NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY'S ADVANCE OFFICE OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS

# NEW ENGLAND FUTURE FACULTY WORKSHOP

JULY 30, 2020 8 AM TO 5 PM VIA ZOOM





# **PENNY BEUNING**

PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGY, NORTHEASTERN
UNIVERSITY

Dr. Beuning's research on DNA damage tolerance and protein engineering has been recognized with a Cottrell Scholar award, an NSF CAREER award, an American Cancer Society Research Scholar Grant, and the 2015 Chemical Research in Toxicology Young Investigator award. Penny has been active in efforts to enhance the recruitment and retention of groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences. She is a Councilor for the American Chemical Society, serves on the ACS Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, and is on the Scientific Advisory Committee of Research Corporation for Science Advancement.



## **DORIE CAMPBELL**

PROGRAM COORDINATOR OF THE ADVANCE OFFICE OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Dorie Campbell joined the ADVANCE Office in December of 2019. During her academic career and into her professional life, she has been dedicated to creating an equitable culture and increasing representation in institutional contexts. She received her B.A. in Sociology and English from Tufts University.





# **LORI FERRINS**

RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY & CHEMICAL BIOLOGY, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Ferrins' research is focused on the design of novel compounds to treat neglected tropical diseases. The lab employs a drug repurposing approach wherein early or late-stage chemical matter is used to identify starting points for optimization. She currently leads several kinase repurposing projects focused on the identification of novel treatments for malaria, human African trypanosomiasis, Chagas disease, leishmaniasis, and schistosomiasis. Dr. Ferrins is working to expand her research to include infectious diseases more generally with a view to obtaining her first faculty position in the not too distant future.





# **JAMES GOULD**

DIRECTOR, HMS/HSDM OFFICE FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

Dr. Gould has been implementing research, career, and professional development programs and policies for Harvard Medical Trainees since 2011. He has spoken and published on career and professional development topics in a variety of forums, locally and nationally, including articles in Nature Immunology covering CV to resume conversion, interviewing strategies, and manuscript writing. He's been a guest blogger and steering committee member for Naturejobs and its Career Expo, a mentor in the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN), and a guest speaker on Cheeky Scientist and BioCareers webinars.





# LAKINDU S. PATHIRA KANKANAMGE

PH.D. STUDENT IN CHEMISTRY AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGY,
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Lakindu works with Professor Penny Beuning and Professor Mary Jo Ondrechen at Northeastern University. She graduated from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, majoring in Immunology and Integrative Molecular Biology in 2017. She is also a conservation biologist, studied the Sri Lankan Leopard (Panthera pardus kotiya). Her doctoral research involves two projects. The first project investigates the mutations associated with DNA polymerase kappa and their functionality towards chemotherapy. The second project is about proteins that facilitate the digestion of wood found in shipworms and those produced by its bacterial symbionts.





#### **JOANN RODRIGUEZ-SUAREZ**

PH.D. STUDENT IN CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

Joann's research focuses on nanoparticles and biofilms interactions. Before moving to Massachusetts to start her Ph.D. program, she completed a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and an M.S. in Environmental Engineering at the University of Puerto Rico in Mayagüez.





# **ERINN TAYLOR DE BARROSO**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCE OFFICE OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Since joining Northeastern in 2018, Erinn has worked on projects aimed at diversifying the faculty, creating an equitable culture, and promoting faculty development at all career stages. She has nearly 18 years of experience in higher education, with most of her previous experience focused on graduate admissions and student success at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, the University of Kansas, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Higher Education Administration at the University of Kansas. She holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a B.B.A with a concentration in marketing from Texas A&M International University.





#### **DIEDRA WRIGHTING**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCE OFFICE OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

In her role as Executive Director, she collaborates across the university with faculty and university leadership to identify faculty development needs. She is dedicated to creating dynamic and impactful programming that meets faculty where they are and assists them in elevating to their highest potential. Dr. Wrighting holds a B.S. in Biology from Howard University, an M.S. in Cell and Molecular Biology from San Francisco State University, and a Ph.D. in Genetics from Harvard Medical School.

