



2019
Promotion and
Tenure
Celebration



Welcome to the 2019 Promotion and Tenure Celebration!



It is with great pride that we welcome and congratulate the 183 Virginia Commonwealth University faculty members who were awarded promotion and/or tenure in 2019. Today we celebrate your academic and career accomplishments, your service to the university and community and your unparalleled dedication to the success of our students. Your innovation, scholarship, collaboration and integrity is central to VCU's goals and accomplishments as a premier urban, public research university.

Thank you for your continued commitment to VCU. We are honored that you have chosen to advance your career with us.

Sincerely,

Michael Rao, Ph.D.
President, VCU and
VCU Health System

Gail Hackett, Ph.D.
Provost and senior
vice president for
academic affairs

Marsha D. Rappley, M.D.
Senior vice president, VCU
Health Sciences and C.E.O.,
VCU Health System

College of Engineering



Vitaliy Avrutin, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Daniel Conway, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



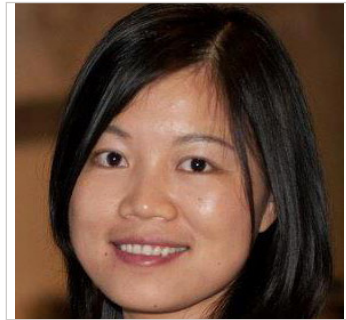
Thang Dinh, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Carl Elks, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Steve Fong, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Carol Fung, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Preetam Ghosh, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



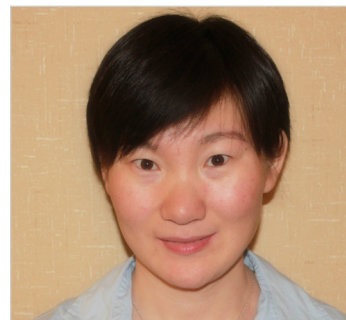
Dean Krusienski, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



Tyler McQuade, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



Gregory Triplett, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



Yanxiao Zhao, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Hong-Sheng Zhou, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured

College of Health Professions



Nicole Damico, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Corey Davis, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Stacey Dusing, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Courtney Holmes, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Laura McClelland, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Jim Thomas, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



Christian Wernz, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure

College of Humanities and Sciences



Vera Abbate, Ph.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Marco Aldi, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Joe Battistelli, Ph.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Liz Canfield, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor

College of Humanities and Sciences (cont.)



Carissa Capuano, Ph.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Hilary Cassil, M.S.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Catherine Connon, Ph.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Sydney Conrad, Ph.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Cinzia Corubolo
Promoted to
assistant professor



Charlene Crawley, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Chris Cynn, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Duanel Diaz, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



David Edwards, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Laura Ellwein Fix, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



John Froitheim, Ph.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Chris Gough, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Joe Hamelman
Promoted to
assistant professor



Eric Hazelrigg
Promoted to
associate professor



Rachel Hill
Promoted to
assistant professor



Sally Hunnicutt, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor

College of Humanities and Sciences (cont.)



Heather Jones, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate professor and tenured



Bizhan Khodabandeh, M.F.A.
Promoted to assistant professor



Douglas Kimemia, Ph.D.
Promoted to assistant professor



Marlene Kustesky
Promoted to associate professor



Joshua Langberg, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Sonja Livingston
Promoted to associate professor and tenured



Cheng Ly, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate professor and tenured



Bryce McLeod, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Tressie McMillan Cottom, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate professor and tenured



Marcus Messner, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Kristina Nelson, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Heather Nunnally, Ph.D.
Promoted to assistant professor



Archana Pathak, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Jill Reid
Promoted to associate professor



Constance Relihan, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



Joshua Smith
Promoted to assistant professor

College of Humanities and Sciences (cont.)



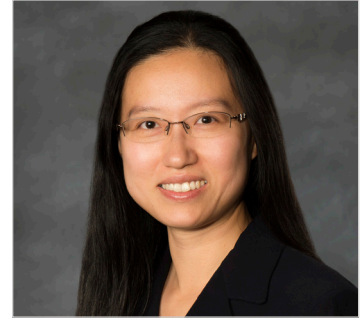
Tara Stamm, Ph.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Jonathan Waybright
Promoted to
assistant professor



Patrick Woodworth, Ph.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Wenheng Zhang, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured

Honors College



Mary Boyes, M.F.A.
Promoted to
associate professor

L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs



**Sarah Jane
Brubaker, Ph.D.**
Promoted to professor



Hayley Cleary, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Will Pelfrey, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor

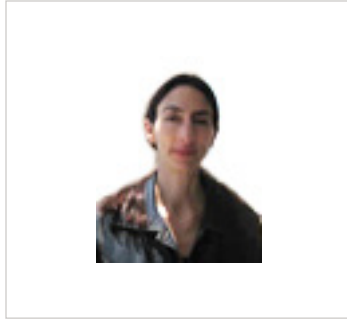


Chernoh Wurie, Ph.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor

School of the Arts



Robert Bianchi, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Kathleen Chapman, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



**Jörg Matthias
Determann, Ph.D.**
Promoted to
associate professor



**TyRuben
Ellingson, M.F.A.**
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Sarah Faris, M.A.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Daniel Myssyk, M.M.
Promoted to professor



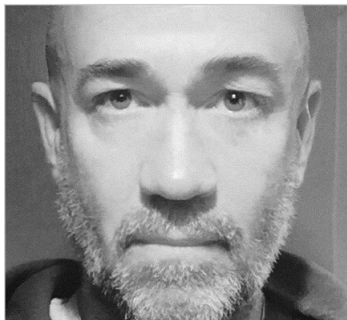
Jesse Payne
Promoted to
associate professor



Khaled Saoud, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



**Roberto Ventura,
M. Arch.**
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Matt Wallin
Promoted to professor



**Sasha Waters
Freyer, M.F.A.**
Promoted to professor



Bo Yoon, M.F.A.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured

School of Business



Alisa Brink, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Brian Brown, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Manu Gupta, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Bowe Hansen, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Mayoor Mohan, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured

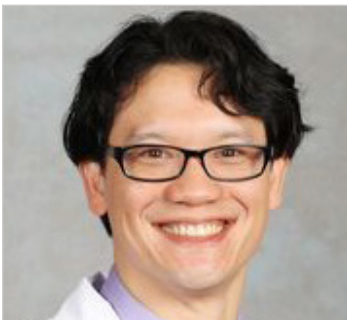


Brent Smith, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor



Jean Zhang, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured

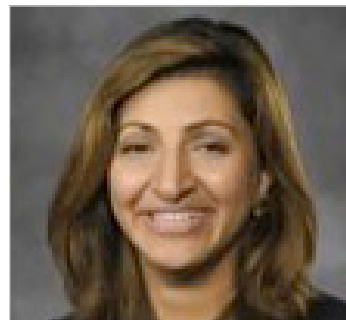
School of Dentistry



**Sompop Bencharit,
Ph.D., D.D.S.**
Awarded tenure



**Tegwyn Brickhouse,
Ph.D., D.D.S.**
Promoted to professor



Harmeet Chiang, D.D.S.
Promoted to
associate professor



Anthony Faber, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured

School of Dentistry (cont.)



Zhao Lin, Ph.D., D.D.S.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



**Parthasarathy
Madurantakam,
Ph.D., D.D.S.**
Promoted to
associate professor



**Michelle McGregor,
M.Ed.**
Promoted to
associate professor

School of Education



Abigail Conley, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Robin Hurst, Ed.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Kaprea Johnson, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure

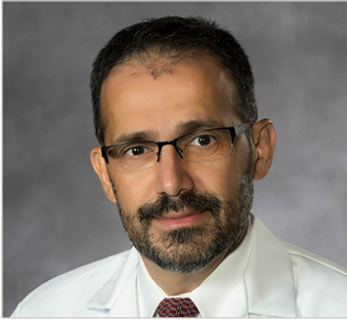


Kathy Rudasill, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



LaRon Scott, Ed.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured

School of Medicine



Michel Aboutanos, M.D.
Awarded tenure



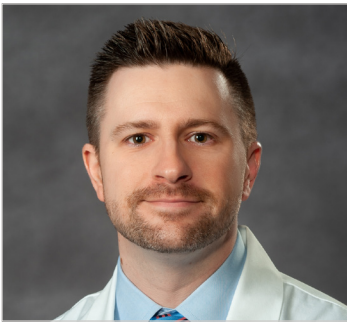
Azeddine Atfi, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



Aline Baghdassarian, M.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Jasmohan Bajaj, M.D.
Promoted to professor



Steven Bishop, M.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Cheryl Bodamer, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate professor



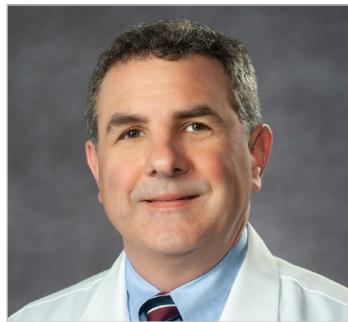
E. Marshall Brooks, Ph.D.
Promoted to assistant professor



Brian Cameron, M.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Guilherme Campos, Ph.D., M.D.
Awarded tenure



Anthony Cassano, M.D.
Promoted to professor



Daniel Coelho, M.D.
Promoted to professor



L. Ashley Cowart, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



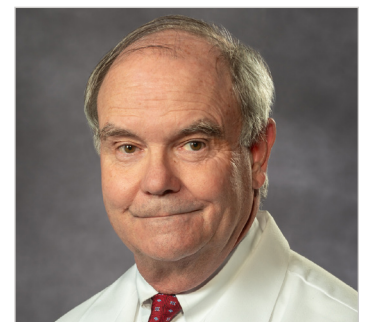
Egidio Del Fabbro, M.D.
Promoted to professor



Kelley Dodson, M.D.
Promoted to professor

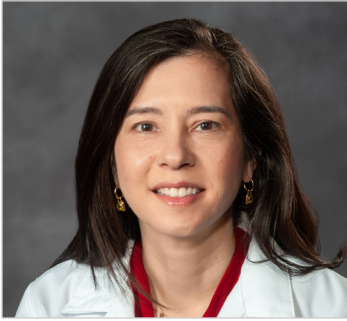


Carlos Escalante, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate professor and tenured



William Foster, M.D.
Promoted to professor

School of Medicine (cont.)



Amelia Grover, M.D.
Promoted to professor



Greg Hundley, M.D.
Awarded tenure



Jonathan Isaacs, M.D.
Awarded tenure



Santosh Kale, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



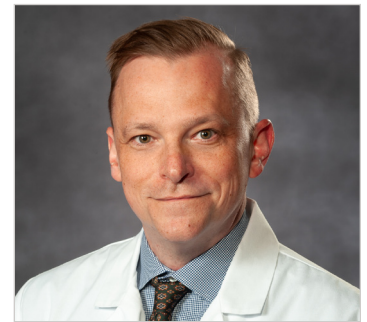
Shirley Kalwaney, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Jason Kidd, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



April Kimmel, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Christopher Kogut, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Jayanthi Koneru, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Niraj Kothari, M.D.
Promoted to
assistant professor



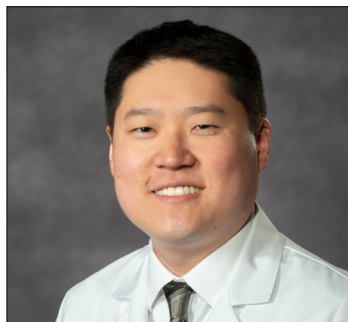
Adele Kraft, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



James Leiphart, M.D.
Promoted to professor



Marlon Levy, M.D.
Awarded tenure



Nathan Lewis, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Ningjun Li, M.D.
Promoted to professor



Khalid Matin, M.D.
Promoted to professor

School of Medicine (cont.)



Christopher Michetti, M.D.
Promoted to professor



Kristin Miller, M.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Vimal Mishra, M.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Peter Moffett, M.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Denise Mohess, M.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Gretchen Neigh, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



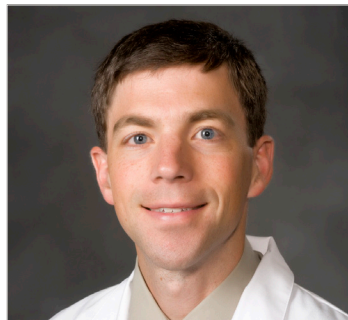
Patricia Nicolato, D.O.
Promoted to associate professor



Robert Perera, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate professor



James Piper, M.D.
Promoted to professor



John Quillin, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Srirama Rao, Ph.D.
Awarded tenure



John Reavey-Cantwell, M.D.
Promoted to professor



Sally Santen, Ph.D., M.D.
Awarded tenure



Ted Schuman, M.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Patricia Seo-Mayer, M.D.
Promoted to associate professor



Danielle Shafer, D.O.
Promoted to associate professor

School of Medicine (cont.)



Samira Shojaee, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Adam Sima, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



George Smallfield, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Melissa Smallfield, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Gordon Smith, M.D.
Awarded tenure



Dong Sun, Ph.D., M.D.
Promoted to professor



Michael Vitto, D.O.
Promoted to
associate professor



Homan Wai, M.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Marcie Wright, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor

School of Nursing



Rachel Cloutier
Promoted to
assistant professor



Tracye Proffitt
Promoted to
assistant professor



Shelly Smith, D.N.P.
Promoted to
associate professor



Daphne Terrell
Promoted to
assistant professor

School of Pharmacy



**Leigh Anne Hylton
Gravatt, Pharm.D.**
Promoted to
associate professor



Evan Sisson, Pharm.D.
Promoted to professor



**Benjamin Van
Tassell, Pharm.D.**
Promoted to professor



Shijun Zhang, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor

School of Social Work



Beth Angell, Ph.D.
Promoted to professor
and tenured



**Matthew Bogenschutz,
Ph.D.**
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured



Hyojin Im, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured

School of Social Work (cont.)



Allison Ryals, M.S.W.
Promoted to
associate professor



Alex Wagaman, Ph.D.
Promoted to associate
professor and tenured

University College



Lindsay Chudzik, M.F.A.
Promoted to
associate professor



Leslie Cohen-Gee
Promoted to
assistant professor



Thaddeus Fortney
Promoted to
assistant professor



Jessica Gordon, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Stephanie Miller Rizzi
Promoted to
assistant professor



William Notter
Promoted to
associate professor



Vicki Pallo, Ph.D.
Promoted to
associate professor



Judy Topich
Promoted to
assistant professor



**Matthew James
Vechinski, Ph.D.**
Promoted to associate professor

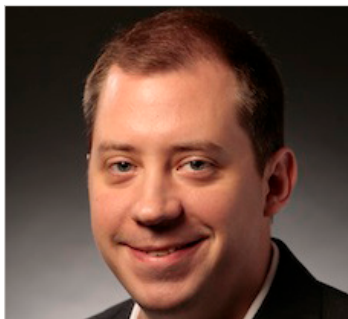


Emily Williams, M.A.
Promoted to assistant professor

VCU Libraries



Julie Arendt, M.S.I.
Promoted to
associate professor



Steve Barkley, M.L.I.S.
Promoted to
assistant professor



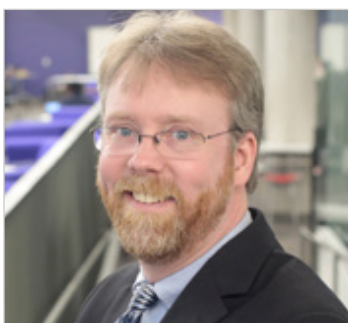
Ashley Brewer, M.L.I.S.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Sam Byrd, M.L.S.
Promoted to
associate professor



Donna E. Coghill, M.F.A.
Promoted to
assistant professor



Eric Johnson, M.S.
Promoted to
associate professor

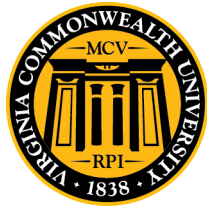


Hillary Miller, M.S.L.S.
Promoted to
assistant professor

VCU Life Sciences



**Michael Rosenberg,
Ph.D.**
Awarded tenure



VCU