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Congratulations! You have each earned Promotion and Tenure which is a significant milestone in the life of a faculty member. You have done it by juggling course development and students with launching and implementing a research program and lots of meetings in your departments, colleges and schools, the university, our community, nationally and internationally. Hopefully you have found a way to take breaks along the way to enjoy what our region has to offer with family and friends.

Oakland's reputation is dependent upon the outstanding educational opportunities that it offers to students, and you are the architects of those opportunities. I appreciate the leadership, innovation and rigor that you bring to contributing to knowledge in your fields and to providing valuable, rewarding educational experiences for our students. I believe you can be proud of the impact your work has on those students, who will themselves go onto greater things.

As I read your files, I was inspired by your dedication to students and the commitment you have shown to teaching, scholarship and service at OU. It is gratifying to be able to recognize you for your accomplishments. Soon you will embark on a new journey on the road to full professorship and I will look forward to seeing you along the way and hearing from, and about, you.

On behalf of the University, I want to thank you for all that you do here at Oakland and in the broader community. Again, congratulations on your outstanding accomplishments and for achieving tenure and promotion. Enjoy!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Michelle Piskulich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

C. Michelle Piskulich,  
Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost



## Begum Akay

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

Begum Akay, MD is a board-certified and fellowship trained pediatric general and thoracic surgeon with additional training and certification in surgical critical care. She joined the department of Pediatric Surgery at Beaumont Children's and Beaumont Health in 2013. Dr. Akay did her General Surgery training at Beaumont. She completed a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship and Pediatric Surgical Fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. She also did a research fellowship in ECMO at the University of Michigan. Dr. Akay has been a committed member of the Beaumont community for over 10 years. She has served on various committees and serves as the Associate Program Director for the General Surgery Residency. She is also the Section Head of Pediatric Surgery for Troy Beaumont. She is involved locally and nationally in general surgical and pediatric surgical groups and organizations. Her clinical interests include a wide range of pediatric general and thoracic surgery for children of all ages and sizes. Some specific special interests include neonatal surgery, minimally invasive and robotic surgery and surgical quality improvement. Dr. Akay has been recognized yearly as one of Hour Detroit Magazine's "Top Docs" since 2014.



## Kathleen Battles

### Professor Communication and Journalism

Dr. Battles specializes in media studies and is also the Graduate Director for the Communication Program. Her research focuses on the role of broadcasting in the creation of cultural discourses and maintenance of cultural norms. A specialist in media history, her book, *Calling All Cars*, involves an exploration of the relationship between developments in policing and the radio crime dramas of the Depression era. Her book, *War of the Worlds to Social Media: Mediated Communication in Times of Crisis*, explores the broadcast's role as a formative event for understanding citizens' media use in times of crisis. Dr. Battles also works on issues surrounding contemporary representations of gays and lesbians in the media, for which she received a grant from the GLAAD Center for the Study of Media and Society. The paper that resulted from this grant is published in the national communication journal, *Critical Studies in Media Communication*.



## Dwayne Baxa

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

Dwayne M. Baxa, Ph.D, is an alumnus of Oakland University and earned his Ph.D. from Wayne State University where he studied virology in the Department of Immunology and Microbiology at the School of Medicine. He also has a Master of Science in Basic Medical Science from Wayne State University and a certification in Molecular Diagnostics from Michigan State University.

Dr. Baxa's research interests have been in the area of HIV and opportunistic infections with a particular focus on antiviral/antimicrobial resistance. Many of his recent projects involve the prognostic utility of Next Generation Sequencing in determining antiretroviral therapy failure.

After joining the faculty of Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, Dr. Baxa has pursued additional lines of research into the fields of medical education and student well-being. As a co-director and course director of the Embark medical student research program, Dr. Baxa continues to evaluate the best practices for teaching medical students about the conduct of research. He has presented his findings at national and international conferences and has published a number of articles, abstracts and a book related to his areas of interest.





## Jacob Becker

Associate Professor  
Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

Dr. Becker has published articles exploring neighborhood structural dynamics and crime in peer-reviewed journals including *City & Community* and *Social Problems*, as well as several articles in *Teaching Sociology*. He is currently researching patterns of homicide in the city of San Francisco over a 150-year period, as well as patterns of racial diversity and crime in the city of Detroit over the past several decades. His research mainly focuses on neighborhood structural characteristics and crime from a macro 'life course' perspective.



## Sara Blumer-Schuette

Associate Professor  
Biological Sciences

Dr. Blumer-Schuette's research interests include microbial physiology and genomics of non-model microorganisms living at the extremes of life. Current projects include unraveling mechanisms used by extremophilic microbes to interact with substrates that they require as an energy source. Given the intense competition in microbial biospheres, the ability to efficiently harness energy sources, be they organic or inorganic, is crucial for microbes. Implications for understanding these mechanisms range from outlining how microbial attachment mechanisms have functionally evolved, to the environmental implications of these mechanisms and identifying targets for rational design of commercially relevant microbes. Other research interests include characterizing transport systems used to secrete large (some over 200 kDa) enzymes by monoderm bacteria, and how to optimize secretion efficiency of these systems. In the Blumer-Schuette lab, students can expect to use a combination of anaerobic and aerobic microbiology, functional genomics, microbial genetics and biochemistry in their research projects.



## Anica Bowe

Associate Professor  
Teacher Development & Educational Studies

As a cross-cultural educational psychologist, Dr. Bowe's research interests are in using large-scale databases to highlight issues relevant to immigrant and minoritized youth and designing instruments that are culturally sensitive. Dr. Bowe is also a community-engaged scholar and has an extensive record of community partnerships in both local and international settings. Currently she is a mentor of the Teens Rising Up To Help (TRUTH) youth coalition of Pontiac. In this role she trains TRUTH youth in youth participatory action research to engage in their coalition work. As a native of The Bahamas, she keeps a critical eye on monitoring and evaluation approaches of education systems within the English-speaking Caribbean. She was a recipient of the 2018 URC Faculty Research Fellowship and used this fellowship to conduct community-wide research on parent involvement inside Bahamian schools.

Dr. Bowe has 13 peer-reviewed articles and the cross-disciplinary nature of her work is evidenced by her publications in journals such as *Psychological Assessment*, *Ethnicity & Health*, *Caribbean Education Research Journal*, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, *Evaluation & Program Planning*, and *Urban Education*, among others. She is currently the elected chair of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Caribbean and African Studies in Education Special Interest Group.



## Lauren Cameron-Comasco

Assistant Professor  
OUWB School of Medicine

Lauren Cameron Comasco, MD, is the Director of The Marvin and Betty Danto Family Foundation Comprehensive Geriatric Emergency Medicine Program as well as the Director of the Geriatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship at Beaumont, Royal Oak. Dr. Cameron Comasco received her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed her residency at Henry Ford Hospital, where she served as Chief Resident. After residency, she joined the staff of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Beaumont, Royal Oak, where she completed her fellowship in Geriatric Emergency Medicine. In addition, Dr. Cameron Comasco is board-certified in Emergency Medicine. Dr. Cameron Comasco's primary academic interests lie in geriatric emergency medicine education and the enhancement of older adult care in the Emergency Department. The Emergency Department at Beaumont, Royal Oak, achieved Level 2 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation from the American College of Emergency Medicine in 2020 under her leadership. She is an active member of the Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine. She currently serves as the Treasurer of the Academy of Geriatric Emergency Medicine and previously held the office of Secretary for two terms.



## Jon Carroll

Associate Professor  
Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

Dr. Carroll has produced seven peer-reviewed publications in areas spanning Archaeology, Applied Anthropology, and Geographic Information Science (GIScience), along with publicly-available drone imagery datasets and technical reports. He currently has ongoing research projects in North America (United States and Canada), Europe (France), the Near East (Israel), and Africa (Malawi). Dr. Carroll has been a Co-Investigator and the Institutional Principal Investigator on a USAID-funded collaboration with the Michigan State University Center for Global Change and Earth Observations (CGCEO), and the Kansas State University Sustainable Intensification Innovation Laboratory (SIIL). He is using drone-mounted multispectral sensors to produce crop models for household farmers in Malawi, assess landscape drainage for malaria control, and also for surveying archaeological sites on four continents.



## Daniel Clark

Professor  
History

Dr. Clark's main area of expertise is U.S. Labor History. His first book, *Like Night and Day: Unionization in a Southern Mill Town* (University of North Carolina Press, 1997), explored what unionization meant to workers and managers at cotton mills in a North Carolina community during the 1940s and 1950s. His most recent book, *Disruption in Detroit: Autoworkers and the Elusive Postwar Boom* (University of Illinois Press, 2018), argues that for ordinary autoworkers the period from 1945-60 was marked by job instability and economic insecurity, not a steady rise into the middle class. Dr. Clark regularly teaches courses on U.S. Labor and Cold War America as well as undergraduate and graduate seminars. He also teaches courses about Detroit labor history and oral history methodology.



## Florence Dallo

Professor  
Public and Environmental Wellness

Dr. Dallo's teaching interests include culture and health, epidemiology and research methods. She has published over 35 manuscripts and several book chapters on the health of Arab-and Chaldean-Americans, who are classified as "white" by the federal government. To disaggregate them from whites, she uses ancestry and surname data from the US Census, national health studies, state specific surveys, hospital data sets, and community samples. Dallo was a Kellogg health disparities scholar and has received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation. She is a member of the Census National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations



## Dominique Daniel

Professor  
University Libraries

Dominique Daniel is the Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections at Oakland University's Library. Since she was hired at OU, she has published two books, including a photographic history of Oakland University, and 12 articles on a range of professional and scholarly issues, including the history of ethnic archiving, labor union libraries, and information literacy instruction.

She is currently managing a preservation assistance grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. She also serves on the advisory board of Oakland University's Center for Public Humanities and is a member of the editorial board of the journal *Libraries: Culture, History, Society*.



## Francisco Dávila Grijalva

Associate Professor  
OUWB School of Medicine

Dr. Francisco Dávila Grijalva graduated from the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador. He came to the United States for his residency training in Internal Medicine at Beaumont - Royal Oak. He completed his residency and then served a year as chief resident. He then joined the faculty at OUWB and teaches residents and students in the inpatient hospitalist service.

Dr. Dávila Grijalva has been involved in graduate medical education as the Transitional Year Residency program director since 2014, and in undergraduate medical education as the Internal Medicine Sub-Internship clerkship director since 2016. He is passionate about teaching and has actively sought further training in this area. He was the first Beaumont-trained facilitator of the Stanford curriculum for medical teachers and has delivered the seminar to many faculty and residents within, and outside the institution.

He has mentored many students and residents in research projects and has contributed regionally to the medical education community. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP) and was recognized with the ACP Michigan Chapter Governor's Award for his active contributions to the chapter as reviewer, judge and facilitator.





## Rebekah Farrugia

### Professor Communication and Journalism

Rebekah Farrugia is a media studies scholar whose work explores the relationship between gender, identity, community, and cultural production in popular music genres such as electronic dance music and hip hop. Her co-authored monograph *Women Rapping Revolution: Hip Hop and Community Building in Detroit* (University of California Press) explores the contributions of women to the intersecting hip hop and cultural organization movements in the city.

Her previous book *Beyond the Dance Floor: Female DJs, Technology, and Electronic Dance Music* explores themes of identity, representation, and community as they impact women--primarily DJs--in EDM culture.



## Jayson B. Field

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

Jayson Field, M.D., is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and its subspecialty board of gynecologic oncology. Clinically, Dr. Field is interested in uterine cancer, cervical cancer, minimally invasive surgery and fertility sparing surgery. He is actively involved in collecting tissue for Biobank from gynecologic cancers, allowing research to better understand cancer, what causes it and how to prevent it. Dr. Field received his bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is a graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit and completed his residency at Hutzel Hospital, Wayne State University in Detroit. He then went on to complete his fellowship in gynecologic oncology at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.



## Toni Glover

### Associate Professor Nursing

Dr. Glover is a researcher, an educator, and a geriatric nurse practitioner. Her early research focused on pain in older adults but a clinical rotation in hospice cemented her commitment to geriatric palliative care research. Dr. Glover has over 50 peer reviewed publications in journals such as the *Western Journal of Nursing Research*, *Journal of Nursing Education*, *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*, the *Clinical Journal of Pain*, and *Arthritis & Rheumatism*. She is dedicated to sharing primary palliative care knowledge and skills with nursing students and recently received the OU Women & Philanthropy grant to enhance palliative care education in the undergraduate and graduate curricula at the School of Nursing.

In 2020, she received the Nightingale Award from the School of Nursing and the Faculty Award in Research from Oakland University. Dr. Glover serves the community as the Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital Endowed Professor, working with nursing leaders and practice partners to enhance opportunities for research and education. She leads the APRH-OUSON cohort, a dedicated clinical practice experience designed to strengthen nursing students' relational competence in providing primary palliative care to seriously ill or dying patients and their families. Dr. Glover is a member of the APRH Ethics Committee, the American Nurses Association, the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, and Sigma Theta Tau – the international honor society for nursing.





## Daniel Goble

### Associate Professor Human Movement Science

Dr. Goble is sole inventor of the Balance Tracking System (BTrackS), which was recently awarded a US Patent (#10,660,558, 2020). He has published over 50 research articles in top tier journals and these articles have been cited over 2500 times in the scientific literature. He has been primary or coinvestigator on grants totaling over \$2,000,000 and cofounded a medical device company that manufactures and sells BTrackS. His research includes efforts to improve sports-related concussion diagnosis protocols, enhance fall risk screening in the elderly and track rehabilitation progress in multiple disease conditions such as Parkinson's Disease, Huntington's Disease and Stroke.



## Mary Golinski

### Associate Professor Nursing

Dr. Mary Golinski is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist with focused research in anesthesia-related scientific inquiry and outcomes based on anesthesia techniques, pharmacologic agents, technology, safety and quality processes, acute pain modalities and preventing chronic postsurgical pain. She has been published numerous times herself, and also collaborated extensively with graduate nurse anesthesia students, adding evidence-based knowledge that has served to improve anesthesia-related outcomes. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.



## Stewart Graham

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

Dr. Stewart Graham is from Northern Ireland where he completed his B.Sc. (Hons) in Biochemistry, M.Sc. in Bimolecular Structure and Function and Ph.D. in Metabolomics at Queen's University Belfast between 2000 and 2009. From 2011-2014, Dr. Graham worked as an Alzheimer's Research Trust post-doctoral fellow, where he successfully applied high resolution mass spectrometry and nuclear magnetic resonance for the first ever reported biochemical profiling of post-mortem human brain from Alzheimer's disease sufferers. His current research interests focus predominantly on neurodegenerative disease to include Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's disease and has resulted in more than 60 peer-reviewed manuscripts. Dr. Graham's research is currently funded by a variety of agencies including the NIH, the Alzheimer's Association and the Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF). He serves regularly on various peer-review groups including NIH study sections, the Alzheimer's Association, and the MJFF in addition to numerous International funding institutions. His overarching goals as a neuroscientist are not only to identify early diagnostic/predictive biomarkers of the aforementioned diseases but to better understand their underlying etiopathogenesis. By combining his interests in mechanism and diagnostics, his principal goal is to get the "Right drug, to the Right person at the Right time".



## Darlene Groomes

Professor  
Human Development and Child Study

Dr. Groomes served as the 2016-2018 national Chair of the Standards & Examination Chair for the Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification, and as a national Navigator with the Summit Group for Performance Management in Vocational Rehabilitation since 2010. She has published 25 articles in peer-reviewed journals, several book chapters, and has a book prospectus under review with the proposed title, *Performance Management Dynamics in Vocational Rehabilitation*. She is currently Department Chair for Human Development and Child Studies while also serving as program evaluator on an NSF grant awarded to colleagues in the OU Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Computer Science.



## Kellie Hay

Professor  
Communication and Journalism

Dr. Hay specializes in critical cultural studies. Her work focuses on the ways groups use different cultural forms, such as music, dance, poetry and comics, to build alliances and forge social change. Her work has examined both people and policy. Her work has been published in various journals, including *The Quarterly Journal of Speech*, *International Journal of Communication*, *Journal of American Culture* and *International and Intercultural Annual*.

Dr. Hay recently published *Women Rapping Revolution: Hip Hop and Community Building in Detroit* with University of California Press. She is active in Detroit's underground music scene, with We Found Hip Hop and The Allied Media Project.



## Timothy Hodge

Associate Professor  
Economics

Dr. Hodge's primary research interests are urban and regional economics, real estate economics, and public finance. As a Michigan native, he combines his academic interests with his roots and focuses on policies and practices affecting the local economy. His work has appeared in prestigious academic journals such as *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Real Estate Economics*, *Land Economics*, *National Tax Journal*, among others, and he has been a referee for a number of journals, including: *Environment and Planning A*, *Energy Economics*, *National Tax Journal*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Public Finance Review*, *Urban Studies*, *Public Finance and Management*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, and *State and Local Government Review*. Prior to Oakland University, Dr. Hodge held research and faculty positions at Ford Motor Credit Company, Allegheny College, Alma College, and Michigan State University.

During his time both as an academic and a working professional, Dr. Hodge has served as a Senior Research Associate for the Southeastern Michigan Economic Data Center, a consultant to the City of Fargo, ITC, and Crown Appraisals, Inc. for his land valuation expertise and the statistical methods to identify factors affecting land prices, and to the ACLU of Michigan and Lincoln Land Institute for his expertise on Michigan's property system and property tax issues in Detroit.



## Anne Hranchook

### Associate Professor Nursing

Dr. Hranchook became a faculty member at Oakland University in 2011, after nearly 20 years of service at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where she worked as a certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and educator. Her research interests include quality and safety in the delivery of patient care and the implementation and use of technology in practice. In her area of advanced practice specialty, she utilizes systematic evidence-based processes to analyze issues of import to the profession and practice of nurse anesthesia.



## Jeffrey Insko

### Professor English

Dr. Insko's areas of study include Nineteenth-century U.S. literature and culture, American romanticism, time studies, the literature of slavery and abolition, environmental/energy humanities, petrocultures. He is the recipient of the 2012 Oakland University Teaching Excellence Award. His essays have appeared in *American Literary History*, *American Literature*, *Early American Literature*, and *ESQ*. His book *Time, History, and Antebellum American Writing: The Ever-Present Now* was published by Oxford University Press in 2018.

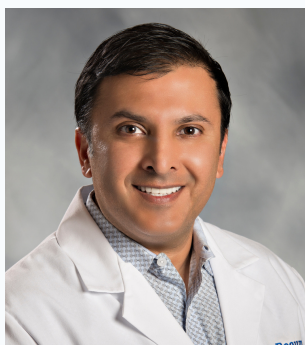


## Felicia A. Ivascu

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

For the past 7 years Dr. Ivascu has served as Program Director for the General Surgery Residency, after five prior years as Associate Program Director. Most notably Dr. Ivascu introduced the first fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at Beaumont. Her dedication to education was recognized with the Program Director of the Year Award in 2019.

Dr. Ivascu is the Chief of the Section of Critical Care. In 2013 she was instrumental in opening an Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) program. This is the first ECMO program in Oakland County and has developed an extensive referral network from other hospitals in the region (state of Michigan?). The program is nationally recognized and was recently awarded Gold Status by Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO) as a Center of Excellence. She also serves on the newly formed Royal Oak CMO Cabinet.



## Aliraza G. Jaffer

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

Aliraza Jaffer, MD, FASA graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He completed his anesthesiology training from the University of Michigan and his fellowship in pain management from the University of Washington. He has board certification in both anesthesiology and pain management and practices both. He is an expert in the treatment of spine and joint pain. Prior to coming to Beaumont, Dr. Jaffer was an assistant professor at the University of California – Los Angeles where he was involved in medical student and resident training. He set up the first medical student elective in pain management at UCLA. Dr. Jaffer is an active member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and is 1 of 11 delegates to the ASA from the state of Michigan. He was one of the first anesthesiologists nationally to be given the distinction of Fellow of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr. Jaffer is active in both state and national anesthesia societies. He is the Co-Chair of the Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists Pain Management Committee and is one of his passions is the fight against our national opioid crisis.



## Wendi Johnson

### Associate Professor Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

Dr. Johnson teaches courses on delinquency and juvenile justice, social statistics, research methods, and the criminal justice capstone, and has also served as a mentor to several Honors College students. Since arriving at Oakland University, she has published 8 articles in some of the top journals in her field including *Psychology of Violence*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Criminology*, *Journal of Adolescent Health* and was awarded the Emerging Scholar Best Article Award in 2016 from the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*. Dr. Johnson is an alumna of the P.I. Academy and past participant in the Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop. Dr. Johnson currently serves as a member of the American Sociological Association Task Force on First Generation and Working Class Persons in Sociology and as a statistical consultant on "A Nationally Representative Study of Conflicts, Dyadic Interactions, and the Victim-Offender Overlap" which is funded through the National Institute of Justice. She is currently developing a project to study former inmates who came of age behind prison walls and are reentering society 20 to 30 years later. This work could facilitate current efforts toward reversing the trend of mass incarceration through deinstitutionalization of former youthful offenders.



## Zorica Kauric-Klein

### Associate Professor Nursing

Dr. Zorica Kauric-Klein is an adult nurse practitioner with greater than 25 years of clinical experience in a variety of inpatient and outpatient settings. Her program of research includes improving blood pressure control and decreasing cardiovascular risk in patients with chronic kidney disease. She recently received an external grant through the American Nephrology Nurse's Association to investigate the effect of a yoga intervention on psychological and physical outcomes in patients on hemodialysis. She has published 13 articles in peer-reviewed nursing and medical journals. She currently is the director of the Nurse Practitioner Program at Oakland University.





## Jad G. Khalil

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

Dr. Jad G. Khalil is an attending spine surgeon with Michigan Orthopaedic Surgeons, PLLC. Dr. Khalil underwent his spine surgery training at the prestigious Mayo Clinic. He focuses his clinical practice around minimally invasive spine surgery, artificial disc replacement surgery as well as complex spinal reconstruction and failed back surgery. Dr. Khalil's clinical research interests include minimally invasive surgery, disc replacement and radiofrequency ablation for the treatment of chronic back pain. He is the author of numerous peer-reviewed clinical studies and is a sought-after speaker both nationally and internationally. He is a fellow of both the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) and American Orthopaedic Association (AOA) and is an active member of the North American Spine Society (NASS). Dr. Khalil instructs medical students, Orthopaedic residents and spine surgery fellows at William Beaumont Hospital where he serves as the director of the spine surgery fellowship.



## Kerro Knox

### Professor Theatre

Professor Knox designs the lighting for several dance companies, including Eisenhower Dance Detroit and Take Root, which have taken his work to Poland, Korea, Germany and Israel as well as all across the US. He has designed several shows for Meadow Brook Theatre and the University of Detroit Mercy's Classical Theatre Study in Greece program, as well as a multitude of music events. His particular areas of interest are working in non-traditional spaces to create unique theatrical experiences and adding visual interest to all kinds of performance. Besides lighting design, he does scenic design, costume design, play directing, plays steel drums and African drum and xylophone, does Croatian folklore performances, stage manages, and even acts occasionally.



## Julie Kruse

### Associate Professor Nursing

Dr. Kruse has over 15 years of experience as a nurse educator and 25 years as a registered nurse and she has dedicated her career to working with vulnerable populations. Dr. Kruse's research dealing with vulnerable populations has appeared in journals such as the *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, *Military Medicine*, and the *International Journal of Childbirth*. She has published 7 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, 2 research and 2 education-focused grants including \$5,298,752 of grant funding since 2015; 5 research studies, 6 invited guest lectures and a keynote address at a local nursing conference, and 13 conference presentations at international, national, and local conferences in the last 5 years.



## Laura E. Lamb

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

Laura E. Lamb, Ph.D., Director of Translational Urology Research, received her doctorate in Cell and Molecular Biology from Michigan State University and has performed cutting-edge research at prestigious institutions including Washington University in St. Louis and Van Andel Research Institute.

Dr. Lamb's research focuses on benign bladder disorders, including interstitial cystitis, underactive bladder, and radiation cystitis. She is a leading expert in developing diagnostic tests for infectious diseases, including Zika and coronavirus disease 2019. Dr. Lamb has also pioneered crowdsourcing in urology research for biomarker development. She has been continuously funded by the NIH, Department of Defense, and other organizations and is an inventor with several patents. Dr. Lamb is an effective communicator with international presentations and is published in top peer-reviewed journals.



## Kristin Landis-Piwowar

### Professor Health Sciences

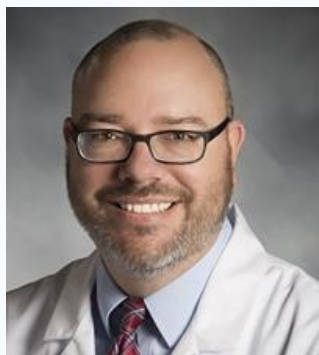
Dr. Landis-Piwowar has published more than 30 peer-reviewed journal articles on cancer therapeutics, prevention, and mechanisms of disease, has authored numerous book chapters, serves as the continuing education focus series editor for the Clinical Laboratory Science journal, and is the editor in chief of the fourth edition of McKenzie's, *Clinical Laboratory Hematology*. Recently, she was a 2019 Crain's Notable Women in STEM honoree and the 2020 American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science - MI member of the year.



## S. Rebecca Leigh

### Professor Reading and Language Arts

Dr. Leigh joined The Department of Reading and Language Arts in 2007 with a research agenda that examines writing and writing instruction, including arts-based literacy practices in writing. Across these two areas, she has produced 47 publications across multiple genres including chapters, journal articles, feature articles, reviews, lesson plans, podcasts, practitioner videos, and a televised interview about her book *Wounded Writers Ask: Am I Doing it Write?* Recently, she has become interested in writing initiatives in aged care and will pursue this line of inquiry during her sabbatical in Winter 2021. She runs the summer RLA Writing Clinic, which shows MAT students how an aesthetic metalanguage in writer's workshop engages students' reading of images that deepens their understanding of how literary devices paired with visual devices support vivid, descriptive writing. Dr. Leigh is also the coordinator of the doctoral program in Literacy, Culture, and Language. She has been recognized in 11 teaching honors and awards, eight of which are from Oakland University and include two nominations for the prestigious Teaching Excellence Award.



## David D. Lick

Professor  
OUWB School of Medicine

David Lick, M.D., MBA, MPH attended The Ohio State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering. He then moved back to his hometown of Toledo, Ohio and obtained his medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio. He completed his family medicine residency at Beaumont Hospital, Troy, the Primary Care Faculty Development Fellowship at Michigan State University, received his MBA through The University of Texas at Dallas and his MPH at Harvard University. After working in private practice for several years he rejoined the residency as a full-time faculty member in 2005 and has served as Program Director since 2009. He has academic appointments through Wayne State University School of Medicine, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine where he is a Professor and Vice Chair of Education. He serves as the team physician for Troy Athens High School and is active with the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM). His professional interests include hospital medicine, sports medicine, epidemiology, and procedures. He enjoys reading, traveling, spending time with his family and friends and, of course, watching Ohio State football.



## Anyi Liu

Associate Professor  
Computer Science and Engineering

Dr. Liu joined the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Oakland University in 2016. He has since published more than 20 articles in peer-reviewed journals such as IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security. His research has been sponsored by NSF and NASA. He has served on numerous technical program committees and NSF review panels. He is an IEEE Senior Member.



## Daniel Llamocca

Associate Professor  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dr. Llamocca joined Oakland University in 2014. He has since published 7 peer-reviewed journal articles and 13 conference papers. His research includes run-time hardware reconfiguration and high-performance embedded systems. He has been working on a grant from Intel to develop a new embedded curriculum based on an Intel embedded platform.



## Khalid Malik

### Associate Professor Computer Science and Engineering

Since joining Oakland University, Dr. Malik has received multiple research grants with a total of \$1,228,349 and \$796,349 as PI from the National Science Foundation (NSF), Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF), and other national and international organizations. Since joining Oakland University, he has published 22 journals papers and 21 conference papers. He is a recipient of 3 Oakland University research awards: Outstanding Junior Investigator award, SECS Outstanding Research Award, and URC New Investigator Research Excellence Award.



## Jennifer Matthews

### Associate Professor Counseling

Dr. Matthews is passionate about exploring grief & loss through the lens of African Americans. Her research interests include: grief counseling, multicultural counseling, and counselor education & supervision. Dr. Matthews has presented at national, international, and general audiences on grief and loss within the African American community and multicultural competence. She has published 10 articles in peer-reviewed journals such as *Journal of Counseling and Development*, *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*, and *Counselor Education and Supervision*.



## M. Eileen McCormick

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

Dr. McCormick specializes in pediatric neuromuscular/rare disease. She has provided neuromuscular care as director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the southeastern Michigan chapter since 1994. In addition, Dr. McCormick has served as a pediatric neuromuscular consultant for the state of Michigan and also served on the committee for the Spinal Muscular Atrophy newborn state screen program. Dr. McCormick has served as core neurology faculty member for OUWBSM, a consultant for Maternal Fetal Medicine Multidisciplinary Clinic, and director for the Neurofibromatosis and Neuromuscular Multidisciplinary Clinics at Beaumont Health. Dr. McCormick is an active member of the American Osteopathic Association, American Academy of Neurology Association, American Academy of Pediatrics and Fellow and American College of Neuropsychiatrists. She has received honors from the MDA, Parent's Choice Award, Compassionate Doctor and Michigan Top Doctor Award recognitions. Current research grants awarded include MDA Neuromuscular Observational Research Data Hub registry and Emerging Real-World Use of Nusinersen in Adult patients with Spinal Muscle Atrophy in the USA.





## Melissa McDonald

### Associate Professor Psychology

Dr. McDonald's research program examines the antecedents and consequences of intrasexual, intersexual, and intergroup conflict. Additionally, her work seeks to develop interventions to foster openness between groups in conflict, and to promote opportunities for advancement among members of underrepresented minority groups in STEM fields. Dr. McDonald was an honoree of the Oakland University Research Excellence Award. She has published 26 peer-reviewed and high-impact papers that have garnered over 1,500 citations. Her postdoctoral education was completed at the Interdisciplinary Center in Israel, where she collaborated with political scientists and psychologists from diverse backgrounds. She is the Co-PI on two funded NSF grants that seek to promote the persistence and success of under-represented groups in STEM majors at colleges and universities. Dr. McDonald's work on these grants seeks to assess the impact of the interventions on key psychological constructs such as STEM identity, agency, and efficacy.



## Susanah Mendoza

### Professor Communication and Journalism

Dr. Mendoza is known for her pathbreaking work on the politics of indigeneity and critique of modernity. She has three published books, a fourth under contract and 39 peer-reviewed and chapter essay publications. As an intellectual leader in her field, she has served a five-year term as Head of the International and Intercultural Communication Division, one of the largest divisions of the National Communication Association in the United States. Passionate about sustainability, she spearheads the OU Faculty, Staff, Student Association for Climate and the Environment (FSSACE), an intersectoral and interdisciplinary community committed to building a culture of sustainability across campus. She is also the Executive Director of the non-profit Center for Babaylan Studies (CfBS), a movement for decolonization and indigenization among diasporic Filipinos in North America and beyond. More recently, she has been invited to the Women Bridging Worlds, a mentoring circle of high-influence women fellows leading social movements for transformation hosted by the Bioneers Collective Heritage Institute.



## Hua Ming

### Associate Professor Computer Science and Engineering

Dr. Ming's research includes programming languages and language-based security, software verification and formal methods, situation-aware and context-aware software systems. He focuses on the foundational and practical applications of a new abstraction called Situation, supported by programming languages design theory (formal semantics), program analysis techniques (especially Abstract Interpretation) and the implementation level state-of-the-art (big data oriented software construction, mobile apps, compiler implementation and beyond).



## Khalid Mirza

### Special Instructor Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dr. Mirza joined the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department as a Visiting Assistant Professor in 2011. He became the Director of OU-FCA Control and Robotics Laboratory at OU which has state-of-the-art industrial robotic manufacturing cells and is an active research center. In 2014, he spearheaded the creation of the Industrial Robotics program in the ECE department and formation of an Industry Advisory Board comprising of world-leading robot manufacturing and automation companies. He created the curriculum for this new elective for the Bachelor's degree and established the Industrial Robotics Laboratory with generous grants of over \$750,000 in cash, equipment, and software from the board member companies. He is presently actively leading the effort to create the Augmented Reality Center (ARC) at OU with the support of leading technology and manufacturing companies. The ARC will have a creative and immersive lab where engineering, science and art students can engage with and explore AR and its applications to industry.



## Vijitashwa Pandey

### Associate Professor Industrial Systems Engineering

Dr. Pandey's research focuses include: engineering design, decision-based design, mathematical optimization, reliability engineering, systems engineering, decision analysis and sustainability. He is interested in decision-based design of engineering systems with considerations of designer preferences, optimality, robustness and sustainability.



## Julia Paul

### Associate Professor Nursing

Dr. Julia Paul is a Nurse Practitioner and has been practicing in the area of plastic surgery for the last 18 years at Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak. She maintains certification in medical-surgical nursing, critical care nursing, and wound care. Her research focus is on itch related to chronic wounds. She has recently submitted an R-21 grant application in response to a program announcement regarding itch from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and subsequently received internal funding to conduct a pilot of the proposed study. In addition, Dr. Paul is a co-founder and continuing co-chair of the Research Focus and Support Group in the School of Nursing, which aims to strengthen and support research initiatives among faculty.



## Aldona Pobutsky

Professor  
Modern Languages and Literature

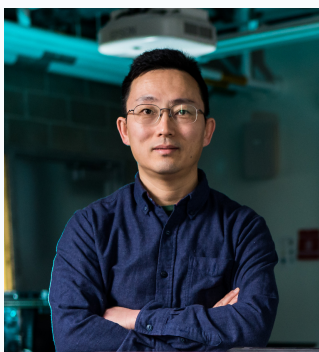
Dr. Pobutsky is the author of *Pablo Escobar and Narcoculture* (UP Florida, 2020). She published 30 articles and 27 book and film reviews in peer-reviewed journals in the US, Canada, Colombia, Chile, Mexico and Spain. She guest-edited volumes on drug trafficking and violence in Latin America in *Hispanic Journal* and *Studies in Latin American Popular Culture*. She has been cited in numerous articles, books and dissertations on the subject of gender, drug trafficking, and media studies in Latin America. Presently she is working on the depiction of real-life crime accounts in the Hispanic media.



## Alison Powell

Associate Professor  
English

Dr. Powell is a poet and scholar. Her debut collection of poems, *On the Desire to Levitate*, was published by Ohio University Press in 2014. She has had poems published in journals such as *Boston Review*, *AGNI*, *Guernica*, *Crazyhorse*, and *Black Warrior Review*. She received her Ph.D. in English from the City University of New York Graduate Center. Her academic work focuses on the Romantic Poets. Dr. Powell recently served as Guest Editor for *Crazyhorse*, and has attended retreats and workshops at the Vermont Studio Center, Fine Arts Work Center of Provincetown, and Millay Colony for the Arts.



## Guangzhi Qu

Professor  
Computer Science and Engineering

Dr. Qu's research focuses include data mining, machine learning, healthcare computing, information and network security, discrete event simulation, graph databases. Dr. Qu's goal is to design new data mining and machine learning techniques to solve the emerging problems in different areas of industries.



**Lopa Rana**  
**Associate Professor**  
**OUWB School of Medicine**

Dr. Lopa Rana completed her Psychiatry residency from SUNY at Buffalo, NY. Besides general Psychiatric disorders, she specializes in Peripartum Psychiatry, to diagnose and treat psychiatric conditions during and after pregnancy. She plays an active role in the training of OUWB medical students and Family Practice residents. Dr. Rana is a member of the Admissions committee for the OUWB medical school. She is a Fellow of the American Psychiatry Association.



**Ehab Saleh**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**OUWB School of Medicine**

Ehab Saleh, MD, Pediatric orthopedic surgeon, completed his pediatric orthopedic and scoliosis fellowship from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Dr. Saleh specializes in the treatment of pediatric orthopedic conditions including trauma, infections, congenital deformities, and scoliosis. He is a member of the teaching faculty at the Beaumont orthopedic residency program. His research interest is in pediatric musculoskeletal infection and trauma.

Dr. Saleh is an active member of the Pediatric Society of North America, and the Michigan Orthopedic Society. He serves on the Beaumont Health CME committee, and the Beaumont Health pediatric trauma quality improvement and chart review committee.



**Dianne Schlachter**  
**Associate Professor**  
**OUWB School of Medicine**

Dr. Dianne Schlachter received her medical degree at Wayne State University School of Medicine. She completed her ophthalmology residency at Kresge Eye Institute in Detroit, MI, where she was nominated, and served, as co-chief resident. She then went on to complete a one-year Ocular Trauma and Reconstructive Surgery fellowship followed by a two-year Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery fellowship through Kresge Eye Institute. She is a member of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, a fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, and is Board certified in Ophthalmology. She is a regional director for the Michigan Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Schlachter specializes in all areas of reconstructive and cosmetic eyelid and facial surgery, including tear duct and orbital surgery. She performs Botox treatments, laser surgery and facial fillers, utilizing the most advanced techniques and latest technology available. Dr. Schlachter has a special interest in thyroid-related eye disorders, orbital surgery, and in cosmetic procedures such as endoscopic forehead lift. Her research interests include vitamin D deficiency and thyroid eye disease, as well as thyroid eye disease-related surgical and medical management. She also has a special interest in nutrition and its association with inflammatory disorders and aging. Dr. Schlachter has received the Beaumont Eye Institute Teacher Award and has been voted Best Doctors in America in 2017-2018.





## Megan Schoen

### Associate Professor Writing and Rhetoric

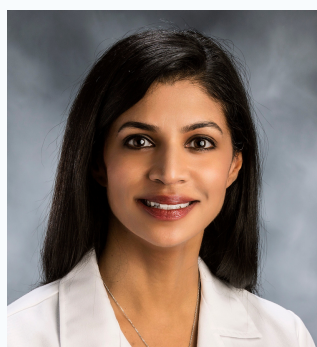
Megan Schoen completed her Ph.D. in English (Rhetoric and Composition) at Purdue University in 2012. Her research interests include composition studies, writing program administration, writing across the curriculum, rhetorical theory, and comparative rhetorics. Megan has published in *Rhetoric Review*, *WPA: Writing Program Administration*, *The WAC Journal*, and *Constellations*. She is a co-founder and co-managing editor of *Present Tense: A Journal of Rhetoric in Society*. Megan serves as the director of Oakland University's First-Year Writing Program.



## Elizabeth Shesko

### Associate Professor History

Professor Elizabeth Shesko's research focuses on twentieth-century Bolivia, investigating the deployment of violence and its effects on the interactions between the state and its residents. Her book, *Conscript Nation: Coercion and Citizenship in the Bolivian Barracks*, was published by University of Pittsburgh Press in May 2020. Her peer-reviewed articles have appeared in *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *International Labor and Working-Class History*, and an edited volume on the Chaco War. In 2016, one of her articles received the Marian Wilson Award for best publication in the humanities. She regularly presents her work at the annual meetings of the American Historical Association and the Latin American Studies Association.



## Monisha Shetty

### Associate Professor OUWB School of Medicine

Monisha Shetty, MD is the genitourinary imaging section head in the department of Diagnostic Radiology and Molecular Imaging. She completed both her undergraduate and medical education at the University of Michigan, followed by radiology residency at Beaumont Hospital and an abdominal imaging fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School. Dr. Shetty's clinical and research interests include adrenal, renal, urinary tract, and gynecologic imaging. She is an active member of the Radiological Society of North America and the Society of Abdominal Radiology, and has been a speaker at both meetings. She is also dedicated to resident and fellow education and was voted Radiology Teacher of the Year in 2018.



## Robert Sidelinger

Professor  
Communication and Journalism

Dr. Sidelinger joined Oakland University in 2008 and has since published 33 articles in peer- or editor-reviewed journals such as *Communication Education*, *Communication Studies*, *Communication Reports*, *College Teaching*, and *Women's Studies in Communication*. He currently is the Communication Program Director and American Sign Language Coordinator for the Department of Communication, Journalism, and Public Relations. Dr. Sidelinger serves on three editorial boards, was the co-director for the 2018 James C. McCroskey & Virginia P. Richmond Undergraduate Scholars Conference at the Eastern Communication Conference, and a 2018 Faculty Recognition Honoree for Research at OU.



## Kathleen Spencer

Special Instructor  
Nursing

Dr. Kathleen Spencer has been a faculty member at Oakland University since 2011 and is a board-certified Clinical Nurse Specialist in adult health. She spent the majority of her clinical nursing career in the areas of plastic and reconstructive surgical nursing and perioperative nursing. She serves on the Honors College Council and is President of the Theta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau and the International Honor Society of Nursing. Dr. Spencer is the faculty mentor for Students for Recovery, an Oakland University student group which supports students in recovery from substance use disorders, and their allies. In addition, she is also working on developing the Collegiate Recovery Program at OU. With backgrounds in journalism and creative writing, she is committed to enhancing students' written and verbal communication skills. Her research interests include the use of the humanities in teaching nursing and enhancing nurse empathy towards marginalized patients such as the homeless and substance abusers.



## Sambo Srauy

Associate Professor  
Communication and Journalism

Dr. Srauy's research focuses on the intersection of race, economics, and new media production. He is an active member in Culture Digitally, an NSF-funded research blog that investigates cultural production in a digital age. Prior to entering academia, Dr. Srauy worked in the high-tech industry. Specifically, his professional work dealt with open source software cultures, municipal wireless internet, and new media forms of broadcasting. Dr. Srauy is a founding member of Culture Digitally, an international academic research blog. He published several articles in peer-reviewed journals such as *Games and Culture*, *Television and New Media*, *First Monday*, and *Social Media + Society*, where he also serves on the editorial board. Sam Srauy received his Ph.D. in media and communications from Temple University.



## Kanako Taku

Professor  
Psychology

Dr. Kanako Taku has conducted a series of cross-cultural research on how people may change psychologically, cognitively, socially, and spiritually, as a result of experiencing highly stressful life events. Her most recent study included 10 countries around the world. As a clinical psychologist certified in Japan, she has implemented psycho-educational programs focusing on resiliency and the phenomenon called post-traumatic growth for youth. She has published 60 articles in peer-reviewed journals and authored 7 books in English and Japanese. She currently runs the FF-PTG (Free-Form Posttraumatic Growth) lab at Oakland University and mentors undergraduate and graduate students who study human experiences of transformative dynamic changes in emotions, personality, mood, social attitudes, and cognitive judgments.



## Tracey A. Taylor

Associate Professor  
OUWB School of Medicine

Dr. Taylor teaches microbiology and infectious diseases to M1 and M2 students. Dr. Taylor served as Vice Chair of the OUWB Department of Foundational Medical Studies from January 2018 until August 2019. She served as an Assistant Dean of Diversity & Inclusion from August 2019 until February 2020. Dr. Taylor currently serves as interim Assistant Dean for Preclinical Medical Education.

Dr. Taylor's main research areas are medical education research, microbiology and pathogenesis. She is specifically interested in the use of online learning modules for microbiology laboratory teaching, medical student peer assessment, investigation of the quality of life of Polio survivors; how the aquatic bacteria *Plesiomonas shigelloides* cause diarrhea and other infections in humans, and infections (including the antibiotic-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* or MRSA) among populations that are experiencing homelessness.



## Scott Tiegs

Professor  
Biological Sciences

Scott Tiegs is a Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Oakland University where his research is aimed at improving understanding of human impacts to freshwater ecosystems. He is the author of over 60 peer-reviewed publications in journals including *Ecology*, *Ecosystems*, *Science Advances* and *Science*. Dr. Tiegs received his PhD in Aquatic Ecology from the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Ecology and Technology, a Master's Degree from San Diego State University, and undergraduate degrees from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and the University of Oregon. He is an Associate Editor for the journals *Ecosphere*, and *Fundamental and Applied Ecology*. His teaching includes courses in Ecology, Stream Ecology, and field-based classes in Costa Rica and Ecuador.

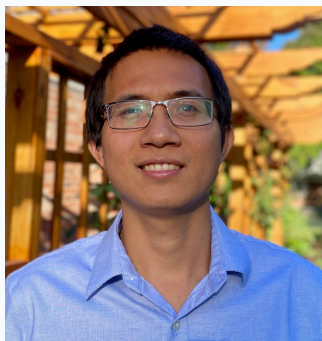


## Kareen Tonsing

Associate Professor

Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

Dr. Kareen Tonsing joined Oakland University in 2015 as an assistant professor. Her published work focuses on psychological health and well-being, social support, and coping of individuals in stressful life events, with a focus on immigrants and domestic violence survivors. As a social scientist, she has made significant contributions to research and scholarship in her field of endeavor. She has presented her work at both national and international conferences. Kareen's work has been published in top peer-reviewed journals in her field, such as, *British Journal of Social Work*, *Health & Social Work*, *Social Work in Health Care*, *Violence Against Women*, *International Social Work*, *Transcultural Psychiatry*, *Journal of Child and Youth Services Review*, among others. Kareen was awarded OU's all university-wide New Investigator Research Excellence Award in 2018.



## Nghia Tran

Associate Professor

Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Tran's research interest lies in the areas of Variational Analysis and Optimization with applications to Compressed Sensing and Machine Learning. He has since published 16 papers in peer-reviewed journals such as *SIAM J. Optimization*, *Mathematical Programming*, and *Mathematics of Operations Research*. His research is currently funded by National Science Foundation. He was awarded the New Investigator Excellence Award by Oakland University in 2019.



## Evan Trivedi

Associate Professor

Chemistry

Dr. Trivedi began his academic career in chemistry at Purdue University (B.S., 2005), he pursued graduate study at Northwestern University (Ph.D. 2011), and completed postdoctoral training at University of Michigan (2012-2014) under an NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Undergraduate research and education have been main tenets of Dr. Trivedi's efforts at OU since 2014. Dr. Trivedi has published seven peer-reviewed research papers with OU undergraduate co-authors, with topics ranging from molecular imaging of cancer to rare-earth material luminescence. The American Chemical Society recently recognized Dr. Trivedi for the Division of Inorganic Chemistry Undergraduate Research Award, an award that is only given once per year nationally. Dr. Trivedi's current research interests involve light activated molecules, comprised of elements from across the entire periodic table, for a myriad of practical applications.





## Anja Wieden

Associate Professor  
Modern Languages and Literature

Anja Wieden joined the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Oakland University in 2014. She received her PhD in 2011 from the University of North Carolina with a dissertation titled "Female Experiences of Rape and Hunger in Postwar German Literature, 1945-1960." From 2010 to 2014, she worked as German Program Coordinator at the State University of New York at New Paltz and also taught in the German Summer School at Middlebury College from 2012 to 2014. Her research interests and publications focus on depictions of sexual violence.



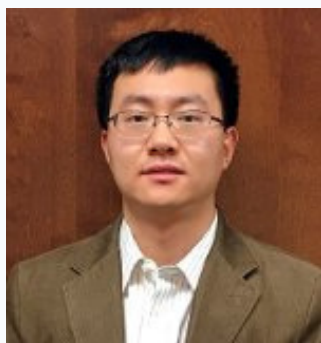
## Sailaja Yadavalli

Associate Professor  
OUWB School of Medicine

Dr. Yadavalli graduated from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and completed Diagnostic Radiology residency at Beaumont Hospital and fellowship in Musculoskeletal Radiology from University of California, San Diego.

Dr. Yadavalli specializes in interpreting radiological imaging studies for all types of musculoskeletal abnormalities including those related to sports injuries, orthopaedic oncology, and trauma. Her expertise also extends to performing musculoskeletal interventional procedures including therapeutic injections of joints and tendons, bone biopsies, and tumor ablation.

Dr. Yadavalli is an active member of the Society of Skeletal Radiology, American College of Radiology, American Roentgen Ray Society and the Michigan Radiological Society. She has published many articles, book chapters and presented exhibits and given lectures at educational conferences.



## Wei Zhang

Associate Professor  
Physics

Dr. Zhang has published more than 70 journal articles with a total citation more than 4000. He was the recipient of the IEEE Magnetic Society Early Career Award (2017) and NSF Early Career Award (2020). His research includes applied physics, condensed matter physics, materials science and nano science. His research studies the properties of quantum-mechanical effects of condensed matter such as the novel magnetic textures and spin-orbit effects, to seek potential optimization of low-power, high-capability future electronics devices.



**James M. Ziadeh**  
Associate Professor  
OUWB School of Medicine

Dr. Ziadeh serves as Chief for the Department of Emergency Medicine at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Dr. Ziadeh earned his medical degree from the Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Beaumont, Royal Oak as well as a fellowship in Geriatric Emergency Medicine. He has also served as President of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. In addition, he serves as board examiner for the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

In addition to his responsibilities as Chief of Emergency Medicine at Royal Oak, he also serves as the Physician Chief for the Emergency Clinical Services for Beaumont Health as well as Medical Director for the Beaumont Health transfer center.

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**Additional OUWB School of Medicine Honorees**

**Ismael E. Gonzalez**  
Associate Professor  
OUWB School of Medicine

**Kelly A. Levasseur**  
Associate Professor  
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**Shanna C. Jones**  
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