New Faculty Appointments
An outstanding faculty, exceptional and diverse academic programs, and an institution-wide commitment to student success; all are hallmarks of our excellent public comprehensive college and a solid foundation from which to move The College at Brockport forward.

This year 14 new faculty and one Presidential Fellow join our College. Continuing our strong emphasis on the teacher-scholar model, each of these individuals brings a passion for teaching and a robust scholarly agenda from which to build upon. Please join me in welcoming them to the Brockport faculty.

Anne E. Huot, PhD
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
**Mustafa S. Canbolat, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor*

Department of Business Administration and Economics  
Dr. Canbolat earned his PhD in management science and systems this year from McMaster University. His research interests are in the areas of supply chain management, logistics and transportation planning, facility location, and the decision making process. “I believe teaching provides feedback to a research-oriented academician. It’s also important to learn from the experience of others,” he says.

**Joon Yong Seo, PhD**  
*Assistant Professor*

Department of Business Administration and Economics  
Dr. Seo earned his PhD in marketing this year from the David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah. He also holds an MBA from Seoul National University. His research interests include metacognition, social perception, public policy, sustainability, social marketing, and cross cultural research. “My research focuses on consumer behavior. I am particularly interested in understanding consumer judgment and decision making process in the context of marketing and consumer welfare,” he says.

**Kari A. Smoker, JD**  
*Assistant Professor*

Department of Business Administration and Economics  
Ms. Smoker received her MS this year from the School of Taxation at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. She also holds a JD degree from The Ohio State University College of Law, earned in 2000, and was admitted to the NYS Bar in 2001. “What I love most about teaching is the interaction with students. I am committed to helping them reach their full potential and maximizing their chances for professional success; to help them succeed and to watch them grow,” she says.
Christian Peter Wilkens, EdD
Assistant Professor
Department of Education and Human Development
Dr. Wilkens recently received his EdD in elementary and secondary education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. His research interests include students with disabilities in public charter schools, and language use and achievement among deaf students. He has taught courses focusing on disabilities and inclusive education, school reform, charter schools, finance, and school leadership. He has published papers on school choice and deaf education and twice lectured at the Harvard Summer Institute on Charter Schools. “I am a classroom teacher at heart, and enjoy that above all other aspects of the work,” he says.

Sz-De Yu, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Criminal Justice
Dr. Yu received his PhD in criminology this year from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He also holds an MS in criminal justice and criminology from the University of Missouri at Kansas City and a BS in computer science and information engineering from Tunghai University in Taiwan. His areas of research interest include computer forensics, cybercrime and victimology. “Having the privilege to work in higher education makes learning exciting. Those brilliant minds surrounding you often bring unexpected inspirations,” he says.
Rehnuma Karim, MS
Instructor
Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies
Ms. Karim is currently pursuing her PhD in recreation and leisure studies from Pennsylvania State University. The title of her dissertation is “Learning to Live: A Qualitative Inquiry on the Female Victims of Acid Attack in Bangladesh.” Her research interests focus on cross-cultural studies emphasizing coping strategies, youth-at-risk, diversity in higher education and civic engagement. She also is involved with various youth development activities in Bangladesh.

Paula A. Neil, MS, PNP
Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Nursing
Ms. Neil earned her MS from the University of Rochester, School of Nursing in 2004. She is a licensed Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and a Certified Registered Professional Nurse in New York State. Her research interests include pediatrics, developmental issues for children in foster care, and pediatric gastroenterology.

Darson L. Rhodes, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Health Science
Dr. Rhodes received her PhD in health education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Her research interests include the relationship among personal and social competence, engagement in youth health risk behaviors and academic success. “I am a huge advocate for lifelong learning, and I feel privileged to be a part of the learning process for others. I enjoy learning about new ideas and experiencing new things, and the opportunity to help others to do so is invigorating,” she says.
Jessica L. (Kane) Sniatecki, PhD, CRC  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Health Science  
Dr. Sniatecki earned her PhD in counselor education from the University of Buffalo in 2009. Her research interests include the college experience for students with physical disabilities, positive aspects of disability, and ethics in graduate school. “What excites me the most about teaching and learning is assisting students in acquiring the knowledge, skills, and insights necessary for their personal and professional development, and knowing that I had a significant role in this process,” she says.

David A. Vuletich, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Chemistry  
Dr. Vuletich earned his PhD in chemistry and astrobiology from Pennsylvania State University in 2007. His research projects include simulation of electron density in HCN, characterization of Spite Lithium Curve and detection of complex organic molecules in the interstellar medium. “For me, teaching and learning are one in the same,” he says. “I never want to stop learning, and teaching is one of the best ways to accomplish this. Teaching in itself is the most rewarding profession I can think of,” he says.

James E. Witnauer, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Psychology  
Dr. Witnauer recently earned his PhD in psychology from SUNY Binghamton. His research interests include human and animal cognition and cognitive neuroscience. “It is most gratifying when students develop an appreciation for science. The courses I offer, at least in part, encourage students to become passionate about science and to think critically about existing research,” he says.
Skye Paine, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures  
Dr. Paine received his PhD in French literature this year from the University of California, Santa Barbara, with additional emphasis on applied linguistics. He is interested in the renewal of French studies as an interdisciplinary field involving textual and cultural practices as well as critical theory. As a PhD candidate, he focused on early modern literature and culture. He also created a Web site (www.frenchnology.com) that provides French song and movie clips accompanied with a complete grammatical analysis.

Jennifer Ramsay, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Anthropology  
Dr. Ramsay received her PhD in archaeology from Simon Fraser University in 2008. She has developed a field-school in Petra, Jordan, and planned, recruited and organized a 28-person archaeological excavation in the Wadi Araba region of Jordan, as well as teaching students and volunteers in area of archaeobotanical techniques in Israel.

Angela Dowdell Thompsell, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Department of History  
Dr. Dowdell Thompsell received her PhD in history this year from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. Her dissertation was titled, “Real Men/Savage Nature: British Big Game Hunting in Africa, 1880—1914.” She has taught courses varying from World History to 1500, European Imperialism and World War, Big Game Hunting: Europe and the World, and The Writing of History. Prior to coming to the College she was visiting assistant professor of history at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana.
Antonio García, PhD
Visiting Assistant Professor
Presidential Fellow
Delta College

Dr. García earned his PhD this year in curriculum and instruction from Indiana University. He also holds a bachelor’s degree in French education from the University of Georgia. His research interests focus on multicultural education, curriculum studies, critical pedagogy, cultural studies, and Latino studies and education. While at Indiana University he taught a number of upper level courses, both undergraduate and graduate, in the School of Education.