

**TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY**  
**New Faculty Appointments 2021-2022**

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN ECOLOGY**

Ciana Bowhay – Assistant Professor, School of Agriculture  
Ph.D. Texas A&M University, 2021 (pending)

Aeric Gunnels – Lecturer, School of Human Ecology  
M.A. Virginia Tech, 2018

Victoria Ayres – Assistant Professor, School of Agriculture (starting January 2022)  
Ph.D. West Virginia University, 2022 (pending)

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Seth Agee – Instructor, Mathematics  
M.S. Tennessee Tech University, 2021

Emily Alonge - Instructor, Chemistry  
M.S. Tennessee Tech University, 2019

Gourab Bhattacharya – Instructor, Earth Sciences  
Ph.D. University of Alabama, 2020

Erica Bower – Assistant Professor, Sociology and Political Science  
Ph.D. Old Dominion University, 2021

Robert Cardana – Lecturer, English  
M.F.A. Southern Methodist University Dallas, 1988

Nicole Cook – Lecturer, Sociology and Political Science  
M.A. Middle Tennessee State University, 2018

Michelle Estes – Assistant Professor, Sociology and Political Science  
Ph.D. Oklahoma State University, 2021

Joshua Hall – Assistant Professor, Biology  
Ph.D. Auburn University, 2020

Erin Hoover – Assistant Professor, English  
Ph.D. Florida State University, 2017

Spencer Kennon – Instructor, Mathematics  
M.S. Louisiana State University, 2017

Lesta Kocher – Instructor, Chemistry  
M.S. Tennessee Tech University, 2016

Subha Pratihari, Instructor, Chemistry  
Ph.D. Indian Institute of Technology, 2010

Laura Smith – Instructor, History  
M.A. University of Arkansas, 2015

### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Matt Baucum – Instructor, Decision Sciences and Management  
Ph.D. University of Tennessee Knoxville, 2021 (pending)

Milivoje Davidovic – Instructor, Economics, Finance and Marketing  
Ph.D. Northern Illinois University, 2021

Joohun (Justin) Lee – Assistant Professor, Economics, Finance and Marketing  
Ph.D. Georgia State University, 2021

Allison Toth – Assistant Professor, Decision Sciences and Management  
Ph.D. University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2021 (pending)

Jaime Williams – Assistant Professor, Decision Sciences and Management  
Ph.D. University of Mississippi, 2021

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Ellen Blaylock – Instructor, Counseling and Psychology  
Ph.D. Trevecca Nazarene University, 2019

Derek Potter – Assistant Professor, Exercise Science, Physical Education, and Wellness  
Ph.D. Tennessee Tech University, 2019

### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Bobby Adams – Instructor, Chemical Engineering  
M.S. Tennessee Tech University, 2019

Ali Arzani – Research Assistant Professor, Center for Energy System Research  
Ph.D. Clemson University, 2021 (pending)

Julia Avera – Lecturer, Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Ph.D. Tennessee Tech University, 1994

David Chesson – Instructor, Mechanical Engineering  
Ph.D. Tennessee Tech University, 2021 (pending)

Cyril Focht – Instructor, Computer Science  
M.S. University of California Santa Cruz, 2019

Nan (Terry) Guo – Research Assistant Professor, Center for Manufacturing Research  
Ph.D. University of Electronic Sciences and Technology-China, 1997

Beata Kubiak – Lecturer, Computer Science  
M.Sc. University of Memphis, 2012

Syed Ali Asad Rizvi – Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Ph.D. University of Virginia, 2019

Jesse Roberts – Lecturer, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
M.S. Tennessee Tech University, 2017

### **COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS**

Kelly Bevin Butler – Assistant Professor of Art History, Art, Craft and Design  
Ph.D. Arizona State University, 2021

Annie Evelyn – Assistant Professor of Wood, Art, Craft and Design  
M.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design, 2007

### **COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

Betsy DeSimone – Assistant Professor, Communication  
Ph.D. University of Tennessee, 2020

### **NURSING**

Keisha Butler – Lecturer  
M.S.N. Austin Peay State University, 2015

Lynette Harvey – Assistant Professor  
Ph.D. University of Missouri, 2021

Amanda Jones – Instructor  
D.N.P. Tennessee Tech University/East Tennessee State University, 2021

Stacie Rothfus, Assistant Professor  
D.N.P. University of Tennessee Health Science Center, 2019