

New Full-Time Faculty and Staff for 2016-2017

Hiring an excellent faculty and staff is one of the most important jobs a Head of School has to do. At Brimmer we use a collaborative approach when hiring teachers and staff, one that involves several teachers, department leaders, and administrators. We use hiring agencies that recruit faculty from all over the world, and we list our openings at various independent school sites both locally and nationally. The resumes are culled, and only the top candidates are brought to campus for a full day of interviewing. The Head of School makes all final decisions when hiring the candidates.

At the end of the 2016 School year our faculty and staff celebrated and thanked Gina Chang (Middle and Upper School Mandarin Teacher), Andrew Ferrara (Grade 6 history teacher, class dean, and Admissions Associate), Landon Rose (Middle and Upper School Ensemble and Band teacher and Upper School electives teacher), and Libby Pingpank (Lower School part-time reading teacher) for their service to our students and families. We wished them well as they embark on their next chapter in life and requested they visit us often and attend our special events. We also thanked Joe Iuliano for his outstanding work as our Upper School Head and welcomed him to his new position as Brimmer's Assistant Head for Academic Affairs.

Below you will read about the few full-time positions we had to fill; however, we have several maternity leave faculty joining us, and we have a few part-time positions that we added to support our programs.

Please join me in welcoming the following new employees to the Brimmer community.

Full-time positions:

This past spring, we announced the hiring of **Joshua Neudel** as the School's new Upper School Head. Both Mr. Neudel and Mr. Iuliano assumed their new positions on July 1st. To read about the spring announcement regarding Mr. Neudel and the new appointment of **Joe Iuliano** as Assistant Head of Academic Affairs, please click [here](#).

Joining our Creative Arts team as the new Middle and Upper School Instrumental teacher and After-School Instrumental Program is **Thomas Bergeron**. Thomas is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a B.A. in Business Management and a minor in Music; he also holds an MM and AD in music performance from Yale University. In addition to teaching our music ensembles and electives, he will assume the responsibility of the after school music program. (Joanne Clamage will no longer be working directly with this program.) He will also assist Mrs. Wooster with both Lower School bands.

Laura Foley, our Pre-K assistant, will return full-time to our pre-kindergarten classroom to assist Ms. Hickey. She will also continue to direct the extended day program. Ms. Foley is a graduate of Lesley University with a B.A. in Early Childhood Education. She will also be pursuing her graduate work in the coming year.

Joining our World Language Department as a Mandarin teacher and the Co-Director of International Students is **Francis Fremont-Smith**. Mrs. Fremont-Smith graduated from Connecticut College with a B.A. in Chinese Language and Asian Studies and from Harvard University with an Ed.M. in Education. She is also a graduate of Brimmer, class of 1975. She started her career at Milton Academy where she began their Chinese program. For the majority of her life, she has lived in Beijing where she has worked and raised her two children.

Mallorie Nai joined our Admissions Team on July 1st, assuming the role of Assistant Director of Admissions and Middle School Humanities teacher. Ms. Nai graduated with a B.A. from Western New England University. She will be teaching grade 6 history and will also teach two sections of Middle School math during Mrs. Wareham's maternity leave. She recently taught at Cardigan Mountain School where she also coached and ran a dormitory.

Part- time positions:

Pia Ferracin will join the Middle and Upper School as the Math Lab tutor. She holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Mathematical Sciences from the University of Lowell. She will also be available to work as a private tutor through our Tutoring Institute.

Noelia Calderon Gostanzo will join our Middle School to teach a section of Spanish. Ms. Gostanzo graduated with a B.A. and a teacher's certificate from Barcelona University. She has taught for 12 years and recently substituted and tutored at Brimmer in our Middle and Upper Schools.

Christian Kiley joins us as a part-time Video Production instructor in our Upper School. Mr. Christian is a graduate of Bard College with a B.A. in Theater Studies and from Emerson College with an M.F.A. in Media Art.

Joining us in the Lower School is **Vittoria Frusciante** as a part-time reading teacher. She will also support our Lower School international students as they learn English. Ms. Frusciante graduated from the State University of New York at New Paltz with a B.A. in Communications & Media and from Manhattanville College School of Education with an M.A. in Childhood Education.

Maternity Leave positions

Joining us for the first quarter while **Mrs. Ship** is on leave is **Maya Himmelsbach**. She graduated from Roger Williams University with a B.A. in Elementary Education and has been working at the British School in Boston.

Nicole Morin is joining us from August through February while **Mrs. Iannone** is on leave. Ms. Morin graduated Boston University with a B.S. in Elementary Education and received a M.Ed. from Lesley University Graduate School of Education. Ms. Morin also taught for one year earlier in her career at Brimmer and then enjoyed seven years teaching at a local

elementary school. Mrs. Iannoni plans to partner with Ms. Morin in September and again in February upon her return.

Mallorie Nai and members of the Middle and Upper School math department will teach **Mrs. Wareham's** courses for her leave during the first quarter. Ms. Nai taught Middle School math at Cardigan Mountain School in New Hampshire.