

Department	Name	Topic	Specifics
Africana Studies	Zachariah Mampilly	civil war, rebel movements, Third World relations	
Africana Studies	QUincy Mills	movement building, consumer culture	He teaches classes on Martin Luther King, Jr., race and segregation, the civil rights and black power movement, and consumer culture. He is currently at work on his second monograph, tentatively titled <i>The Wages of Resistance: Financing the Black Freedom Movement</i> , which examines how civil rights and black power organizations negotiated fundraising imperatives with their political ideologies as functions of movement building.
Africana Studies/Urban Studies	Tyrone Simpson	ghettoization, story telling	He is celebrating the recent release of his first book entitled <i>Ghetto Images in Twentieth Century American Literature</i> (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2012) that explores how six American writers imagine and fictionalize the experience of ghettoization. (It is in stores now!) He is currently working on a project that looks at black autobiography and the politics of confessional storytelling. He is entering his ninth year at Vassar.
American Culture	Molly mcGlennen	native american studies	Her critical manuscript, <i>It is Evidence of Faith to Create: Spirituality and (R)evolution in Native American Women's Poetry</i> , is presently in review. She is on the editorial board for <i>Studies in American Indian Literatures</i> .
American Culture/Urbs	Lisa BRawley	organizational change, systems thinking, org development, urbanization	Her scholarship and teaching engage the processes of capitalism urbanization in the long 20th century in the U.S., exploring the relation between urban form, the politics of state legitimacy, and shifting structures of citizenship.
Anthropology	April Beisaw	anthropology	As a North American archaeologist, her research is focused on how identity was created, maintained, and modified in the past. The complexity of identity can also be seen through the archaeology of social institutions. April's work on one-room schoolhouses has shown how these sites can reveal the uniqueness of individual communities.
Anthropology	Colleen Cohen		
Anthropology	Lucy Johnson	sustainable communities	
Anthropology	Martha Kaplan	water rights	Her current research on the cultural politics of water, comparatively focused on Fiji, the United States and Singapore, considers water and its uses simultaneously as public and privatized, as necessity and object of fantasy and desire, as locus of exploitation and as source of postcolonial innovation, as a public utility and an environmental resource
Anthropology	Candice Lowe-Swift	food justice,	
Anthropology	Anne Pike-Tay	ecology	Students in Anne's classes at Vassar study human evolution and prehistory, archaeozoology, the anthropology of art, and the behavior and ecology of non-human primates.
Asian Studies	Julie Hughes	human-nature interactions	Her first book, <i>Animal Kingdoms: Hunting, the Environment, and Power in the Indian Princely States</i> , published in South Asia by Permanent Black in 2012 and worldwide by Harvard University Press in 2013, reaches new understandings of Indian princes through their engagements with animals and environments in their states. During the British Raj, princes believed that people and animals developed similar characteristics by inhabiting shared local environments.

Asian Studies	Fubing Su	land management, globalization	Mr. Su's teaching interests include comparative politics, political economy, East Asian security, and Chinese politics. His research concerns contemporary Chinese political and economic developments, including electoral politics, village governance, local public finance, urbanization, land management, transition, and China's growth model.
Asian Studies/Geography	Yu Zhou	globalization, clean energy	Her current research is on globalization and high-tech industry in China, especially Beijing's Zhongguancun region, the so-called China's Silicon Valley. She has done research in the areas of ethnic business, gender and ethnic communities, and transnational business networks.
Biochemistry Biology	Jodi Schwartz Bill Straus	coral reefs	Coral symbiosis and genomics. The beautiful and biodiverse coral reef ecosystem is built upon the back of a symbiotic interaction between corals and photosynthetic algal symbionts. The symbionts produce food and stimulate growth of the coral skeleton, resulting in growth rates sufficient to form both the actual rock and the ecological foundation to support the hundreds of species that comprise coral reef ecosystems. My lab works on several aspects of coral biology and symbiosis, primarily using genomic, cellular, and bioinformatic approaches as tools.
Biology	Kate Susman	ecology, pesticides	Ever wonder how those garden chemicals that give you healthier-looking vegetables affect the soil organisms that keep the soil rich and healthy? My lab explores the behavioral and neuron-specific effects of common lawn chemicals on the beneficial soil nematode, <i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> . <i>C. elegans</i> is a terrific model organism for exploring mechanisms of toxicity. We are also concerned about the effects of chemical use in gardens and agricultural settings on the overall soil health, particularly on nematodes.
Biology	Lynn Christiansen	ecology, land management	have used a number of approaches to elucidate these relationships in northern temperate forests: I have studied how invasive insect pests (gypsy moths) influence forest nutrient cycling, how atmospheric nitrogen deposition in the Catskill Mountains of New York can influence forest nutrient dynamics and how shifts in winter climate regimes will impact multiple levels of forest community structure and function (including trees, shrubs and moose).
Biology	Marshall Pregnall	water, ecology	Dr. Pregnall's research addresses how coastal macrophytes, such as seagrasses and macroalgae, assimilate inorganic nitrogen for growth in the context of predictable variations, such as seasonal shifts in temperature and day length, and of unpredictable ones, such as episodes of hypoxia and anoxia.
Biology	Meg Ronsheim	ecosystem conservation	Dr. Ronsheim's research interests focus on how the interactions between plants, pathogenic fungi, and mutualistic fungi may affect the evolution of plant reproduction and dispersal mechanisms. In particular, she is studying how the presence of mutualistic fungi (mycorrhizae) and a root pathogen may influence intraspecific interactions between plants, as well as testing for the presence of local adaptation to the fungal community.
Biology	Mark Schlessman	botony, invasive species	I am an evolutionary biologist who loves plants. I am especially interested in the ways that plants distribute their stamens and pistils among their flowers in order to specialize more on either the male or the female component of reproductive success.
Biology Chemistry	Keri VanCamp Chris Smart	land use, land management, conservation battery storage	
Chemistry, Environmental Studies	Sruart Belli	clean energy, battery storage, sustainable development	

Earth Science	Kirsten Menking	climate change	Kirsten Menking conducts research on past climate change, on landscape evolution due to climatic and tectonic processes, and on the impacts of urbanization on streams.
Earth Science	Jill Schneiderman	climate change, environmental justice	With regard to curriculum, funded by an NSF grant, she developed and taught a first-in-the-nation interdisciplinary course on Earth Science and Environmental Justice. In the course students examined the Earth Science behind environmental problems across the globe and investigated the race, class and gender issues that inform them.
Earth Science	Jeff Walker	soil, land use, sustainable development	From this base he has expanded his work to include studies in agricultural sustainability, the agricultural heritage of the mid-Hudson region, and sustainable community development. He maintains an active interest in low-temperature metamorphism, focusing most recently on studies of the stratigraphy and metamorphism of low-grade rocks of the Hudson Valley, NY
Economics	Tracy Jones	economic development	Her research focuses on African economic development and the determinants of long-run economic growth.
Economics	Paul Ruud	natural resource economics	
Economics	Ben Ho	behavior economics, clean energy	
Education	Lynn Capozzoli	education, ecology	Ms. Capozzoli's interests include urban and environmental education. As director of the Exploring Science at Vassar Farm Program, she supervises Vassar students as they develop teaching skills by instructing local elementary school students in natural history science programming.
Education	Maria Hantzopoulos	human rights	Professor Hantzopoulos presently remains active with many NGOs and non-profits on curriculum writing, advocacy, and policy. Her current research interests and projects involve historical textbook analysis, critical media literacy, urban educational reform, and peace and human rights education.
Education	Tracy Holland	human rights	Her research focuses on international educational development with an emphasis on migration and human rights
English	Judith Nichols	womens rights, environmental literature	I'm a poet/essayist with teaching interest in gay and lesbian literature, Native American literature and environmental studies. I've been back to Costa Rica three times in the past twelve months with the goal of finishing a collection of poems I started over twenty years ago while living in Central America. In addition to writing the poems, I've begun writing a non-fiction book length project which contends with understanding low income and immigration women's relationship to place here in Poughkeepsie and in Costa Rican and Nicaragua,.
English	Dean Crawford	environmental literature	Besides stories, articles, and essays, I've published The Lay of the Land, a novel (Viking-Penguin), and Shark, a celebration of sharks in their many varieties and a cultural history of our fraught relationship to these creatures (Reaktion Books). I'm interested in modern and contemporary literature and environmental issues.
English	Paul Kane	environmental literature	His teaching interests include topics in American and British literature, from the eighteenth to the twenty-first century; literary theory and history of criticism; poetry; creative writing; literature and the environment; literature and philosophy, literature and religion; and Australian and other post-colonial literatures.
Environmental Studies	Lisa Paravisini	social movements, land use, human rights	

French	Thomas Parker	food justice, land use	His new book— Beneath Terroir: France's literary, philosophical and cultural fascination with the Earth— (under contract at Berkeley) is a history of ideas and cultural studies approach to the unique French notion of terroir between the Renaissance and the Revolution.
French/Enst	Mark Andrews	food justice,	His current research projects include a study of the Creole garden in contemporary Caribbean fiction, and the editing of a collection of essays on the Haitian-Quebecois novelist Gérard Étienne. In the department, he regularly teaches courses on the novel and the short story considered in their relation to French and Francophone cultures.
French/Enst	Kathleen Hart	ethics	Her current research focuses on neuroesthetics (using neuroscience to investigate esthetic experience) and the application of evolutionary, cognitive and developmental psychology to the study of literature and culture. Environmental Studies course she co-designed and co-taught with Professor John Long (Biology/Cognitive Science), called "Animal Metaphors." An article about "Animal Metaphors" appears in the January 2011 issue of Evolution: Education and Outreach.
Geography	Joe Nevins	economic development, globalization	He studies territorial and social boundaries, imperialism and other forms of political violence, and matters of human rights, international law and social justice in the aftermath of mass atrocities.
Geography	Mary Ann Cunningham	land use, clean energy,	Mary Ann Cunningham is interested in the structure and function of landscapes, and in how changing landscapes influence habitat availability, especially for birds. She also studies the ways landscape change influences environmental quality and water quality. In classes, she also examines aesthetic landscapes, which connect us to our surroundings. Her research focuses on how landscape composition affects the quality and availability of habitat, as well as impervious cover effects on water quality in the Casperkill creek, on the Vassar campus, and in other Hudson Valley watersheds. This work has allowed collaboration with students and colleagues across campus.
Geography	Brian Godfrey	green cities	Brian Godfrey's interests center on urban and regional change. He studies world cities, place-making and public space, social and ethnic geography, memory and heritage, urban sustainability and political ecology, and global urbanization.
Geography	Keith Lindner	environmental justice	I am a nature-society geographer conducting research on sustainable livelihoods, social movements, energy and the environment, and environmental justice in the US and Latin America.
German	Elliot Schreiber	sustainable development	His research illuminates contemporary social, aesthetic, and philosophical problems by investigating their emergence in 18th- and 19th-century Germany, especially the period referred to as the Age of Goethe (approximately 1770-1830). His book, The Topography of Modernity: Karl Philipp Moritz and the Space of Autonomy (Cornell University Press and Cornell University Library, 2013), explores the challenges wrought by modernity through the work of one of the most fascinating late-Enlightenment writers and thinkers.
Hispanic Studies	Mario Cesareo	social movements	His research and publications include Latin American colonial studies, Goden Age theatre, contemporary popular culture, Argentine literature, culture and cinema, Caribbean literature, US social movements, postcolonial studies, theatre semiotics, aesthetic and subaltern theory.
Hispanic Studies	Nicolas Vivalda	economic development	He is currently working on a series of articles closely linked to his dissertation ("Picaresca y modos de la alegoría en La vida de Guzmán de Alfarache. Atalaya de la vida humana" and "Basilio o el ocaso del monarca astrólogo: juegos de la similitud en La vida es sueño"). Among the courses taught by Mr. Vivalda are "Framing Poverty and Social Mobility: the Picaresque Novel in Spain and Latin America"
History	Miriam Cohen	social movements	Her article, "Reconsidering Schools and the American Welfare State " History of Education Quarterly 45:4 (Winter, 2005) was selected as one of forty articles for the journal's Fiftieth Anniversary Retrospective issue published in Fall, 2010, which highlights the major trends of the first fifty years of the journal. She is also working on a biography of social welfare activist Julia Lathrop for the "Lives of American Women" biography series forthcoming from Westview Press, edited by Carol Berkin.

History	Rebecca Edwards	social movements	Professor Edwards is currently working on an article about U.S. politics in the 1880s and a collection of documents on the march of Jacob Coxey's army of the unemployed in 1894. She is beginning research for a project about the significance of women's economic and reproductive roles in U.S. political development.
History	James Merrell	american politics, democracy, citizenship	
History	Leslie Offut	social movements	He is currently working on a series of articles closely linked to his dissertation ("Picaresca y modos de la alegoría en La vida de Guzmán de Alfarache. Atalaya de la vida humana" and "Basilio o el caso del monarca astrólogo: juegos de la similitud en La vida es sueño"). Among the courses taught by Mr. Vivalda are "Framing Poverty and Social Mobility: the Picaresque Novel in Spain and Latin America"
History	Ismail Rashid	economic development, globalization	His primary teaching interests are precolonial and modern African history, enslavement, resistance and emancipation and African Diaspora and Pan-Africanism. His research interests include subaltern resistance against colonialism and social and military conflicts in contemporary Africa.
International Studies	Tim Koechlin	economic development, globalization	Tim has taught and written about a variety of subjects including globalization, inequality, international investment, NAFTA, urban economics, economic development, macroeconomic policy, and alternative economic theory.
LALS/Political Science	Katherine Hite	social movements	Dr. Hite's teaching interests include Latin American politics, social movements, and the legacies of violence for governments and societies in transition around the globe.
LALS/Sociology	Light Carruyo	economic development	Her primary areas of research are the gendered and racial dimensions of nation building and economic development. She has carried out research in Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and the U.S. Dr. Carruyo is the author of Producing Knowledge, Protecting Forests: Rural Encounters with Gender, Ecotourism, and International Aid in the Dominican Republic, (Penn State University Press 2008), and her articles have appeared in journals such as Latin American Perspectives, and several edited volumes. Her teaching interests center around social justice and include race and racism in global context, Latina/os in the Americas, gender and development, globalization, and critical qualitative methods.
Math	Ming-Wen An	statistics, public health	One of her research interests is in issues of study design for addressing missing data due to "loss to follow-up" (with applications to evaluating HIV treatment programs in Africa). She is also interested in cancer clinical trial methodology, specifically designs for validating biomarkers used in targeted therapy and identification of alternative endpoints for Phase II trials.
Math	Kursad Tosun	public health	His current research addresses qualitative and quantitative analysis of stochastic models in mathematical epidemiology and medicine.
Philosophy	Jamie Kelly	ethics, sustainability	His primary interests concern the relationship between political philosophy and empirical research into human decision-making. His current work focuses upon the role of political judgment in various theories of democracy. He also has interests in Ethics, Legal Philosophy and Kant scholarship (especially Kant's account of the power of judgment).
Philosophy	Uma Narayan	human rights	She is the author of Dislocating Cultures: Identities, Traditions and Third World Feminism. She has coedited Reconstructing Political Theory: Feminist Perspectives with Prof. Mary L. Shanley, Having and Raising Children with Prof. Julia Bartkowiak and Decentering the Center: Postcolonial and Feminist Challenges to Philosophy with Prof. Sandra Harding. She regularly offers courses on Contemporary Moral Issues, Social and Political Philosophy and Feminist Theory in the philosophy department. She frequently teaches courses for the Women's Studies program, such as Introduction to Women's Studies and Global Feminism.

Physics	Jenny Magnes	clean energy	
Political Science	Adelaide Villmoare	social movements	Her current research addresses two issues: 1) public and private in the context of post Katrina politics in New Orleans and 2) the politics of democracy and rights.
Political Science	Luke C. Harris	human rights	Mr. Harris is the author of a series of critically acclaimed articles on questions of equality in contemporary America, and he is completing a book entitled <i>The Meaning of Equality in Post-apartheid America</i> . Mr. Harris is cofounder of both the African American Policy Forum, a thinktank that promotes public education and activism on feminist issues in the Black community, and the Women's Media Initiative.
Political Science	Leah Haus	political economy	Her teaching interests are International Political Economy, European Politics, Migration & Citizenship, and International Politics & Education.
Political Science	Katherine Hite	access and inclusion	Dr. Hite's recent work focuses on the politics of memory, as well as issues in higher education, access and equity.
Political Science	Mark Noah Hoffman	labor politics	His research interests include the intersection of border politics and labor politics, the policing of populations in general and minority populations in particular, and imperialism in the context of the nation-state system.
Political Science	Himadeep Muppidi	globalization	His research and teaching interests are in the areas of globalization, critical international relations, South Asian politics and postcolonial theory.
Political Science	Sam Opondo	ethics, human rights	Sam Opondo's research is guided by an interest in colonialism, race and the mediation of estrangement. With an emphasis on violence, ethics and diplomacies of everyday life, he engages the problematics of humanitarianism, the politics of redemption and the popular culture in urban Africa. He teaches courses on comparative politics, settler colonialism, postcolonial diplomatic cultures and African cities.
Political Science	Sidney Plotkin	community development	Sidney Plotkin teaches courses on power, public policy, urban politics and the politics of capitalism. His research and writing have centered on the U.S. national and sub-national political economy, with a focus on land use and fiscal politics. He has also written on urban political movements.
Political Science	Peter Stillman	sustainable development	In addition to regularly teaching a course on modern political thought, his courses center on utopias, terrorism, and environmental issues. Mr. Stillman has published numerous articles and book chapters on utopian political thought, Hegel's political philosophy, Marx's theories, and ecological issues, including the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
Psychology	Randolph Cornelius	behavior change	He teaches in the American Culture and Environmental Studies Programs, and his research interests revolve around the study of human emotions and emotional expression.
Psychology/STS	Janet Gray	pesticides, public health	In the past few years, Ms. Gray has been increasingly interested in learning and teaching about the intersection of environmental and women's health issues, focusing on environmental risks and breast cancer. She is the Director of the Vassar College Environmental Risks and Breast Cancer Project, a team effort that has led to the production of a bilingual, interactive, user-friendly CD and website (http://erbc.vassar.edu/erbc/), and the principle author of the Breast Cancer Fund's <i>State of the Evidence: The Connection Between Breast Cancer and the Environment</i> (2008).
Religion/Africana Studies	Lawrence Mamiya	civil rights	He was a former community organizer in Harlem, civil rights organizer in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's Southwest Georgia Project, and minister to young adults at San Francisco's Glide Memorial Methodist Church during the Haight-Ashbury youth counterculture.
Sociology	Bill Hoynes	social movements	His research examines the relationship between media and democracy in the United States, with a special focus on the organization and content of public broadcasting. Hoynes is co-editor, with David Croteau and Charlotte Ryan, of <i>Rhyming Hope and History: Activists, Academics, and Social Movement Scholarship</i> (University of Minnesota Press, 2006).

Sociology	Marque-Luisa Miringoff	social movements	
Sociology/ASIA	Seungsook Moon	food justice, social movements	Ms. Moon has taught courses on Political and Cultural Sociology, including Gender and Social change in East Asia, Food, Culture, and Globalization, Masculinities, Women's Movements in Asia, Social Theory, and Asian American Communities. This wide range of courses are linked together by underlying focuses on historical and social forces, and informed by critical inquiries of the power/knowledge nexus and the politics of representation necessary to cross-cultural and transnational studies. Ms. Moon's research interests lie in political and cultural sociology of gender in East Asia with the specific focus on South Korea. She has published numerous articles on gender and citizenship, collective memories, civil society, democratization, and social movements, globalization, military service, and nationalism.
Sociology/ENST	Pinar Batur	environmental justice	Director of Environmental Studies. Her books include Global Color Line, edited with Joe Feagin (1999) and White Racism, co-authored with Joe Feagin and Hernan Vera (2001). Her research interests include global racism and anti-racist movements.
Sociology/STS	Robert McAuley	culture and biology	His current courses include Sociology 215: Perspectives on Deviant Subculture; Sociology 270: Drugs, Culture and Society; STS/Sociology 353: Bio-Social Controversy; and STS/Sociology 367: Mind, Culture & Biology. He is presently the community member on the IACUC of the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, NY.
Sociology/STS	Robert E. McAuley	public health	McAuley's current research and teaching interests include the sociology of drugs and deviance: the sociology of science: and Darwinian social science. He is presently the community member on the IACUC of the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, NY.
Sociology/STS	Marque-Luisa Miringoff	social movements	Director of the Institute for Innovation in Social Policy
Sociology/Urban Studies	Leonard Nevarez	community development, social enterprise	He serves on the advisory team for the Poughkeepsie Plenty community food assessment, where he is overseeing a survey of City of Poughkeepsie residents' food security and dietary preferences. His courses in the Sociology Department include Power and Global Capital, Sociology of the New Economy (cross-listed in Science and Technology Studies), Quality of Life, Community Development (cross-listed in Urban Studies), Corporate Power, Introduction to Sociology, and Research Methods. I
Urban Studies/Art	Tobias Armbrorst	architecture, planning	In all of his courses, he encourages students to develop proposals out of careful observation of their immediate environment, and to find opportunities for architectural and social engagement in everyday places.