

Millersville University New Faculty – Fall 2022

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences



Mr. Brandon Martinez
Assistant Professor
Tell School of Music

Singer, songwriter, and teacher Brandon Martinez is an Assistant Professor of Music (Voice) at Millersville University of Pennsylvania and also serves as Coordinator of the Voice Department.

As an educator, Mr. Martinez has taught in the private studio, classroom, conservatory, and as a masterclass clinician. Prior to his appointment at the Tell School of Music, he served on the faculties of The Ailey School, Concord Academy, Cape Cod Conservatory, and Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts. He also maintains private voice studios in Boston and New York City. An advocate of healthy and pedagogically-sound singing, Mr. Martinez's teaching spans the styles of classical, musical theater, pop, folk, R&B, indie, and rap. Current and former students of his have performed on Broadway, NBC's *The Voice*, have released streaming independent albums, sung with Boston Lyric Opera, Tanglewood Festival Chorus, Handel and Hayden Society, and many others.

As a performing artist, Mr. Martinez hails from an eclectic musical background. Mr. Martinez began his professional singing career at a young age, and was a member of the Grammy Award winning ensembles, Texas Boys Choir and Phoenix Boys Choir. With them he performed extensively throughout the states of Texas and Arizona and was part of multiple tours around the United States. After receiving his training as a baritone, Mr. Martinez began his classical performing career with Fort Worth Opera, Opera Providence, Boston Opera Collaborative, and Opera del West. In 2013 he shifted his performing career to commercial music and was asked to join The Arch Street Band, a contemporary worship band in Boston, MA. With them he has been their lead singer, traveled throughout the New England area, performed at Fenway Park, was featured in and on PANORAMA Magazine, and recorded their most recent album, *New Psalms & Old Blues*. In 2017 Mr. Martinez released his solo debut EP, *This Is Me*, which features his original songs in a piano-based folk soul sound.

Mr. Martinez holds a B.M. in Vocal Performance from Texas Christian University, M.M. in Vocal Performance from New England Conservatory of Music and a M.M. in Vocal Pedagogy from New England Conservatory. He also studied at the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) in Graz, Austria. He is an award winner in the Peter Elvins Vocal Competition, Orpheus Vocal Competition, and NATS area competitions. His major teachers include J. David Brock, Carole Haber, Braden Harris, and Chadley Ballantyne.

Lombardo College of Business



Dr. Leo Hong
Assistant Professor
Management & Marketing

Leo Hong is a new management faculty at Millersville University. He specializes in teaching operations management, supply chain management, and business analytics. He holds a business degree from the University of Rhode Island, where he completed a Ph.D. in the field of operations and supply chain management. He likes utilizing various computer software tools to analyze business trends and produce meaningful predictions in his teaching. His research interest is closely related to Industry 4.0 revolution, such as blockchain-based supply chain management, augmented reality operations, and artificial intelligence warehouse management. He has 7-years of IT sales experience and actively engages in business communities.



Dr. Baizhou Chen
Assistant Professor
Accounting & Finance

Dr. Baizhou Chen is an Assistant Professor of Accounting and Finance at the Lombardo College of Business at Millersville University. Prior to joining Millersville, Dr. Chen was a full-time accounting faculty at Penn State University. In addition, Dr. Chen served as a full-time faculty at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Previous to his work at Penn State, Dr. Chen served as a Senior Assistant Controller for about three years at Oracle Corporation, where he focused on executing controllership over Oracle's Global Business Units, Debt and related reconciliations, Swap Mark-to-Market, Cash Management, Hedging, Foreign Exchange, Investments, and Stock Repurchases. He was heavily involved with evaluating and integrating the financials of Oracle's \$9.3 billion acquisition of NetSuite Inc. Dr. Chen also spent 5 years with the Metropolitan New York office of Ernst & Young (EY), one of the big 4 accounting firms, where he was selected to mainly serve the firm's Office of Chairman clients and Global Priority clients. While at EY, he was invited by the firm's Far East Telecom and Technology Industry Leader to expatriate from the EY New York to the EY Beijing office for six months.

Dr. Chen is a Certified Public Accountant registered and licensed in both the states of New York and California. He passed all the four parts of the CPA Exam and the Uniform Investment Adviser Law Exam (i.e. Series 65 Exam) in his first attempt.

Dr. Chen received his Bachelor of Science degree and graduated with distinction from the University of Minnesota, where he was awarded the prestigious Michael Chowdry Entrepreneurial Scholarship. He was awarded a full Research Assistantship and graduated from the MBA in Public Accounting program at the St. John's University in New York, an AACSB-accredited university. While at St. John's, he was selected to participate in, and successfully completed, the highly selective Executive-In-Residence program. Dr. Chen received the Outstanding Graduate Award when he earned his Doctor of Business Administration degree from the AACSB-accredited Jacksonville University. His dissertation is Litigation Risk, Financial Crisis, and Non-GAAP Financial Reporting.

College of Education and Human Services



Dr. Drew Hunter
Assistant Professor
Psychology

Dr. Hunter received his D.Ed. in School Psychology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania where his dissertation work focused on the use of response to intervention for identifying students with a specific learning disability. He received his M.S. in Psychology and Certification in School Psychology from Millersville University and received his B.A. of Psychology from Albright College. Dr. Hunter was a school psychologist in Pennsylvania for 10 years before joining the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network. As a PaTTAN consultant, he provided professional development and consultation to Pennsylvania schools mainly around the implementation of multi-tiered systems of support. Dr. Hunter has taught as an adjunct faculty member at Millersville University in the Psychology Department since 2019. Prior to becoming a school psychologist, he worked in various community mental health settings with both children and adults. Dr. Hunter's professional and research interests include data-based decision making and evidence-based practices within multi-tiered systems of support, curriculum-based assessment, and using response to intervention methodologies for specific learning disability identification. Dr. Hunter is looking forward to continuing to support the field of school psychology by preparing students to meet the challenges currently facing the profession and our nation's schools.

College of Science and Technology



Dr. Lindsay Dever
Assistant Professor
Mathematics

Dr. Lindsay Dever is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the College of Science and Technology. Dr. Dever received her Ph.D. in Mathematics from Bryn Mawr College. She received her bachelor's degree in Special Education and Mathematics from The College of New Jersey, where she did research in taxometric analysis, and then attended the Post-Baccalaureate Program in Mathematics at Smith College. In her research, Dr. Dever studies analytic number theory and its applications to hyperbolic geometry. Specifically, she studies the distribution of holonomy, which measures the “twist” in certain hyperbolic spaces. She is looking forward to working with the students and faculty at Millersville!



Dr. William Gregory Blumberg
Assistant Professor
Earth Sciences

Dr. William Gregory (Greg) Blumberg is an incoming Assistant Professor of Meteorology within Millersville University's Department of Earth Sciences. He obtained his degrees in meteorology from the University of Oklahoma. While there, he developed an interest in applied meteorology problems via research focused on the layer people live in, called the Planetary Boundary Layer (PBL). He has published research on severe weather analysis methods, PBL observing systems, land-atmosphere interactions, and PBL transitions.

Prior to coming to Millersville, he worked at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center as a postdoc via a fellowship awarded by the NASA Postdoctoral Program. While there, he studied Thailand air quality using numerical models and small Uncrewed Aerial Systems (sUAS). His expertise also helped to develop kite-based observing systems for the PBL and direct NASA Goddard's Decadal Survey Incubation PBL efforts. In addition, Dr. Blumberg led a research effort to improve meteorology-dependent risk assessment methods for blast hazards at coastal launch ranges. Recently, his work resulted in the deployment of software prototype to space safety professionals and meteorologists in the FAA, NASA, and the Space Force, and is expected to help ease the strain of increased launch demands at U.S. spaceports.

Dr. Blumberg enjoys including students in his research interests and is excited to provide active learning opportunities for Millersville students both in and outside the classroom. Of particular interest is using the Millersville Atmospheric Research and Aerostat Facility (MARAF) mobile lab to explore the PBL. In the past, his work with undergraduates resulted in the development of the open-source SHARPy software program, which is used widely in the international atmospheric science community to analyze radiosonde profiles and model data.

Dr. Blumberg enjoys spending time exploring and relaxing with his family, friends, and his cat.

University College



Mr. Frank Vitale
Assistant Professor
Library

Mr. Vitale earned his M.L.I.S. from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee; his M.Sc. in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology from the University of Oxford; and his B.A. in History from Dickinson College. He started his career in the Dickinson College Archives and Special Collections, and most recently was an Associate Fellow with the National Library of Medicine. Mr. Vitale’s research in library and information science focuses on archival outreach and instruction as well as the digital humanities. Mr. Vitale is also a historian of medicine and American imperialism, studying the Native American boarding school era (late 19th and early 20th centuries) with a particular focus on the Carlisle Indian Industrial School and other Pennsylvania institutions.