University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Sabbatical Requests, 2023-2024

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| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES |  | Agr & Consumer Economics | Amy W Ando | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To improve equity in environmental systems and create methods for economic cost-benefit analysis that promotes racial equity in policy; and to network with colleagues in other disciplines also working on environmental justice issues. |
| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES |  | Agr & Consumer Economics | Peter Christensen | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To develop a program of experimental research on the economics of decarbonization strategies, coordinating with policymakers and environmental economists; to define the program's scholarship and potential; and to develop a related course. |
| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES |  | Agr & Consumer Economics | Michel Andre Robe | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To carry out theoretical and empirical research, partly using regulatory data, to identify links between the volatility of cash and futures prices and the activities of different kinds of traders; findings will have wide impact, from Illinois farmers to the world's largest exchange market. |
| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES |  | Agr & Consumer Economics | Gary Donald Schnitkey | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To integrate production, financial, and credit data to aid farmers in making better decisions, improving agriculture's production efficiencies and environmental consequences as well as farms' creditworthiness. |
| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES |  | Food Science & Human Nutrition | Hannah Diane Holscher | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To learn new methods and approaches to better research the interactions between diet, the gut microbiome, and health. |
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| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES |  | Human Dvlpmt & Family Studies | Karen Kramer | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To study how work-family policy can be used to reduce inequality, focusing on a wide variety of outcomes at the individual, family, and work levels; and to publish related results, expanding understanding of the sources of inequality and policies that may alleviate inequality at different levels. |
| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES |  | Natrual Res & Env Sci | Richard J Brazee | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | First semester (Fall) | full pay | To further develop and empirically assess four recently developed economic frameworks of forest management that impact the profitability of forest industry, efficient design of forest policy, and future public forest amenities; and to submit related publications. |
| COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES |  | Natural Res & Env Sci | Cory David Suski | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research on large river ecology with an emphasis on the physiology and movement of large-bodied migratory fish to improve management outcomes; and to produce at least one peer-reviewed conceptual article and to build collaborations to facilitate future research. |
| COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES |  | Kinesiology & Community Health | Naiman A Khan | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To learn new skills in the areas of eating behavior, with emphasis on food cue reactivity and its interaction with cognitive function and brain health; and to collaborate on research proposals, all aimed at improving human health. |
| COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES |  | Kinesiology & Community Health | Laura A Rice | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To develop a comprehensive fall management program for individuals who use wheelchairs and scooters through engagement with various stakeholders. |

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| COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES |  | Speech and Hearing Science | Marie Moore Channell | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To extend research on individuals with intellectual disability by identifying areas in need of support through post-secondary education programming, ultimately maximizing learning and independent living outcomes and enhancing quality of life in this population. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS |  | Business Administration | E Geoffrey Love | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To produce research on how organizations can effectively innovate and adapt in fast-changing competitive environments, centered on organization design and strategic leadership, and with a focus on bringing research results to managers. |
| COLLEGE OF EDUCATION |  | Educ Policy, Orgzn & Leadershp | Jennifer A Delaney | Associate Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To continue research using the approach of fiscal federalism to better understand public support of postsecondary education; and to produce a scholarly research article, a policy report, and future research agenda. |
| COLLEGE OF EDUCATION |  | Educ Policy, Orgzn & Leadershp | Linda Herrera | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To prepare an open-source book and archive (video, audio, transcripts) of a major educational reform in Egypt, which impacts knowledge of 21st Century learning; and to house the archive in the University of Illinois library. |
| COLLEGE OF EDUCATION |  | Educational Psychology | Christopher Michael Napolitano | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To develop, test, and disseminate a new model of self-control skills that is intentionally crafted to promote public engagement and popular adoption, especially in educational settings. |
| COLLEGE OF EDUCATION |  | Special Education and Educ Policy, Orgzn & Leadershp | Meghan Maureen Burke | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To conduct research about service navigation among families of individuals with disabilities, improving outcomes for individuals with disabilities; and to submit six manuscripts. |
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| COLLEGE OF EDUCATION |  | Special Education | Stacy K Dymond | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research how schools structure work experiences for students with disabilities, which impacts the curriculum students receive and students’ postschool outcomes; to collect data and write two articles; and to disseminate findings from completed projects. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Aerospace Engineering | Timothy Wolfe Bretl | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To initiate research on robot acoustics, understanding the sounds made by industrial, consumer, and medical robots, with application to collaborative manufacturing and in-home healthcare; and to publish a collection of auto-graded homework problems that facilitate mastery learning in robotics. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Aerospace Engineering | Deborah Levin Fliflet | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To study the application of machine learning techniques to particle kinetic simulation approaches, predicting macroscopic response of instabilities in high-temperature, chemically reacting hypersonic flows, interactions with porous thermal protection materials, and plasma systems. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Civil & Environmental Eng | Christopher Paul Lyman Barkan | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To develop educational materials needed to teach an upper-level engineering course in railcar design, creating knowledge required to design safe, efficient, and functional railcars. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Civil & Environmental Eng | Carlos Armando Duarte | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research novel computational methods tailored to predictive simulations of structural engineering problems involving nucleation, branching, and coalescence of fracture networks. |

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| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Civil & Environmental Eng | Ahmed Elbanna | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To leverage computational algorithms, modeling tools, and data analysis techniques to investigate outstanding problems in the infrastructure and health ecosystems nationally and internationally, translating research output to industry. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Civil & Environmental Eng | Hadi Meidani | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To conduct research on machine learning algorithms that can predict how interconnected infrastructure systems and communities respond to extreme events; and to create a computational decision support system for optimal planning and emergency management of these systems. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Computer Science | Sarita V Adve | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To focus on establishing a strong foundation for the research, education, and infrastructure mission of the Illinois Center for Immersive Computing, a proposal that received the Investment for Growth award. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Computer Science | Chandra Sekhar Chekuri | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To learn and investigate recent techniques that combine continuous optimization, data structures, and numerical linear algebra; and to collaborate, with the goal of developing faster algorithms for fundamental problems in discrete and combinatorial optimization. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Computer Science and Mechanical Sci & Engineering | Paul Fischer | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To collaborate on the development of low-cost surrogates (reduced-order models) for fluid mechanics analysis that leverage data generated by high-fidelity simulations of fluid flow on the world's fastest computers. |

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| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Computer Science | Robin Hillary Kravets | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To further research on the Internet of Things, which encompasses everything connected to the internet and devices communicating to each other, with a specific focus on Internet of Things deployments in real world scenarios and collaborative research. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Computer Science | Hari Sundaram | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To develop a theoretical understanding of causal inference, the science of cause and effect; to apply this knowledge to create algorithms for making causal claims from data; and to design sophisticated human-computer interaction experiments supporting causal inference. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Computer Science | Adam Bates Yuile | Associate Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To explore how cyber threats can be detected through data provenance, a method of understanding computer events through their historical context; and to integrate these techniques into real-world products. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Electrical & Computer Eng | Yih-Chun Hu | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To extend research in the security and performance of next-generation internet architectures, which impacts the capability and security of future internet applications. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Electrical & Computer Eng | Nam Sung Kim | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To pursue a research and development hub for open-source microprocessors, leveraging multiple Midwest universities and leading to true innovation in hardware design. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Electrical & Computer Eng | Olgica Milenkovic | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To explore genomic data analysis, especially RNA velocity analysis, spatial transcriptomics, epigenetics, and chromatin structure probing; and to work with biologists on new learning problems in these areas which will help formulate research direction and teaching. |
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| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Industrial&Enterprise Sys Eng | Lavanya Marla | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay | Second semester (Spring) and first semester (Fall) | two-thirds pay | To study multi-modal implications of the introduction of urban air mobility in large cities, which can complement both land-side transportation and air transportation, significantly changing the urban transportation landscape. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Industrial&Enterprise Sys Eng | Rakesh Nagi | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To develop course notes and author a textbook on massively parallel programming for discrete optimization and graph algorithms; to learn from industrial situations/problems and to apply those skills; and to develop new collaborations. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Materials Science & Engineering | Qian Chen | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To push nanoscopic cinematography, currently focused on colloidal soft matter, to its full potential on underexplored fronts: imaging dynamics from proteins to cells at nanometer resolution, understanding phase transformation, and achieving microstructure engineering in energy materials. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Materials Science & Engineering | Pinshane Huang | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research the atomic structure and properties of two-dimensional quantum materials for next-generation electronics, speeding the development of new materials and methods of operation for electronic devices and developing new candidate materials for quantum information storage. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Materials Science & Engineering | Jessica Anne Krogstad | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To study mechanical degradation and failure of materials central to sustainable energy production and storage through advances in mechanical and microstructural characterization techniques, which will lead to improved durability and reliability for next generation energy solutions. |
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| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Materials Science & Engineering and Chemical & Biomolecular Engr | Charles M Schroeder | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To study the dynamics and mechanics of polymeric materials at the molecular level, which addresses current societal problems in global plastic waste mitigation and impacts research efforts in developing new sustainable polymers; and to complete ongoing research articles. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Materials Science & Engineering | Dallas Trinkle | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To explore the use of data in materials informatics and applications to materials discovery and materials modeling, developing new areas of research and collaboration; and to participate in an international program sponsored by NSF on the topic. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Mechanical Sci & Engineering | Gaurav Bahl | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Academic Year | two-thirds pay | To develop new collaborations on photonic topological insulators, quantum optomechanics, and atom-based photonic microsystems, yielding new cross-disciplinary projects and impacting multiple scientific areas of national importance. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Mechanical Sci & Engineering | Nick G Glumac | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research related to nuclear proliferation, engaging phenomena, techniques, expertise, and environments at the forefront of critical national defense research. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Mechanical Sci & Engineering | Mariana Elizabeth Kersh | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To understand the design and execution of experiments that measure bone remodeling and cell activity in live tissues under mechanical loads as well as co-culture experiments. |

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| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Mechanical Sci & Engineering | Nenad Miljkovic | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To collaborate on foundational questions at the intersection of artificial intelligence (computer aided materials design) and surface science (creation of surfaces and coatings that repel or attract a range of liquids), with impacts in transportation, textiles, biotechnology, consumer packaging, desalination, and other fields. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Mechanical Sci & Engineering | Sanjiv Sinha | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To research quantum sensing, cellular calorimetry and carbon sequestration and to build new measurement setups, advancing energy technologies especially in areas such as semiconductors and medicine. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Mechanical Sci & Engineering | Arend van der Zande | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research the impact of strain engineering on the electronic and magnetic properties of 2D quantum materials for next generation electronics. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Physics | Karin A Dahmen | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To model the dynamics of plasmas and related systems to find optimal conditions for fusion applications, furthering areas of growing importance, such as energy and sustainability, data science, and graduate and undergraduate education. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Physics | Jeffrey P Filippini | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | First semester (Fall) | full pay | To prepare a ground-breaking balloon-borne telescope for its first flight; and to collaborate on the development of new analysis techniques to extract information about cosmic history from the novel data set it will produce. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Physics | Vidya Madhavan | Professor | Second semester (Spring) and first semester (Fall) | two-thirds pay |  |  | To learn the new technique of light-scanning tunneling microscopy, a tool that can create excitations with light and make measurements on the atomic scale which will allow access to new regimes and phases, enabling novel discoveries. |
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| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Architecture | Abbas Aminmansour | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research on the design of structural steel connections, improving the safety, efficiency, and economic design of steel structures; and to develop multiple related chapters in a book. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Architecture | David Chasco | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To research the modernist architecture of Gunnar Birkerts Associates, emanating from the Saarinen tradition; and to research and publish design efforts that contributed to the firm's international reputation. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Architecture | Yun Kyu Yi | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research artificial intelligence in architecture design, especially in Building Performance, which is changing the field of architecture; and to publish a book and/or peer-reviewed journals. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Art & Design | Benjamin Adam Grosser | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To complete research and production of a feature-length video montage “supercut” about the overlapping narratives of capitalism and computing in movies and television from 1980-2020, resulting in the reimagination of what online society could be. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Art & Design | Patrick E Hammie | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research building on a recent project that acknowledges centuries of racialized angst and terrorism, and visualizes how far both powerful and marginalized people go to survive and alleviate fear; and to create new artworks. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Art & Design | Stacey Robinson | Associate Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To further graphic design research by creating a new body of exhibition works exploring oppression and resistance; and to produce a graphic novel, Nightboy. |
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| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Art & Design | Stanley Ruecker | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To collect interview and site data from professional design firms in graphic design about the kinds of projects they currently undertake, broadening faculty and student understanding of this dynamic landscape in a readily accessible volume. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Art & Design | Suresh Sethi | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To research how designers work with Artificial Intelligence in industries, which impacts the current industrial design education model; and to start work on a book on the role of narratives in visualizing products. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Art & Design | Oscar Vazquez | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To complete research for a book analyzing the curricular practices and politics of copying and life drawing in specific art academies in Mexico and Spain in the modern period, developing scholarly connections and course material. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Art & Design | David Deke Weaver | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To perform the live theatrical event CETACEAN (The Whale); and to design/edit books and full-length video documentation for previous works WOLF, BEAR, TIGER, and CETACEAN (The Whale). |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Dance | Jennifer Monson | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To further a community-based dance project proposing that choreographic structures contribute to reparative projects in communities historically impacted by toxic contamination due to uranium and coal mining and other industrial contaminants. |

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| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Landscape Architecture | D Fairchild Ruggles | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research on the medieval system of canals that fed Granada, Spain, and its Alhambra Palace, and to consult with archaeologists, in preparation to write a book on the environmental history of Granada. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Music | Adam John Kruse | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To prepare a grant-funded community engagement project involving collaborative Hip-Hop compositions building relationships between the university, K-12 music teachers and students, and community Hip-Hop musicians to increase the presence of Black American music and musicians in school music spaces. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Music | Joel William Spencer | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research the current musical direction of jazz drumming in the U.S. through performances and interviews; and to document research in a trade journal article. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Theatre | John Anthony Boesche | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research new best practices incorporating media design into live theatre, dance, and opera performances, acquiring cutting-edge knowledge; and to integrate that new learning into coursework and advising. |
| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Urban & Regional Planning | Bumsoo Lee | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To conduct a research project on the measures of urban spatial structure and spatial development in U.S. urbanized areas; and to complete several journal articles on the geography of gentrification and the impacts of emerging transportation services like ride-hailing. |

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| COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS |  | Urban & Regional Planning | Faranak Miraftab | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay | First semester (Fall) | full pay | To research grassroots movements’ efforts that open up the realm of possibilities and imagined urban futures, crucial in constructing a humane-urbanism, where life, not profit, is at the center of policy decisions; and to complete a manuscript about the vision of humane urbanism. |
| SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES |  | Information Sciences | Masooda N Bashir | Associate Professor | Academic Year | One-half pay |  |  | To extend and build research expertise on the Human-Centered Design of Autonomous Systems (AS), resulting in empirically based insights on the formation and calibration of trust between humans and AS, future research, and course material. |
| SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES |  | Information Sciences | Kathleen McDowell | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research storytelling as information, which impacts information organizations like public and community college libraries and their ability to use data to advocate for their mission through data storytelling, culminating in a nationally significant project: Data Storytelling Toolkit for Librarians. |
| SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES |  | Information Sciences | Allen H Renear | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To explore, analyze, and advance the role of conceptual analysis, a logic-based technique for clarifying concepts, as a method in the information sciences; and to document results in a survey article and several research reports. |
| SCHOOL OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS |  | School of Labor & Empl. Rel. | Amit Kramer | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To examine the impact of work on individual work and family outcomes, specifically, how work characteristics and policies affect the long-term health and well-being of individuals, their perceptions of compatibility of work and life outside work, and their work outcomes. |

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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Anthropology and American Indian Studies Prgrm | Jennifer L Davis | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To complete a project that will propose ethical frameworks for engaging with Indigenous language databases and archival materials by bringing together best practices from three areas of inquiry: collaborative research models for language documentation; data sovereignty; and consultation procedures for repatriation. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Anthropology | Jane Desmond | Professor | First semester (Fall) | two-thirds pay | Second semester (Spring) | two-thirds pay | To conduct research in the emerging field of the veterinary humanities, with a special emphasis on conservation, ethics, and international differences in policy and curricula. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Anthropology | Andrew Orta | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To complete a set of articles and chapters connected to a longstanding project on business education; and to initiate a new line of research focused on the production and circulation of statistical representations. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Astronomy and Physics | Charles Forbes Gammie | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To study the dynamics of magnetized, ionized plasma near black holes and their implications for future resolved, polarized movies of black holes; and to further explore numerical models for the origin of the Earth's Moon. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Astronomy | Leslie W Looney | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research the youngest protostars using state-of-the art millimeter wavelength telescopes at high resolution to probe the early circumstellar disk and infer the origin of planet formation and evolution; and to publish numerous papers with collaborators. |

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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Astronomy & Physics | Telemachos Ch Mouschovias | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To advance the theory of star formation through comparison of existing observations to new numerical simulations and observations, with the intent of confirming or contradicting the theory’s predictions. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Astronomy | Paul Milton Ricker | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay | First semester (Fall) | full pay | To research simulations of black hole feedback in clusters of galaxies and the evolution of binary stars in shared gaseous envelopes; and to strengthen collaborations and publish papers. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Chemical Sciences | Chemical & Biomolecular Engr | Damien S Guironnet | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To gain expertise in nanomedicine and polymer application, providing new avenues of research and transitioning from fundamental to a more applied synthetic development. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Chemical Sciences | Chemistry | So Hirata | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To elucidate the mechanism underlying high-Tc superconductivity in two-dimensional materials and to develop design guidelines for one-dimensional and ring molecular superconductors, resulting in immense technological application potential. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Chemical Sciences | Chemistry | Douglas Alan Mitchell | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To learn cutting-edge methods to discover naturally occurring metabolites that are processed by oxidative enzymes, enhancing exposure and investigation into frontier peptide science related to drug discovery. |

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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Communication | William Barley | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To perform background research and qualitative field work exploring how interdisciplinary research centers influence scientists’ careers; and to complete two publications: a review of scholarship on diversity and science and an empirical piece presenting initial empirical findings. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Earth, Society, and Environment | Atmospheric Sciences | Sonia Lasher-Trapp | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To conduct research on the numerical simulation of clouds and storms, towards improving their prediction within a changing climate; to learn capabilities of laboratory experiments conducted within specialized cloud chambers; to collaborate with researchers; and to produce a formal publication. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Earth, Society, and Environment | Atmospheric Sciences | Robert Trapp | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To conduct research on extreme convective storms for new understandings and improved predictions of associated convective hazards; to advance tornadogenesis theoretical models; to implement a new attribute for hailstorm detection; and to improve methodologies for extreme convective weather climate modeling. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Earth, Society, and Environment | Geography & GIS | Bruce L Rhoads | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To research the dynamics of sediment fluxes within river corridors of intensively managed agricultural landscapes of the Midwest and the relation of these dynamics to nutrient problems and river erosion. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Earth, Society, and Environment | Geography & Geographic InfoSci | Shaowen Wang | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To create a data-intensive geospatial synthesis framework for integrating data on geographically referenced social, economic, ecological, and environmental factors; to generate cyberGIS theories to predict risk and likely impacts of geographic disasters; and to expand collaborative partnerships. |
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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Earth, Society, and Environment | Geology | Alison M Anders | Associate Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To study the impacts of anthropogenic land use change on erosion, deposition, and chemical weathering of floodplain sediments; to complete publications related to Illinois landscapes and drivers of glaciation; and to write proposals to continue work in these two areas. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Economics | Seung-Hyun Hong | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To investigate the role of non-arm’s length transactions in real estate markets, which might increase housing mismatch but could decrease agency distortion, providing implications of interest to researchers in economics fields as well as policymakers. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Economics | Martin Perry | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To extend research on tying arrangements, a form of two-part pricing in which a firm can charge an access price or fixed fee which allows the consumer to then purchase a product or service at a unit price, between a durable good and its complement by a monopolist of the durable good. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics | English and African American Studies | Irvin Joseph Hunt | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research for the world's first book-length account of the geographic and cultural details of black towns across America, Canada, and the Caribbean, with special attention to the bonds between blacks and indigenous people. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | English and Geology | Gillen D'Arcy Wood | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To continue a book project on the history of the HMS Challenger voyage, which charts new pathways in interdisciplinary environmental research with direct relevance to the climate grand challenge. |

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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | History and Gender and Women's Studies | Teresa Ann Barnes | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) and first semester (Fall) | one-half pay | Academic Year | one-half pay | To continue written demographic and experiential histories of African-American women confined in Kentucky mental hospitals from 1910 to 1950, an understudied confluence of gender, race, mental health, incarceration, medicine, and public health in 20th century America. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | History | Kristin Lee Hoganson | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To conduct research on infrastructure building in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, which has implications for how we understand power, development politics, and environmental change; and to draft multiple book chapters. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | History | Ralph W Mathisen | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To research and complete writings on the end of the western Roman Empire, offering a new interpretation that is more consistent with the evidence compared to models that explained the end of the Empire as a result of antagonism, incompatibility, and catastrophe. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Integrative Biology | Evolution Ecology Behavior | Carla E Caceres | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To integrate the physiology of the Daphnia immune system with ecological and evolutionary drivers of disease, establishing underlying principles of eco-immunology essential to understanding host-parasite interactions in natural systems, which impacts societal concerns such as agriculture and public health. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Lainta/Latino Studies and Communication | Isabel Molina | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To complete research and write a book and series of representations of race, ethnicity, gender, and nationality, tracing the social, cultural, and political significance of visual and public discourses surrounding representation about and by Afro-Latinas/os and mixed-race African/Latino/Indigenous communities. |
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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics | Germanic Languages & Lit | Laurie R Johnson | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research initiatives benefiting the Campus Honors Program; to complete essays about ethics in documentary film; and to begin research for a monograph on Romantic philosophy and its afterlives. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics | Germanic Languages & Lit | Carl Hendrik Niekerk | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research and write chapters of a book project focusing on attempts to define the term "Enlightenment" in late eighteenth-century Germany, arguing that the goals of a specific group are often far more radical than assumed. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics | Slavic Languages and Literatures | Richard V Tempest | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To research a book on the poetics of charismatic leadership by examining how two adversarial figures, President Vladimir Zelensky of Ukraine and Vladimir Putin of Russia, have sustained their charismatic appeal in times of peace and war. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics | Spanish and Portuguese | Javier Irigoyen Garcia | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research and to complete a book on Muslim musicians in sixteenth century Spain, challenging both traditional views of Morisco music and contemporary discourses of cultural archeology. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics | Spanish and Portuguese | John Tofik Karam | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research Brazilian agricultural and cultural exports to the Arab world, which impacts planetary understandings not centered around Europe or the US; and to complete the manuscript on the topic. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics | Matthew A Ando | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To develop an innovative course focused on linear algebra for data science and a number of data science projects for a new undergraduate data science curriculum; and to explore new directions in research on connections between topology, number theory, and physics. |
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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics | Jared C Bronski | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To continue research on nonlinear waves, specifically computer aided proofs, within the increasingly important rigorous computation field. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics | Anil Nirmal Hirani | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To research geometry and calculus on discrete spaces, a developing modern language expressing engineering and physics concepts simply, which impacts engineering and physics computations. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics | Sheldon Katz | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To elucidate the role of noncommutative algebraic geometry in topological string theory with mathematically rigorous definitions and proofs, resulting in new consequences for physics. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics | Ely Kerman | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To continue collaborative projects on Lagrangian embeddings and holomorphic intersections; and to further develop current research on the relationship between symplectic measurements (capacities) and classical measurements (mixed volumes). |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics | Zoi Rapti | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research related to the modeling of epidemics, defining indices that quantify the severity of vector- and food-borne infectious diseases; and to finalize four manuscripts. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics | Susan Tolman | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To explore the restrictions that group actions place on symplectic manifolds; to study the implications for highly symmetric physical systems; and to complete a paper constructing a symplectic circle action with only two fixed points. |

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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics | Alexandru Zaharescu | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research the distribution of nontrivial zeros of the Riemann zeta function, which impacts several central topics in analytic number theory. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Molecular and Cellular Biology | Biochemistry | Hong Jin | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To complete research and learn cryo-electron tomography; and to accomplish single-particle reconstruction on several essential proteins in protein quality control, targeting, and trafficking. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Molecular and Cellular Biology | Cell & Developmental Biology | Jie Chen | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To study mechanisms of lipid signaling in the regulation of mammalian cell biology; and to deepen investigation of the non-canonical functions of a family of house-keeping proteins as potential therapeutic targets in cancer and muscle regeneration. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Molecular and Cellular Biology | Microbiology | Christopher Byron Brooke | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To develop computational skills and computational analysis methods to understand how viruses evolve and cause disease, strengthening a critical part of ongoing research. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Molecular and Cellular Biology | Molecular & Integrative Physl | Nien-Pei Tsai | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To initiate a new research direction by studying Alzheimer's disease using genetic mouse models, possibly revealing novel therapeutic targets for Alzheimer's treatment. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Philosophy | Helga Varden | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To complete a manuscript presenting a historically informed, Kant-based contemporary theory of justice as human freedom and focusing on how the achievements and failures of liberal legal-political philosophy contain the wisdom needed to achieve more just and humane societies. |
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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Philosophy | Shelley E Weinberg | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To research the systematic relation between John Locke's natural and religious epistemologies, impacting the professional academic community pursuing Locke scholarship and the history of early modern philosophy, and culminating in a book. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Politicaence | Jacob W Bowers | Associate Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To research whether common approaches to transparency, rigor, and reproducibility actually enhance public trust in policy-relevant findings when used by governmental evaluation, evidence, and behavioral insights teams. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Political Science | Xinyuan Dai | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research for multiple journal articles, examining the evolving international institutional order and how states engage with it, specifically studying how international treaty characteristics and domestic political institutions influence states’ commitment to the international order. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Political Science | Alyssa Kathleen Prorok | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To study and prepare manuscripts on the evolution and effects of cooperation between governments and rebel groups in multi-actor civil wars, in order to understand how cooperation affects future violence and prospects for peaceful settlement in multi-actor civil wars. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Political Science | Matthew Stephen Winters | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To research perceptions of responsibility for service delivery and mechanisms for obtaining accountability in service delivery in poor and middle-income countries. |

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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Political Science | Cara J Wong | Associate Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To study membership, citizenship, and rights, analyzing policies and public opinion about both immigrants and citizens living abroad, with regard to who belongs, who can vote, and who should have access to the welfare state, leading to new research and publications. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Psychology | Diane M Beck | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To expand computer vision, machine learning, and data analysis skills in order to use state-of-the-art deep learning models to model human data and to use human data to contribute to computer vision models. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Psychology | Aaron S Benjamin | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To continue ongoing research on Bayesian modeling of human behavior and human-AI interaction experimental paradigms, informing the design of AI agents that work effectively with humans. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Psychology | Howard Berenbaum | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To develop expertise in public health and epidemiology to apply toward clinical psychology, curating research, teaching, and policy toward mental illness prevention and health promotion. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Psychology | Florin Dolcos | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To gain training in cognitive enhancement and brain stimulation methods, complimenting and contributing to a recently established training program to increase resilience and well-being through behavioral change. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Psychology | Benjamin L Hankin | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To conduct research on the outcomes and mechanisms involved in interventions for depression, including among youth and offspring of depressed pregnant women; and to submit publications on these mental health priorities. |

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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Psychology | Michel Regenwetter | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To research advanced mathematical behavioral modeling and data analytics with an emphasis on decision research; and to complete tutorial papers and research articles that explain, apply, and/or further develop the paradigm. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Psychology | Nathan R Todd | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | one-half pay |  |  | To create new measures to assess religious environment and to test how religious environment is associated with sexual minority health disparities, examining the role of religion in an individual’s proximal and distal experiences. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Sociology | Asef Bayat | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | My research project aims to investigate how migrants can and do contribute to social and political transformation of their original homeland through ‘political remittance’ while integrating into host societies. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Sociology | Brian J Dill | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To investigate the conditions under which collaborative governance agreements can reconcile divergent interests and goals and produce favorable results; and to analyze data and develop the first draft of a book manuscript. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Sociology | Zsuzsa Gille | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To research environmental policies and green technologies in the field of waste management, which impacts the efficacy and social inequalities of these projects; and to complete two articles and to start writing an undergraduate textbook on waste studies. |

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| COLLEGE OF MEDIA |  | Advertising | Sela Sar | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To work on projects related to big data and affective computational research that examine how affective states influence processing and sharing of ads and fake news in digital media. |
| COLLEGE OF MEDIA |  | Advertising | Harsh Taneja | Associate Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay | First semester (Fall) | full pay | To research "indifference to news", which impacts the role of media in democracy; and to complete a related book proposal. |
| COLLEGE OF MEDIA |  | Advertising | Patrick T Vargas | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To study psychological factors that affect susceptibility to mis- and dis-information; and to learn how this applies to persuasion, including advertising, leading to a better understanding of how bad information spreads. |
| COLLEGE OF MEDIA |  | Media and Cinema Studies | Julie Turnock | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To complete research and to write a monograph on the special effects in the early 20th century American cinema, reconsidering how illusionistic cinematic technologies have challenged disciplinary boundaries. |
| SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK |  | Social Work | Min Zhan | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To examine the association between household debt and mental health outcomes during the COVID-19 pandemic in China, informing important policy and program development that supports families burdened with debt. |
| UNIVERSITY LIBRARY |  | University Library | Susanne Belovari | Associate Professor | 2/3rds year, full pay |  |  |  | To study collaborative Jewish/Christian contributions to cuisine before Hitler, expanding usual academic portrayals of how Jews and Christians lived and worked together and detailing how this may complicate conventional explanations of the Holocaust. |
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| UNIVERSITY LIBRARY |  | University Library | Clara M Chu | Professor | 2/3rds year, full pay |  |  |  | To advance research on libraries, communities, and transformative change, including studying approaches and use of dialogue and deliberation by libraries, and writing about libraries and the impact of libraries working with communities. |
| UNIVERSITY LIBRARY |  | University Library | Carissa Marie Phillips | Associate Professor | 2/3rds year, full pay |  |  |  | To conduct interviews with business librarians who provide support to student consultants working on client-based experiential projects at academic institutions; to identify common approaches, common challenges, and best practices; and to produce at least two scholarly articles. |
| UNIVERSITY LIBRARY |  | University Library | Mara Thacker | Associate Professor | 3/4 year, full pay |  |  |  | To advance language training in Bengali; to complete research on comics collections in libraries; and to work on a co-edited monograph. |
| UNIVERSITY LIBRARY |  | University Library | Daniel Tracy | Associate Professor | Full year | one-half pay | 1/2 year (select salary below) | full pay | To conduct user experience research and pursue professional development related to digital open scholarship platforms, impacting development of such technologies; and to complete articles and editing of a special journal issue based on the research. |
| UNIVERSITY LIBRARY |  | University Library | Kelli Jean Trei | Associate Professor | 2/3rds year, full pay |  |  |  | To explore the information literacy skills of early-career corporate science researchers; to identify skills and resources for prospective science librarians; and to improve personal competence in understanding and amplifying specimen data with the Biodiversity Heritage Library. |
| COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE |  | Comparative Biosciences | CheMyong Ko | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To write a book about feline reproductive physiology, which will provide practical guidance for clinicians and pet owners in handling feline species. |

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| COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS | School of Art & Art History | ART | Dianna Frid | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research a collection of ancient books with wormholes at the Biblioteca Francisco de Burgoa in Oaxaca, Mexico, and to produce and exhibit new artworks stemming from this investigation. |
| COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS |  | School of Design | Brian Anderson | Associate Professor | Full year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research sustainable production in the context of deepening global ecological concern; to develop pathways to responsible ceramic production with traditional and commercial industries in the Netherlands, Japan, and the US; and to draft a book of narratives, knowledge, and outcomes. |
| COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS |  | School of Design | Daria Tsoupikova | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To plan, research, and develop a novel virtual reality experiential design project utilizing creative artificial intelligence to explore the future of storytelling and media design. |
| COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS |  | School of Architecture | Thomas Kelley | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To examine adaptive reuse trends in architecture, with a focus on Midwest building practices; to complete the Architect Registration Examination to become a licensed architect in Illinois; and to begin work on a book publication centered on architectural renewal. |
| COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS | School of Theatre & Music | Theatre | Christine Mary Dunford | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To finish writing a curriculum manual for the Memory Ensemble, founded in response to a need for learning opportunities for people experiencing the early stages of dementia; and to complete a draft of a first book chapter. |
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| COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS | School of Theatre & Music | Theatre | Rachelle Tsachor | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | First semester (Fall) | full pay | To analyze the role of Body Movement in equitable teaching, learning and resiliency; and to explore how to adapt embodiment methods to provide opportunities for students from minoritized communities in Chicago and for marginalized or displaced international communities. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |  | Marketing | Anna Shaojie Cui | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | two-thirds pay |  |  | To examine how firms’ innovation strategies are influenced by external forces such as competitors and investors, focusing on how firms respond to competitors’ production innovations and stock market analyst recommendations. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |  | Marketing | Benet DeBerry-Spence | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To enhance knowledge of visual research methods, through an empirical investigation of consumers and counterfeit designer goods. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |  | Finance | Andriy Bodnaruk | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To assist the Kyiv School of Economics and the Ukrainian government with evaluating infrastructural projects and other public sector investments to facilitate post war rebuilding of Ukraine; and to collect data and insights on transformative investments of economies in extreme distress. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |  | Finance | Re-Jin Jennifer Guo | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research on recent effects of the regulatory changes proposed by the Green Finance Action Plan in Taiwan, which will provide useful information to modify and fine-tune regulations and policies to accelerate sustainable developments. |
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| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |  | Finance | Lan Zhang | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To study factor structure in high-frequency, high-dimensional specialized sets of data, transactions on private platforms, market regulation data, and data concerned with maritime trade. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |  | IDS | Yuheng Hu | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | First semester (Fall) | full pay | To research explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) techniques and their impact on consumer purchasing behavior; to design better XAI algorithms to satisfy consumer needs and increase trust when dealing with AI content and product recommendations; and to publish journal papers. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |  | Information and Decision Sciences | Selvaprabu Nadarajah | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research pathways to a clean-energy and socially-responsible economy via optimized financial and operational decisions, which have environmental, social, and financial benefits at local and global scales; and to work on a monograph on analytics for the clean energy transition. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |  | Information and Decision Sciences | James Christopher Westland | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To participate in collaborative research on equity and bond market structure; and to provide advisory services to new technical colleges in computer science, statistics and machine learning. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |  | Managerial Studies | Mark Shanley | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To conduct large sample longitudinal research on determinants of choices by manufacturing firms of merger/acquisition or strategic alliance, impacting transaction success and the performance of firms making such choices; and to publish several articles in quality journals. |
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| COLLEGE OF EDUCATION |  | Joint appointment in Curriculum and Instruction (College of Education) and Mathematics, Statics, and Computer Science (Liberal Arts and Sciences) | Danny Bernard Martin | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To collaborate with colleagues in developing a program of practice-research devoted to racial justice in early mathematics education; and to develop learning materials and implement a teacher fellows professional development pilot program. |
| COLLEGE OF EDUCATION |  | Educational Psychology | Dalal Chrysoula Hanna Katsiaficas | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To examine the developmental implications of the transition to motherhood in early and middle adulthood; to build community member partnerships; and to develop a course on the transition to motherhood considering developmental and cultural perspectives. |
| COLLEGE OF EDUCATION |  | Special Education | Sunyoung Kim | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To complete research and to develop an online learning module for Korean-speaking parents of children with autism; and to promote public awareness, accessibility, cultural adaptability, and efficacy of evidence-based interventions for autism among the Korean and Korean-American communities. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Biomedical Engineering | David T. Eddington | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To develop research focused on hydrostatic pressure effects on mammalian cells; and to develop tools and proposals for this new area. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Computer Science | Ajay D Kshemkalyani | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To study various problems in mobile robotics and distributed algorithms for mobile robot coordination, an area of growing research in distributed computing. |
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| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Department of Computer Science | Xinhua Zhang | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) and first semester (Fall) | two-thirds pay |  |  | To conduct research on reinforcement learning, with a focus on using offline stored data and reducing interactions with the environment; and to apply the resulting method to health care and robotics. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Electrical and Computer Engineering | Mojtaba Soltanalian | Associate Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To acquire relevant industrial real-world exposure in research of signal processing, particularly on interference mitigation for sensing, joint communication and sensing for autonomous vehicles, and trusted machine learning in practical settings. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Electrical and Computer Engineering | Amit Trivedi | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) and first semester (Fall) | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research ultra-low-power and compact chips for virtual and augmented reality (VR/AR) applications, which will enable next-generation VR/AR equipment useful for immersive visualization. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Mechanical and Industrial Engineering | Yayue Pan | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research multi-material additive manufacturing, which impacts the medical and electronics fields; and to complete on-going proposals. |
| COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING |  | Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering | Amin Salehi-Khojin | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) and first semester (Fall) | two-thirds pay |  |  | To research advanced manufacturing techniques for use in energy storage and conversion systems. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Anthropology | Laura Lee Junker | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To work on a book manuscript dealing with archaeological research in the Philippines prior to the 17th century. |

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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Biological Sciences | Ronald R. Dubreuil | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To further research recent discoveries having important implications for Parkinson's disease and dietary fat processing, both of which have relevance to human health; and to write multiple papers and grant proposals. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Biological Sciences | Miquel Angel Gonzalez-Meler | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) and first semester (Fall) | two-thirds pay | To develop a research program to breed and produce coffee and cacao genotypes that are resistant to climate change impacts, resulting in an international proposal. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Biological Sciences | Constance J Jeffery | Associate Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To work on collaborative projects with experts in Cryo-Electron Microscopy and bioinformatics; and to receive training in advanced methods in computational biology and electron microscopy, which will serve as the basis of new grant proposals. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Chemistry | Xiaojing Yang | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To experiment and establish effective strategies of data collection and analysis for dynamic cryoEM studies to extract functionally relevant structural dynamics of proteins and macro-molecular complexes at atomic resolution; and to finish an editorial project. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Economics | Georgios Karras | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research the relationship between economic volatility and the current account balance, focusing on differences between developed (OECD) and developing/emerging economies, which has implications for how current increasing volatility will impact global imbalances. |
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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | English | Nicholas Mainey Brown | Professor | Second semester (Spring) and first semester (Fall) | one-half pay |  |  | To complete a book on the Brazilian artistic movement known as "Neo-Concretism" (1952-1965), an important international movement that will enable scholars to reconceive art in fundamental ways. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | English/Latin American and Latino Studies | Ralph E Cintron | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To research the impact of climate change on local and under-resourced neighborhoods; and to conduct fieldwork regarding perceptions on climate change in multiple sites. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | ENGLISH-UIC | Lennard J Davis | Professor | First semester (Fall) | two-thirds pay |  |  | To write a book about the idea of representation in literature and the arts, impacting issues around race, class, gender, sexuality, and disability. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Literatures, Cultural Studies, and Linguistics | Germanic Studies | Susanne Rott | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To investigate how to implement non-binary pronoun use in the German language classroom. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | History | Rama Mantena | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | Academic Year | two-thirds pay | To write and edit a book that will reflect new and critical approaches in South Asian historiography in the twenty-first century, focusing on the aftermath of the impact of critical colonial and postcolonial studies. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | History | Elizabeth Todd-Breland | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To complete writing and revising for a book about a prominent black labor leader; and to advance a collaborative oral history project about police torture to memorialize this history, support a required Chicago Public Schools curriculum, and contribute to a public memorial. |
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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Latin American and Latino Studies | Maria de los Angeles Torres | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To conduct ten in-depth case studies on Cubans who participated in the Angolan Civil War from 1975-1991; and to use the research on the experiences of those who went to war to write a co-authored book. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science | Daniel Peter Groves | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | First semester (Fall) | full pay | To engage in two related long-term projects which question various aspects of the Cannon Conjecture; and to finish two long term writing projects on drilling hyperbolic groups and relatively geometric actions on cube complexes. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science | Ramin Takloo-Bighash | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To collaborate on several problems in arithmetic statistics, including the distribution of subrings of various classes of integral rings and the statistics of rational points on algebraic varieties; and to work on several problems related to the arithmetic of prehomogeneous vector spaces. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Physics | Mikhail A Stephanov | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To conduct research on the physics of novel forms of quantum matter under extreme conditions. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES | School of Literatures, Cultural Studies, and Linguistics | Polish, Russian and Lithuanian Studies | Giedrius Subacius | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To research the 19th century Lithuanian manuscripts by Simonas Daukantas; and to use the acquired data to compose a monograph about the language and orthography of the latest period of Daukantas' life. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Political Science | Yue Zhang | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To conduct research on the increasing role of cities in national and global affairs, illuminating the transition of big city politics in an era of globalization; to publish a peer-reviewed journal article; and to build a foundation for a book. |
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| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Global Asian Studies | Anna Guevarra | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To complete research about the racial and gendered dynamics of developing AI and robotic technologies in care work, and to write a book about the use and ethical implications of various types of care robots. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Sociology | Pamela A Popielarz | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To revise a book manuscript on the sociology of racialized organizations, which impacts systemic racial inequality; and to draft a new theory paper for publication in a sociology journal. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES |  | Sociology | Barbara J Risman | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To analyze 240 interviews with people from multiple countries who do not identify as women or men, which will contribute to understanding experiences of non-binary people including stigma or discrimination and will provide evidence for policymakers. |
| COLLEGE OF MEDICINE |  | Medical Education | Timothy F Murphy | Professor | 3/4 year, full pay |  |  |  | To complete research on a book-length, ethical analysis of male prostitution with special attention to consent, risk, and status equality for both buyers and sellers alike. |
| COLLEGE OF MEDICINE |  | Medical Education | Alan J Schwartz | Professor | 3/4 year, full pay |  |  |  | To analyze approaches to interprofessional medicolegal education and practice employed at national academic medical centers with associated law schools, and to apply the results to the development of UIC/UI-Health medicolegal practice partnerships and joint training programs. |

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| COLLEGE OF MEDICINE |  | Radiology | Ron Gaba | Professor | 1/4 year, full pay |  |  |  | To pursue research in the management of portal hypertensive venous thrombosis, with intent to gain hypothesis generating data, advance patient care, foster multicenter research collaboration, and cultivate a future medical education partnership. |
| COLLEGE OF PHARMACY |  | PSOP | Surrey M Walton | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To strengthen knowledge of modern statistical packages for conducting quantitative research in medical claims data bases and related data bases such as patient registries. |
| COLLEGE OF URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS |  | Public Policy, Management, and Analytics | Jered Carr | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To continue research on the formation, evolution, and effectiveness of the networks of contract agreements created by local governments to deliver critical public services and coordinate policy actions with their neighboring governments. |
| COLLEGE OF URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS |  | Urban Planning and Policy | Stacey A Sutton | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To complete research and write a monograph about the contemporary solidarity economy movement in the United States. |
| COLLEGE OF URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS |  | Urban Planning and Policy | Nikolas Theodore | Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To conduct and analyze oral histories of day laborer organizers in the U.S., which will contribute to understanding how modes of political-economic contestation developed in Latin America shape contemporary political struggles in U.S. cities. |

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| JANE ADDAMS COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK |  | Jane Addams College of Social Work | Alice K. Butterfield | Professor | Academic Year | one-half pay |  |  | To research several critical issues in social policy that have emerged over the last six years, including the growth of the Populist Movement, police brutality, structural racism, voter disenfranchisement, immigration restrictions, the elimination of environmental regulations, and reshaping the federal judiciary. |
| SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH |  | Community Health Science | Alisa Joy Velonis | Associate Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay | Second semester (Spring) | full pay | To research the feasibility of developing and implementing an alternative to emergency or transitional housing programs for survivors of domestic violence in the greater Chicago area, which includes working with multiple community partners; and to develop a grant for pilot funding. |

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| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT |  | Mgmt, Marketing, and Ops | William Edward Kline | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To continue historical research on discrimination and business ethics with a focus on one of the first Supreme Court cases to challenge state segregationist laws. |
| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT |  | Mgmt, Marketing, and Ops | Sudeep Sharma | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To study the factors influencing negotiation performance across different contexts by validating and testing a newly developed survey measure of negotiation effectiveness and to create a valid and reliable scale for researchers and HR professionals to measure negotiation effectiveness. |
| COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY |  | Mathematical Sci & Philosophy | Peter N Boltuc | Professor | Academic Year | two-thirds pay |  |  | To develop a novel category based on artificial intelligence development: Economy 4.5, which allows for future-oriented management, science, technology and philosophy; and to complete a book on continuing digital transformation focused on technology, philosophy, business, law and social change. |
| COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY |  | Sch Science, Sust, & Pub Hlth | Brandon B Derman | Associate Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To complete and submit a book manuscript presenting social equity impacts of climate change and civil society initiatives aimed at redressing them, and to begin one of two subsequent projects (book proposal or co-authored article) continuing the same research program. |

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| COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY |  | Sch Science, Sust, & Pub Hlth | Megan A Styles | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | full pay |  |  | To conduct ethnographic research on the emergence of hemp production in Illinois to understand why farmers choose to grow hemp, the challenges they face, what they view as sustainable production strategies, and what policies are needed to assist them. |
| COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES |  | Art, Music, and Theatre | Milissa Thibodeaux-Thompson | Professor | First semester (Fall) | full pay |  |  | To research, plan, and implement the Region 3 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival event as Regional Chair, which will bring increasing national/regional recognition to UIS and UIS Theatre and enrich student experiences at UIS and across the 4-state region. |
| COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION |  | School of Education | Jennifer Martin | Associate Professor | Second semester (Spring) | two-thirds pay |  |  | To study, teach, and write memoir to uncover and dismantle issues of educational (and other forms of) trauma, and to investigate how writing can impact the well-being and healing of women, particularly young women and girls in the prison pipeline. |