

# new faculty 2013



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**WELCOME TO NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY,**  
an institution recognized as a leading student-focused, land-grant, national research university. You will find a unity of purpose on this campus that few other organizations enjoy.

NDSU is a very special place. We are a Top 100 research university, offering an exceptional educational experience to a purposefully sized student body of degree seeking students with appropriate academic credentials for success. There are few, if any, other land-grant universities that conduct research at our quality and quantity, but remain student focused.

The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education has named NDSU to the elite “Research University/Very High Research” category, which represents the 108 most successful private and public universities in the United States. NDSU is the first and only institution in North Dakota to receive the prestigious categorization. For the most current fiscal year, our annual research expenditures were more than \$134 million.

Aside from basic research, our highly successful Research and Technology Park continues to expand in size and productivity as we apply our research to the creation of new technologies, businesses and jobs.

We have a national and international presence, and students come to us seeking a quality education at an affordable price. In fall 2013, NDSU had 14,629 students enrolled in its undergraduate, professional and graduate programs. Our international student enrollment stands at 1,101. We have 2,335 graduate students.

NDSU has more than 100 buildings on campus and takes pride in the quality of its facilities. The university has a major presence in Fargo’s historic and vibrant downtown area – architecture and landscape architecture programs are housed in both Renaissance Hall and Klai Hall: Renaissance Hall also is home to the visual arts department; and Richard H. Barry Hall holds the College of Business and Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics.

The North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension Service are integral parts of the university, and the university remains deeply committed to its land-grant traditions. NDSU participates in the Tri-College University consortium with neighboring Minnesota State University Moorhead and Concordia College.

NDSU has a strong national reputation for excellence in education, research and service. It clearly has a positive and lasting impact on the lives of students and the vitality of our community, state, region and nation. Thank you for joining our university family and making NDSU even stronger.

Sincerely,  
President Dean L. Bresciani





## **OLUFUNMILAYO AMOBI**

*Assistant Professor in the School of Education*



## **EDWARD AVERY-NATALE**

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

Avery-Natale earned his Ph.D. in 2012 and master's degree in 2008 from Temple University. He earned bachelor's degrees in philosophy and sociology in 2005 from Bloomsburg University. Avery-Natale has six publications, as well as one book under consideration. He currently is organizing a conference on the topic of race and anarchy. Avery-Natale has teaching experience at four universities, and he is a member of the American Sociological Association, Popular Culture Association, American Culture Association and North American Anarchist Studies Network.



## **PETER W. BERGHOLZ**

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences*

Bergholz earned his Ph.D. in 2007 from Michigan State University and his B.S. in 1999 from the University of South Carolina. Bergholz is a member of the American Society for Microbiology, International Society for Microbial Ecology and Ecological Society of America. He also is an editorial board member for Frontiers in Microbiology and Biotechnology.



## **TERESA BERGHOLZ**

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences*

Bergholz earned her Ph.D. in 2007 and B.S. in 2000 from Michigan State University. Bergholz is a member of the American Society of Microbiology and is a member of the editorial board for Applied and Environmental Microbiology and the Journal of Food Protection.



## **DAVID BERTOLINI**

*Professor and Chair of the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture*

Bertolini earned his Ph.D. in 2008 from Temple University; master's degree in 1994 from Virginia Technical Institute; and B.A. in 1985 from the University of Florida. Bertolini has had a chapter published in the book, "Architecture Post-Mortem," and is a member of the American Institute of Architects. He has numerous publications and is the recipient of honors college teaching awards.



## **STEVEN BRIGGS**

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science*

Briggs earned his Ph.D. in 2007 and M.A. in 2003, both from the University of Nebraska – Omaha. He earned his B.A. in 2001 from the University of North Dakota. Briggs is a member of the American Society of Criminology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and Midwestern Criminal Justice Association. He has given eight presentations at national conferences and had four articles published in peer-reviewed journals, including Criminal Justice Studies, Police Practice and Research and the Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice.



## **WONWOO BYUN**

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences and Master of Public Health Program*

Byun earned his Ph.D. in 2012 from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, his M.S. and M.A. in 2007 from Ball State University and his M.S. in 2005 and B.S. in 2003, from Kyungpook National University in South Korea. Byun has been published in numerous professional journals. He has been a member of the Korean Society of Exercise Nutrition and the Indiana Public Health Association, and he is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine, American Heart Association and the American Montessori Society.



## **DAN CERNUSCA**

*Assistant Professor of Practice in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences*

Cernusca earned his Ph.D. in 2007 and M.B.A. in 1997 from the University of Missouri – Columbia. In addition, he was awarded a Ph.D. in 1996 and B.S. in 1985 from Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu in Romania. Cernusca has 14 refereed journal articles, as well as three books and book chapters. He has presented more than 30 papers at conferences. He is a member of the AECT, ASEE and ISLS professional associations in education. Cernusca was named a Wakonse Fellow in 2005 from the Wakonse Foundation: Inspiration and Support for College Teaching.



## **WICHAİ CHATTINNAWAT**

*Visiting Research Fellow in the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering*

An associate professor at Chiang Mai University in Thailand, Chattinnawat earned his Ph.D. in 2003, M.S. in statistics in 2003 and M.S. in industrial engineering in 2000, all from Oregon State University. Chattinnawat earned a B.S. in 1993 from Chiang Mai University. He has published several research papers in international journals and peer-reviewed journals and received grants from the Thai Research Fund and the National Science and Technology Development Agency of Thailand.



## **HELLA BLOOM COHEN**

*Lecturer in the Department of English*

Cohen expects to earn her Ph.D. in 2014 from the University of North Texas. She earned her M.A. in 2008 from New York University and B.A. in 2006 from Lebanon Valley College. Cohen is the author of articles published in the Journal of Commonwealth Literature and Critical Pedagogy and Global Literature: Worldly Teaching. She received the Scott Simpkins Memorial Award for Best Essay in Critical Theory.



## **MICHAEL COHEN**

*Visiting Professor in the Department of Mathematics*



## **ERIN CONWELL**

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology*

Conwell earned her Ph.D. in 2009 from Brown University and B.S. in 2003 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She was awarded an R15 grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in 2013. Conwell was the recipient of the 2012 Peter W. Jusczyk Award for Best Paper in Language Learning and Development. She is a member of the International Association for the Study of Child Language, International Society for Infant Studies and Society for Language Development.



## SHANNON DAVID

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science*  
David earned her Ph.D. in 2013 and M.S. in 2010 from Ohio University. She earned her B.S. in 2008 from Heidelberg University. David is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the American College of Sports Medicine; she also serves as the president of the Heidelberg Athletic Training Alumni Network. David has received two grants.



## MARTY DOUGLAS

*Assistant Professor of Practice in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science*

Douglas earned her Ph.D. in 2009 from Michigan State University and B.S. in 2005 from Southwest Missouri State University. Douglas is a member of the North American Federation of Adapted Physical Activity and has received grant funding from the Organization for Autism Research.

## MATTHEW DUQUES

*Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of English*

Duques earned his Ph.D. in 2013 and M.A. in 2008 from Vanderbilt University. He earned another M.A. from Dartmouth College and his B.A. in 2002 from Haverford College. Duques was an American Studies Fellow with the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities in 2011-12. He received the Americorps Education Award in 2003.



## GOKHAN EGILMEZ

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering*

Egilmez earned his Ph.D. in 2012; M.S. in civil engineering in 2013; and M.S. in industrial and system engineering in 2009, all from Ohio University. He earned his B.S. in 2007 from Istanbul Technical University. Egilmez has more than 10 publications and is a member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers, Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences, International Society for Industrial Ecology, Manufacturing and Service Operations in Management Society, Alpha Pi Mu Industrial Engineering Honor Society and Mechanical and Industrial Engineers Committee.



## DOMINIC FISCHER

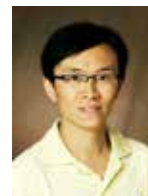
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture*



## ANDREW FRISKOP

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Plant Pathology and Extension Plant Pathologist*

Friskop earned his Ph.D. in 2013 and B.S. in 2009 from NDSU.



## YUE "GURT" GE

*Assistant Professor in the Department Emergency Management and the Master of Public Health Program*

Ge earned his Ph.D. in 2013 from Texas A&M University, M.E. in 2003 from the China Academy of Urban Planning and Design and B.S. in 2000 from Peking University. Ge is a member of the International Sociological Association RC-39 International Research Committee on Disasters, American Planning Association and American Collegiate Schools of Planning. He has been published in Risk Analysis, International Journal of Disaster Risk Science and City Planning Review, as well as two book chapters.



## NA GONG

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

Gong earned her Ph.D. in 2013 from the University of Buffalo, the State University of New York. She earned her M.E. in 2007 and B.E. in 2004 from Hebei University in China. Gong's research interests include Very Large Scale Integration and computer architecture. She has published more than 30 refereed articles in journals and conferences, including IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems II, Electronics Letters, Microelectronics Engineering, Microelectronics Reliability and Microelectronics Journal.



## ALISON GRAHAM-BERTOLINI

*Assistant Professor in the Department of English and Women and Gender Studies*

Graham-Bertolini earned her Ph.D. in 2009 from Louisiana State University; M.L.A. in 2001 from University of Pennsylvania; and B.A. from Temple University. She published a book in 2011 titled "Vigilante Women in Contemporary American Fiction" and has received numerous awards.



## KIMBERLY GREER

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences*

Greer earned her Ph.D. in 2002, M.S. in 1996 and B.S. in 1992, all from Texas A&M University. Greer is a member of the American Aging Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Association of University Women and Graduate Women in Science. She has been published in more than 20 scientific peer-reviewed journals, including invited reviews, and has participated in 30 invited lectures and presentations to both professional and lay audiences. Greer is the recipient of the NIH/NIA National Research Service Award, NIH Summer Institute on Aging Research Award, MBL Molecular Biology of Aging fellowship, Ellison Medical Foundation Invited New Investigator Award, NIH/NIA AREA grant award, NIH/NIA Resource Grand Award, AKC-CHF inherited disease grants, Pug Dog Club of American honor recognition award and targeted grant funding.



## TIMOTHY GREIVES

*Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences*

Greives earned his Ph.D. in 2009 and B.A. in both biology and psychology in 2003 from Indiana University. Greives received the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Young Investigator Award and the NSF International Research Fellowship. He has 20 peer-reviewed publications and is a member of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology and Ecology Society of America.



### **KYLE HACKNEY**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science***

Hackney earned his Ph.D. in 2013 from Syracuse University, M.Ed. in 2005 from Wayne State University and B.A. in 2003 from Hope College. Hackney is a member of the American Physiological Society, American College of Sports Medicine and National Strength and Conditioning Association. He received the Wyle Science, Technology and Engineering Excellence in Innovation award in 2012; the NASA-Johnson Space Center Exercise Physiology and Countermeasures Project MVP award in 2010; and the American College of Sports Medicine Nutrition Interest Group award in 2010. Hackney has produced 10 peer-reviewed research papers with several more in the review or preparation stages. He has written or co-written more than 20 scientific presentations for local, regional and national conferences.



### **KRISTEN HAHNE**

#### ***Lecturer in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science***

Hahne earned her M.S. in 2008 from NDSU and her B.S.E. in 2005 from Minot State University. Hahne is a member of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.



### **LAUREN L. H. HANNA**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences***

Hanna earned her Ph.D. in 2013, M.S. in 2010 and B.S. in 2007, all from Texas A&M University. Hanna is a member of the American Society of Animal Science and Gamma Sigma Delta, and also has been a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and National Cattleman's Beef Association. She was one of 23 graduate student recorders at the Farm Animal Integrated Research Conference in 2012 and the recipient of the Buck Weirus Spirit Award from Texas A&M University. Hanna has published 12 conference abstracts and proceedings, two breed journal articles and one scientific peer-reviewed article.



### **BRITT HEIDINGER**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences***



### **LEAH IRISH**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology***

Irish earned her Ph.D. in 2011 and M.A. in 2007 from Kent State University. She earned her B.S. in 2003 from University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. Irish was a post-doctoral fellow in sleep and chronobiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She has written 10 peer-reviewed manuscripts. She is a member of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, American Psychosomatic Society and Sleep Research Society.



### **BASHIR KHODA**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering***

Khoda earned his Ph.D. in 2013 from State University of New York at Buffalo; his M.S. in 2007 and B.S. in 2004, both from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. Khoda is a member of the Institute of Industrial Engineering and American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is the recipient of the University Gold Medal for Masters work from BUET. Khoda has published in eight journals and has 23 peer-reviewed conference papers.



### **CATHERINE Y. KINGSLEY WESTERMAN**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication***

Kingsley Westerman earned her Ph.D. in 2008 and M.A. in 2003 from Michigan State University and her B.S. in 2001 from Manchester University. Kingsley Westerman was an invited speaker at the 17th International Seminar on Safety in Mining Operations. She was recently published, and has been a member of the National Communication Association and the International Communication Association since 2003.



### **TIMOTHY LANDRY**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology***



### **MARY LARSON**

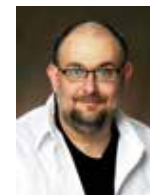
#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences***



### **JOSEPH LATIMER**

#### ***Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science***

Latimer earned his M.B.A. in 1988 from California Polytechnic State University and his B.S. in 1977 from Georgia Institute of Technology. Latimer has been published in three journals and 12 proceedings and presentations. He is a past member of the Microsoft Dynamics Academic Alliance Advisory Board. He also helped with the creation of the NDSU Group Decision Center.



### **MICHAEL LENZ**

#### ***Lecturer in the Department of Theatre Arts***

Lenz earned his M.E.A. in 2013 from Purdue University and his B.A. in 1993 from Southwest Minnesota State University.



### **RYAN LIMB**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the School of Natural Resource Sciences***

Limb earned his Ph.D. in 2008 from Oklahoma State University, M.S. in 2005 from NDSU and B.S. in 2001 from Montana State University. He is a member of the Society for Range Management, Ecological Society of America and Association for Fire Ecology. Limb is on the National E-Extension Prescribed Fire Community Of Practice Leadership Team, Natural Resources Conservation Service Rangeland Conservation Effects Assessment Project Prescribed Fire Team and the Tri-State Patch-burn Working Group. He has 13 peer-reviewed publications, 14 peer-edited fact sheets and proceedings, 18 invited presentations and more than 30 presentations at national and international society meetings. Limb was honored with the Outstanding Graduate Presentation at the Society for Range Management International 2007 meeting.





## ZHIBIN LIN

### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering*

Lin earned his Ph.D. in 2010 from University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. He earned his M.S. in 2003 and B.S. in 2000 from Nanchang University. A registered professional engineer in Michigan, Lin also is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Concrete Institute, Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation and the International Association for Bridge Maintenance and Safety.



## PAMELA LUTGEN-SANDVIK

### *Associate Professor in the Department of Communication*

Lutgen-Sandvik earned her Ph.D. in 2005 from Arizona State University; M.P.A. in 1994 from City University, Bellevue Wash.; and B.S.W. in 1993 from the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Lutgen-Sandvik won Book of the Year 2009, Article of the Year 2009 and Top Paper 2009 from the National Communication Association, Organizational Communication Division. She is a certified expert with the Workplace Bullying Institute of Bellingham, Wash. In 2008, she received the Outstanding Scholarly Article in Applied Communication award from the National Communication Association.



## BRODY MAACK

### *Assistant Professor of Practice in the Department of Pharmacy Practice*

Maack earned his Pharm.D. in 2006 and B.S. in 2004 from NDSU. He is a member of the American Pharmacists Association, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, North Dakota Pharmacists Association and Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He has published an article on the economic impact of a pharmacy resident in a living facility-based medication therapy management program. He also completed a residency at NDSU/Lake Region Healthcare Corp. in Fergus Falls, Minn.



## ESTHER E. MCGINNIS

### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Plant Sciences and Extension Horticulturist*

McGinnis earned her Ph.D. in 2013, master's degree in 2008 and J.D. in 1996, all from the University of Minnesota. She earned her B.A. in 1993 from Concordia College. McGinnis received the Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship, Philip C. Hamm Memorial Scholarship and the Alderman Award. She has three peer-reviewed publications and three others have been submitted for publication. McGinnis was a featured lecturer for Oregon State University's Food for Thought biotechnology lecture series in 2010.



## BENJAMIN MELBY

### *Lecturer in the Department of English*

Melby earned his M.A. in 2005 from Indiana University and his B.A. in 2003 from University of Minnesota - Morris.



## JUAN MURGUIA

### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics*



## WILLIAM NGANJE

### *Professor and Chair of the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics*

Nganje earned his Ph.D. in 1999 from University of Illinois. He has published 43 journal articles and five book chapters. He has had four articles named Best Journal Article and one was selected as runner-up. Nganje is past chair, secretary and treasurer for WERA-72 and serves as secretary and treasurer for the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Food Safety and Nutrition Group. He has received several grants and teaching awards.



## KATHERINE NOONE

### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Theatre Arts*

Noone earned her D.M.A. in 2008 from NDSU, M.A. in 1999 from Minnesota State University Moorhead and B.S.E. in 1992 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Noone is a faculty member and coordinator of the International Camp Musical Theatre, as well as district governor of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. She was a performer in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland in 2012 and had principal roles with the Fargo-Moorhead Opera Company from 1999 through 2012. Noone has received first-place state artist awards from the National Association of Singing Teachers.



## REBEKAH OLIVER

### *Assistant Professor of Practice in the Department of Plant Sciences*

Oliver earned her Ph.D. in 2006 and B.S. in 2002, both from NDSU.



## NATASHA J. PETRY

### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice*

Petry earned her Pharm.D. in 2012, B.S. in pharmaceutical sciences in 2010 and B.S. in microbiology in 2001, all from NDSU. She received a residency certificate in 2013 from Trinity Health/NDSU. Petry is a licensed pharmacist in North Dakota and Minnesota. She is a member of the North Dakota Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists and serves as the chair of the organization's membership committee. Petry has presented one poster at a professional meeting.



## LT. COL. TED M. PREISTER

### *Professor in the Department of Military Science and Army Reserve Officers Training Corps*

Lt. Col. Preister earned his M.S. in 2008 from Kansas State University and B.S. in 1995 from Colorado School of Mines. Preister is the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal and Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He received the Army Meritorious Service Medal three times, Army Commendation Medal three times, Army Achievement Medal twice, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Army Parachutists Badge, Air Assault Badge and the 2013 LTC Arthur D. Nicholson Award for Army Intelligence Excellence. He has been recognized for distinguished service in Iraq, Afghanistan and 21 other countries during his career. Preister was a Distinguished Military Graduate at the Colorado School of Mines ROTC.



## MUKHLESUR RAHMAN

### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Plant Sciences*

Rahman earned his Ph.D. in 2007 from the University of Manitoba and M.S. in 2003 from Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology. Rahman also earned an M.S. in 1995 and B.S. in 1991 from Bangladesh Agricultural University. Rahman is a member of the Crop Science Society of America, American Society of Agronomy, Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee and Association for the Advancement of Industrial Crops.



### **MARSHA RAMSTAD**

#### ***Simulation Manager and Lecturer in the Department of Nursing***

Ramstad earned her A.D.N. in 1983 and M.S. in 2004 from NDSU. She also earned a B.S.N. in 1993 from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Ramstad is a Lamaze Certified Childbirth Educator with ACCE and a Certified Nurse Educator. She is the recipient of the Daisy Faculty Award and a fellow of the American College of Childbirth Educations.



### **DAVID RIPPLINGER**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics***

Ripplinger earned his Ph.D. in 2012 and B.S. in 2001, both from NDSU. Ripplinger earned his M.S. in 2003 from Iowa State University.



### **JORDAN SCHRUPP**

#### ***Lecturer and Veterinary Technologist in the Department of Animal Sciences***

Schrupp earned a B.S. in 2003 from NDSU.



### **HALIS SIMSEK**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering***

Simsek earned his Ph.D. in 2012 from NDSU, M.A. in 2006 from Purdue University, M.S. in 2001 from Gebze Institute of Technology in Turkey and B. Eng. in 1997 from Selcuk University in Turkey. Simsek is a member of the Water Environment Federation, American Water Works Association and American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. He has six peer-reviewed papers, seven conference proceedings, one technical report and 18 conference presentations to his credit.



### **TODD SIROTIK**

#### ***Associate Professor in the Department of Construction Management and Engineering***



### **MATTHEW SMITH**

#### ***Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences***

Smith earned his B.S. in 2002 and M.S. in 2005, both from North Dakota State University, and his Ph.D. in 2012 from the University of Arkansas. Smith is the recipient of a 2011 NSF STEM GK-12 Fellowship; 2006-2010 Walton Doctoral Academy Fellowship; 2009 Swartz Graduate Fellowship for outstanding graduate teaching; 2007 George T. Johnson Memorial Scholarship for outstanding first year Ph.D. students; and the 2001-02 Frank J. Cassel Fellowship for Undergraduate Research at NDSU.



### **SCOTT C. SMITH**

#### ***Professor and Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering***

Smith earned his Ph.D. in 2001 from University of Central Florida; M.S. in 1998 and two B.S degrees in 1996, all from University of Missouri – Columbia. In his 12 years as a faculty member, Smith has graduated five doctoral students, 12 master's degree students and two undergraduate honors students. He supervised 40 NSF-sponsored REU students, six freshman engineering honors students, four teams competing in the yearly International NASA Lunabotics Competition and 36 senior design students. Smith has five U.S. patents with more pending, and has published one book, two book chapters, 16 journal papers, and more than 60 conference papers. He also has received more than \$3.25 million in research grants, with more than \$1.6 million as principal investigator. He previously served as interim associate department head of electrical engineering at the University of Arkansas. Smith is a senior member of IEEE and a member of ASEE, HKN, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi and the National Academy of Inventors. While at the University of Arkansas, Smith received an Outstanding Mentor Award in 2012 and the Outstanding Electrical Engineering Faculty Award in 2011.



### **LANELL STAROBA**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice***

Staroba earned her Ph.D. in 2010 and B.S. in 2008, both at NDSU. She is a National Association of Chain Drug Stores Foundation Faculty Scholar.



### **MATTHEW STONE**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Construction Management and Engineering***



### **JESSICA STRIKER**

#### ***Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics***

Striker earned her Ph.D. in 2008, M.S. in 2006 and B.S. in 2003, all from the University of Minnesota. Striker has presented research at numerous domestic conferences, as well as conferences in France, Japan, Canada, Austria and China. She has published papers in the European Journal of Combinatorics, Discrete Mathematics, Advances in Applied Mathematics and the Electronic Journal of Combinatorics.



### **ADAM P. TAYLOR**

#### ***Lecturer in the Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies***

Taylor expects to earn his Ph.D. in 2014 from University of Buffalo, State University of New York. He earned his M.A. in 2006 from University of Missouri, St. Louis, and B.A. in 2004 from Missouri Southern State University. Taylor is a member of the American Philosophical Association.



### DAVID WESTERMAN

#### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication*

Westerman earned his Ph.D. in 2007 and M.A. in 2003 from Michigan State University. He also earned his B.A. in 2000 from Niagara University. Westerman is the co-author of a soon-to-be published book on computer-mediated communication and he has co-written 25 published journal articles. He is the recipient of six top paper awards at various regional, national and international conferences.



### JOHN C. WILKINSON

#### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

Wilkinson earned his Ph.D. in 2001 from Vanderbilt University and B.S. in 1996 from Florida State University. Wilkinson is a member of the American Association for Cancer Research. He has written 21 peer-reviewed publications. Wilkinson is the recipient of the 2001 Graduate Student Excellence Award from Vanderbilt University; the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program Postdoctoral Training Award in 2004 and the program's New Investigators Award in 2008; and the American Cancer Society Research Scholar Award in 2008.



### ALEXIS ZAZARINE

#### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing*



### LEI ZHANG

#### *Assistant Professor in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics*

Zhang earned her Ph.D. in 2011 and M.S. in 2007 from the University of Texas at Dallas. She received her M.A. in 2005 from Sichuan University and B.A. in 2001 from Henan University of Finance and Economics. Zhang is a member of the American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association and Regional Science Association International. She has a forthcoming publication in the Journal of Money, Credit and Banking.





This booklet is designed to introduce NDSU's new faculty to the institution and community, and has been produced by the Office of the Provost.



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