

# FACULTY

## HUMANITIES



### NEAL LEAVITT, MASTER LECTURER

Harvard University, BA; Boston College, PhD

An expert on global issues, Leavitt's research interests include human rights, 20th century ethical theory, and political philosophy. He published *The Foreign Policy of John Rawls and Amartya Sen*, and he has been invited to teach and consult with the Center for Human Rights at Addis Ababa University. Leavitt's students appreciate his ability to connect philosophy to contemporary issues, as well as the productive classroom atmosphere he creates. He received the Dr. Ismail Sensel Award at BU.



### MEG TYLER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Kenyon College, BA; Boston University, PhD

Tyler is a passionate expert on Irish studies and poetry. She serves as chair of the Institute for Irish Studies and director of the Poetry Reading Series, both organized out of BU. Tyler's publications include *Poor Earth*, a chapbook of poems, *A Singing Contest: Conventions of Sound in the Poetry of Seamus Heaney*, and others. She has received two Fulbright scholarships, one of the most prestigious awards in higher education, to teach and research poetry.

## SOCIAL SCIENCES



### CHRISTOPHER RHODES, LECTURER

Harvard University, BA; Harvard University, MA; Harvard University, PhD

Rhodes is an expert on comparative politics and the intersection of politics with identity, religion, and culture. His research interests include political economy of religion, identity and politics, African politics, and organizational behavior and political activities. He has written extensively on topics including Evangelical violence, the use of force, religion, law and politics in post-reform Africa, and the 2010 Kenyan constitutional referendum.



### CHUN-YI SUM, LECTURER

Washington and Lee University, BA; Boston University, MA, PhD

Sum specializes in the anthropology of identity, gender, and ethnicity. Her research examines changing understandings about moral personhood and socialist citizenship among university students and Mosuo (Na) youth in contemporary China. She is currently working with an interdisciplinary team of behavioral ecologists, geneticists, and epidemiologists to compare emerging patterns of social inequality and health disparity in matrilineal communities in China and Bangladesh.

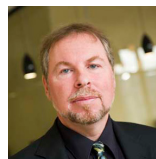
## RHETORIC



### LYNN O'BRIEN HALLSTEIN, PROFESSOR

University of Pittsburgh, BA; University of North Carolina, MA; Ohio State University, PhD

Hallstein's research focuses on rhetoric, cultural studies, feminist theory, and contemporary understandings of motherhood. She published *Bikini-Ready Moms: Celebrity Profiles, Motherhood, and the Body*, partnering with a CGS undergraduate researcher. She has also published *White Feminism and Contemporary Maternity: Purging Matrophobia*. Hallstein received the Peyton Richter Award at BU.



### JOHN REGAN, MASTER LECTURER

Central Connecticut State University, BA; Southern Connecticut State University, MA; University of Rhode Island, PhD

Regan's teaching and research interests include American literature, composition and rhetoric, and rhetoric and public advocacy. In addition to publishing articles on these topics, he is championing CGS's assessment system. Regan is regularly engaging his students in creative ways, most recently with a student-made video series featuring free and inexpensive activities to do in London.

## NATURAL SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS



### ANDY ANDRES, MASTER LECTURER

Brown University, BA; Harvard University, MS; Tufts University, PhD

Andres' teaching interests include general biology, general physics, and technology use in the classroom. Out of his passion for baseball, Andres launched the first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) at BU in 2013, *Sabremetrics 101*. Andres published *How to Value Players for Rotisserie Baseball*, is the Fenway Park datacaster, and travels regularly to speak about these topics.



### KARI LAVALLI, MASTER LECTURER

Wells College, BA; Boston University, PhD

A marine biologist, Lavalli teaches natural science and researches the behavioral ecology of lobsters. Her research focuses on lobster social behavior and how they protect themselves from predators—whether it's the thickness of their shells or their feeding patterns. Lavalli looks at accounts of the lobster population in the 1500s, when you could reach over the side of a boat and grab a lobster four feet long, and studies how climate change is affecting lobsters today.