Promoting from Associate to Full Professor: Faculty Panel

Faculty Bag Lunch

May 23, 2024

Flow for today

- Introductions

- Polls

- Submitted/prepared questions

- Open Q&A

  - Chat or Raise Hand

- Close/Evaluations

Christopher Barker

- Department of Department of Pathology, Microbiology & Immunology, School of Veterinary Medicine
- Promoted to Full Professor July 2022
- Dr. Barker is the director of the Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases and chair of the Graduate Group in Epidemiology.
- His research focuses on the ecology and epidemiology of mosquito-borne diseases. He uses statistical and mathematical modeling to understand transmission dynamics, improve prediction, and guide control efforts. He collaborates with many public health policy-makers throughout the U.S.

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Corrie Decker

- **Department of History, College of Letters and Science**
- **Promoted to Full Professor July 2023**
- Dr. Decker's research interests include twentieth-century social and cultural history of East Africa, history of childhood and youth, education, gender and sexuality, colonialism, Islam, development. Her first book, *Mobilizing Zanzibari Women: The Struggle for Respectability and Self-Reliance in Colonial East Africa* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), investigates the history of Muslim girls' education and women's professionalization in the Zanzibar Islands. She co-authored, with Elisabeth McMahon, *The Idea of Development in Africa: A History* (Cambridge University Press, 2020). Dr. Decker is currently writing a book on the history of rites of passage and the institutionalization of chronological age titled "The Age of Sex: Custom, Law, and Ritual in East Africa."

Kenji Sagae

- Department of Linguistics, College of Letters and Science
- Promoted to Full Professor July 2023
- Current Chair of the Department of Linguistics, Dr. Sagae runs the Computational Linguistics Laboratory and additional affiliations with Cognitive Science and Computer Science. His research interests include computational linguistics, natural language processing, automatic analysis of child language, computational models of syntax, and language technology applications. A small sample of topics in his recent projects include toxicity and bias in language models, computational models of syntax, automatic measurement of child language development, and language technology in healthcare.

Jaroslav Trnka

- **Department of Physics, College of Letters and Science**
- **Promoted to Full Professor July 202**
- **Professor Trnka's research interests are quantum field theory, supersymmetry, and string theory. He is working on exploring new mathematical structures in scattering amplitudes, mainly in the context of maximally supersymmetric gauge theory and gravity. Recently, we found that in the planar limit of N=4 Super Yang-Mills theory the amplitudes can be calculated as volumes of Amplituhedron. Currently Dr. Trnka is working on the extension of this picture to other quantum field theories including QCD and Einstein gravity.**

Polls

Please complete the following poll questions:

1. What is your home College or School?

2. When do you plan to promote to Full Professor?

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Knowing what you know now, what do you wish you had known or would have done differently?

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What resources did you use or find most helpful in preparing to promote to Full Professor?

What sort of mentoring or guidance did you look for in your preparations for promoting to Full Professor?

What was a particular challenge you faced in promoting to Full Professor and how did you address/overcome it?

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How did you manage your time and balance work and life while pursuing Full Professor?

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What was the best advice you received on your way to Full Professor? And from whom?

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Open Question and Answer

Please feel free to raise your hand or submit your questions via chat to our faculty panel.

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Thank you for joining us!

Please take 2-3 minutes to complete an evaluation for today's bag lunch

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