

Dorine Lawrence-Hughes is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the USC Annenberg School of Communication and teaches foundational communication classes on public speaking, argumentation and advocacy and small group communication. Lawrence-Hughes is currently a co-chair of the Academic Senate RTPC Committee and is serving her second year as a member of the Student Behavior Appeals Panel. In the spring of 2016, she served on the Provost Task Force on Teaching Effectiveness and participated in the Academic Senate/Provost Retreat which focused on diversity and campus climate. In Annenberg, she served as the Assistant Director and Associate Director of the School of Communication from 2012 to 2015. She continues to serve on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the School of Journalism Grade Appeals Committee. Prior to teaching, Professor Lawrence-Hughes practiced law at Best Best & Krieger LLP and, later, Gresham, Savage, Nolan & Tilden, where she focused her transactional/advisory law practice on the representation of public entities and provided a range of legal services to school districts, community college districts, municipalities, special districts and redevelopment agencies. Lawrence-Hughes earned a doctorate from UCLA (2014) and a J.D. from USC's Gould School of Law (1998). She earned an undergraduate degree in politics from Whitman College and a master's degree in speech communication from California State University, Northridge. Her current research delves into issues of communication and conflict, stakeholder management and community engagement. She is also interested in leadership communication and the intersection of race and gender as they relate to perceptions of effective leadership and management.

Edwin McCann is Professor of Philosophy and English in Dornsife College, where he has taught since 1983. In addition to being a Senator for a number of years, off and on, he has served as Administrative Vice-President for the Academic Senate (2001-2), Academic Vice-President (2002-3), President (2003-4), Immediate Past President (2004-5), Chair of the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, and is current co-chair of the Faculty Handbook Committee. In Dornsife he has been a member of the Faculty Council, off and on, for a number of terms, most recently 2014-2016; in 2011-12 he was President of the Council. He was Vice-Dean for Faculty Affairs in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences in 2007-8, and was Director of the School of Philosophy from 1997-2000. His research interests center in the History of 17th and 18th century philosophy and science.

He received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and went on to join the faculty at Harvard University and after that, MIT, before coming to USC.

Daniel Pecchenino is an Assistant Professor (Teaching) in the Writing Program, where he has taught in both the Writing 140 and 150 contexts. He is the 2016-2017 Dornsife Faculty Council Secretary, and he is co-chair of the DFC's Elections Caucus, which is charged with both making sure the DFC's election runs smoothly and fielding slates of candidates that reflect the full range of the Dornsife faculty. Within the Writing Program he has served on the Merit Review, Transition & Governance, and New Teacher Training Committees, as well as several others. He has also been one of the two writing instructors for the Warrior Scholar Project (an "academic boot camp" for veterans transitioning back to civilian life) since it came to USC in 2015.

Geraldine (Gerrie) Peters is a research professor in the Dornsife College Department of Physics & Astronomy and Space Sciences Center. She is an astronomer who specializes in circumstellar plasmas about hot stars, binary stars, and the abundances of the chemical elements in massive stars. Gerrie has been at USC since 1979 and has held several RTPC positions. During this time she has been the P.I. on over 60 NASA grants. Service to USC includes the Academic Senate (2009-12), Dornsife College Faculty Council, DFC (2007-12), Research Caucus for DFC (2009-12), Women in Science & Engineering (WiSE) Advisory Board (2003-11), and many promotion and merit review committees in the Dornsife College. Since joining USC she has also taught many classes in astronomy and astrophysics both in the Dornsife College and the Viterbi School of Engineering. Through her committee service at USC she has had the opportunity to work with many faculty outside her immediate department. In her profession she was elected to the Steering Committee for Division G (Stars & Stellar Physics) of the International Astronomical Union in 2015 for a term that runs through 2021. Locally she has been a Director of Judging for the California State Science Fair since 2003 and currently sits on their Board.

Stephanie Shroyer is an Associate Professor of Practice in the School of Dramatic Arts and the schools Associate Artistic Director. Currently serving the second year as her school's Senator to the Academic Senate, Prof. Shroyer has been active in faculty governance within SDA for much of her tenure at USC. Specifics of such service include four terms on the school Faculty Council, Senator Alternate for Professor Margo Apostolos, crafting of policy verbage for the SDA faculty handbook, committee service dedicated to research and recommendation of implementation of policy update for RTPC and Part-time Faculty Issues. Professor Shroyer is active in the new student recruitment effort traveling throughout the year with Academic Service Administration doing workshops to promote application and conversion of the potential Trojan.

F.Y.I. Stats: USC Faculty member since 1997. Teaching/Academic emphasis is spatial/objects relevance in physical performance. Professional practice is direction and choreography within the theatre.

Dr. Gabriel Zada (Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery, Otolaryngology, and Internal Medicine) is a board-certified neurosurgeon and nationally recognized expert in brain and pituitary tumor surgery, as well as a variety of endoscopic and minimally invasive neurosurgical techniques. He is an Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at the Keck School of Medicine of USC with associate appointments in the Departments of Otolaryngology and Internal Medicine. As the Co-Director of the USC Pituitary Center, Co-Director of the USC Radiosurgery Center and Director of the USC Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery Program, Dr. Zada directs a comprehensive neuro-endoscopic program including endoscopic skull base/pituitary surgery, exoscopic channel (BrainPath) surgery and intraventricular neuro-endoscopy. He also co-directs the USC Radiosurgery Center and performs both Gamma Knife® and CyberKnife® Radiosurgery.

Statement: I am honored to be under consideration for the USC Academic Senate Nominating Committee and feel I could contribute to this workgroup and draw on my experience from a clinical, academic and educational background. I have served on a variety of institutional organizations including the Keck Faculty Council, CME Steering Committee, Operating Room Workgroup Meeting, and Minimally-Invasive Surgery Advisory Committee. I welcome the opportunity to participate in the Academic Nominating Committee and serve to ensure the highest quality of candidate nominations to the USC Academic Senate.