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Faculty

The Mills faculty is comprised of a distinguished roster of about 200 full- and part-time professors who are accomplished scholars, artists, scientists, writers, musicians, and educators. An integral part of the Mills experience is the collaboration between these renowned professors and talented students as they delve intensely into their areas of study. Close to 70 percent of full-time faculty are women, and more than thirty percent are people of color, ensuring that Mills provides a unique perspective not often found at other institutions.

Tenured, tenure-track, and multiple-year-contract faculty of Mills College are listed alphabetically.

Abinader, Elmaz; Professor of English. BA, University of Pittsburgh; MFA, Columbia University; PhD, University of Nebraska. At Mills since 1993.

Averett, Maia; Associate Professor of Mathematics. BS, UC Santa Barbara; MS, PhD, UC San Diego. At Mills since 2008.

Bachen, Elizabeth; Professor of Psychology. BS, UC Davis; MA, San Diego State University; PhD, University of Pittsburgh. At Mills since 1997.

Bailey, Meryl; Assistant Professor of Art History. AB, Harvard; JD, Harvard Law; MA and PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 2011.

Bamberger, Lori; Director of Public Policy and Professor of Practice. BA, Dartmouth College; JD, Yale Law School. At Mills since 2015.

Bernstein, David; Professor of Music. BA, Queens College; MA, MPhil, PhD, Columbia University. At Mills since 1989.

Bischoff, John; Professor of Music; Composer. BFA, California Institute of the Arts; MFA, Mills College. At Mills since 1992.

Bishop, Judith; Associate Professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. BA, Baylor University; MA, Vanderbilt University; PhD, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. At Mills since 2005.

Brabson, John S.; Professor of Chemistry. BS, Georgia Institute of Technology; PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. At Mills since 1985.

Brown, Christopher; Professor of Music. BA, UC Santa Cruz; MFA, Mills College. At Mills since 1987.

Cady, Diane; Associate Professor of English. BA, Portland State University; MA, Portland State University and Cornell University; PhD, Cornell University. At Mills since 2005.

Calefas-Strébelle, Audrey; Siekhaus Faculty Achievement Awardee; Assistant Professor of French and Francophone Studies. BA, Sorbonne University; MA, Sorbonne; PhD, Stanford University. At Mills since 2012.

Caulfield, Carlota; W. M. Keck Professor in Creative Writing; Professor of Spanish and Spanish American Studies. Licenciatura, University of Havana; MA, San Francisco State University; PhD, Tulane University. At Mills since 1992.

- Chen, Chiu-Hung**; Assistant Professor of Chinese Language and Literature. BA, MA, PhD, University of Ottawa. At Mills since 2012.
- Chen, Julie**; Professor of Book Art, part time. BA, UC Berkeley; MA, Mills College. At Mills since 1996.
- Cheng, Wah K.**; Professor of History. BA, University of Hong Kong; MA, University of Wisconsin-Madison; PhD, University of Chicago. At Mills since 1999.
- Chin, Vivian F.**; Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies. BA, Mills College; MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 2000.
- Chung, Christie**; Letts-Villard Professor in the Natural Sciences; Associate Professor of Psychology. BSc, University of Toronto; MA, PhD, Claremont Graduate University. At Mills since 2007.
- Cossey, Ruth**; Professor of Education. BA, San Francisco State University; MA, PhD, Stanford University. At Mills since 1993.
- Crampton, Don**; Director of the Nursing Program and Undergraduate Advising. BA, Ithaca College; PhD, Arizona State University. At Mills since 2011.
- Delwaide, Sonya**; Professor of Dance. BFA, York University. At Mills since 2003.
- Engel, Alex**; Assistant Professor of Biology. BA, Pomona College; PhD, UC San Francisco. At Mills since 2016.
- Faul, Kristina**; Rhoda Goldman Professorship in Environmental Science; Professor of Geochemistry and Environmental Geology. SB, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; PhD, UC Santa Cruz. At Mills since 2002.
- Fei, James**; Davidson Associate Professor of Electronic Arts. BSE, Princeton University; MA, Wesleyan University. At Mills since 2006.
- Fenley, Molissa**; Professor of Dance, part time. BA, Mills College. At Mills since 1999.
- Flores, Andrew**; Assistant Professor of Government. BA, California State University, San Bernardino; MA, PhD, UC Riverside. At Mills since 2016.
- Frith, Fred**; Professor of Music. BA, MA, Cambridge University. At Mills since 1999.
- Galguera, Tomás**; Professor of Education. BS, California State University, East Bay; PhD, Stanford University. At Mills since 1996.
- George, Carol C.**; Professor of Psychology. BA, University of Southern California; MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 1986.
- Ghuman, Nalini**; Frederick A. Rice Professorship; Associate Professor of Music. BA, MA, The Queens College, Oxford University; MMus, King's College, University of London; PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 2003.
- Givant, Steven Roger**; Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. BA, MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 1975.
- Gordon, Bertram M.**; Professor of History. BA, Brooklyn College; MA, PhD, Rutgers University. At Mills since 1969.
- Gupta, Jay A.**; Edward Hohfeld Professorship; Associate Professor of Philosophy. BA, State University of New York at Purchase; MA, PhD, University of Toronto. At Mills since 2008.
- Halperin, Samara**; Visiting Assistant Professor of Studio Art. BFA, Rhode Island School of Design; MFA, California College of the Arts. At Mills since 2002.
- Henderson, Mark**; Kathryn P. Hannam Professor; Associate Professor of Public Policy. BA, Williams College; MA, Harvard University; PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 2007.
- Hunter, Margaret**; Fletcher Jones Professor of Sociology; Professor of Sociology. BA, University of Wisconsin-Madison; MA, PhD, UCLA. At Mills since 2007.
- Johnson, Martha C.**; Associate Professor of Government. BA, Smith College; MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 2009.

Joseph, Marc; Professor of Philosophy. BA, University of Pennsylvania; MA, PhD, Columbia University. At Mills since 1999.

Kahne, Joseph E.; Senior Researcher, School of Education. BA, Wesleyan University; MA, PhD, Stanford University. At Mills since 1999.

Kandaswamy, Priya; Alice Andrews Quigley Professor; Associate Professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. BA, MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 2010.

Karniouchina, Ekaterina; Associate Professor of Business. BA, MBA, and PhD, University of Utah. At Mills since 2012.

Keeports, David D.; Professor of Chemistry and Physics. BS, University of Delaware; MS, Yale University; PhD, University of Washington. At Mills since 1982.

Ketelle, Diane; Wert Professor; Interim Dean of the School of Education; Professor of Education, Educational Leadership and Administrative Services Credential. BA, MA, Mills College; MA, Saint Mary's College of California; DPA, USC. At Mills since 2003.

Kochly, Beth; Scheffler Chair; Associate Professor of Chemistry. BS, UC Davis; PhD, University of Notre Dame. At Mills since 2008.

Konrad, Almudena; Associate Professor of Computer Science. BS, MS, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 2003.

Kroll, Linda; Holland Professor; Professor of Education. BA, MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 1988.

Lawson, Fred H.; Professor of Government. BA, Indiana University; MA, PhD, UCLA. At Mills since 1985.

Li Santi, Barbara; Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. BA, Vassar College; MA, PhD, UC Santa Barbara. At Mills since 1981.

Mance, Ajuan; Professor of English. BA, Brown University; MA, PhD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. At Mills since 1999.

Mehta, Brinda J.; Germaine Thompson Professor; Professor of French and Francophone Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. BA, Elphinstone College; MA, University of Bombay; PhD, Brown University. At Mills since 1992.

Micco, Melinda; Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies. BA, MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 1993.

Milford, Mary-Ann; Carver Professor in Far Eastern Studies; Professor of Art History. BA, MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 1982.

Mitchell, Roscoe; Distinguished Milhaud Professor of Music. At Mills since 2007.

Morier, Dean; Lee Mirmow Professor; Professor of Psychology. BA, Hope College; PhD, University of Minnesota. At Mills since 1989.

Murphy, Ann; Associate Professor of Dance. BA, UC Berkeley; MFA, University of California, Riverside. At Mills since 2007.

Nava, Pedro; Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership. BA, California State University Fresno; MA, Harvard University; PhD, UCLA. At Mills since 2014.

Oparah, Julia Chinyere; Associate Provost; Professor of Ethnic Studies. BA, MA, University of Cambridge; MA, PhD, University of Warwick. At Mills since 1997.

Payne, Maggi; Luther Brusie Marchant Professorship; Professor of Music. BMus, Northwestern University; MMus, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; MFA, Mills College. At Mills since 1972.

Perez, Linda M.; Abbie Valley Professor; Professor of Education. BA, MA, California State University, San Francisco; PhD, UC Berkeley/California State University. At Mills since 1996.

Pinkusevich, Yulia; Assistant Professor of Studio Art. BFA, Rutgers University; MFA, Stanford University. At Mills since 2014.

Pollock, Sarah; Professor of English and Journalism, part time. BA, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 1987.

- Powell, Patricia**; Aurelia Henry Reinhardt Professor; Professor of English. BA, Wellesley College; MFA, Brown University. At Mills since 2009.
- Ratcliffe, Stephen R.**; Professor of English. BA, MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 1984.
- Reilly, Siobhan**; Professor of Economics. Licence, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium; MA, Johns Hopkins University; PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 2001.
- Reiss, Kathryn**; Professor of English, part time. BA, Duke University; MFA, University of Michigan. At Mills since 1989.
- Rice, Lorien**; James Irvine Professorship; Associate Professor of Economics. BA, Oberlin College; PhD, UC San Diego. At Mills since 2006.
- Roth, Moira**; Eugene E. Trefethen Jr. Professor; Professor of Art History. BA, Washington Square College, New York University; MA, PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 1985.
- Ruch, John Clifford**; Professor of Psychology. BA, Harvard University; PhD, Stanford University. At Mills since 1973.
- Ryan, Dan**; Lorry I. Lokey Chair in Ethics; Professor of Sociology. BA, New College of Florida; MA, MPhil, PhD, Yale University. At Mills since 1998.
- Saxton, Kirsten**; Professor of English. BA, Mills College; MA, PhD, UC Davis. At Mills since 1996.
- Scheinberg, Cynthia**; Professor of English. BA, Harvard-Radcliffe College; PhD, Rutgers University. At Mills since 1992.
- Schulman, Paul R.**; Professor of Government. BA, Tulane University; MA, PhD, Johns Hopkins University. At Mills since 1977.
- Sheldon, Marianne Buroff**; Professor of History. BA, Douglass College, Rutgers University; MA, PhD, University of Michigan. At Mills since 1975.
- Shimpi, Priya**; Lynn T. White Professor; Associate Professor of Education. BA, Indiana University; MA, PhD, University of Chicago. At Mills since 2009.
- Sollars, Chris**; Assistant Professor of Studio Art, BFA, Sculpture: Rhode Island School of Design; MFA, Sculpture: Bard College Milton Avery Graduate School. At Mills since 2015.
- Smith, Jennifer**; Assistant Professor of Biology. BA, Colby College; MS, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; PhD, Michigan State University. At Mills since 2012.
- Smith, Sheldon**; Visiting Assistant Professor of Dance. BA, Colorado College; MFA, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. At Mills since 2009.
- Spahr, Juliana**; Joan Danforth Professorship in the Arts; Professor of English. BA, Bard College; PhD, State University of New York at Buffalo. At Mills since 2003.
- Sparks, Roger**; Professor of Economics. BA, UC Riverside; PhD, UC Davis. At Mills since 1989.
- Spertus, Ellen**; Professor of Computer Science. BS, MS, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At Mills since 1998.
- Strychacz, Thomas**; May Treat Morrison Professor; Professor of English. BA, University of Warwick; MA, PhD, Princeton University. At Mills since 1988.
- Swope, Sarah**; Assistant Professor of Biology. BS, Prescott College; MS, Northern Arizona University; PhD, University of California, Santa Cruz. At Mills since 2014.
- Talmadge, Victor**; Director of Theater Studies. BA, Cornell University; MFA, The California Institute of the Arts. At Mills since 2014.
- Theokary, Carol**; Assistant Professor of Business. Engineering Diploma, Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon; Doctorate of Business Administration, Boston University. At Mills since 2011.
- Urry, Lisa**; Gibbons-Young Professor; Professor of Biology. BS, Tufts University; PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At Mills since 1994.

Wade, Elisabeth; Kilgore-Snyder Professorship; Professor of Chemistry. BS, Harvey Mudd College; PhD, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 2000.

Wagner, Catherine; Professor of Studio Art. BA, MA, San Francisco State University. At Mills since 1978.

Walkup, Kathleen A.; Trefethen Faculty Awardee; Professor of Book Art, part time. BA, Temple University. At Mills since 1978.

Walter, Helen; Adjunct Professor of Biology and Academic Director, First Year Experience. PhD, University of Birmingham, UK. At Mills since 2005.

Wang, Susan; Professor of Computer Science. BS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; MA, PhD, Princeton University. At Mills since 1992.

Watson, Wanda; Assistant Professor of Education. BA, Human Biology, Stanford University; MA, Elementary Education, Stanford University; EdD, Curriculum and Teaching, Teachers College, Columbia University. At Mills since 2015.

Wolfe-Simon, Felisa: Annette Chan-Norris '65 and Evan Norris, MD, Endowed Visiting Professorship in Science and Technology. At Mills since 2016.

Young, Jared; Mary S. Metz Professorship; Associate Professor of Biology. BA, UC Berkeley; PhD, UC San Diego. At Mills since 2006.

Zimmerman, Arely M.; Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies. BA, Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles; PhD Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles. At Mills since 2015.

Zirkel, Sabrina; Professor of Educational Leadership. BA, UC Berkeley; PhD, University of Michigan. At Mills since 2006.

Individual Lesson Instructors

- Gianna Abondolo, Cello
- Christine Abraham, Voice
- Miriam Abramowitsch, Voice
- Stephen Adams, Saxophone
- Peter Barshay, Bass (electric and acoustic)
- David Belove, Electric Bass
- John Bischoff, Composition
- Chris Brown, Composition
- Belle Bulwinkle, Piano and Fortepiano
- Michelle Caimotto, Flute
- India Cooke, Viola, Violin
- Steed Cowart, Composition; Director, Contemporary Performance Ensemble
- Jennifer Culp, Cello
- Beth Custer, Clarinet and Composition
- Larry Dunlap, Jazz Piano
- Hank Dutt, Viola
- Bill Evans, Banjo
- James Fei, Composition
- Fred Frith, Composition
- Ellen Fullman, Composition
- Lynne Garrett, Piano
- Phil Gelb, Shakuhachi
- Ben Goldberg, Clarinet
- Matthew Goodheart, Piano
- Karen Gottlieb, Harp
- Molly Holm, Voice; Director, Jazz Vocal Improvisation Ensemble
- Douglas Hull, French Horn
- Joan Jeanrenaud, Cello
- Gloria Justen, Violin
- Daniel Kobialka, Violin
- Janet Kutulas, Voice, Eastern European Folk
- Larry London, Clarinet
- Thomas Nugent, Oboe
- Pauline Oliveros, Composition
- Rufus Olivier, Bassoon

- Janice Ortega, Harp
- Brian Pardo, Guitar
- Zeena Parkins, Composition
- Maggi Payne, Composition
- Kala Ramnath, Chindustani–Violin and Voice
- Jon Raskin, Composition, Saxophone
- Elizabeth Reed, Viola da Gamba
- Wendy Reid, Composition
- Jay Rizzetto, Trumpet
- Tom Rose, Clarinet
- Daniel Schmidt, Composition, Gamelan
- Robert Schwartz, Piano
- Marc Shapiro, Piano
- Sandra Soderlund, Organ, Clavichord, and Harpsichord
- Laetitia Sonami, Composition
- Les Stuck, Composition
- John Swallow, Trombone
- Oluyemi Thomas, Composition
- Stephen Tramontozzi, Double Bass
- Peter Wahrhaftig, Tuba
- William Winant, Percussion
- Faith Winthrop, Voice

Department of the Library

- Beller, Michael; Head of Reference. MLIS, San Jose State University. At Mills since 2002.
- Braun, Janice; Library Director; Special Collections Librarian; Milhaud Archivist; Director, Center for the Book. MLIS, UC Berkeley. At Mills since 1995.
- Casey, Leia; Reference Librarian. MLIS, San Jose State University. At Mills since 2011.
- Winsor, John; Head of Technical Services and Systems Librarian. MLIS, San Jose State University. At Mills since 2012.
- Wornek, Lawrel; Reference Librarian. MSLIS, Drexel University. At Mills since 2014.

President Emeritae

- Metz, Mary S.; At Mills 1981–1990.
- Holmgren, Janet L.; At Mills 1991–2011.
- DeCoudreaux, Alecia A.; At Mills 2011–2016.

Faculty Emeriti

- Anderson, Robert; Professor Emeritus of Anthropology. At Mills 1960–2014.
- Bernstein, JoAnne; Professor Emerita of Art History. At Mills 1974–2011.
- Bloch, Chana; Professor Emerita of English. At Mills 1973–2005.
- Bowers, Darl Eugene; Professor Emeritus of Biology. At Mills 1954–1986.
- Bowman, Barbara; Professor Emerita of Biology. At Mills 1998–2016.
- Bowyer, Jane Baker; Professor Emerita of Education. At Mills 1975–2011.
- Bronson, Gordon; Research Professor Emeritus of Psychology. At Mills 1956–1989.
- Burke, L. Ken; Professor Emeritus of Film Studies; At Mills 1987–2013.
- Cardozo, Martha Allan; Associate Professor Emerita of Spanish. At Mills 1944–1969.
- Chetkovich, Carol; Professor Emerita of Public Policy. At Mills 2006–2016.
- Clegg, Jerry; Professor Emeritus of Philosophy. At Mills 1962–2006.
- Cottam, Martha Lemaire; Associate Professor Emerita of French. At Mills 1956–1985.
- Dhaemers, Robert; Professor Emeritus of Art. At Mills 1957–1990.
- Donahue, David; Professor Emeritus of Education. At Mills 2000–2016.
- Fuller, Rebecca; Professor Emerita of Dance. At Mills 1954–1988.
- Greer, Sandra; Professor Emerita of Chemistry. At Mills 2008–2015.
- Harris, John; Professor Emeritus of Biology. At Mills 1986–2012.
- Jarvis, Carol; Librarian Emerita. At Mills 1981–2011.
- Kinkad, Mary Ann; Professor Emerita of Dance. At Mills 1966–2005.
- LaBoskey, Vicki K.; Professor Emerita of Education. At Mills 1988–2014.
- Liu, Hung; Professor Emerita of Studio Art. At Mills 1990–2013.
- Lutz, Charles A.; Professor Emeritus of Chemistry. At Mills 1963–2001.
- Malpas, E. R. Howard; Professor Emeritus of Dramatic Arts. At Mills 1966–1987.

- Marouby, Christian; Professor Emeritus of French and Francophone Studies. At Mills 1982–2012.
- McClintock McCormick, Kathleen; Professor Emerita of Dance. At Mills 1979–2006.
- Metcalf, Ann; Professor Emerita of Anthropology. At Mills 1984–2016.
- Milowicki, Edward; Professor Emeritus of English. At Mills 1968–2004.
- Mitchell, Edna Steiner; Professor Emerita of Education. At Mills 1973–2004.
- Murch, Anna Valentina; Professor Emerita of Studio Art (posthumous). At Mills 1992–2014.
- Nagle, Ron, Professor Emeritus of Studio Art. At Mills 1978–2010.
- Nathan, Laura; Professor Emerita of Sociology. At Mills 1982–2005.
- Nixon, Cornelia; Professor Emerita of English; At Mills 2000–2016.
- O'Hehir, Diana Farnham; Professor Emerita of American Literature. At Mills 1961–1992.
- Potter, Elizabeth; Professor Emerita of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. At Mills 1992–2015.
- Regan, Eda Mendels; Reference and Instructional Services Librarian Emerita. At Mills 1970–1997.
- Richert, Anna; Professor Emerita of Education. At Mills 1987–2016.
- Roland-Holst, David, Professor Emeritus of Economics. At Mills 1986–2013.
- Ross, Marion; Professor Emerita of Economics. At Mills 1959–1992.
- Russell, Diana Elizabeth Hamilton; Professor Emerita of Sociology. At Mills 1969–1991.
- Santana, Déborah Berman; Professor Emerita of Ethnic Studies. At Mills 1998–2015.
- Sargent, J. Roussel; Professor Emerita of English. At Mills 1958–1985.
- Saxton, Ruth; Professor Emerita of English. At Mills 1974–2016.
- Siekhaus, Elisabeth; Professor Emerita of German Studies. At Mills 1977–2009.
- Smith, Elbert George; Professor Emeritus of Chemistry. At Mills 1958–1978.
- Spiller, Susan; Professor Emerita of Biology. At Mills 1988–2014.
- Swearingen, Karen; Professor Emerita of Biology. At Mills 1973–2002.
- Thomas, Theodore; Professor Emeritus of Sociology. At Mills 1965–2002.
- Thornborrow, Nancy; Professor Emerita of Economics. At Mills 1980–2015.
- Vollmer, John Jochen; Professor Emeritus of Chemistry. At Mills 1970–2010.
- Watanabe, June; Professor Emerita of Dance. At Mills 1975–2006.
- Williams, Bruce; Professor Emeritus of Sociology. At Mills 1997–2016.
- Wendt, Allan Edward; Professor Emeritus of English. At Mills 1956–1983.
- Wright, Jim, Professor Emeritus of Dramatic Arts. At Mills 1969–2001.

Faculty on Leave

The following Mills College faculty members will be on leave for the indicated term.

Fall Semester 2016

Mark Henderson, Public Policy
 Dave Keepports, Chemistry and Physics
 Linda Kroll, Education
 Melinda Micco, Ethnic Studies
 Dean Morier, Psychology

Spring Semester 2017

David Bernstein, Music
 Wah Cheng, History
 Fred Frith, Music
 Tomas Galguera, Education
 Priya Kandaswamy, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
 John Ruch, Psychology
 Paul Schulman, Government
 Lisa Urry, Biology

Academic Year 2016-2017

Diane Cady, English
 Steven Givant, Mathematics and Computer Science
 Martha Johnson, Government
 Sabrina Zirkel, Education

