



**Associated Student Government  
Faculty & Administrator Honor Roll  
2019-2020**

The Associated Student Government (ASG) collects nominations for the annual Faculty & Administrator Honor Roll from the Northwestern undergraduate student body. In the past year, nearly 100 students provided thoughtful and complex portraits of faculty and staff who they believe make a powerful impact on the Northwestern experience. ASG wishes to honor the faculty and staff whose dedication and care for students led to their inclusion on this list. Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Faculty & Administrator Honorees featured below.

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### *Administrators*

#### **Linda Jacobs**

Linda Jacobs received her PhD from Northwestern University and is currently the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in the Bienen School of Music. According to one student, Dean Jacobs *“does so much to help the students achieve whatever they set their minds to, and is so knowledgeable on everything about this school.”* Another student said *“she is accommodating in what can be a very rigid curriculum and shows that she honestly cares about the well-being of her students,”* while a third student praises Dean Jacobs for going *“out of her way to make sure all students are able to achieve their goals and make the most out of their education at NU.”* Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dean Jacobs.

### *Conducting & Ensembles*

#### **Mallory Thompson**

Professor Mallory Thompson received her Doctor of Musical from Eastman School of Music and is currently a Professor of Conducting & Ensembles. Professor Thompson is recognized for her work in leading the Northwestern [Symphonic Wind Ensemble](#). Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Thompson.

## *Music Theory & Cognition*

### **Vasili Byros**

Professor Vasili Byros received his PhD from Yale University and is currently an Associate Professor of Music Theory and Cognition. A student said Professor Byros *“completely changed the way I think about music and being a musician”* and *“he puts a great deal of love and care into the work he does.”* Professor Byros is recognized for his work in MUSIC 212-1, 2 “Music Theory IV and V.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Byros.

## *Piano*

### **Sylvia Wang**

Professor Sylvia Wang received her Doctor of Musical Arts from Eastman School of Music and is currently an Associate Professor of Piano. Professor Wang is recognized for her work in PIANO 361 “Applied Piano for Music Majors.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Wang.

## *Strings, Harp, & Guitar*

### **Blair Milton**

Professor Blair Milton received his Master of Music from Indiana University and is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Violin. One student said Professor Milton is the *“best teacher ever - incredibly patient while setting high standards for students.”* Professor Milton is recognized for his work in STRINGS “Orchestral Repertoire.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Milton.

## *Voice & Opera*

### **Richard Boldrey**

Professor Richard Boldrey received his degree from Chicago Music College and is currently a Senior Lecturer of Voice and Opera. One student said Professor Boldrey’s *“logic is extremely clear and easy to follow, and the way he incorporates the content in his textbook with his teaching is absolutely amazing.”* Professor Boldrey is recognized for his work in VOICE 111 “Phonetics and Dictions.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Boldrey.

### **W. Stephen Smith**

Professor W. Stephen Smith received his Master of Music and Honorary Degree from the University of Arkansas and serves as a Professor of Voice and Opera. A student said Professor

Smith “*changed my life and I owe him any career I may have.*” Professor Smith is recognized for his work in VOICE 390 “Studio Class.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Smith.



## *Administrators*

### **Catherine S. Carrigan**

Catherine Carrigan is an undergraduate Academic Advisor in the Radio, Television, & Film and Theatre Departments. According to one student, Ms. Carrigan “*is honest and practical, yet able to calm my anxieties about the future. I have grown more confident as a student with each of our meetings.*” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Ms. Carrigan.

### **Kelly Helgeson**

Kelly Helgeson is the Financial Coordinator for the Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts. One student said Ms. Helgeson “*has been single-handedly doing the work of at least three people with a smile on her face and steady confidence.*” We are honored to present this distinction to MS. Helgeson.

## *Radio, Television, & Film*

### **Erik Gernard**

Professor Erik Gernard received his Masters of Fine Arts in Writing for Screen and Stage from Northwestern University and currently serves as a Senior Lecturer in the Radio, Television, & Film Department. Professor Gernard is recognized for his work in RTVF 250 “Foundations of Screenwriting.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Gernard.

### **Jakob Smith**

Professor Jakob Smith received his PhD from the Department of Communications and Culture from Indiana University and currently serves as a Professor in the Radio, Television, & Film Department. Professor Smith is recognized for his work in RTVF 220 “Analyzing Media Contexts.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Smith.

## *Theatre*

## **Roger Ellis**

Professor Roger Ellis received his Master of Fine Arts from San Diego State University and currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Theatre Department. A student said, *“Roger's continuous commitment to meeting us where we are and pushing us to go further – physically, emotionally, and even socially – reminded me of everything I find beautiful about theatre.”* Professor Ellis is recognized for his work in THEATRE 350-0 “Special Topics in Musical Theatre.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Ellis.

## **Halena Kays**

Professor Halena Kays is a graduate of both Northwestern University and the University of Texas at Austin and is currently an Assistant Professor in the Theatre Department. One student said Professor Kays *“gives each student a lot of confidence and cares so much.”* Professor Kays is recognized for her work in THEATRE 171 “Basic Acting.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Kays.

## **Kelli Morgan McHugh**

Professor Kelli Morgan McHugh received her Masters in Vocal Performance from Northwestern University and is currently a Lecturer in the Department of Theatre. One student said Professor McHugh *“creates space for her students to thrive in ways that go far beyond her duties as a professor”* and *“she has radically transformed the way I approach my voice, [and] has also helped me grow into a more confident, capable person.”* Professor McHugh is recognized for her work in THEATRE 351-6 “Advanced Voice VI.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor McHugh.

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## ***Learning & Organizational Change***

### **Shirin Vossoughi**

Professor Shirin Vossoughi received her PhD in Education from the University of California, Los Angeles and currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Learning Sciences. A student said *“Shirin creates community and caused me to think critically and deeply.”* Professor Vossoughi is recognized for her work in LOC 214 “Culture and Cognition.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Vossoughi.

## ***Secondary Teaching***

### **Rebekah Stathakis**

Professor Rebekah Stathakis received her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from DePaul University and is currently an Adjunct Lecturer in the SESP Undergraduate Program. One student said Professor Stathakis *“has supported me and my peers so much throughout the last year and has shaped us as educators who can be progressive, confident and empathetic.”* Professor Stathakis is recognized for her work in TEACH\_ED 328 “Dynamics of Middle School Curriculum.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present his distinction to Professor Stathakis.

## *Social Policy*

### **Regina Logan**

Professor Regina Logan received her PhD from Northwestern University and currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Instruction and an Adviser in SESP. Professor Logan is recognized for her work in SESP 203 “Human Development: Adulthood and Aging.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Logan.

### **Lilah Shapiro**

Professor Lilah Shapiro received her PhD from the Department of Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago and currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Instruction. One student said *“Professor Shapiro consistently goes out of her way to offer meaningful feedback, form connections with students, and ensure that all students feel comfortable, supported, and capable in class.”* Professor Shapiro is recognized for her work in SESP 372 “Methods of Observing Human Behavior.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Shapiro.



## *Administrators*

### **Ellen Wordsall**

Dean Ellen Wordsall is the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in the McCormick School of Engineering. According to one student, *“Dean Worsdall is actively involved in helping her students achieve their goals by recommending resources, setting up advising appointments, reaching out to other departments on behalf of students, and having a personal interest in each student and his or her needs, life, and goals.”* Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dean Wordswall.

## *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

### **Karen Chou**

Professor Karen Chou received her PhD in Structural Engineering from Northwestern University and is currently a Clinical Professor and Assistant Chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering. A student said Professor Chou *“genuinely cares about her students and her classwork is structured so that each individual student retains as much information as possible, while being given the opportunity to ask questions and grow as an individual.”* Professor Chou is recognized for her work in CIV\_ENG 323-0 “Structural Steel Design.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Chou.

## Computer Science

### Ian Horswill

Professor Ian Horswill received his PhD in Computer Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is currently an Associate Professor of Computer Science. Professor Horswill is recognized for his work in COMP\_SCI 111 “Fundamentals of Computer Science I.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Horswill.

### Aravindan Vijayaraghavan

Professor Aravindan Vijayaraghavan received his PhD in Computer Science from Princeton University and currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Computer Science. One student said Professor Vijayaraghavan is a *“good teacher and explains content well.”* Professor Vijayaraghavan is recognized for his work COMP\_SCI 212 “Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Vijayaraghavan.

## Electrical and Computer Engineering

### Ilya Mickhelson

Professor Ilya Mickhelson is an Assistant Professor of Instruction in Electrical Engineering. A student said Professor Mickhelson *“is a wonderful teacher, very accessible in office hours.”* Professor Mickhelson is recognized for his work in GEN\_ENG 205-1 “Engineering Analysis I.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Mickhelson.

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INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

## Administrators

### Joy Fernandez

Joy Fernandez is an Academic Adviser in the Medill Office of Student Life. According to one student, *“Joy is so kind, helpful and makes such an effort to connect with students.”*

We are honored to present this distinction to Ms. Fernandez.

## *Integrated Marketing Communications*

### **Ernest Duplessis**

Professor Ernest Duplessis received his Master Degree from Northwestern University and is currently the Theodore R. and Annie Laurie Sills Professor. One student said Professor Duplessis is “*super super smart, cares about students and tells it like it is.*” Professor Duplessis is recognized for his work in IMC 306 “Strategic Communications.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Duplessis.

## *Journalism*

### **Anne Ford**

Professor Anne Ford received Master Degree from the University of Chicago and is currently an Adjunct Professor. One student said Professor Ford “*is an incredible professor and mentor.*” She is recognized for her work in JOUR 290 “Podcasting.” We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Wolter.

### **Patti Wolter**

Professor Patti Wolter received her Master Degree from Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and is currently the Helen Gurley Brown Magazine Professor. Professor Wolter is recognized for her work in JOUR 201-1 “Reporting and Writing.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Wolter.

# WEINBERG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

## *Administrators*

### **Theresa Domicela Bartosiak**

Theresa Domicela Bartosiak is a Program Assistant in the Neurobiology Major. According to one student, Ms. Bartosiak is “*so great at helping students with classes and scheduling.*” We are honored to present this distinction to Ms. Bartosiak.

## *Department of Anthropology*

### **Rebecca Seligman**

Professor Rebecca Seligman received her PhD from Emory University and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology. Professor Seligman is recognized for her work in GBLB\_HLTH 307 “International Perspectives on Mental Health.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Seligman.

## *Department of Art History*

### **Christina Normore**

Professor Christina Normore received her PhD from the University of Chicago and is an Associate Professor in the Department of Art History. One student said Professor Normore *“is funny, helpful and extremely knowledgeable, she is always well-prepared for her lectures, and provides her students with a clear course syllabus and outline in advance so we know what to expect.”* Professor Normore is recognized for her work in ART\_HIST 225-0 “Introduction to Medieval Art.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Normore.

## *Asian American Studies Program*

### **Patricia Nguyen**

Professor Patricia Nguyen is a Visiting Professor of Instruction in the Asian American Studies Program. A student said *“Professor Nguyen is not only a brilliant professor with incredible knowledge about and command of her field, but also deeply cares about her students and supports them.”* Professor Nguyen is recognized for her work in AAS 247 “Asian Americans in Popular Culture.” Read more about her [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Nguyen.

## *Business Institutions*

### **Carola Frydman**

Professor Carola Frydman received her PhD in Economics from Harvard University and is an Instructor in the Harvey Kapnick Center for Business Institutions. Professor Frydman is recognized for her work in BUS\_INST 321 “Business and Economics Institutions in Historical Perspective.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Frydman.

### **Robin Soffer**

Professor Robin Soffer received her MBA from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and is currently an Instructor in the Harvey Kapnick Center for Business Institutions. One student said *“the level of excitement and enthusiasm she brings to every single session is infectious and the way in which she so clearly cares about her students and their learning is admirable.”* Professor Soffer is recognized for her work in BUS\_INST 301 “Accounting.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Soffer.

## *Department of Chemistry*

### **Veronica Berns**

Professor Veronica Berns received her PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is currently an Assistant Professor of Instruction in the Department of Chemistry. A student said Professor Berns' *"engaged attitude and easy accessibility helped us feel more confident about coming to ask for help during the course."* Professor Berns is recognized for her work in CHEM 132 "General Chemistry." We are honored to present this distinction to Dr Berns.

## *Department of Economics*

### **Sara Hernández-Saborit**

Professor Sara Hernández-Saborit received her PhD in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is currently an Assistant Professor of Instruction in the Department of Economics. Professor Hernández is recognized for her work in ECON 202 "Introduction to Microeconomics." Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Hernández.

### **Richard Walker**

Professor Richard Walker received his PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics and is an Associate Professor of Instruction in the Department of Economics. A student calls Professor Walker *"one of my favorite professors at Northwestern"* who *"really showed me how discussion sections can be a valuable aspect of any class."* Professor Walker is recognized for his work in ECON 101-6 "First-Year Seminar: Topics in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics. Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Walker.

### **Mark Witte**

Professor Mark Witte received his PhD in Economics from Northwestern University and is currently a Professor of Instruction in the Department of Economics. One student said *"Professor Witte is an engaging and passionate professor who makes Econ lectures with difficult concepts both interesting and humorous."* Professor Witte is recognized for his work in ECON 311 "Macroeconomics." Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Witte.

## *Department of English*

### **Kasey Evans**

Professor Kasey Evans received her PhD from the University of California, Berkeley and currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Department of English. Professor Evans is recognized for her work in ENGLISH 210 "British Literary Traditions" and ENGLISH 333 "Spenser." Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Evans.

### **Penny Hirsch**

Professor Penny Hirsch received her PhD in English from Northwestern University and is currently Professor of Instruction in the Cook Family Writing Program within the Department of

English. One student describes Professor Hirsch as *“unfailing kind but a fantastic and critical writing teacher who definitely impacted me.”* Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Hirsch.

### **Megan Stielstra**

Professor Megan Stielstra is currently a Professor of Nonfiction Writing. One student said Professor Stielstra *“inspired me to want to do better with my own work and made me excited to attend class”* and another said held an *“organized our class, inspired us, and continues to help each and every one of us reach to achieve our best in the field.”* A third student said *“Megan Stielstra reignited in me a love for creativity and writing.”* Professor Stielstra is recognized for her work in ENGLISH 395-1 “Theory and Practice of Creative Nonfiction.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Stielstra.

### **Seth Swanner**

Professor Seth Swanner received his PhD from Northwestern University. A student praises him because he *“consistently pushes all of his students to be better writers, to make stretchy claims and then back those claims with hard evidence, and he is incredibly welcoming.”* Professor Swanner is recognized for his work in ENGLISH 378 “Studies in American Literature: Confederate Monuments and Union Memory.” We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Swanner.

## *Department of French and Italian*

### **Lam-Thao Nguyen**

Professor Lam-Thao Nguyen received his PhD from Michigan State University and currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Instruction in French. One student describes Professor Nguyen as *“energetic and passionate”* and says he *“always has his students’ best interests in mind.”* Professor Nguyen is recognized for his work in FRENCH 111-1 Elementary French. Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Nguyen.

## *Gender & Sexuality Studies Program*

### **Jennifer Nash**

Professor Jennifer Nash received her PhD in African American studies from Harvard University and is currently an Associate Professor of African American Studies and Gender & Sexuality Studies. A student said *“in discussion, Professor Nash gets most excited about controversial viewpoints because they challenge us to stand our ground or perhaps shift it.”* Professor Nash is recognized for her work in GSS 230 “Traditions of Feminist Thought.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Nash.

### **Helen Thompson**

Professor Helen Thompson received her PhD in English from Duke University and is currently a Professor in the Department of English and Affiliated Faculty in the Gender & Sexuality Studies Program. One student praised Professor Thompson for *“[encouraging] us to engage critically with all*

*the materials for this course*” and also appreciated her ability to convey a true *“passion for the course content.”* Professor Thompson is recognized her work in GSS 231 “Feminism as Cultural Critique - Gender, Sexuality, and Representation.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Thompson.

## *Department of German*

### **Franziska Lys**

Professor Franziska Lys received her PhD from Northwestern University and is currently Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies. One student said Professor Lys *“challenged me to think critically about foreign language pedagogy, my biases and strengths as a teacher and a human, and encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone.”* Another student stated Professor Lys *“is an amazing professor and is a large part of why I want to become a teacher.”* She is recognized for her work in GER 405 “Basic Issues in Foreign Teaching.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Lys.

## *Department of History*

### **Geraldo Cadava**

Professor Geraldo Cadava received his PhD in History from Yale University and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of History. One student said *“Professor Cadava utilizes every moment to enhance learning, is remarkably well-versed in his field and creates a warm environment conducive to learning.”* Professor Cadava is recognized for his work in HISTORY 218-0 “Latina and Latino History.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Cadava.

### **Edward Muir**

Professor Edward Muir received his PhD from Rutgers University and is currently the Clarence L. Ver Steeg Professor in the Arts and Sciences and Professor of History and Italian in the Department of History. A student said Professor Muir used *“a different approach to history, assigned really interesting books, gave a lot of help and feedback for final paper.”* Professor Muir is recognized for his work in HISTORY 393-0-20 “Microhistory.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Muir.

### **Robert Orsi**

Professor Robert Orsi received his PhD from Yale University and is currently Professor of Religious Studies in the Department of History. One student says Professor Orsi is *“incredibly knowledgeable, incorporated a variety of media methods, one of my most engaging professors.”* Another student says he is *“fantastic and fun to learn from; really felt like he cared about students.”* He is recognized for his work in HISTORY 200 “American Religious History from 1865 to the Great.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Orsi.

### **Helen Tilley**

Professor Helen Tilley received her PhD in African and Commonwealth History and currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Department of History. One student said *“Professor Tilley is the best professor I have had at Northwestern and truly inspires her students to understand and analyze history. She really opened the class to be available to everyone.”* Professor Tilley is recognized for her work in HISTORY 369 *“History of Biomedicine and Global Health.”* Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Tilley.

## *Latina and Latino Studies Program*

### **Alejandro E. Carrón**

Professor Alejandro E. Carrón is an Assistant Professor of Teaching in the Latina and Latino Studies Program as well as an undergraduate Weinberg College Advisor. A student said Professor Carrón has done *“incredible work across scholarship, NU students, and Evanston/Chicago high school students with regard to the Youth Participatory Action Research collaborative, Borders & Identities”* and is deserving of much appreciation for *“his dedication and support to his students inside and outside of class.”* Professor Carrón is recognized for his work in LATINO 392 *“Decolonizing Education.”* Read more about him [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Carrón.

### **Elvia Mendoza**

Professor Elvia Mendoza is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Latina and Latino Studies Program. One student said Professor Mendoza *“is the most compassionate, thoughtful, and intentional professor [and] I have never learned so much about the world or myself than in her courses.”* Professor Mendoza is recognized for her work in LATINO 392 *“Topics in Latina and Latino Social and Political Issues”* and LATINO 393 *“Topics in Latina and Latino Text and Representation.”* We are honored to present this distinction to Professor Mendoza.

## *Department of Linguistics*

### **Annette D’Onofrio**

Professor Annette D’Onofrio received her PhD in Linguistics from Stanford University and is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Linguistics. Students describe Professor D’Onofrio as *“super knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and approachable.”* Professor D’Onofrio is recognized for her work in LING 320 *“Sociolinguistics.”* Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. D’Onofrio.

## *Middle East and North African Studies Program*

### **Oya Topcuoglu**

Professor Oya Topcuoglu received her PhD in Near and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Chicago and is currently a Lecturer in the Middle East and North African Studies Program. One student says *“her class and teaching style were fun, promoted excitement about the topics, and made us genuinely want to come to class and learn more each day.”* Another student says Professor Topcuoglu is *“super enthusiastic about her work, and this makes her students more*

*passionate about what they're studying.*" She is recognized for her work in MENA 101 Turkish Food & Cuisine. Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Topcuoglu.

## *Department of Physics & Astronomy*

### **Michael Smutko**

Professor Michael Smutko received his PhD from the University of Chicago and currently serves as a Professor of Instruction in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. A student said Professor Smutko is *"so clear and cares about his students,"* plus he's *"funny and understandable,"* said this same student. Professor Smutko is recognized for his work in PHYSICS 130 "College Physics." Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Smutko.

## *Department of Political Science*

### **John Bullock**

Professor John Bullock received his PhD in Political Science from Stanford University and currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science. One student says Professor Bullock *"is an excellent lecturer who holds the attention of the entire class, while teaching with both wisdom and knowledge"* and *"does an excellent job of instructing his class fairly and superbly."* Professor Bullock is recognized for his work in POLI\_SCI 335 "Political Psychology." Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Bullock.

### **Daniel Krcmaric**

Professor Krcmaric received his PhD in Political Science from Duke University and is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science. A says he *"incorporated current events and different forms of media into lecture, and encouraged discussion."* Professor Krcmaric is recognized for his work in POLI\_SCI 344 "United States Foreign Policy." Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Krcmaric.

### **Wendy Pearlman**

Professor Pearlman received her PhD in Government from Harvard University and currently serves as an Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Political Science. One student said *"Dr. Pearlman masterfully filled her lectures with content in a way that I have not seen since."* Professor Pearlman is recognized for her work in POLIC\_SCI 351-0 "Politics of the Middle East." Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Pearlman.

### **Alvin Bernard Tillery Jr.**

Professor Alvin Bernard Tillery Jr. received his PhD in Political Science from Harvard University and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science. One student says Professor Tillery *"goes above and beyond to maintain relationships with his students and contribute to their intellectual growth from the first day of class until many years beyond."* Professor Tillery is

recognized for his work in POLI\_SCI 220 “American Government and Politics.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Tillery.

## *Department of Psychology*

### **Renee Engeln**

Professor Renee Engeln received her PhD in Applied Social Psychology from Loyola University Chicago and currently serves as a Professor of Instruction in the Department of Psychology. A student says Professor Engeln *“cares deeply about students and has a very structured way of facilitating learning.”* Professor Engeln is recognized for her work in PSYCH 303 “Psychopathology.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Engeln.

### **Eli Finkel**

Professor Eli Finkel received his PhD in Social & Quantitative Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is currently a Professor in the Department of Psychology. *“He is so committed to the class and his students [and] he worked very hard to make this class as great as possible,”* one student said. Professor Finkel is recognized for his work in PSYCH 384 “Relationship Sciences.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Finkel.

### **Benjamin Gorvine**

Professor Benjamin Gorvine received his PhD in Psychology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and is currently a Professor of Instruction and Assistant Chair of the Department of Psychology. One student said Professor Gorvine is *“genuine, funny, and efficient in his teaching [and] I greatly appreciate his open-mindedness to how students learn and the effort he puts into making class enjoyable.”* Professor Gorvine is recognized for his work in PSYCH 201 “Statistical Methods in Psychology.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Gorvine.

### **Robin Nusslock**

Professor Robin Nusslock received his PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology. One student said Professor Nusslock *“consistently demonstrated care and concern for his students, and displayed a genuine respect and curiosity to what we brought to discussions.”* He is recognized for his work in PSYCH 359 “The Emotional Brain.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Nusslock.

## *Department of Sociology*

### **Beth Redbird**

Professor Beth Redbird received her PhD in Sociology from Stanford University and currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology. One student said Professor Redbird’s *“expertise and enthusiasm shine through in every lecture [and] she makes things relevant and relatable, while also pushing students to apply concepts further and engage with the world around them*

*in new ways.*” Professor Redbird is recognized for her work in SOCIOL 345 “Class and Culture.” Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Redbird.

### **Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz**

Professor Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz received his PhD in Sociology from Brown University and is an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Latina/Latino Studies in the Department of Sociology. One student said Professor Rodríguez-Muñiz *“is hilarious and makes really intense and dense topics interesting and understandable.”* Professor Rodríguez-Muñiz is recognized for his work in SOCIOL 326 “Politics of Racial Knowledge.” Read his full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Dr. Rodríguez-Muñiz.

## **Administrators**

### *Health Promotion & Wellness*

#### **Samantha Conway**

Samantha Conway received her Master’s Degree in Clinical Social Work and currently serves as the Senior Program Director of Health Promotion and Wellness of Northwestern Student Affairs. A student praises Ms. Conway *“because of her dedication and care for wellness of students through her job.”* Ms. Conway is specifically recognized for her work with ResilientNU. Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Ms. Conway.

### *Multicultural Student Affairs*

#### **Daviree L. Velázquez Philip**

Daviree L. Velázquez Philip is the Director of Multicultural Student Affairs. According to one student, Ms. Velázquez *“has always made her relationship with students her number one priority. It has been difficult but she has done amazing work in just a year.”* Read more about her [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Ms. Velázquez.

### *Residential Services*

#### **Chelsea Fox**

Chelsea Fox is the Resident Director of Northwest Area campus. According to one student, Ms. Fox *“is very accessible and she always advocates for the students and has their best interests in mind.”* Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Ms. Fox.

### *Student Enrichment Services*

## **Sharitza Rivera**

Sharitza Rivera received her Masters of Social Work from the School of Social Services at the University of Chicago and is the Assistant Director of Student Enrichment Services and oversees the Compass Peer Mentor Program. As well as these positions, Ms. Rivera works with students on an individual basis to support them in navigating resources, wellness, and financial topics. A student said Ms. Rivera *“supports students when there is no one else to turn too. Does amazing work for the FGLI community at NU!”* Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Ms. Rivera.

## ***Student Organizations & Activities***

### **Tracey Gibson-Jackson**

Tracey Gibson-Jackson holds a Master’s degree in Political and Justice Studies and is currently the Associate Director of Student Organizations & Activities. One student praised Ms. Gibson-Jackson as *“a fighter, a fierce advocate, and a trusted advisor [who] has so much on her plate, but always pulls through and does all she can to support any student or student organization's goals.”* Another student said, *“she is an active and available resource to student groups on this campus.”* Read her full biography [here](#). We are honored to present this distinction to Ms. Gibson-Jackson.