

## **LAS Executive Committee Spring 2020 Election Candidate Biographical Information**

**Group II** (English, African American Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Latina/Latino Studies)

**Tim Dean** is the James M. Benson Professor in **English**. He holds an MA and Ph.D. in English from Johns Hopkins University. Having taught on the faculty at Illinois from 1997 to 2002, he moved to SUNY-Buffalo for 13 years, before returning to Illinois in 2015. During the interregnum, he served as director of the Humanities Institute, director of the Center for the Study of Psychoanalysis and Culture, and for three years as an elected member of the Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure committee (Buffalo's equivalent of the LAS Executive Committee). His research has been supported by fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Fulbright Foundation, Stanford Humanities Center, the Center for Advanced Study, IPRH, and LAS Study in a Second Discipline (Anthropology). Dean has published 6 books and 150+ chapters, articles, and reviews.

<https://english.illinois.edu/directory/profile/dean>

**Jonathan Inda** is Professor of Latina/Latino Studies and affiliate faculty in the Department of Anthropology and the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory. He earned a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley and an A.B. in Public Policy from Stanford University. He has written about anthropology and globalization, Foucauldian social theory, the geneticization of race, the government of immigration, and Latina/o populations in the United States. Administratively, he has served as chair of the Department of Latina/Latino Studies for the past 5 years. He had also served on a variety of LAS and campus committees, including the Humanities Council, the LAS Policy and Development Committee, the LAS Strategic Planning Working Group, the Ethnic Studies/GWS New Building Task Force, the US Minority Cultures Assessment Committee, the LAS Faculty Director for Diversity and Inclusion Search Committee, the LAS Strategic Advisory Review Team, the Emerging Areas in the Humanities Task Force, the Committee on Race and Ethnicity (CORE), the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory Board, the Grand Challenge Learning Leadership Committee, and the Committee on Student Learning Outcomes.

<https://lls.illinois.edu/directory/profile/jxinda>

**Group IV** (Anthropology, Communication, Political Science, Sociology)

**Samantha Frost** is a professor in the Department of **Political Science**, the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, and the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory. She arrived on the UIUC campus in 1999. Her research and teaching in political theory and feminist theory focus on questions concerning how our understanding of bodies shapes our understanding of personhood. With funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, she undertook second discipline training in molecular and cellular biology. She now integrates research from that field into her own research and teaching on topics such as science and politics, biopolitics, and bioethics; she is also a leader in developing the field of the Biohumanities. At the departmental level, she has served on committees concerned with admissions, instructional programs, capricious grading, tenure and promotion, hiring, awards, departmental governance, and curriculum development. At the campus

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level, she has served on the Multi-Racial Democracy Selection Committee on the Campus Research Board, the Senate Educational Policy Committee, several Campus Strategic Planning Humanities Task Force committees, the Committee on Academic Standards, the Nominations Committee, the Gender Equity Council, the Provost's Grand Challenge Learning Leadership Committee, and various fellowship selection committees. <https://pol.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/cv/2019%20Frost%20short%20CV.pdf>

**Lyle Konigsberg** is a Professor of Anthropology and a Professor in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine (CICM). He has served on the Tenure and Promotion Committee of the UIUC College of Medicine, the predecessor to the CICM. He came to the University of Illinois in 2007 after serving on the faculty at the University of Tennessee from 1990. While at the University of Tennessee, he served on their LAS Promotion and Tenure Committee, chairing this Committee in his last year of service. Prior to the University of Tennessee Konigsberg was a Postdoctoral Scientist in the Department of Genetics at the Texas Biomedical Research Foundation. He received his PhD in Anthropology from Northwestern University in 1987. His additional service has been as Vice President and later Secretary-Treasurer of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists and as a member of grant review panels for the EPA and the NSF. He is currently a member of the Section H (Anthropology) AAAS Electorate Nominating Committee. <http://faculty.las.illinois.edu/lylek/>

### **Group VI** (School of Integrative Biology, School of Molecular & Cellular Biology)

**Jie Chen** is a professor of Cell and Developmental Biology. She joined the Illinois faculty in 1997 after receiving a PhD from Rice University and postdoctoral training at Harvard University. Her NIH-funded research program studying mammalian cell proliferation and differentiation has trained numerous PhD graduates who have gone on to successful careers in academia and the biotech industry. She has served on NIH grant review panels extensively, co-chairing some of them. She taught an advanced cell biology course for many years and was included on the List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students in most of those years. Service at the campus level includes 6 years as head of the Department of Cell & Developmental Biology, as a member of the Chancellor Transition Advisory Committee, LAS Dean Search Committee, Carle-Illinois College of Medicine Faculty Executive Committee and Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee, among others. At the college level she served on the LAS Awards Committee, STAR Committee, Associate Dean Search Committee, and the Dean's Budget Task Force. In the School of MCB and in her department she has served on almost every committee and chaired several of them. <http://mcb.illinois.edu/faculty/profile/jiechen/>

### **Group VIII** (Astronomy, Mathematics, and Statistics)

**Lee DeVille** is a Professor in the Department of Mathematics and currently serves as the math department's Director of Graduate Studies. DeVille arrived at UIUC in 2007 as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Professor in 2017. His research is in applied mathematics, with a focus on stochastic processes and differential equations, and he works on applications in several fields in engineering and the natural sciences. His

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previous service outside of the department includes the Campus Gen Ed Board, the LAS Nominations Committee, and the Graduate College Executive Committee, and in the department includes the departmental Executive Committee and Chair Search Committees, as well as being the Director of Graduate Studies. He serves on several editorial boards and has served on organizing committees for SIAM conferences. He is also a dedicated teacher and won the Campus and LAS Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by Faculty in 2016.

<https://faculty.math.illinois.edu/~rdeville/>

**Jeffrey Douglas** is a Professor in the Department of Statistics. He received his PhD in Statistics at the University of Illinois in 1995, and was on the faculty in Biostatistics and Medical Informatics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison before returning to the University of Illinois in 2001. His research is in categorical data and latent variable modeling with applications primarily in psychometrics. He has mentored 15 doctoral students and has been funded by NIH, NSF and Spencer Foundation, among other agencies. He has served on the editorial boards of *Psychometrika*, *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*, *Statistics and its Interface* and the *Journal of Classification*. Recently he was elected President of the Psychometric Society for the 2021-2022 term. Professor Douglas has served on the Executive Committee of the Department of Statistics since 2002, aside from 2018-2019 when he was Acting Chair of the department. He has twice been on the LAS Executive Committee and has served on the Campus Promotion and Tenure Committee. He has served as both BS and MS director in Statistics and is currently the Associate Chair of the Department of Statistics.

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