



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, N.J.---Oct.--- The Pennington School has welcomed twelve new members to its faculty this year. They are Candelaria Arrieta, Kathryn Quilty Bowman, Rachel Cooper, Jessica Douglass, Alexandra B. Elling, Judy Szanto Kutin, Dana Liebmann, Emily Mervis, Elysia C. Price, Katelyn Steakin, Scott Vogel, and Davie C. W. Yarborough. In addition, three educators, Christine Altomari, Marjorie Bartlet, and Gregory Massara, are long-term substitutes for teachers on maternity leave.

A native of Colombia, Arrieta is teaching Spanish in Pennington's World Languages Department and in the School's Edmund V. Cervone Center for Learning. She holds a bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in advanced teaching of Spanish at Rutgers. She has taught Spanish at Immaculata high School in Somerville and at Cedar Hill Prep School in Somerset and was a long-term substitute teacher of Spanish at Hunterdon Central High School in Flemington. Arrieta lives in Stockton.

Bowman, a 2003 graduate of The Pennington School, has returned to teach communication skills in the Cervone Center for Learning. A graduate of Chapman University with a bachelor's degree in communication studies, she also holds a master's degree in education, counseling, and guidance from Point Loma Nazarene University. She has previously taught and been a school counselor in Montessori schools and was an inclusion support teacher at High Tech Middle School in Chula Vista, Calif. She lives in Newtown, Pa.

Cooper has joined the mathematics faculty at Pennington. She has a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Delaware and an M.S. degree from Saint Joseph's University's School of Education. Her career includes teaching positions at independent schools in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, and, most recently, five years at the Hun School of Princeton. Cooper lives in Lawrenceville.

Douglass teaches Communication Skills in the Cervone Center. A graduate of Haverford College with a bachelor's degree in philosophy, she did graduate work at the University of Chicago and then earned a Master of Social Service degree from the Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. She is a licensed social worker and has also worked in independent school admissions and in marketing. She lives in Philadelphia.

Elling is teaching mathematics. She is a 2016 graduate of Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., where she earned a B.A. degree in mathematics and served as a high school mathematics tutor in nearby Phillipsburg, N.J., throughout. She was a member of the Lafayette chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honor society. She lives in Bloomsbury.

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Kutin teaches mathematics in the Middle School and the Cervone Center and also directs an academic skills tutorial. She completed a B.B.A. degree in finance, with a concentration in accounting, from the University of Texas at Austin and went on to earn an M.Sc. degree in computer science from the University of Chicago. She has taught middle school math, history, and computers at The Cambridge School for the last 14 years. A native of Highland Park, Ill., she now lives in Princeton.

Liebmann teaches communication skills and academic skills tutorial in the Cervone Center. A B.A. graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, she went on to earn an M.Ed. degree in school psychology from Temple University and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Pennsylvania. A certified school psychologist, she served in that capacity Princeton High School for many years and more recently as director of personal counseling at the Hun School of Princeton. Liebmann has also been a consultant with the Carrier Foundation and a psychotherapist with Elliot J. Gursky, M.D., and Associates. She lives in Princeton.

Mervis is one of the School librarians. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Miami University in Ohio and a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Rutgers. She was a substitute teacher and library intern at Pennington during her last months before completing her master's degree. Before beginning her graduate work, she taught seventh-grade English and Spanish at Union Academy in North Carolina. A native of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, she now lives in Fords.

A native Trentonian, Price is teaching mathematics at Pennington. She earned her B.S. degree in mathematics from Ursinus College, including a semester of study in Australia. She went on to complete a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from The College of New Jersey. She previously taught math for five years at Monroe Township High School and has been an independent tutor of math. She lives in Hopewell.

Steakin joined the Pennington faculty as a long-term substitute earlier in 2016 but will assume full-time status as a teacher of Middle School science at the end of her current maternity leave. She holds a B.A. degree in biology from Georgian Court University and a Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) from La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia. Steakin lives in Howell.

Vogel teaches video production in the Arts and Technology departments. He earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications from Emerson College and an M.F.A. in electronic arts from Rutgers University. He was an associate professor and department head at Atlanta College of Art and Design for five years and was active as an independent video artist before moving into a career in digital media. He worked as producer and creative director with several companies, including most recently 14 years with HBO. Originally from Avon-by-the-Sea, Vogel now lives in Yardley, Pa.

Yarborough teaches communications skills and English in the Cervone Center. She comes to Pennington from her home city of Washington, D.C., where she earned her bachelor's degree in English and Master of Education degree in English with special education endorsement, from George Washington University. She has taught at several Washington schools, including her alma mater, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, where she taught within the English and specialized instruction departments.

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Altomari, who is teaching science as a maternity-leave substitute in Pennington’s Middle School, holds a B.S. degree in environmental resource management from Pennsylvania State University and graduate level teaching certification from Rider University’s School of Education. She has taught science at several area schools, including the American Boychoir School, Hillsborough Middle School, and the Hun School. Altomari lives in Washington Crossing, Pa.

Bartlet, a native of France, is teaching her native language at Pennington as a maternity-leave substitute. A baccalaureate graduate of Lycée Saint-Michel de Picpus in Paris, she did graduate work in English at La Sorbonne in the city, as well. After a number of years in sales in the pharmaceutical industry in France, she relocated to the United States. She has since taught French to children and adults at the Alliance Française in Princeton, as an assistant at Cranbury School, and as a substitute at Princeton Day School. Bartlet lives in Princeton.

Massara, who is teaching Middle School science as a maternity-leave substitute, holds a B.S. degree in biology from the State University of New York at Geneseo. He has worked with children, both during and after college, and studied abroad in Ghana, focusing on global health and neglected tropical diseases. He was a Maryknoll lay missionary in Tanzania, teaching biology and chemistry. Most recently he was an environmental education instructor at a camp in South Carolina. He is living on campus during his time at the School.

The Pennington School, founded in 1838, is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.

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Photo caption: New faculty at The Pennington School, front row (from left): Davie Yarborough, Alexandra Elling, Marjorie Bartlet, Elysia Price, Dana Liebmann, Jessica Douglass, Judy Szanto Kutin; back row: Emily Mervis, Candelaria Arrieta, Katelyn Steakin, Rachel Cooper, Scott Vogel, Kathryn Bowman, Christine Altomari. Not pictured: Gregory Massara.