

New Faculty Directory 2009-2010

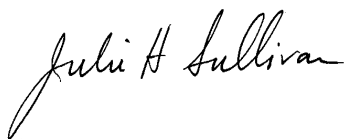
Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome 30 new full-time faculty to the University of San Diego. This is one of the most internationally diverse and academically qualified groups of new faculty ever to join USD. These accomplished educators and scholars hail from 11 different countries and come to us from very highly regarded academic institutions. They will play an important role, along with the colleagues who attracted them, in building and strengthening areas of strategic importance to our Schools and the College, as each unit seeks to advance its own academic reputation and thus in turn continues to attract outstanding students and faculty.

I invite all members of the USD community to get acquainted with their new colleagues. It is my hope that this directory will help promote and encourage collaboration and interaction among various departments and Schools on campus. In this way, we strive to promote innovation and excellence in teaching and research.

I hope you enjoy meeting the new faculty and that you will be supportive mentors to and colleagues with them as they establish their careers at USD in a welcoming and productive environment.

Best wishes,



Julie H. Sullivan, PhD
Executive Vice President and Provost

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Academic/Research Interests: Single-molecule biophysics, polymer physics, DNA dynamics and intermolecular forces, HIV-I RNA-protein interactions, optical tweezers, fluorescence techniques, interdisciplinary scientific research.

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Academic/Research Interests: Business associations, including agency and partnerships, corporations, business planning; Taxation, Federal, including income tax, corporate tax, partnerships & LLCs; Contracts; Law and economics.

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Academic/Research Interests: Nutrition knowledge and motivation; Information processing; Consumer culture worldviews and the effects of mortality salience on consumption preferences.

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Academic/Research Interests: Property law, especially theories of property, copyright and takings; Economic analysis of law, particularly public choice, institutional analysis and property rights; International law, particularly sovereignty, laws of war and international institutions.

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