

CHSS Faculty Research Interests
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The research interests of CHSS faculty are listed below by department.
If you are interested in working with a faculty member on a research project, please send your resume/CV and your research idea to the faculty member at their email address listed below.

Dept	Faculty Name	Faculty Email	Title	Research Interests #1	Research Interests #2	Research Interests #3	Research Interests #4	Research Interests #5	Research Interests #6	Research Interests #7
COMS	Baile, Richard	rbm12@shsu.edu	Professor/Associate Dean	Language in interpersonal communication	Educational	Family communication	Visual persuasion	Teacher/ immediacy		
COMS	Brandau, Frances	frb14@shsu.edu	Professor	Message interpretation	Message effects	Family persuasion	Online education			
COMS	Chen, Yixin	ycx02@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Risk communication, risk perception, and substance use	Health communication, health literacy/numeracy, and health beliefs/behaviors	Social support, loneliness, stress, and well-being				
COMS	Thibodeaux, Terry	tcx1m@shsu.edu	Professor/Chair	Culture	Visual persuasion	Interpersonal Communication				
COMS	van der Lisse, Lisa	lvd03@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Affection and affectionate communication	Friends and communication	Sexual communication	Casual sex relationships	Sports communication	Social support	Relational health (satisfaction, commitment, investment, closeness, intimacy)
COMS	Weathers, Melinda	mwr063@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Abuse	Women	Digital technologies	Health	Climate change		
COMS	Zhang, Shuangyue	zxc002@shsu.edu	Professor	Interpersonal communication in close relationships	Hurtful feelings and forgiveness	Internet or cross-cultural communication	Computer-mediated communication			
ENGL	Bell, Kimberly	eng_khb@shsu.edu	Dean of Honors/Professor	Medieval literature and history	Manuscript study	Cultural game theory	Genre theory			Ancient Greek literature and history
ENGL	Bilbing, Tracy	eng_teb@shsu.edu	Assoc Dean Honors/Assoc Prof	World War I, specifically domestic response to war and material culture	British literature from 1890 on; British modernism					
ENGL	Blackburne, Brian	bbb076@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Everyday writing (including students' writing habits)	Pedagogy (online and face to face)	LGBTQ studies (current focus on transgender)	Medical writing (current focus on care of patients who are transgender)			Development of academic programs
ENGL	Blevis, Jacob	blev01@shsu.edu	Professor/Chair	Renaissance English literature	Classical literature and the Classical Tradition	Literary Theory	Literary Post			
ENGL	Chen, Qing-in	cec019@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Creative writing (includes poetry & hybrid writing)	Queer and trans studies (includes women's & gender studies)	Comparative/critical ethnic studies (includes Asian American and diasporic studies)	Community organizing and social justice/change (includes transformative justice)			Digital humanities (includes electronic literature and digital pedagogy)
ENGL	Child, Paul	eng_pwc@shsu.edu	Professor	British Literature of the Long Eighteenth Century	Jonathan Swift	History of Medicine				
ENGL	Demson, Michael	mdm007@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Romanticism	History of the 1790s	British Radical Culture	Agrarian and Food Politics			Satire and Graphic Narratives
ENGL	Donohoo, Robert	eng_rvd@shsu.edu	Professor	The fiction of Flannery O'Connor and 20th century writers of the American South	The drama of Horton Foote	Eugene O'Neill's late plays	Film adaptations of literary texts			Theories of literature and historical artifacts
ENGL	Dowdley, Diane	eng_dvd@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Immigrant literature	Twenty-first century literature	Composition research				
ENGL	Friedman, Olivia Clare	ofv1a@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Fiction Writing (Creative Writing) - short stories and novel	The Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne	Poetry Writing (Creative Writing)	Creative Writing Pedagogy			
ENGL	Hall, Julie	eng_jeh@shsu.edu	Professor	The Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne	Sophia Hawthorne's Life and Writings	American and Transatlantic Romanticism	The American Renaissance			American Women Writers
ENGL	Helmen, S. Helena	eng_she@shsu.edu	Professor	Literature	History of English	Language contact	Macaronic sermons			Political rhetoric
ENGL	Kaukonen, Scott	ka0007@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Narrative Form and Theory	Evangelical and Fundamentalist Christianity	The Finnish American Experience	Contemporary Publishing			Postmodern and Contemporary Fiction
ENGL	Lantz, Nicholas	nla008@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Poetry	Literary publishing (especially literary magazines)	Literary publishing (especially literary magazines)	Ghosts/hauntings/the uncanny (subject of current poetry manuscript)			
ENGL	Murfin, Audrey	amr013@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Nineteenth-century British literature and culture	History and theory of the novel	History and theory of the novel	Collaboration and theories of authorship			
ENGL	Nardone, Carroll	eng_cnb@shsu.edu	Assoc Prof/Assoc Dean	Writing and writing assessment - writing across the disciplines	Robert Louis Stevenson	Digital humanities				
ENGL	Payton, Jason	jmp014@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Crime and criminality	History of piracy	Literature and the environment				Hemispheric studies
ENGL	Phelps, Deborah	eng_dph@shsu.edu	Professor	British Victorian Literature (1832-1901)	British Romantic Literature (1798-1832)	Women's Literary/Women's Studies	Creative Writing (Poetry)			
ENGL	Shenak, April	ash004@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Refugees in literature	Caribbean literature	The history of medical humanitarianism in the Caribbean	Postcolonial studies			American Studies
ENGL	Yarbri, Kandi	eng_kyb@shsu.edu	Professor	At-risk, first generation, minority students and academic success	Charlotte Smith and other Romantic women writers	Charlotte Smith and other Romantic women writers	Graduate student recruitment and retention			
ENGL	Webster, Linda	eng_lwb@shsu.edu	Professor	Women writers	Southern writers	American literature 20th-21st century				
HST	Baker, Nancy	nab001@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	US women's history	US political history, particularly reform and activism	Feminism and anti-feminism	Texas women's history			Gender and sexuality
HST	Biskupska, Jadwiga	jab074@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Modern East/Central Europe	War/Military History	Genocide	Nationalism			Polish Studies/German Studies
HST	Cashion, Robert	hsc_rtc@shsu.edu	Professor	Texas/Intellectual History; MS project, <i>The Lone Star Mind</i> is currently in press						
HST	Con, Thomas	hct001@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	U.S. Chinese relations in 1780s-1860s; Warren Delano, tea and opium merchant in southern	Early American constitutional and legal history (published book in 2009)	"Perezhing Chinese," a group of Chinese immigrants to Texas in the early 1900s	Departation of Cuban slave traders from the U.S. during the Civil War			Thomas Gibbons, early American slave owner and industrialist
HST	Dancy, Jeremiah	hdncj@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Military History	Seapower	Veterans History	War and Memory			
HST	Domitrovic, Brian	bdm001@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Economic history	Intellectual history	Public choice				
HST	Emralioglu, Pinar	emp005@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Early Modern Middle East History	Early Modern Ottoman Empire	Early Modern Mediterranean	Enlightenment			Historical Geography
HST	Heath, Charles	hch002@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Mexico	History of sound	History of sound				
HST	Jordan, Brian	bjm018@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	American Civil War Era (political, cultural, social, military)	Veterans' issues and reintegration in U.S. history	Civil War memory	Reconstruction			
HST	Littlejohn, Jeffrey	litlejoh@shsu.edu	Professor	American Civil War Rights	Southern history, culture, and literature	Civil liberties, especially religious liberty	Diversity in higher education			Music history
HST	Maves, David	hsc_dmc@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	European History	Religion/Religious history	Germany/Central Europe	Communities, parishes			
HST	Maasari, Christopher	hma001@shsu.edu	Associate Vice Provost	End of the Cold War	Presidency of George H.W. Bush	Modern U.S. political and diplomatic history	Pan-Africanism and Black diasporic studies			
HST	Oyugi, Willis	woy002@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Maasai-British Relationships and Maasai Ecology in Colonial Kenya... (book chapter)	Ethnicity and Slave Trade Memories, Rwanda and N. Cameroon (article)	Environmental history of Africa, including environmental racism and more	Promoting cultural expansion and interest in African history			
HST	Park, Benjamin	hpc013@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	American political culture between the Revolution and the Civil War	American religious ideas and movements as related to democracy	The history of ideas in the United States	America in the Atlantic world during the nineteenth century			
HST	Phelps, Wesley	whp003@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	20th century United States History	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History	United States Urban History	History of the American South			History of Social and Political Activism
HST	Pratt, Bernadette	hsc_bpr@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Recent African-American History (since the Civil War/Reconstruction era)	African-American Urban History and Internal Migrations	History of African Americans in Texas	Long Civil Rights (Resisting White supremacy and structural racism)			
HST	Quarishi, Uma	hsc001@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Immigration History	Race	Ethnicity	Cold War			
HST	Rapp Jr., Stephen	srapp@shsu.edu	Professor	Byzantium, Christian Roman Empire	Caucasus, especially pre-modern	Pre-Islamic Iran/Persia	World History			
HST	Vanden Busche, Eric	evb06@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Modern China and Japan, Southeast Asia, and British empire	Comparative colonialism	Borderlands and border disputes	History of cartography			Nationalism in East Asia
POLS	Bitlick, Robin	rmb004@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Public Administration: Government Ethics; Org. Theory and Behavior; Institutional Environ	Pol. Philosophy/Theory; Theory and politics... eschatology and pol. purposes	John Locke's political philosophy	Nat. Security/Defense Policy; geostrategic analysis of US nat. security threats			US Grand Strategy
POLS	Brown, Jonathan	jb001@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	National Security Intelligence	Intelligence in Foreign Policy	Decision in Foreign Policy	Authoritarian Politics			Armed Conflict
POLS	Callaway, Rhonda	hcc005@shsu.edu	Assoc Prof/Assoc Dean	The relationship between human rights violations and terrorist activity	Constructivist perspective on evolution and future of the human rights regime	The effect of US foreign assistance on democracy/rights in recipient countries	Using Science Fiction as a pedagogical tool for teaching international relations			
POLS	Carroll, William	pcw_wec@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Emerging new parties and the rise of far right parties in Europe	Religion and politics, in the US and globally	Religion and politics in Europe	Politics of and within the European Union			Comparative politics broadly
POLS	Demiroz, Faith	hcdm02@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Public management	Governance	Disaster resilience	Social and organizational networks			Institutions
POLS	Demino, John	hcdj01@shsu.edu	Professor	American constitutional law	Civil rights & liberties	Judicial politics (election, ethics, independence)	Texas legal/judicial politics and history			Social, organizational, and political psychology
POLS	Enis, Jason	hsc_ene@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	The politics of disasters, both U.S. and international	The politics of nuclear proliferation	Social media	Public opinion			U.S. Supreme Court
POLS	Evans, Heather	hse002@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Political communication	Disaster Resilience (community and organizational)	Decision-making under complex and uncertain conditions	Comparative Public Administration / Management / Policy			Gender representation
POLS	Haase, Thomas	hah012@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Political Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Law	Philosophy of History, Historiography	Public opinion	Media and politics			Social network analysis
POLS	Ullbig, Stacy	hsc_sul@shsu.edu	Professor	Political behavior (community and organizational)	Public opinion	Survey research methodology	Contemporary Ideologies: Conservatism, Libertarianism, Welfare Liberalism			British Idealism, especially Collingwood and Oakeshott
POLS	Wagener, Tamara	hsc_taw@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Social movements	Art and politics	Electorol politics	Political Participation and Social Movements in China			
POLS	Weng, Lu-Chung	hsc_lwc@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Political Behavior in Comparative Perspective, with Quantitative Approaches	Political Psychology, Especially Effect of Big Five Personality Traits	Politics in Asia				Political Development in Southeast Asia, the Role of ASEAN
PSYC	Allen, Justin	justin.allen@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Improving consultee outcomes within the context of school-based consultations	Team decision-making in Manifestation Determination Review (MDR)	Interventions for disruptive behaviors using Single Case Design methodology	School-based system-wide interventions (Academic & Behavioral)			
PSYC	Anastas, Jeffrey	jan014@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Evaluating the impact of various bias factors in face recognition or eyewitness accuracy	Evaluating various factors that impact production of false memories	Effects of photographs on acceptance of various claims	Eliminating or reducing in-group/out-group biases in face recognition			
PSYC	Anderson, James	jan06@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Diagnosis of personality disorders (e.g., borderline, antisocial, narcissistic, etc.)	Assessment tools for measuring psychopathology (particularly in personality)	Impact of personality on functioning (e.g., treatment outcomes and aggression)				
PSYC	Banks, Courtney	hcb026@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Parental involvement in Secondary School	Parental involvement in Tiered Behavior Interventions	Parent Satisfaction to School Behaviors	Bullying and Participant Roles			Home and School Collaboration
PSYC	Bocaccini, Marcus	hbocccm@shsu.edu	Professor	Field reliability and field validity in forensic assessment	Agreement, disagreement, and bias among forensic evaluators					
PSYC	Bruce, Amos J.	hsc_ajb@shsu.edu	Professor	Religiosity and Well-Being	Attachment	Attachment	Culture and Cognition			
PSYC	Crosby, James	hsc_cro@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Religiosity	Spirituality	Moral Psychology	Victimization			Positive Psychology
PSYC	Desforges, Donna	hsc_dfd@shsu.edu	Professor	Social cognition	Social Judgment and decision-making	Attitude-behavior consistency				
PSYC	Harman, Marsha	hsc_har@shsu.edu	Professor	Plagiarism	Cross-cultural issues	Gender issues	Attachment			Religion (attachment to God, religious ways of coping, well-being)
PSYC	Henderson, Craig	hch001@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Adolescent substance use	Health outcomes of ethnic minority populations	Physical activity and health outcomes				
PSYC	Langley, Hilary	hsc_hla@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Development of gratitude in children and the ways in which parents foster that gratitude	Effects of prosocial behaviors and emotions on children's psych. well-being	Parent training programs for talking to children about transgressions and trauma	Impact of stress/anxiety on children's memory for traumatic experiences			
PSYC	Nelson, David	hcn001@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Applications of biopsychosocial model of health/integrative care models and practice	Pain	Cancer survivorship	Clinical neuropsychology			Neurotherapy of trauma (mTBI, PTSD, mixed mTBI/PTSD syndromes)
PSYC	Ratcliff, Chelsea	hsc_rac@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Relations among physical/mental health and quality of life, particularly in medically ill	Positive effects of behavioral interventions on patients with medical illness	Ways to increase access to mental health care in routine medical care settings				
PSYC	Salem, Temelinda	hsc_tsa@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Impact of racial discrimination on psychological health (e.g., depression, anxiety, PTSD)	Impact of trauma on psychological health (e.g., depression, anxiety, PTSD, suicidality)	Sexual violence and mental health in human trafficking victims	Impact of racial discrimination and trauma on physical health conditions			
PSYC	Varela, Jorge	hsc_vj@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Application of psychological assessment techniques to address criminal psychological question	Diversity issues (eg. cultural, ethnic) in research and practice of clinical psychology	Sex offender risk assessment	Intersection of multicultural and forensic psychology (union of interest 1,2 & 3)			Veterans mental health issues, especially as related to criminal justice
PSYC	Venta, Amanda	hsc_vta@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Adolescent mental health	Parent-teen relationships and effect on mental health	Social cognition	Immigration			Hispanic youth and families
PHIL	Baill, Leamon	hbb029@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Social and Political Philosophy	Ethics	Philosophy of Race	Africana Studies			Critical Theory
PHIL	Botero-Jaramillo, Maria	hmb070@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Philosophy of Psychology	Primatology	Animal Cognition	Mother and Infant Interaction			Animal Ethics
PHIL	Gurley, Stuart	hgurley@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Ways attention is discussed across disciplines to provide an account of what is to pay att	History of Phil.; how 19th and 20th century European philosophers understand it	Post-Modernism, especially with regard to Art and Aesthetics	Works of Martin Heidegger and Jacques Derrida			Phil. for Children programs; how children are taught to attend to the world
PHIL	Mitchell-Yelin, Benjamin	hmy@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Responsibility	Death and immortality	Racism	Critical thinking and metacognition of critical thinking			Philosophy of science
PHIL	Sanford, Glenn	gsanford@shsu.edu	Professor/Associate Dean	Environmental law	Electric utility regulation	Professional law				
PHIL	Stockdale, Katie	katstockdale@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Moral Emotions	Hope	Oppression				
SOCI	Bonanno, Alessandro	hsc_aab@shsu.edu	Distinguished Professor	Sociological Theory with Emphasis on Critical Theory	Agriculture and Food, Especially Neoliberal Agri-food Regime and Globalization					
SOCI	Cabaniss, Emily	ec0016@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Social psychology of immigration	Gender and inequality	Qualitative methods (especially ethnographic fieldwork and in-depth interviews)	Social movements and social change (especially youth-led movements)			Storytelling and identity work
SOCI	Choi, Jin Young	hsc_jyc@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Immigrant/minority health and health care	Diet and health outcomes: socio, historical, geopolitical factors of dietary changes	Immigrant/migrant labor and occupational health - poultry industry	Rural Health			Social support, health behaviors, and well-being
SOCI	Constance, Douglas	hsc_dhc@shsu.edu	Professor	Sociology of agriculture and food	Sociology of sustainable agriculture	Sociology of the poultry commodity system				
SOCI	Deng, Furjun	hsc_dfd@shsu.edu	Professor/Chair	Cancer disparities among Asian American populations	Community building	Program evaluation				
SOCI	Gardner, Jeffrey	hsg175@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Indigenous peoples (in particular, the collective rights struggles of indigenous peoples)	Border politics	Latin America (specifically, my research focuses on Guatemala and Mexico)	Collective identification			Social and political movements
SOCI	Haramba, Maki	hah018@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Food and agriculture	Sustainability	Governance	Social Justice			Standards, metrics, certification, and accreditation
SOCI	Hsu, Tai-I	hsh01@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Health and aging using the life course perspective	Social gerontology on mental health among the elderly	Social gerontology of aging	Marriage and family with focus on well-being across different marital status			Medical sociology of parents caring for children with disabilities
SOCI	Konefal, Jason	hsc_kon@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	Food and agriculture	Environment	Governance	Social Change and Social Movements			
SOCI	Miller, Lee	hsc_mll@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Disasters (natural, technological)	Community engagement	Community engagement				
SOCI	Stykes, James	hsc_sjs@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Fertility, parenthood/parenthood, and individual well-being	Gender, union formation and dissolution	Family complexity and survey measurement	Family structure, complexity, and child outcomes			
WOLC	Andrist, Debra	andrist@shsu.edu	Professor	Art & literature by & about women: all genres, all time periods; especially, Hispanic women	Medical art & literature through the ages throughout the world	Comedia (17th Century/Siglo de Oro Spanish theatre)	Representation of protest & violence in created & real worlds			

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WOLC	Artamonova, Tatiana	taa024@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Language attitudes in second language learning	Outcomes of study abroad (especially, attitudinal outcomes)	Code-switching	Spanish second language acquisition	Heritage language learning and teaching		
WOLC	Barker, Maria Hesler	mhb011@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Interlanguage pragmatics	Teaching pragmatics	Second language acquisition	Second language pedagogy	Bilingual pragmatics		
WOLC	Bouamer, Sham	sb0031@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	French travel writing during colonization	Race politics in France	"Le devoir de mémoire" (duty of memory) in Maghrebi women writers' narratives	Queerness in Maghrebi literature and films	Intercultural in French textbooks		
WOLC	Feu-Lopez, Maria	mmf017@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Latino Print Culture and Literature	Spanish Civil War Exile in the United States	Antifascism and Anarchism	Heritage Learners	Women's Studies		
WOLC	French, Leif	lfrench@shsu.edu	Professor/Chair	Individual differences (memory, aptitude, willingness to comm.) and second language learning	Effects of different learning contexts on L2 skill development, esp. oral proficiency	Sociolinguistics of teaching and learning French grammatical and phonetic variants	Linguistic and communication barriers in healthcare	Foreign-language teacher pedagogy and training	Language teachers' perceptions of working environment and profession	
WOLC	Malakaj, Ervin	emalakaj@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	German Media Studies	German Film Studies	German Literary History and Theory	Queer Theory	Queer Film Studies		
WOLC	Mallen, Enrique	mallen@shsu.edu	Professor	Digital Humanities	Linguistics & Poetry	Linguistics & the Language of Art				
WOLC	Saumell-Munoz, Rafael	ra_sau@shsu.edu	Professor	Prison Narrative	Autobiography	Human Rights in Literary Texts	Cuban Literature	Spanish-American Literatures		
WOLC	Triano-Lopez, Manuel	mtr017@shsu.edu	Associate Professor	First-Amendment Law	Academic freedom at U.S. colleges and universities	Language rights in the medical and judicial fields	The relationship between attitudes towards language and language use	Translation and Interpretation		
WOLC	Zahrawi, Samar	szahrawi@shsu.edu	Assistant Professor	Arabic drama	Arabic films	Middle Eastern cultural studies	Translation studies	Arabic language pedagogy		