

Deerfield Academy

New Faculty Bios // 2019

EDGAR ARCEO

Teaching Fellow - Spanish

Originally from California, Edgar is a graduate of Kenyon College. While at Kenyon, Edgar studied psychology and philosophy, and played for the men's soccer program, captaining the team his senior year. After college, Edgar pursued his passion for cultures, traveling to five different continents with the same trusty backpack. While in South America, Edgar worked as a teacher in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil while studying Portuguese. Passionate about youth development through education and sport, Edgar also worked for an international non-profit organization committed to the cause in both Latin America and Africa. Upon returning to the United States, Edgar joined the faculty at The Thacher School in Ojai, California. There, Edgar served as the School's inaugural Fisher Fellow, in which he taught AP Psychology and Spanish. He also helped coach soccer, track, and cross-country, lead camping trips, and instruct freshman riders in the Horse Program. Currently, Edgar spends his summers at the Language School in Middlebury College, completing a M.A. in Spanish Language and Literature. He is thrilled to be joining the Deerfield Community as a Penn Fellow, and eagerly looks forward to "collaborating with such a fun and excellent community of teachers and learners."



AMANDA BOHNSACK

Director of Admission

Amanda Bohnsack has worked in independent schools for 14 years, most recently as the Director of Secondary School Advising at the Greenwich Country Day School. Prior to GCDS, Amanda worked at her alma mater, The Hotchkiss School, for 9 years as a Senior Associate Dean of Admission. During her time at Hotchkiss she also served as the head of a ninth and tenth grade girls dorm, field hockey and ice hockey coach, and the Director of Student Activities. Prior to working in schools Amanda worked as a fly fishing guide in Jackson, WY and attended Middlebury College.



CINDIE FIDANZA

Science Teacher

Cindie earned her B.S. in chemistry with a concentration in biochemistry from Saint Mary's College. At Saint Mary's, she also earned a minor in English literature and studied abroad in Rome. She then earned her M.Ed. through the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Program. Through ACE she taught chemistry and physics in an under-resourced Catholic school in Baton Rouge as a part of Americorps and coached volleyball. After graduation, Cindie spent time teaching in a public school in Arizona while coaching volleyball and tennis. Most recently, she has been teaching in an independent Catholic school in northeastern Ohio where she also coached tennis and track.

CARTER FORD

Associate Director of Admission

After graduating from prep school, Carter went on to earn a BFA from Savannah College of Art and Design with a focus in Advertising Design and Marketing. Carter then went on to work in design recruiting in Silicon Valley before returning to the prep school world in 2016. Carter is new to the Deerfield family as Associate Director of Admission. She will be living on campus and coaching recreational squash.



TYLER GARDNER

English Teacher

Before joining the Deerfield faculty in 2019, Tyler taught and coached at The Hotchkiss School where he served as the Head of the English department for six years and worked with the girls' varsity squash team, the boys' varsity soccer team, and the track program. He earned his BA from University of Vermont, his MA from Georgetown, and his MLitt from Middlebury. He will be teaching English and coaching girls' varsity squash and track at Deerfield. He lives in Stebbins House with his fiancée, Stephanie.



BRIAN HAMILTON

History & Social Science Teacher

Brian Hamilton is joining Deerfield's History and Social Science faculty in the fall of 2019. He grew up in Maine and attended Columbia University, where he earned his B.A. in American Studies in 2004. After college he spent four years outside of Boston teaching history at the Cambridge School of Weston. He then moved to the Midwest to pursue a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is currently completing a dissertation on African American agricultural expertise in the Cotton South during the Civil War era. He served as managing editor of the digital environmental magazine [Edge Effects](#) and hosts the podcast [New Books in Environmental Studies](#). You can learn more about his work at <http://brian-hamilton.org>. Brian lives in Parsons House with his partner, Leah Webb-Halpern, and their two young children, Willie and Auden.



AMELIA HUANG

Teaching Fellow - Science

Originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan, Amelia graduated in 2019 from Oberlin College with a BA in Geology. She is a recipient of the Geology Department's George Wharton Prize, and a member of Oberlin's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. While at Oberlin, she played for the Varsity field hockey team and the club tennis team, worked in the Office of Residential Education and as a Biology and Geology TA, and studied abroad in New Zealand. The past several years, Amelia has spent her summers working as a summer camp counselor in Vermont, leading backpacking trips and teaching skills related to the outdoors and nature. This summer, she worked in a geomorphology lab in Potsdam, Germany. In her free time, she enjoys crafting, playing trumpet, baking, and going on walks. Amelia is currently pursuing a master's in education through the University of Pennsylvania Independent School Teaching Residency, and is delighted to be joining Deerfield as a Biology teacher.



BRIAN HUNT

French Teacher

Brian Hunt received his PhD in French Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research focuses on border, urban, and film studies. He has taught internationally in Bulgaria, Belgium (the French speaking part), and France in secondary and undergraduate institutions and programs. After receiving his degree in 2015, he has spent the past four years teaching French, Cinema, and World Literature at a small liberal arts college in Arkansas. Outside of obsessing over French and Francophone culture, he is a cinephile and fledgling filmmaker, NBA connoisseur, and competitive bench warmer. A native New Englander, he is thrilled to bring his partner, two sons, and dogs to the Northeast.



DOUG KREMM

Philosophy & Religious Studies Teacher

Doug Kremm will be joining the Deerfield Philosophy and Religion Department in January 2020. Doug earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University, where he wrote a prize-winning dissertation in moral philosophy. He holds a B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh, where he studied Philosophy, English Literature, and Russian. Prior to joining Deerfield, Doug taught philosophy at Bennington College, Harvard, and Lexington High School. In teaching, as in life, he is passionate about cultivating ethical reflection as part of a life well lived. Outside of the classroom, Doug enjoys snowboarding, running, meditation, learning about ancient Greek language and culture, and spending time with his family.



GEOFFREY MOSELEY

Classics Teacher, Wilson Fellow

Geoff was born in North Carolina but grew up in New York's Hudson Valley. He went to college at Yale and stayed on for graduate work, with a year of visiting studies at Harvard.

Geoff has taught foreign languages and Humanities courses at the Ohio State University, Vanderbilt University, Sewanee-University of the South, and the Latin-Greek Institute of Brooklyn College-CUNY, where he was 'on call' every evening for questions about subjunctives and ablatives and discovered the joys of life as a commuter from Sunnyside, Queens to Midtown. He is excited to introduce Deerfield students to the wonders of Latin language and literature and is always happy to chat about Latin, Greek, and the ancient world and its legacies, especially the Arabic-Islamic reception of ancient philosophy, science, and medicine.

At DA, Geoff lives in Brown House with his beloved kitten Bella. He is faculty advisor to the *Scroll* and assistant coach of Boys' B Soccer. He has a second (smaller) home in Nashville, so if you ever have any questions about country music, hot chicken, or ungodly summer humidity, feel free to ask him!



Jess Pfeffer

Assistant Director of Academic Support

Prior to her arrival at Deerfield, Jess taught courses in feminism, queer theory, and trans studies at the college level in the Greater Boston area. She received her PhD in English from Tufts University in 2018, with a focus on Renaissance literature, psychoanalysis, and deconstruction. Jess received her MA from NYU in English and her BA in English with a minor in Chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania. Jess's teaching is informed by the belief that who we are and where we are from are intrinsic to, not distinct from, the ways we think and see the world. This shapes her approach with students, which considers the intellectual in tandem with the personal and emotional.

Jess enjoys biking, making Memphis-style BBQ, Hitchcock films, playing and watching soccer, and going on hikes with her dog, Mo.



JUSTIN ROMICK

English Teacher

After spending seven years teaching English literature and translation in Bordeaux, France and six years teaching literature and coaching tennis at The Pembroke Hill school in Kansas City, Missouri, Justin brings a sense of curiosity and challenge to his approach to education at Deerfield.

High-level discourse is the key point of emphasis in Justin's classroom as he encourages his students to elevate any conversation in which they take part. Furthermore, students must also think, speak, and write with flexibility, adaptation, and creativity if they hope to find success in his class.

In addition to linguistics, philosophy, and modes of discourse, Justin's more specific academic interests center around forgotten writers of the antebellum South and other constructions of the contemporary, national mythos.

Justin's personal interests attempt to navigate the paradox of following a persistent and broad-scoped wanderlust whilst maintaining close and meaningful relationships with family and friends. He is also a self-described, dilettante gardener and an adventurous gourmand. He lives with his lovely, British wife – Emma – in Bewkes house.



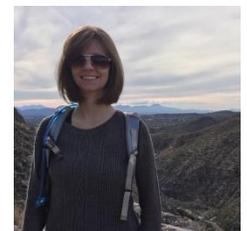
KATHERINE STOICA

Science Teacher

Prior to joining the faculty at Deerfield, Kate taught science at a public high school in the Bronx for nine years. In New York, she was a two-time recipient of the Math for America Master Fellowship, during which she facilitated professional learning teams about conceptual understanding in science and collaborated with other STEM teachers to implement new pedagogical strategies and improve their practice.

Kate believes we learn science best through discovery, discussion, and collaboration, and is interested in practices that make science accessible to all learners.

A Midwestern transplant to New England, Kate enjoys marveling at landforms above sea level, hiking, and knitting. She lives off campus with her husband.



REBECCA WINSOR

Associate Director of Admission

Rebecca joins Deerfield after spending two years working in the Gould Academy Admissions Office, most recently acting as the Director of Financial Aid. Prior to Gould, she worked in marketing in Denver. Rebecca attended Dickinson College, where she earned a BA in Economics.



JAMES WU

Teaching Fellow – Math/Science

Jimmy comes to Deerfield from the suburbs of Philadelphia, where he studied the physics behind Peacock feathers at Haverford College. When he wasn't studying peacocks he sang in low-voiced a Capella group and played far too much flag football. Before becoming a full-time teacher, he briefly worked at a venture capital firm in Philadelphia and taught English in the Gobi desert. Jimmy is currently completing his Master's degree in Education through Teaching Fellow program through The University of Pennsylvania.

