



2025-2026
Newly Hired Faculty



College of Arts & Letters



Mark Miller, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
Department of Music

Dr. Mark Miller has a DMA from the USC Thornton School of Music, where he studied Trombone Performance, Instrumental Conducting and Music Education. Dr. Miller previously was the Interim Director of Bands at CSUSB and has also taught at multiple schools in the CSU system, including CSULA and Cal Poly SLO.

College of Natural Sciences



Timothy Ortiz, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
Department of Nursing

Dr. Timothy Ortiz is an Assistant Professor of Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner with a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Executive Leadership from West Coast University, along with master's degrees in Nursing Education and Business Administration. With over a decade of experience in acute, critical care, and oncology nursing, Dr. Ortiz enhances his teaching and research. The commitment to evidence-based practice and patient-centered care earned Dr. Ortiz an induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Most recently, Dr. Ortiz served as a nursing faculty member and advanced clinical nurse, helping to nurture future nursing professionals.



Nicole Ringo, Ph.D., MSN/ED., RN

Assistant Professor

Department of Nursing

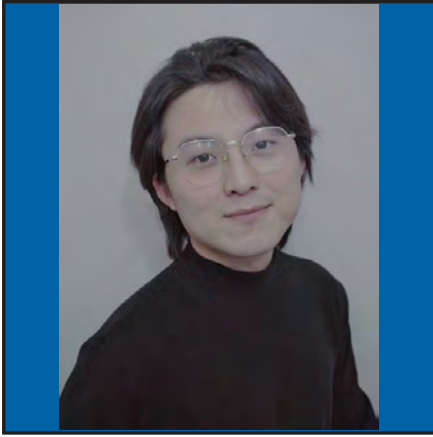
Dr. Nicole Ringo has a rich career in both academia (13 years) and nursing service (over 28 years). In academia, Dr. Ringo has developed a new curriculum for the following courses, utilizing both face-to-face and online delivery methods: Maternal and Newborn, Fundamentals, Conceptual Foundations, Leadership, Mental Health, Research, Quality Improvement, and Senior Residency. Previously Dr. Ringo has served as a Nursing Supervisor and Clinical Educator for the Maternal Child Health Department (Labor and Delivery, Postpartum, and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). Dr. Ringo has developed and provided educational guidance for over 150 clinical staff. Dr. Ringo has created and implemented departmental policies, and sat on two Magnet Committee Councils. Additionally, they were Chair of the Upper Division Transfer Program between 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022. Dr. Ringo utilizes innovative technology and transformational educational strategies to help engage student learning as well as support their professional role development. Dr. Ringo has a passion for helping nurses develop their critical thinking skills and competencies that are required to promote health, prevent and cure disease, advanced biomedical research within our health-complex and changing world. The focus of their dissertation was *“The exploration of higher rates of breastfeeding among civilian-military wives: a mixed-methods study”*.



Nidia Torres, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Nursing



Suyang Wang, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

School of Computer Science & Engineering

Dr. Suyang Wang received the B.E. degree in Telecommunications Engineering from Xidian University in 2015, and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2017 and 2024, respectively. Dr. Wang's research interests include wireless networks, information freshness, machine learning, network security, and generative AI. Before joining CSUSB, Dr. Wang was a visiting researcher at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences



Jamal Appiah-Kubi, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

School of Social Work

Dr. Jamal Appiah-Kubi is joining Cal State San Bernardino as an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work. Dr. Appiah-Kubi comes in from the School of Social Work at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he completed his postdoctoral program, assisting in several projects that tested and scaled interventions to bolster the financial security and resilience of vulnerable individuals, families, and communities in Sub-Saharan Africa and the United States. Dr. Appiah-Kubi obtained his Ph.D. in Social Policy from Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University in Turkey and is a recipient of the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities award. Dr. Appiah-Kubi's research is anchored around social protection interventions and policy innovations that enhance the socioeconomic resilience and positive mental health of marginalized and underserved individuals, families, and communities.



Priyanjali Chakraborty, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
School of Social Work

Dr. Priyanjali Chakraborty holds a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington, where her research focused on unmet family planning needs among low-income immigrant women in the United States. Dr. Chakraborty specializes in reproductive health, health disparities, and gender-sensitive mental health, drawing on quantitative and mixed-methods research. Dr. Chakraborty earned her M.A. in Women's Studies from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences and her B.A. in Political Science from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. Prior to her doctoral studies, Dr. Chakraborty spent six years working in the public and private sectors in India, leading community-based programs in women's health, economic empowerment, and social development.



Keri West, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
School of Social Work

Dr. Keri J. West (she/her) received her Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, where she also completed her M.S.W. Dr. West's research focuses on health across the life course, with particular emphasis on the structural, social, biological, and behavioral cascades through which early adversity becomes embedded and contributes to chronic disease vulnerability in later life. Dr. West has a strong interest in experiential learning and simulation pedagogy, and is deeply committed to advancing neurodiversity-affirming approaches that support the education and professional development of neurodivergent students and practitioners in health and human services. Prior to joining California State University as an Assistant Professor, Dr. West held research and teaching roles at the University of Toronto.