The Graduate Student Government Event’s Committee presents

New Faculty in Academia Panel
Thursday, November 12th 11 to 12 PM

Panelist Bios

Tiffany E. Barber, an Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and Art History at UD, is a scholar, curator, and critic of twentieth and twenty-first century visual art, new media, and performance. Her work, which spans abstraction, Afrofuturism, dance, fashion, feminism, and ethics of representation and aesthetic criticism, focuses on artists of Black diaspora working in the United States and the broader Atlantic world. She has completed fellowships at ArtTable, the Delaware Art Museum, and the University of Virginia’s Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies. She will be a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Getty Research Institute in 2021-2022.

Federica Bianco is an Assistant Professor at UD in the Department of Physics and Astronomy and the Biden School of Public Policy and Administration and a Resident Faculty in the Data Science Institute. In physics, she studies stellar evolution and cosmology using data-driven solutions and machine learning tools. In Urban Observatory, she studies urban lightcurves enabled socio-economic inference in the urban environment. She was a Smithsonian postdoctoral and James Arthur postdoctoral fellow and was the recipient of “Innovative Development in Energy-Related Applied Science” grant. She appeared as a TED TALK SPEAKER in 2019 and is a well-known boxer, “The MadScientist”.

Geoffrey Bil, an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at UD, specializes in nineteenth- and twentieth-century botany, anthropology, empire, and Indigenous history. Prior to joining UD, he was a 2018-2019 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the New York Botanical Garden, and held predoctoral fellowships at the Newberry Library, University of Sussex, and Victoria University of Wellington. He received his PhD in History from the University of British Columbia (2018). He is also author of two impactful books: “Indicating the Indigenous: Plants, Peoples and Empire”, “Fields of Empire: Science, Ethnoscience and the Making of the American Century”

Jodi Hadden-Perilla, an Assistant Professor in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department, received her PhD at University of Georgia in 2014. She pursued a postdoc at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and then at University of Delaware. Dr. Hadden-Perilla also worked as a Technology Training Organizer at the NIH Center for Macromolecular Modeling and Bioinformatics. She was hired as an Assistant Professor in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department at University of Delaware in 2019. The Hadden-Perilla Lab uses all-atom molecular dynamics simulations on supercomputers to study biological machines like viruses and molecular motors.

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