

- Assistant Professor Amna Salam earned her PhD from Rochester University in 2023 and then held a post-doctoral position at Vanderbilt University. She specializes in American political institutions, utilizing formal models and empirical methods to explore strategic behavior within the legal system. Her research focuses on how judges, lawyers, police officers, and others navigate their roles to further political and ideological goals within the courts. Professor Salam is teaching POLI 112A "Economic Theories/Political Behavior" this fall and POLI 104C "Civil Liberties-Rts Accu&Minor" this winter.
- Professor Christopher Stout, whose expertise in racial and ethnic politics, and gender and politics, will enrich our understanding of American political behavior and institutions. Professor Stout is teaching three courses this fall: POLI 100B - The U.S. Congress, POLI 100H-Race and Ethnicity in American Politics, and POLI 102G Special Topics in American Politics: Black Politics in the U.S.
- Assistant Professor Guer Liu holds PhDs in both Political Science and Scientific Computing from the University of Michigan. She is an expert on China, Chinese political institutions, and data politics. Professor Liu is teaching two courses this fall: POLI 130B- The Politics of the People's Republic of China, and POLI 179 - Special Topics in Political Science Methodology.
- Assistant Teaching Professor Mays Nichter holds a JD from UC Berkeley School of Law and is currently Director of our Krinsck-Houston Law & Politics Initiative. She will enhance our pre-law curriculum and support programs. In Winter 2025, Professor Nichter is teaching POLI 104J - Introduction to Legal Reasoning, and POLI 104U - Introduction to Business Law. In Spring 2025, she will be teaching two new courses: POLI 1040 - Introduction to Contracts, Drafting, and Negotiations, and POLI 104Q - Introduction to Intellectual Property Law.

These new faculty members will contribute to the vibrant intellectual community in the Department, inspiring students and colleagues alike. We expect students to jump at the opportunity to enroll in their courses!