



# Welcome Back!

Fall 2022

## Letter from the Chair

Welcome back, everyone!

This fall is a new beginning in many ways. We have Dean Joanna Millunchick as our new Luddy School dean, two new faculty members (Drs. Rongqian Ma and Allan Martell) joining ILS, and the IU Bloomington campus is full of students - it almost looks like the campus pre-pandemic. In addition, I started my term this summer as the new department chair.

During our recent fall orientation, I had a wonderful time meeting many new students who are excited to be part of ILS, and I had a chance to catch up with the many professionals who help ILS thrive and work so diligently with our students.

We are truly blessed with a wonderful department. Our talented faculty is eager to teach and help students, all while conducting cutting-edge research. Our students are hardworking, innovative, and thoughtful in their research and work. We have wonderful staff who do so much each day to keep our department running. Our combined efforts as a department allow us to continue reconnecting and growing.

I hope that we all have a fruitful and lovely semester. Happy Fall!



Noriko Hara, ILS Department Chair

## New Faculty



**Rongqian Ma** is an assistant professor in the ILS department. Her research integrates digital humanities, digital curation, information visualization, and science and technology studies. More specifically, her work examines visual representations and visual technologies in the contexts of humanities research and digital archives. Rongqian received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh in 2022. She also holds an MLIS, an M.A. in East Asian Studies, and a B.A. in Chinese Literature.



**Allan Martell** is an assistant professor in the ILS department. In his work, Martell explores how societies negotiate social memories of violence, the role of information curation in shaping such memories, and possible frameworks to promote more critical, nuanced memories. Martell received his Ph. D. in Information from the School of Information at the University of Michigan, an M.S. in Digital Media from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a B.A. in Social Communications from the Central American University (El Salvador). Before joining the faculty at IU, Martell was a postdoctoral researcher at Louisiana State University.

## New Students

### Master's Program:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Almutairi, Hutoun       | Lemley, Janelle       |
| Alrahn, Ali             | Meines, Alison        |
| Ashtekar, Madhura Mohit | Otremba, Emma         |
| Baek, Min Kyung         | Paulson, Emily Rae    |
| Baker, Catherine Amelia | Ramsey-White, Greer M |
| Barber, Josephine       | Schmucker, Hallie     |
| Barnett, Zoe            | Elizabeth             |
| Bitter, Madeline        | Sexton, Tarren        |
| Brumleve, Laura Grace   | Songstad, Nicole      |
| Butler, Kaela           | Steptoe, Jason        |
| Caba, Nicole Alexandra  | Vitelli, Sarha        |
| Caples, Matthew         | Walden, Erin          |
| Cisneros, Rachel        | Weekley, Peyson       |
| Cissell, Madison        | Welch, Abby           |
| Eckl, Natalie           | Zhao, Zepu            |
| Flynn, Terence          |                       |
| Frawley, Katherine      |                       |
| Galbreath, Katherine    |                       |
| Townslay                |                       |
| Gamil, Marly Wagih      | Akter, Shohana        |
| Gentry, Jacob Hayden    | Amidu, Gordon         |
| Hameed Aldeen, Manal    | Goryl, Sasha          |
| Klein, Julie            | Nelson, Mary          |
| Kurt, Ellie             |                       |
| Lauer, Kathryn J        |                       |

### Ph.D. Program:

## Fall 2022 Colloquiums:

- September 27: Shannon Oltmann
- October 7: Lindsay Thomas
- October 28: Mikihito Tanaka

## Welcome to the ILS Office:

Seung Woo Chae  
*Research Associate*

Anna Larson  
*Receptionist and Chair's Assistant*

## Faculty Update

**Kahyun Choi**  
2022 IMLS Career Grant recipient

**Devan Donaldson**  
promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure

**Pnina Fichman & Younei Soe**  
2022 Trustees Teaching Award recipients