

The Faculty, 2025-2026

Academic year of appointment to faculty is indicated in parentheses after each name.

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