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This issue of Insights introduces and welcomes new faculty and administrative personnel to the Northeastern Illinois University Community.

**New
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Faculty
Appointments**

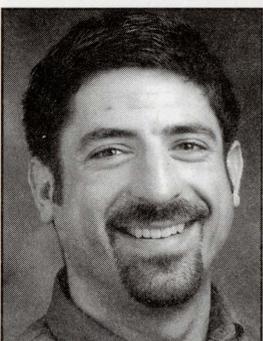
Rachel Adeodu,



Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, has been a Sessional Instructor in Elementary Education at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She received her Ph.D. in Elementary

Education at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, focus on Early Childhood Education, Teacher Education and Cross-cultural Education. She holds an M.A. in Education from the University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, and a B.A. in Education from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. Her office is located in CLS-3018, ext. 2752.

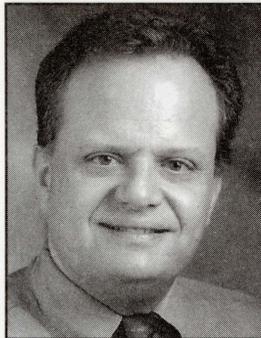
Lawrence N. Berlin,



Assistant Professor, English Language Program, Linguistics, was an Adjunct Instructor at the Center for English As a Second Language at the University of Arizona. Berlin earned a Ph.D. (Second

Language Acquisition and Teaching) at the University of Arizona, an M.A. (Foreign Languages, specialization in TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages)) at West Virginia University, and his BFA in Drama from New York University. His office is located in CLS-2049, ext. 2686.

Barry W. Birnbaum,



Assistant Professor, Special Education, has been an Assistant Professor, Special Education, at Chicago State University. He was awarded a Ed.D in Early and Middle Childhood Education at Nova

University, an M.A. in Special Education at Northeastern Illinois University, and a B.S. in Speech at Southern Illinois University. He also holds a Certificate of Competency in Assistive Technology and Teacher Education from the Institute for Assistive & Training Technologies. His office is located in CLS-4020A, ext. 2822.

Elaine Pierce Chakonas,



Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, has been Director of Student Teaching and Director of Clinical Experience at the School of Education, Dominican University. She has served as Program Director

of the Chicago Public Schools Prep Program, "Life in the Middle Ages" at Dominican. Chakonas received her Ed.D. and M.A. in Education from Loyola University in Chicago, and her B.A. in English Education

from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her office is located in CLS-3018, ext. 2733.

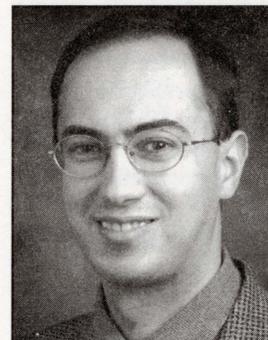
Alvin D. Farmer Jr.,



Assistant Professor, Psychology, was a Clinical Psychology Intern at The Institute for Juvenile Research, University of Illinois at Chicago. As a Clinical Consultant at the Institute, Farmer's duties

include clinical interventions and parent counseling; he has also developed and implemented a mentoring program for elementary school students. He received his Ph.D. and M.S. in Child Clinical Psychology at Pennsylvania State University and his B.A. in Psychology at Morehouse College. His office is located in SCI-307H, ext. 2988.

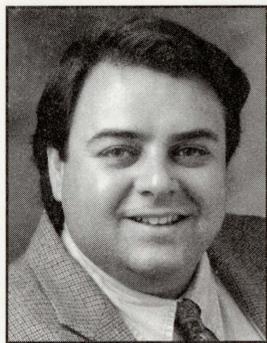
Marian Gidea,



Assistant Professor, Mathematics, has been a Visiting Assistant Professor at Northwestern University and Loyola University of Chicago. He earned a Ph.D. in Mathematics at the State University of New

York at Buffalo and a M.S. in Mathematics at The Faculty of Mathematics, University of Bucharest, Romania. In 1999 Gidea was nominated for the Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence, Loyola University. His research interests include: Dynamical Systems, Morse Theory, Ergodic Theory. His office is located in SCI-204D, ext. 2563.

Richard Wayne Hallett,



Assistant Professor, Linguistics, was a Lecturer in the Department of English, Murray State University. Prior to that, he was an Instructor in English at the University of South Carolina. Hallett received

his Ph.D. in Linguistics at the University of South Carolina; his specialization is Second Language Acquisition. He has a M.A. in Linguistics from Louisiana State University and a B.A. in English and Spanish (double major) from Indiana University. His office is located in CLS-3069, ext. 2770.

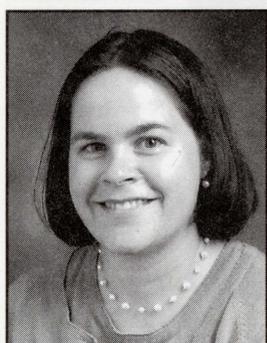
Yi Hao,



Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, has been an Instructor at Northeastern and, prior to that, Concordia University. She was awarded her Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education at the State University

of New York at Buffalo, her M.A. in Early Childhood Education at Concordia College, and her B.A. in Early Childhood Education at Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing, China. Her office is located in CLS-3092, ext. 5186.

Katherine Siewert McKnight,



Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, was a Visiting Lecturer at Northeastern. She is serving also as a Reading Consultant at NEIU's Chicago Teachers' Center. McKnight earned her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Illinois at Chicago, her M.Ed. in Teaching English in Secondary Schools at Northeastern Illinois University, and her B.A. in American Civilization at George Washington University. Her office is located in CLS-2053, ext. 6506.

Shubhangee Mungre,



Assistant Professor, Biology, has been an Instructor in Biology at Northeastern. Prior to that, she was a part-Time Lecturer in the Department of Natural Sciences at Loyola University, Chicago. She has also

been a Senior Research Associate at the Northwestern University Medical School. Mungre has a Ph.D. and M. S. in Biochemistry from the University of Baroda, Baroda, India, and a M.Sc. in Biochemistry from Poona University, Poona, India. Her office is located in SCI-346D, ext. 2620.

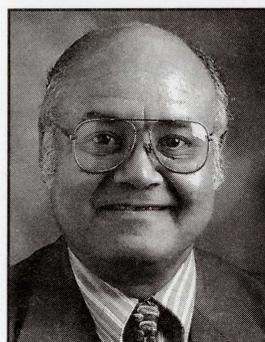
April D. Nauman,



Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, has been a Visiting Lecturer in Education at Northeastern. Nauman's articles have been published in several books on education, and her fiction

in collections and journals including *North Dakota Quarterly* and *Webster Review*. She received a Ph.D. and M.Ed. in Literacy Education and a M.A. in Writing at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a B.A. in English Literature at Washington University. Her office is located in CLS-3019, ext. 2913.

Joaquin Villegas,



Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, was a Visiting Lecturer in Elementary Education at Northeastern. Prior to that, he was Vice President for Development and Public Affairs at St. Augustine

College in Chicago. Villegas earned a Ph.D. in Education at the University of Notre Dame, a M.Ed. in Adult and Continuing Education at Northern Illinois University, a M.A. in Administration and Supervision of Schools and a B.A. in Liberal Arts at the University of Puerto Rico. His office is located in CLS-3024, ext. 6543.

Thomas Ray Weaver,



Assistant Professor, Chemistry, has been a Visiting Lecturer in General Chemistry at Northeastern and a Senior Lecturer in General Chemistry at University College, Northwestern University. Weaver was

awarded his Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry at Northwestern University and his B.A. with honors in Chemistry at Franklin and Marshall College. He studied electro-analytical chemistry and synthetic inorganic chemistry in a post-doctoral program at the University of North Carolina. His office is located in SCI-212G, ext. 6547.

**New
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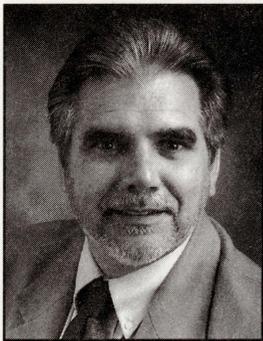
Diana Abraham,



Assistant Dean of Students, effective August 15, 2000, served in the Department of Residence Life at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As Assistant Dean, Abraham is responsible for co-

ordinating the Student Volunteer Corps, distributing information on off-campus housing, overseeing the America Reads Program, and serving as student judicial officer. She received her Masters degree in College Student Personnel at Western Illinois University and a Bachelors degree at DePaul University. Her office is located in A-125, ext. 3169.

Joseph Accardi,



Acting Director, Academic Computing, effective April 1, 2000, has been Associate University Librarian for Systems and Access Services, Library, at Northeastern. He recently implemented the on-line computer-based training program, Learn-It-On-Line, and is currently implementing Remote Patron Authentication for access to library resources. Accardi received his M.A. in Library Science at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a B.A. in Psychology at the University of Notre Dame. His office is located in E-106, ext. 5230.

Helen Ang,



Executive Director, Office of University Budgets, effective October 2, 2000, was Acting Chief Fiscal Affairs Officer at Northeastern. A key responsibility for Ang will be a refocusing of all NEIU budget processes to improve budget coordination and planning. She holds an MBA from DePaul University, a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a M.A. in Christian Education and a Master of Divinity from Biola University, and a B.S. in Chemistry from Adamson University, Manila, Philippines. Her office is located in D-131, ext. 3250.

Shelley Bannister,

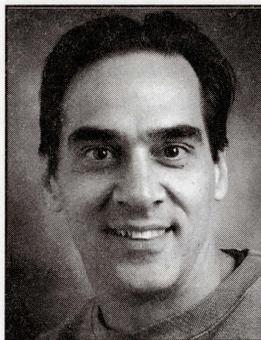


Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, effective November 1, 2000, was Acting Associate Dean. She holds the rank of Professor, Criminal Justice and Women's Studies, and was the Coordinator

of the Criminal Justice Program. Bannister received a Ph.D. in Sociology with a concentration in Women's Studies, a M.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago, a J.D. from the Loyola University of Chi-

cago School of Law, and her B.A. in Sociology from Western Illinois University. Her office is located in SCI-152, ext. 4078.

Anthony Carlsen,



Webmaster/Coordinator, effective July 1, 2000, has been Chief Multimedia Engineer, NEIU Media Services. Prior to that, he was a Senior Engineering Technician in the Electronic and Acoustic Development Department at Shure Inc. Carlsen designed and built the NEIU Video Editing facility. As Webmaster, his responsibilities include the maintenance, design and development of the NEIU web site. He received a B.S. cum laude in Computer Science at Northeastern Illinois University. His office is located in E-110, ext. 3845.

Leonard Iaquina,



Special Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Scholarships, effective September 1, 2000, was Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at Northeastern. His primary responsibility as Special Assistant/Director of Scholarships is to develop and implement strategies to expand opportunities and award available scholarships in the recruitment of new students and the support of continuing students. He received a MSJ from Columbia University and a BSJ from Northwestern University. His office is located in PEB 2111, ext. 2555.

David Jonaitis,



Associate Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs, effective October 2, 2000, formerly Acting Assistant Vice President for Administration, will focus on improving services and productivity by facilitating the coordination between administrative areas, improving the integra-

tion of technology, and enhancing information systems. Jonaitis is currently pursuing a M.S. degree with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration. He holds a B.S. in Political Science, cum laude, from the University of Wisconsin. His office is located in D-104A, 6129.

Kathleen Kardaras,



Acting Coordinator, University Honors Program, effective September 18, 2000, has taught at NOVA Southeastern University, Kendall College, and Northeastern. Kardaras holds a Doctorate from

the Adler School of Professional Psychology, a Master's degree from Northeastern with emphasis on Teaching the Gifted and Talented Child, and a B.A. in Speech and Performing Arts from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her office is located in C-520, ext. 6277.

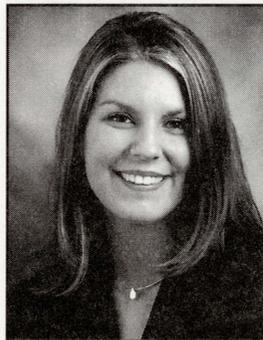
Joan Leafman,



Acting Associate Dean, College of Education, effective August 16, 2000, was Chair, Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics at Northeastern. Her responsibilities include: NCATE

Steering Committee chair, state Certification Board liaison, student appeals officer, and Golden Apple Scholar liaison. Leafman received a Ph.D. in Administrative and Policy Studies at Northwestern University, a M.S. in Recreation and Parks Administration at the City University of New York, and a B.S. in Health and Physical Education at Brooklyn College. Her office is located in CLS-4039, ext. 5502.

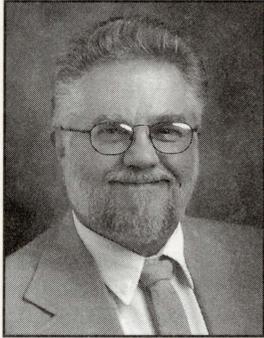
Erika Malek,



Director, Media Relations, effective August 16, 2000, has been Media Relations Coordinator at Millikin University. Her publicity efforts there succeeded in bringing national attention

to Millikin. Malek's goals include improving Northeastern's coverage in the mass media and encouraging the media to rely on NEIU faculty as a resource for background expertise. She earned a B.S. in Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations from Millikin University. Her office is located in C-430, ext. 6676.

Michael Martindale,



Supervisor of Tutors, Math Development, has been a freelance tutor, and prior to that, a Mathematics Tutor at Northeastern. Martindale earned his B.S. in Secondary Education/Mathematics at

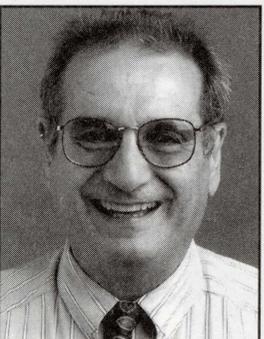
Northeastern. He has studied at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, the University of Maryland, Phan Rang, Viet Nam, and National Louis University. His office is located in the Library-4th floor, ext. 4509.

Judy Mizrachi,



Specialist, Women's Services, was a Program Associate in Women's Services and, prior to that, had served in sales, financial planning and training and management at MetLife. Her responsibilities include assisting in the implementation and delivery of services and programming for returning adults and women students as well as coordinating the day-to-day operations of the Returning Adult Program. She has completed her MBA at Loyola University, Chicago, and a M.A. in Community Counseling at Northeastern. Her office is located in C-515, ext. 3699.

William Moressi,



Acting Executive Director, University Computing Services, effective March 16, 2000, was Director of Academic Computing. He has the responsibility of bringing the following units

together in a functional capacity: Academic Computing/ Media Services, Network and Distributed Services, Administrative Information Systems, Telecommunications/HelpDesk. Moressi received a Ph.D. and M.S. in Physiology (specialty: Biophysics) at the University of Iowa and a B.S. in Physiology at the University of Illinois. He completed postgraduate studies in programming, systems analysis and design and computer management at the Honeywell Institute of Information Sciences, Chicago. His office is located in CLS-4067, ext. 6215.

Miriam Ocasio-Collazo,



Assistant Director of Client Services and Outreach, Office of Financial Aid, effective October 16; before accepting this position she had been serving in the Financial Aid office in various capacities since

1998. Prior to that, Ocasio-Collazo was the Coordinator of Proyecto Pa'Lante from 1989 to 1996. She holds a M.S. in Counselor Education from Northern Illinois University and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her office is located in D-200, ext. 3179.

Virginia Quinonez,



Training Coordinator, Counseling Office, effective August 16, 2000, was a Visiting Resource Professional in the Counseling Office. She will manage the Counseling Office's clinical training

program and provide counseling, consultation and other psychological services for the university community. Quinonez earned a Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, a M.A. in Counseling Education at Northeastern, and a B.S. in Psychology at the University of Texas. Her office is located in C-609, ext. 3126.

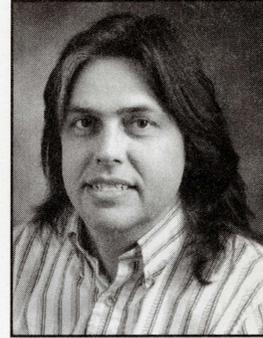
Cassandra Riemer,



Coordinator, Student Outreach and External Affairs, Dean of Students, effective July 1, 2000, has been Acting Assistant Dean of Students. Her responsibilities include directing the University Ambassadors

Program, developing programs on substance abuse prevention education, assisting with the America Reads Program, and serving as a student ombudsperson. Riemer received a M.A. in Counseling at Northeastern and a B.A. in Psychology from Mundelein College. Her office is located in A-125, ext. 3130.

Richard Senne,



Coordinator, University Media Services, effective July 1, 2000, has been Acting Audio Visual/TV Services Manager and prior to that, Video Technician/Office Manager, TV Services at Northeastern. In addition to coordinating the Audio Visual, Audio Recording, TV Services, and Distance Education areas of Media Services, Senne provides liaison to the services of Academic Computing. He earned a B.A. in Elementary Education cum laude at Northeastern. His office is located in E-109B, ext. 3841.

Mark Wilcockson,



Vice President, Finance and Administration, effective August 16, 2000, was Associate Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education. He brings to the university experience in financial forecasting and bud-

geting, fiscal controls, and overall budget preparation and management. A Certified Public Accountant, Wilcockson was awarded a M.B.A and a B.A. in Accountancy from the University of Illinois at Springfield. His office is located in C-115, ext. 3206.

