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### Group I (Classics, History, Philosophy, Religion)

**Antonios Augoustakis** is Professor and Head of Classics and affiliated with Comparative and World Literature, Medieval Studies, Translation Studies, and Media and Cinema Studies. He is currently a University Scholar and has held the title of Langan Professorial Scholar and Centennial Scholar in the past.

Administratively, in addition to being the EO of Classics for the past 5 years, he has served on a number of College and Campus committees, including the Campus Research Board, the Provost Task Force on Communication #9, the Campus GenEd Board, the LAS GenEd committee, the Humanities Council. His area of expertise is in ancient epic poetry, gender and psychoanalytical theory, the reception of antiquity in modern media. He has published 18 books and volumes with Oxford University and other University Presses and over 70 articles and book chapters. He is also the editor of *The Classical Journal*. <http://publish.illinois.edu/aaugoust/>

**Leslie J. Reagan** is Professor of **History** with affiliations in Gender and Women's Studies, Law, and Media Studies. She earned her Ph.D. in History at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and B.A. in Economics at the University of California, Davis. She joined the University of Illinois Department of History, GWS, and College of Medicine in 1992 after one-year at The Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine and Department of History. She is a feminist and interdisciplinary scholar whose research and teaching focuses on the U.S. history of medicine and public health; women, gender, and sexuality; law; disabilities; and Vietnam. She is currently a Public Voices Fellow of the Op-Ed Project. She was awarded University Scholar, 2012-15, IPRH Faculty Research Award, 2009 for her article in *Law and History Review*, and LAS Service Award, 1998. For teaching, she has been awarded the Medical Scholars Program Graduate Advisor Award, the History Department Queen Award, and ranked as excellent by UIUC students. She has served the campus at every level, including chairing the OVCR University Scholars Committee and serving on the Campus Research Board, Chancellor's Strategic Planning Committee, Faculty Senate, Gen. Ed. Board, George A. Miller Committee, and others. In the History Department, she has chaired Search committees, served as the Affirmative Action officer, and on the Executive, Graduate, Undergraduate, Financial Aid, Programming, and other Committees. She has joined several editorial boards (e.g., *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* and *Gender and History*) and is currently co-chair of the program committee for the 2021 meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine. NIH, NEH, Mellon, ACOG, the American Bar Foundation, and the Research Board among others have supported her research. Reagan is internationally known for her award-winning books and articles. She also regularly appears in popular media, including podcasts, radio, and magazines, such as *Time*, *NYT*, and *NPR*. She is on the steering committee of the local chapter of ACLU. <https://history.illinois.edu/directory/profile/lreagan>

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

**Candice Jenkins** is Professor of English and African American Studies, and affiliate faculty with the Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory. She arrived at UIUC in 2014 after 13 years on the faculty at Hunter College, CUNY. She holds a B.A. in English from Spelman College and a Ph.D. in English from Duke University; her scholarship and teaching use a critical Black feminist lens to consider how African American cultural texts address questions of racial subjectivity, sexual politics, and class in the US. Campus-wide, she currently serves on the Faculty Non-Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Appeals Committee for the Campus Office for Access and Equity (OAE); she was a member of the Promoting Diversity and Inclusion Working Group as part of the 2019 Strategic Planning Process for the College of LAS, and also served on the LAS Committee on Undergraduate Education. Across both of her departments, AFRO and English, she has served on or chaired committees engaging with undergraduate curriculum, graduate admissions and graduate studies, specialized faculty, by-laws and departmental governance, and has served as the undergraduate advisor for AFRO since 2017. She has also been elected twice to serve on the advisory committee for the English Department.

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

**Group III** (Comparative & World Literature, East Asian Languages & Cultures, French & Italian, Germanic Languages & Literatures, Linguistics, Slavic Languages & Literatures, Spanish & Portuguese)

**Javier Irigoyen-García** is a Professor of Spanish Studies at the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, and affiliate faculty in the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and the European Union Center. His research focuses on the representation of race, ethnicity, and class difference in early modern Spain. He earned an MA in Spanish from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a PhD in Romance Languages from the University in Pennsylvania and has taught at UIUC since 2008. At the department level, he has served as Director of Graduate Studies since 2016, as well as Director of Education Abroad in 2014-2015. At the campus level, he has served on the Senate Committee for Educational Policy, Global Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, and the Fulbright Scholarships Interview Committee.

<https://spanport.illinois.edu/directory/profile/irigoyen>

**Lilya Kaganovsky** is Richard and Margaret Romano Professor of Slavic and Comparative Literature. She earned her M.A. in Slavic Languages & Literatures from Columbia University, and her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature, with Designated Emphasis in Film, from UC Berkeley. She was previously the College of LAS Centennial Scholar and recipient of the Campus Distinguished Promotion Award. Her research focuses on gender, sexuality, and the body in Russian/Soviet literature and film, and her publications include two authored books, three co-edited volumes, and over forty articles and book chapters. Her research has been supported by the American Council of Learned Societies (together with Social Science Research Council/National Endowment for the

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Humanities), the Center for Advanced Study, the Mellon Foundation, and the Unit for Criticism & Interpretive Theory. She has been at the University of Illinois since 2001, where she also holds affiliate appointments in the College of Media; the Department of Gender and Women's Studies; the Program in Jewish Culture and Society; the Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies; the Russian, East European and Eurasian Center; and the Unit for Criticism & Interpretive Theory. She served a five-year term as Head of the Program in Comparative & World Literature, and is currently serving as Acting Head of the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures. Beyond service to her two departments, she has served on the Executive Committees for the Graduate College; the School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics; the Department of Media and Cinema Studies; the Russian, East European and Eurasian Center; and the Unit for Criticism & Interpretive Theory. She has also served on the Faculty Senate, and the Senate Committee on Committees. This year she is serving on the LAS Honors Council. <https://slavic.illinois.edu/directory/profile/lilya>

**Ryan Shosted** is Professor of Linguistics and an affiliate faculty member in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the Program in American Indian Studies, as well as the Beckman Institute. He received his Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of California, Berkeley in 2006. He currently serves as the Undergraduate Studies Director in Linguistics. He was chosen as one of the recipients of the 2020-2021 LAS Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. He has served as Director of the Illinois Phonetics and Phonology Lab in the School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics (SLCL) since 2007. He has served numerous terms on the Advisory Committee of Linguistics; twice as acting Associate Head of Linguistics; on the Executive Committee of SLCL; and currently on the LAS Courses and Curricula Committee. His research focuses on how phonetic principles shape phonological, typological, and diachronic outcomes in language, with a recent focus on speech imaging using ultra-fast MRI. He has since 2008 accompanied the local Q'anjob'al (Maya) community of Urbana-Champaign, promoting literacy in their native language and helping to educate the non-Maya community about the Q'anjob'al language. <http://faculty.las.illinois.edu/rshosted/index.html>

### **Group V** (Economics, Psychology)

**Stephen Krasa** is a Professor of Economics and the Leslie A. Watt Professorial Scholar. He is currently the Director of the Ph.D. Program for the Department of Economics, has been the chair of the department's Ph.D. admissions since 2014, and has served on various other departmental committees, including faculty recruiting, promotion, and tenure. He was a member of the LAS Curriculum and Courses Committee (2007-2009) and the LAS Faculty Appeals Committee (2019-2020). He joined the University of Illinois in 1990, was tenured in 1995, and promoted to Professor in 2001. His research, which has been partially funded by grants from the National Science Foundation, covers microeconomic theory, financial economics, and application of game theory to political decision making. He has published in leading journals in both economics and political science.

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**Group VII** (School of Chemical Sciences, School of Earth, Society, & Environment)

**Tom Johnson** is Professor and Head of the Department of Geology. He is currently in his tenth year as head and will be stepping down in August 2021. He joined the Illinois faculty in 1997 after receiving a PhD from UC Berkeley and postdoctoral training at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. His research, funded by NSF and DOE, focuses on geochemistry and water quality, and his former students (7 Ph.D., 14 M.S.) have gone on to successful careers ranging from university teaching to environmental consulting. His teaching ranges from large Gen Ed courses (e.g., The Oceans) to graduate courses that serve a broad range of students in the department. Service to LAS includes the LAS Awards Committee, the STAR Committee, and serving as chair of the search committee for the Assistant Dean for Finance and Resource Planning. He played a key role in the complete redesign and renovation of the Natural History Building. Campus level service includes a search committee for the Director of the Prairie Research Institute, the Illinois Space Advisory Committee, the Library Consultation Working Group, the COVID-19 Committee on Return to On-Campus Operations, Finance and Operations Team, and the Campus Budget Oversight Committee (Chair, AY20-21).

<https://geology.illinois.edu/directory/profile/tmjohsn>

**Doug Mitchell** is the John and Margaret Witt Professor of Chemistry and holds an affiliate appointment in the Department of Microbiology. He is also a faculty member of the Mining Microbial Genomes theme of the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology. He joined the University of Illinois faculty in 2009 with promotion to Associate Professor in 2015 and full Professor in 2018. Mitchell received his PhD in Chemistry from the Univ. of Calif., Berkeley (advisor: Michael Marletta) and completed postdoctoral work at Univ. of Calif., San Diego (advisor: Jack Dixon). Mitchell has published 83 research manuscripts in the peer-reviewed, scholarly literature and currently has an h-index of 40 with 7200 total citations. Mitchell has trained 12 PhD students from Chemistry and Microbiology and 6 postdoctoral fellows who have entered high-profile scientific careers in government, industry, academia, and publishing. Mitchell's research group currently consists of 20 full-time graduate student and postdoctoral researchers with annual expenditures of \$1M that are fully funded by five grants from the NIH, private foundations, and collaborations with multiple start-up biotech companies. In 2019, Mitchell co-founded Lassogen, Inc. (San Diego) which recently raised \$4.5M in a seed round. Mitchell has sat on numerous Department of Chemistry committees, often serving as the chair, which include Graduate Fellowships and Progress (4 years), Graduate Advising (4 years), Snyder Scholars Program (10 years), Chemical Biology Interface Steering Committee (5 years), Graduate Admissions and Recruiting (8 years), and most recently, Budget and Operations (1 year). In addition to designing and instructing a highly popular course (Chem474: Drug Discovery & Development), Mitchell has been recognized by numerous awards specific to the University. Externally, he has been the recipient of the NIH Director's New Innovator Award, Packard Fellowship in Science and Engineering, Genome Technology magazine's "Tomorrow's PI", Pfizer Award in

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Enzyme Chemistry, Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, and the National Fresenius Award. Mitchell serves as an Editor for several Elsevier reference works in the natural product and chemical biology fields and is a full member of study section SBCB, a NIH integrated review group.

<https://mitchell-lab.chemistry.illinois.edu>