NEW FACULTY & STAFF
Department of Art & Design

SHANNON BRAGIEL
Executive Secretary

Bachelor degree in Finance from Davenport University (2015)

Shannon is a results driven professional with over 10 years of higher education experience. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her husband and 13 year old son, as well as cycling and fishing.

JEREMY CATARINO
Lecturer I, 3D Animation

M.S. Technology Studies 3D Modeling/Animation, Eastern Michigan University

Previously was a lecturer at Eastern Michigan University. Jeremy also has previously worked for MTS Technologies Inc. developing high level 3D models and animations for interactive multimedia instruction for military training.

Mr. Catarino likes to volunteer his time outside of his teaching duties to non profit organizations such as the Detroit ACM SIGGRAPH Professional Chapter, which he is the current vice president of the chapter. Along with volunteering his professional skills as The Clean Love Project’s graphic artist/web developer.
JOSH SALAZAR
Instructor, Intro to Graphic Design, Web Design

BFA, University of Michigan
MSA, Central Michigan University

Founder and creator of Indigni LLC, a multi-disciplinary design firm focusing on web, interactive, and graphic design. Previously taught web design with the College of Business Administration.

MERAV TSUR
Barstow Artist in Residence, Lecturer, Design Foundations

MFA Practice of Art, UC Berkeley

From Oakland, California
Her work has been shown at the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco, Kroswork Gallery, SOMArts Gallery, YBCA, and in Israel. She is a recipient of the Dorothy Saxe Invitational Award for Creativity in Contemporary Art from The Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco.
TREVOR DIEHL
Assistant Professor, Online Media and Research Methods

Ph.D. University of Vienna

Joins us from a four-year stay in Austria where he taught courses in communication science and data visualization at the University of Vienna. His research focuses on multi-platform media technologies, engagement with the news, and political participation.

MICHELLE KALISEK
Executive Administrative Assistant

Attended Alma College

Recently worked at CMU in BCA as an executive assistant.
NICOLE GTAZIANO
Lecturer I, Theatre

M.F.A. Dramatic Arts - Puppet Arts, University of Connecticut

Former Assistant Director of CMU Art Gallery. Puppeteer, puppetry historian, and teaching artist focused on integrated arts education, public history, and intangible heritage. She develops community-centric creative projects that celebrate ‘place’ and the sensation of belonging.

FLEMMING RHODE
Lecturer I, Debate, Political Communication, Public Speaking

Ph.D., University of Southern California

Joins us from the University of Southern California. Flemming’s research focuses on various aspects of political argumentation and rhetoric including new media, presidential debates and the technical sphere.
Professor Satyabrata Rout, a noted scenographer and director of contemporary Indian theatre practices, is the head of the Department of Theatre Arts at the University of Hyderabad, India.

Monica is a local of Central Michigan, born and raised in Shepherd and after some traveling returned to the area to raise her family.
JAMES THIEME-WHITLOW
Manager Costume Shop

MFA, Costume Design and Production, The University of Alabama

Joins us from Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA where he designed and executed costumes for theatre productions and taught courses in Costume design, Costume Technology, Stage Makeup, and Theatre Appreciation.
ZULFIA ZAHER
Assistant Professor, Social Media & Advertising

Ph.D. Mass Communication, Ohio University

Dr. Zaher specializes in digital strategies and social media analytics. She is the recipient of the Fulbright scholarship and Allushuski Graduate Fellowship. She has over ten years’ experience working with media and international organizations such as NATO’s media in Northern Afghanistan and Council of Agencies Serving South Asians in Canada.
JOHN CAMPBELL
Lecturer I, Band, Conducting, Music Education

M.M. in Music Education, Michigan State University

John’s career includes 26 years as an award-winning Director of Bands in Roseville, East Lansing, and Traverse City. He has taught and conducted at Wayne State University, Michigan State University, and Interlochen Fine Arts Summer Music Camp. His honors include the ASBDA Stanbury Award as Outstanding Young Band Director in the United States, the MSBOA Michigan Teacher of the Year award, and the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Award.

AMON EADY
Assistant Professor, Director of Choral Activities

Ph.D. in Music Education (choral conducting), Florida State University

Following a one-year fixed-term appointment, Amon is beginning a tenure-track role as Director of Choral Activities at CMU. Amon taught at the middle school and high school level for nine years in Memphis. He has given presentations and conducted choirs at state, regional, and national conferences of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association for Music Education. He was recognized by the Tennessee Music Educators Association as Music Educator of the Year in 2014.
DEBORAH MAYER
Lecturer I, Applied Voice

M.M. in Voice Performance, Indiana University Jacobs School of Music

Deborah joins us from the music faculty of the University of Notre Dame. Her performances of the demanding soprano roles of Wagner, Verdi, and Mozart have received critical acclaim in several of the leading opera houses in Europe, Asia, and the US.

KRISTIN PAGELS
Director of Music Events

MA (Arts & Cultural Management): Michigan State University
BME (Music Education): Central Michigan University

Kristin returned to the School of Music in August of 2018 after recently completing her master’s degree in Arts & Cultural Management. Previously she spent time teaching band and choir in public schools as well as working for the Walt Disney Company and various nonprofit organizations such as the Detroit Zoological Society and Wharton Center for Performing Arts. She remains an active performer in community bands, orchestras, and theaters in mid-Michigan.
School of Music

PAUL SMITH
Lecturer I, Applied Voice

DMA in Voice Performance, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana

Paul’s career includes over 1,500 performances of opera, musical theater works, solo recitals, and religious works in major venues in the US and Europe. He has served on the faculties of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, the Stella Musical Academy in Hamburg, and Wichita State University.

ZHAO WANG
Lecturer I, Collaborative Piano

M.M. in Collaborative Piano, Michigan State University
Graduate Performance Diploma, Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University; M.M. in Piano Performance, Eastman School of Music

Zhou has performed as a soloist at the Kennedy Center, Guiyang (China) Grand Theatre Music Hall, Todi (Italy) Music Festival, Bowdoin International Music Festival, and in numerous international piano competitions. She has extensive experience as a collaborative pianist and chamber musician with prominent university faculty and major orchestra musicians.
To accelerate and support CAM’s strategic plan goals for partnership outreach in 2018-19, Alison Arnold will provide facilitation assistance and team with faculty and staff to help cultivate new and emerging initiatives. Arnold also currently serves as Director for the CMU Interdisciplinary Center for Community Health & Wellness, a five-college CMU collaboration with the community to deliver programs, research, and projects that focus on health priorities in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Alison’s professional experience cuts across education, business, and philanthropy.

Previously was an Administrative Assistant at Custom Heating and Plumbing where she worked in accounting and marketing. Prior to that she was a Communications Coordinator for Office of Student Success at CMU.
Dean’s Office

DANIEL SEGURA
Director of Student Services

M.A. Educational Leadership, Central Michigan University

Has engaged students and staff across the Student Services and Enrollment Management spectrum at Alma and Delta colleges.