

# **WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES**

Fall 2013

**Kandyce Baker**

Resident Counselor

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•Lived in six different states plus Germany	

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•Hit by a motorcycle in Athens, Greece (and lived!)	

**Shemika Cookbey**

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Previous Employment	Valparaiso University Resident Assistant
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•Father's side of the family is Muslim	
•Loves playing volleyball	



**Aziza Darwish**

Director of Statewide Student  
Initiatives

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# **Eric Hetland**

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• Is 1/4 Cherokee	

**Kitty Lam**

History/Social Science Faculty



# Kitty Lam, History/Social Science Faculty

Education	Michigan State University – Ph.D. History Carleton University - M.A. Central/East European and Russian Studies; B.A. Honours History
Previous Employment	Michigan State University Faculty

# **Joseph Mastrocola**

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# **Katie McGinn**

Assistant Director, Student Life for  
Leadership, Education and Service

# Katie McGinn, Assistant Director of Student Life

Education	Bradley University M.A. Leadership in Human Service Administration; B.A. English
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**Sarah Perron**

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# **Lindsay Roper**

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# **Alisa Smith-Riel**

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Education	St. Bonaventure University - M.A. English, M.S.Ed. Special Education, B.S. Elementary Education
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**Fiona Spence**

French Faculty

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Previous Employment	The Chicago High School for the Arts French Faculty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lived in Boise for one year</li><li>• Lived in Europe for four years; two in France, two in England</li><li>• Did Bollywood dance when lived in England</li></ul>	

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• High school orchestra played in Europe for two weeks (plays the viola)	

John Thurmond  
Chemistry Faculty

# John Thurmond, Chemistry Faculty

Education	Northern Illinois University Ph.D. Chemistry; Rockford College, B.A. Chemistry
Previous Employment	Plainfield North High School Science Faculty

# Caitriona Tobin

## Mathematics Faculty

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Karen Togliatti

Curriculum and Professional  
Development Specialist, PFS

# Karen Togliatti, Curriculum and PD Specialist

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# Karen Togliatti, Curriculum and PD Specialist

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April Verser  
Resident Counselor

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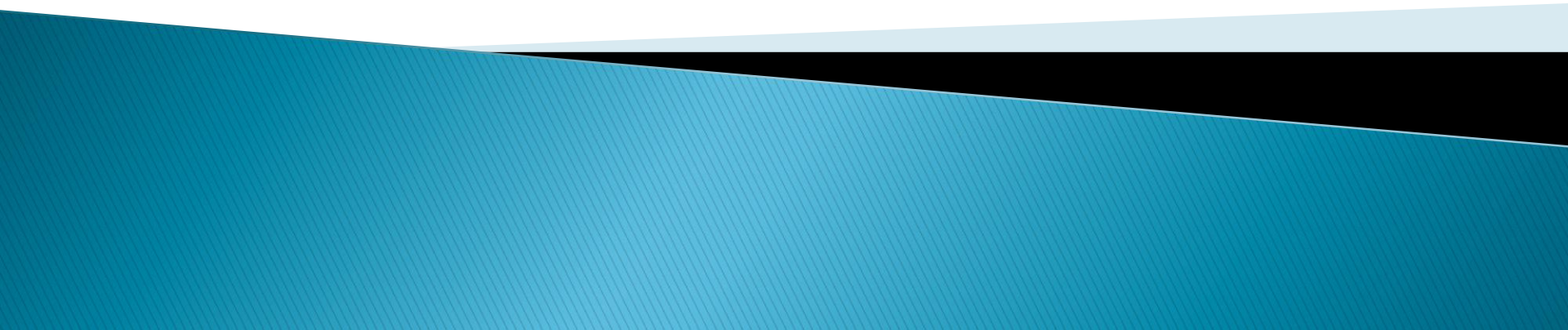
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Amy Woods

Coordinator of Campus Activities



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Previous Employment	Waldorf College Director of Student Activities and Orientation
• Is a twin	
• Fish creep her out	
• The only spot she's ever been pulled over was the crash site of Buddy Holly's plane	

Angie Zhang

Part Time Mandarin Chinese Faculty

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Education	Purdue University, M.B.A.; Academy of Social Sciences, M.S. Economics; Huazhong University of Science and Technology, B.S. Engineering
Previous Employment	Mandarin Chinese Teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory School and Hyde Park Chinese School

# Angie Zhang, Part Time Mandarin Chinese Faculty

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