgh’s College of Art. Using an ironic and illogical visual language, Mr. Shultz’s work reveals aspects of the banal that are at once wryly humorous, strangely beautiful, and vaguely threatening. His work reflects the fragility of the human condition and the uncertainty of contemporary life.

**Floor van de Velde, Professor of the Practice, SMFA 3D and Performance**

Floor van de Velde received her B.F.A in sculpture from the Massachusetts College of Art & Design and her M.S.C. in art, culture and technology from MIT. She has taught at the SMFA since 2014, with previous experience at MIT and Mass Art. Her solo exhibitions include “Field of Prayers” in San Francisco and “A Curious Symphony” in Boston, as well as group shows in London, Boston, San Francisco, and Athens. Ms. van de Velde’s research interests include sculpture, digital fabrication, sound, video, photography, and graphic design.

**Cedric de Leon, Associate Professor, Sociology**

Cedric de Leon received his M.Phil. in social and political sciences from Cambridge University and his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Michigan. He comes to Tufts after serving as department chair and associate professor of sociology at Providence College. He will take on directing the American Studies Program next year. Professor de Leon has written three books, including *The Origins of Right to Work*, which was published by Cornell University Press in 2015. He is currently working on two new book projects, *The New Handbook of Political Sociology*, which is under contract with Cambridge University Press and *Crisis Politics: Comparing the U.S. Secession Crisis with the Election of Donald Trump*, which is under contract with Stanford University Press.