

# NEW FACULTY 2024–2025



**Rebekah Ash** was appointed assistant professor in the Division of Management in the School of Business. She earned a bachelor's in Business Management and an MS in Management and Leadership from Western Governors University. In her previous

role as the administration manager for Answers in Genesis she oversaw customer service, magazine circulation, mail, web orders and reception.



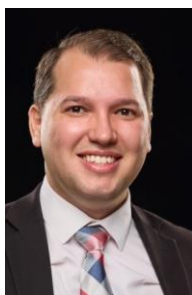
**Madison Avery** is an instructor in the Division of Communication in the School of Fine Arts & Communication. She earned a BA in Communication and an MA in Communication Studies from BJU. She previously served at BJU as a Communication graduate as-

sistant where she received the Excellence in Teaching Graduate Assistant Award (2021–2022). Avery has also earned a Global Seal of Biliiteracy demonstrating functional fluency in Spanish.



**Matthew Bedics** was appointed assistant professor in the Division of Natural Science in the College of Arts & Science. He earned a BS in Chemistry from BJU and a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He previously

served as a teaching assistant for Organic Chemistry lecture and lab and as a research assistant at the State University of New York at Buffalo. In addition, Bedics was a senior research scientist and group leader at AMRI in Albany, New York, as well as a research chemist and group leader at PPG Industries in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. He has authored and co-authored numerous publications and presentations.



**Esdras O. Borges** is an instructor in the Division of English Language & Literature in the College of Arts & Science and the Division of Biblical Studies and Theology in the School of Theology and Global Leadership. He earned a BA in Cross-Cultural Service

and an MA in Biblical Language and Literature from BJU. He has been a course developer and facilitator in the School for Continuing, Online & Professional Education (SCOPE) and taught Greek at BJU as a graduate assistant. Borges is completing a ThM in Theological Studies at BJU Seminary. He has been a volunteer translator with Bibles International (Grand Rapids, Michigan) and served as a curriculum translator for Caminho Cristao in Goiania, Brazil, and as an ESL instructor with Open House Curso de Linguas in Goiania, Brazil.



**Christopher Enloe** has been appointed assistant professor in the Division of Music in the School of Fine Arts & Communication. He holds a BM in Composition from The Master's University and an MM in Composition from Peabody Conservatory (Johns

Hopkins University). He is completing a DMA in Composition with an MM in Music Theory Pedagogy at Peabody Conservatory, where he studies under Pulitzer- and Grammy-winning composer Kevin Puts. Recent awards for Enloe's compositions include a BMI Composer Award, the AGO Pogorzelski-Yankee Award, the O/Modernt Composition Award, and the John Ness Beck Foundation Award.



**Rebecca Garcia** returns to BJU as assistant professor in the Division of Natural Science in the College of Arts & Science. She earned a BA in Natural Sciences with an emphasis in Biology from Erskine College (Due West,

South Carolina) and a PhD in Healthcare Genetics from Clemson University. Garcia previously served as vice president for product development at Co-Diagnostics, Inc. (formerly DNA Logix, Inc.) in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has also been a laboratory scientist for Selah Genomics (formerly Lab21, Inc.) in Greenville, a lab manager/assay development scientist for Cooperative Diagnostics (Greenwood, South Carolina) and genetic laboratory technologist for Greenwood Genetic Center. She has published several journal articles and given numerous conference presentations.



**Marcia Jackson** has been appointed assistant professor in the Division of Health Sciences in the School of Health Professions. She earned a BS in Health Sciences from BJU. She also holds an MA in Medical Science and a PhD in Health Sciences from Liberty University. Jackson is also a developer for BJU's School for Continuing, Online and Professional Education (SCOPE). In addition she has been a site coordinator, laboratory lead and medical assistant with Parkside Pediatrics in Simpsonville.



**Kendra Jeffcott** is an instructor in the Division of Management in the School of Business. She earned a BS in accounting from BJU and is Microsoft Certified in Microsoft Excel. She previously served as a secondary math teacher at Matthews Christian Academy in Matthews, North Carolina, and as a staff accountant with Greene Finney Cauley LLP.



**Beth Ann Labadorf** was appointed assistant professor in the Division of Communication in the School of Fine Arts & Communication. She earned a BA in Communication and an MA in Communication Studies from BJU and has a PhD in Communication from Purdue University. She has been an instructor at

Purdue University as well as an instructor and a graduate assistant in the Division of Communication at BJU. Labadorf has authored or co-authored numerous publications and conference presentations on topics such as bilingual language accommodation, smartphone habits, and crisis communication.



**McKenna McCann** is an assistant professor in the Division of Nursing in the School of Health Professions. She previously served as a nursing clinical coordinator for the BJU Division of Nursing. She earned a BSN from BJU and an MSN in Nursing Education from Capella University. She has worked in a variety of clinical settings including with Prisma Health in Greenville, Aya Healthcare in Columbia and Spartanburg Regional Hospital. She is certified in basic life support (BLS), advanced cardiovascular life support (ACLS) and National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS).



**Shauna Nanney** has been appointed assistant professor in the Division of Nursing in the School of Health Professions. She earned a BSN from BJU and is completing an MSN in Nursing Education from Liberty University. Nanney previously served as a nursing clinical coordinator at BJU and as a registered nurse (postpartum/WBN) at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. She is certified in basic life support (BLS) and neonatal resuscitation (NRP).



**Kirby Rose** is an assistant professor in the Division of Health Sciences in the School of Health Professions. She earned a BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders and an MS in Speech-Language Pathology from Appalachian State University (Boone, North Carolina). She previously served as a speech language pathologist at The Advanced Institute for Develop-

ment and Learning. Her clinical research experience includes work on the study Strong Body Strong Minds which used external memory aids to improve memory abilities and Theatre and Therapy which utilized script rehearsal to implement strategies to achieve communication goals in a group of young adults with disabilities.



**David Schwingle** has been appointed associate professor in the Division of Communication in the School of Fine Arts & Communication. He will also serve as artistic director and head of the Department of Theatre. He previously served on the BJU faculty in the

Department of Theatre. Schwingle earned a BA and an MA in Interpretative Speech from BJU and an MFA in Playwriting from Hollins University. He completed a Voice and Acting Teacher's Certification (RRT) through the Patsy Rodenburg Institute for Voice and Speech and successfully earned a Certification in Acting (Meisner approach) with author and teacher Larry Silverberg. His extensive professional experience includes numerous acting, directing and writing credits in addition to conference presentations, published works, produced plays, and playwriting and directing awards.



**Jeremy Tufts** is assistant professor in the Division of Art + Design in the School of Fine Arts & Communication. He earned a BS in Graphic Design from BJU. Tufts previously served as the marketing manager for City Arsenal, Inc. responsible for all branding,

digital advertising, and social media marketing and as associate creative director for Erwin-Penland Advertising. In addition, he was the owner and creative director of Southern Cross Creative, LLC, which serviced local Greenville clients as well as contracted with several advertising agencies in the Southeast.



**Jeremy Weaver** has been appointed assistant professor in the Division of Management in the School of Business. He earned a bachelor's of Business Administration–Accounting from Lander University and a masters of Professional Accountancy–Taxation from

Clemson University. Weaver previously was a private wealth advisor/team leader with Ronald Blue Trust and an advisor/portfolio manager at Plan-FIRST, Inc. He was also the chief financial officer with McGuinn Group, a staff tax accountant with Arthur Anderson, a manager at Grant Thornton, and a senior manager at Ernst & Young.



**Sharon Wilkie** is associate professor in the Division of Teacher Education in the School of Education and Human Services. She previously served with BJU as an associate professor in the Division of Teacher Education and has been adjunct faculty with BJU in the

College of Arts & Science, the School of Education and Human Services, and the School for Continuing, Online and Professional Education (SCOPE). Wilkie earned a BS in Social Studies Education from BJU, a masters in Personnel Management from Troy State University, a graduate certificate in Sociology from Appalachian State University, and a EdD in Leadership from Liberty University. She has been adjunct faculty with the University of South Carolina and The Citadel. Her K–12 teaching experience includes St. Marys Middle School (St. Marys, Georgia) and Barber Middle School and Awtrey Middle School in Acworth, Georgia.

#### **The following joined the BJU faculty in January 2024:**



**Jonathan Poppe**—assistant professor  
Division of Art + Design  
School of Fine Arts & Communication