



NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

Thursday, August 15, 2024

8am-2pm

Alumni Hall, 2nd Floor

8:00 am – 8:30 am

Registration / Breakfast

8:30 am – 8:35 am

Welcome and Introductions: [Tracey George](#), Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs & Professional Education and Charles B. Cox III & Lucy D.Cox Family Chair in Law & Liberty

8:35 am – 8:55 am

Chancellor [Daniel Diermeier](#), Chancellor and University Distinguished Professor of Management and of Political Science

8:55am – 9:15am

Provost [Cybele Raver](#), Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Cornelius Vanderbilt Chair in Psychology & Human Development

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Faculty Experience at Vanderbilt

Moderator: Provost Cybele Raver

[Eric Skaar](#), University Distinguished Professor of Pathology, Microbiology & Immunology and of Biological Sciences and Ernest W. Goodpasture Chair in Pathology

[Yolanda Pierce](#), Dean of the Divinity School, University Distinguished Professor of African American & Diaspora Studies and of Divinity, and Cornelius Vanderbilt Chair of Religion & Literature

[Duane Watson](#), Vice Provost for Special Initiatives and Frank W. Mayborn Chair in Cognitive Science

[Joshua Clinton](#), Abby & Jon Winkelried Chair in Political Science

2024 New Faculty Orientation

10:45 am – 11:30am

Education at Vanderbilt

Moderator: [Alan Wiseman](#), Associate Provost and Cornelius Vanderbilt Chair and Professor of Political Science

[Tiffany Tung](#), Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Gertrude Conway Professor of Social & Natural Sciences

Vice Provost **Tracey George**

[Doug Christiansen](#), Vice Provost for University Enrollment Affairs & Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

11:30am – 12:15pm

Discovery at Vanderbilt

Moderator: [Kosha Tucker](#), Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff in the Office of the Provost

[Padma Raghavan](#), Vice Provost for Research & Innovation and Distinguished Professor of Computer Science

[Tracy Sharpley-Whiting](#), Vice Provost for Arts, Libraries & Global Engagement and Gertrude Conway Vanderbilt Distinguished Chair in the Humanities

[André Christie-Mizell](#), Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Dean of the Graduate School, and Centennial Professor of Sociology

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Faculty Impact in Society

Moderator: Provost Cybele Raver

[Christopher \(Kitt\) Carpenter](#), University Distinguished Professor of Economics and of Health Policy and E. Bronson Ingram Chair in Economics

[Hiba Baroud](#), Associate Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering and A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation Faculty Fellow

[Kathryn Humphreys](#), Associate Professor of Psychology & Human Development and Chancellor Faculty Fellow

2:00 pm

Closing with Group Photo and Headshot

Speaker Bios (in order of appearance)

An internationally renowned political scientist, management scholar and visionary leader, **Daniel Diermeier** is Vanderbilt's ninth chancellor.

Since 2020, Chancellor Diermeier has led a number of ambitious initiatives to increase Vanderbilt's impact and reach and to expand its global presence and reputation. During his tenure, Vanderbilt has: become a destination for the most promising students and faculty, topped \$1 billion annually in external research funding, ushered in a new era in athletics through Vandy United, set fundraising records and launched the largest capital campaign in the university's history, and begun establishing the College of Connected Computing—its first new college since 1981. During a time of unprecedented criticism of higher education, and with society facing urgent and even existential challenges, Chancellor Diermeier is a nationally recognized leader in free expression and civil discourse and has eloquently made the case for the social value of universities and their unique role as engines of innovation, exemplars of civil discourse and educators of tomorrow's leaders.

Before arriving at Vanderbilt, Chancellor Diermeier served in leadership roles at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and at the University of Chicago, where he served as dean of the Harris School of Public Policy and later as provost.

[Include the following for faculty audiences:]

Chancellor Diermeier is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Guggenheim Foundation. He has published five books and more than 100 research articles, mostly in the fields of political science, economics and management. Throughout his career, Diermeier has been an adviser to governments, nonprofits and leading companies, primarily in the area of crisis management.

C. Cybele Raver serves as the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Vanderbilt University. An esteemed developmental psychologist whose leadership has spanned research, clinical, academic, and administrative settings, Raver oversees all faculty, staff, programs and initiatives for Vanderbilt's 10 schools and colleges. Raver is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is the Cornelius Vanderbilt Professor of Psychology and Human Development at Peabody College. Before her tenure at Vanderbilt, she was deputy provost at New York University. She has held faculty positions at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy and Cornell University's Department of Human Development. Throughout her career, she has received prestigious awards from the American Psychological Association and the William T. Grant Foundation, and has been granted support from the MacArthur Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Spencer Foundation, in which she garnered more than \$24 million in funding.

Faculty Experience Panelists

Josh Clinton is the Abby and Jon Winkelried Chair in Political Science, the Co-Director of the Vanderbilt Poll, a Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions at Vanderbilt, a member of the Executive Committee for the Data Science Institute at Vanderbilt, the former Editor-in-Chief of the *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, and an Emmy-nominated Senior Election Analyst for NBC News where he is responsible for making election night projections. Josh was one of 27 scholars nationwide who were named as 2024 Andrew Carnegie Foundation Fellows.

Yolanda Pierce is the dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School, University Distinguished Professor of Divinity and of African American & Diaspora Studies, and Cornelius Vanderbilt Chair of Religion and Literature. A scholar, writer, womanist theologian, and accomplished administrator in higher education, Yolanda was the Founding Director of the [Center for African American Religious Life](#) at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Eric Skaar is a University Distinguished Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology and of Biological Sciences, and the Earnest W. Goodpasture Chair in Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology. He is also the founding director of the Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation and the founding director of the Division of Molecular Pathogenesis.

Duane Watson is vice provost for special initiatives, tasked with leading the initial startup of the College of Connected Computing, Vanderbilt's first new college in over 40 years. He is also the Frank W. Mayborn Chair in Psychology and Human Development, and the founding director of the Communication and Language lab in the Peabody College of Education and Human Development.

Education Panelists

Alan Wiseman (moderator) is vice provost for faculty affairs and the Cornelius Vanderbilt Chair in Political Science. His research and teaching interests focus on American political institutions and positive political economy, focusing on legislative politics, regulation and bureaucratic policymaking, and business-government relations. Currently, he is exploring the causes and consequences of legislative effectiveness in the United States Congress and other American legislatures. He is also the co-director of the Center for Effective Lawmaking.

Doug Christiansen holds a Ph.D. in higher education administration and is Vanderbilt University's vice provost for university enrollment affairs, and dean of admissions and financial aid. Christiansen is also an associate professor of public policy and higher education in the Department of Leadership, Policy and Organizations at Vanderbilt's Peabody

College. Christiansen currently serves as the chair of the Governance Committee for the College Board's Board of Trustees. He most recently served as past-chair of the Board, after serving four years as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the College Board.

Tracey George serves as the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Professional Education at Vanderbilt University and leads a team that works to support and champion Vanderbilt faculty at every stage of their career and to promote and advise professional academic programs. George is also the Charles B. Cox III and Lucy D. Cox Family Professor of Law and Liberty and Professor of Law and Political Science. She examines empirically how institutional design influences actions and outcomes in state and federal judicial systems and has written extensively with her co-authors on elite legal labor markets and contract law, a subject for which she has earned Vanderbilt's student-selected Hall-Hartman Award for Outstanding Teaching eight times.

Tiffany Tung is the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, and Gertrude Conaway Professor of Social and Natural Sciences and Professor of Anthropology. Her portfolio includes undergraduate education, including the promotion and support of research by undergraduates and the faculty who advise them. She was the Chair of the Department of Anthropology, Associate Provost for Doctoral Education, and the Chair of the Faculty Council in the College of A&S. She has received the Graduate Mentoring Award from the College of A&S, the Mentoring Award from the Margaret Cunningham Women's Center, the Chancellor's Cup for excellence in student learning outside the classroom, and the Madison Saratt and Jeffrey Nordhaus teaching awards.

Discovery Panelists

Kosha Tucker (moderator) serves as associate vice chancellor and chief of staff in the Office of the Provost. In this role, Tucker serves as a key adviser and thought partner to the provost driving communication, collaboration and alignment to accomplish the vision, mission and goals of Vanderbilt. She is responsible for the management and business operation of the office and leads high-impact, high-visibility initiatives that span across the university. Prior to Vanderbilt, she served as a principal at The Wren Collective, a strategic advising firm, and as a staff attorney at the ACLU of Georgia, where she litigated civil rights cases.

André Christie-Mizell is vice provost for graduate education and dean of the Graduate School. As the chief administrator for all graduate programs within the university's schools and colleges, he works to foster a collaborative support system across multiple departments, programs and central provost resources such as the Career Center, University Counseling Center and the Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. Christie-Mizell joined Vanderbilt's Department of Sociology in 2010 and is currently the Centennial Professor of Sociology. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology and social psychology and is a licensed family and child

psychologist who studied how family functioning, roles and identity shape the health of the family unit.

Tracy Sharpley-Whiting is vice provost for arts, libraries and global engagement, the Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Distinguished Professor of African American and Diaspora Studies and French at Vanderbilt University where she directs the Callie House Research Center for the Study of Global Black Cultures and Politics. A comparative Europeanist and scholar of women, gender, and African Diaspora Studies, she is author/editor of 15 books and three novels. She has testified before the 110th Congress in 2007 and is also editor of *The Speech: Race and Barack Obama's A More Perfect Union*. Sharpley-Whiting lectures widely in the United States and abroad and has offered commentary on a range of issues for Fox News, MSNBC, NPR, C-SPAN2, CBS News, the BBC Live Television, Radio SBS Australia, and Oprah Satellite Radio.

Padma Raghavan is the Vice Provost for Research and Innovation and Chief Research Officer, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, and Distinguished Professor of Computer Science at Vanderbilt University. As vice provost, Raghavan oversees the advancement of the university's research and innovation portfolio, including technology transfer and commercialization spanning the university and medical center as well as the development of strategic partnerships. In her faculty role, Raghavan specializes in high-performance computing (aka supercomputing), focusing on developing algorithms for scalable, fault-tolerant, and energy-efficient computing.

Faculty Impact Panelists

Hiba Baroud is an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, and of computer science. She currently serves as the associate chair for civil and environmental engineering and director of graduate recruiting for civil engineering, and she was recently named a fellow of the International Science Council. She is the A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation Faculty Fellow.

Christopher "Kitt" Carpenter is a University Distinguished Professor of Health Policy and of Economics, as well as the E. Bronson Ingram Chair in Economics. He is the founding director of the Vanderbilt LGBTQ+ Policy Lab and of the Vanderbilt Center for Research on Inequality and Health, a Vanderbilt Discovery Center. He is an inducted member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Kathryn (Kate) Humphreys is an associate professor of psychology and human development, an investigator for the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, and part of the training faculty of the Vanderbilt Brain Institute. She was recently awarded with the 2023 Boyd McCandless Award by the American Psychological Association and received a five-year, \$3.7 million grant from the

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National Institute of Mental Health's Innovative New Scientists award. She is a 2024 Chancellor Faculty Fellow.