



Introducing Our New Faculty!

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Head of School Tad Roach and Head-Elect Joy McGrath '92 announced and welcomed the new faculty who will join St. Andrew's in the 2021-22 school year. The school is grateful to Emily Pressman, Ana Ramirez, Elizabeth Roach, and the many department chairs and faculty members who engaged in the

faculty hiring process this year.

An Alabama native, Victor Cuicahua is a graduate of Pomona College and entering his fourth year of teaching. At Pomona he earned a bachelor's in history and was awarded the John Hayes Beaver History Prize, and conducted graduate-level research at the University of Illinois focusing on the political attitudes and influence of the Chilean military prior, during, and after the toppling of President Salvador Allende. He subsequently received a master's degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania while teaching ninth grade world history, coaching soccer, and serving as a dormitory parent and advisor at Taft School as part of Penn's Boarding School



Teaching Residency. Prior to becoming an educator, he was a nationally-recognized immigrant rights activist and appeared on the cover of Time magazine in 2012. Previously, Victor founded and led the first youth-led immigrant rights group in his home state into an organization affiliated with the largest immigrant youth-led network in the country; this organization was involved in multiple state and national campaigns. At St. Andrew's, Victor will teach history.



Erin Hanson has a bachelor's in English and comparative literature from Williams College and is completing a Master of Philosophy in English Studies at Cambridge University.

At Williams, Erin was a Ruchman Fellow at the Oakley Center for Humanities—where she wrote her senior thesis on debility, embodiment, and ecology in the work of Virginia Woolf and the philosopher Martin Heidegger—and also completed an independent study on literary pedagogy. She was a Williams Roche Research Fellow in the summers of 2016 and 2017. In 2016, she investigated the interarticulation of colonialism and feminism in the west, focusing on the Brontë sisters. The following summer, she immersed herself in the New York Public Library's collection of literature and documents related to the AIDS crisis. She also acted in and directed the Williams parody Frosh Revue; led freshmen in an outdoor orientation trip; and participated in campus activism around mental health, disabled life, and racial and economic justice.

This summer, Erin will complete her master's thesis on queer masculinity and racial capital in the work of Toni Morrison.

Outside of school and work, Erin sits zazen and enjoys theater, walking, and gardening. At St. Andrew's, Erin will teach English. She is absolutely delighted to be joining the St. Andrew's community with her partner, Bertie, and their puppy, Ernest.

Angelica Huang-Murphy was born and raised in Shanghai, China. She first came to the US for college at the University of Michigan. Coming from a family of educators with a genuine passion for learning languages, she pursued her master's in teaching foreign language at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California.



Since then, she has worked with students of all ages and in various capacities at multiple schools and programs, including the Middlebury Institute, Flint Hill School, Berwick Academy, and Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy. She spent the last few years raising her two daughters, who challenge and refine her teaching approach every day.

At St. Andrew's, Angelica will teach Chinese. She is excited to return to the classroom next year, and her family are thrilled to become part of the St. Andrew's community as well!



Will Kwon holds a bachelor's in economics and mathematics from Yale University, and a master's and doctorate in economics from the University of Southern California. He previously taught mathematics at Bellarmine-Jefferson High School in Burbank, CA; Wilbraham & Monson Academy in Wilbraham, MA (a boarding school); and Greenhill School in Addison, TX. He also taught economics at the College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas, NV and Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, MI.

At St. Andrew's, Will will teach math. He is returning to high school teaching after ten years away, and can't wait! Will, his wife Audrey, and their son Sam look forward to joining the St. Andrew's community.



Bertie Miller is a member of the Class of 2014 at St. Andrew's. In 2018, Bertie graduated from Williams College with a double major in geosciences and studio art. She specialized in climate science and conceptual art. She has done geoscience research in Alaska, the Bering Sea, Iceland, and Greenland. At Williams, Bertie was a four-year varsity member and captain of the women's crew team. She was an all-NESCAC rower, a three time NCAA medalist, and won gold in the 2017 NCAA 1V Division 3 championship.

After graduating, Bertie joined the Juneau Icefield Research Program and conducted glacial geophysics research while living on the ice. She trained in crevasse rescue and mountaineering methods. Bertie went on to work as a barista before moving to the

UK, where she worked as a Polar Logistics operative for the British Antarctic Survey. She also worked on the Juneau Icefield Research Program's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion steering committee.

At St. Andrew's, Bertie will teach environmental science and serve as the Sustainability Coordinator. In her free time, Bertie enjoys skateboarding, cooking, making video art, and going on hikes with her partner, Erin, and their dog, Ernie.



Martha Pitts grew up in New Orleans, LA. She attended Princeton University, graduating in 2001 with a bachelor's in English and creative writing. At Princeton, she studied poetry with Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa, who also directed her thesis, a poetry collection entitled "Glutton." At Princeton, she wrote for *The Daily Princetonian* and published work with the *Nassau Literary Review*, the second oldest undergraduate literary magazine in the nation.

Martha earned her doctorate in English, as well as a graduate certificate in women's and gender studies, from Louisiana State University. Since then, she has taught at Georgetown, Howard, Towson, and Fairleigh Dickinson University. She has been selected to participate in two National Endowment for the Humanities summer institutes and has presented papers at several conferences. Her work has appeared in edited collections and publications such as the *Washington City Paper* and *The Times-Picayune*.

Martha has served as a diversity practitioner at St. Paul's School for Girls in Maryland, and she is a member of the University of Michigan's Diversity Scholars Network.

At St. Andrew's, Martha will teach English. She is the proud mother of Olivia and Abraham Perry and a dog named Bruno.

Elizabeth Preysner is a recent graduate of Yale University Divinity School and will be ordained in the Episcopal Church in early June. She previously taught Spanish at Tilton School in Tilton, NH and English at the University of New Hampshire. During the summers, Liz teaches writing and literature for the Royal Thai Scholars Program at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, NH. She has also taught online critical reading and writing courses for Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. In addition to



her Master of Divinity from Yale, Liz has a master's in English literature from the University of New Hampshire and a bachelor's in English and Hispanic studies from Trinity College. She has completed coursework abroad in Argentina and Spain.

At St. Andrew's, Liz will serve as associate chaplain and teach religious studies and Spanish. Liz is an avid runner, and she ran both cross-country and track at Trinity. She also enjoys hiking, kayaking, and seeking the divine in nature. Liz plays the flute and piccolo in several community bands. Finally, she is an enthusiastic Postcrosser—she likes sending and receiving postcards from around the world!



Max Shrem has a bachelor's in French from Washington University in St. Louis and a doctorate in French Literature from New York University, where he also taught undergraduate language courses. During his six years at the Chadwick School in Palos Verdes, CA, Max taught all levels of French, led a homestay trip to France, advised the Jewish affinity group, and participated in the annual outdoor education program. During the summer, he taught at Chadwick International in South Korea. At St. Andrew's, Max

will teach French. He looks forward to helping his St. Andrew's students engage in French outside the classroom, broaden their sense of community, and foster a connection with the environment.

Max regularly publishes and lectures on the intersection of the fine arts and gastronomy. This summer, he'll speak about France's first restaurant critic at the European Institute for the History and Culture of Food, and will give a presentation on culinary maps at the Oxford Symposium on Food & Cookery.

Max also loves cheese. During his graduate studies, he worked at Paris's renowned Fromagerie Trotté and continues to spend part of his vacation time working on an organic goat cheese farm in France's Ardèche region. Most recently, he contributed to *The Oxford Companion to Cheese*.

Max currently lives in West Hollywood with his partner of 17 years, Tom Samiljan. In their spare time, they enjoy hiking, biking, and watching movies.