SCU’s Institute of Science

Faculty Profiles

Dr. Marissa Brash
Dr. Marissa Brash is an Assistant Professor for the School of Professional Studies. Prior to her work at SCU, Dr. Brash taught at several institutions throughout California. She obtained her Doctorate of Public Health in 2013 from Loma Linda University, where she also earned her Masters in Public Health. Dr. Brash helped create the framework of what is now the Bachelors Completion Program, and teaches ISP and IoS classes. She is a member of many health organizations, such as the Society of Epidemiologic Research, the American Public Health Association, and The American Chemical Society, among others. Although Dr. Brash teaches mostly chemistry-related classes, her other interests are epidemiology, statistics, and public health research related to the three.

Dr. John Nguyen
Dr. John Nguyen is an Adjunct Faculty member at SCU, teaching General and Organic Chemistry lab and lecture for ISP and is also teaching the lab portion of those classes for IoS. Dr. Nguyen obtained his Ph. D. in Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Florida. In addition to his experience teaching various upper-division chemistry classes at several institutions, Dr. Nguyen spent time conducting research at his alma maters related to his fields of study. Dr. Nguyen is a newer member of SCU’s faculty, but always looks forward to teaching chemistry, especially O. Chem.

Dr. Danielle Sokol
Dr. Danielle Sokol is an Adjunct Faculty member for SCU’s new Institute of Science. She teaches Anatomy and Physiology lab and also has her own Chiropractic practice. Dr. Sokol is an alumna of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic and majored in biology (with a minor in Chemistry) at California State University, Fullerton. She is also the co-owner of a company that provides specialty services for women in need of specially-sized custom fit bras and prosthetics post-mastectomy, which she has been doing for over twenty years.

Astor Suriano
Astor Suriano is an Adjunct Faculty member for IoS. Mr. Suriano obtained his Master of Science degree, majoring in Biochemistry, from California State University, Long Beach, where he also spent some time teaching. He has held various research roles at several institutions, including UCLA and Loyola Marymount University, and has worked in laboratory settings therein. Most recently, Mr. Suriano has worked as a scientist for Johnson & Johnson Medical Device, working to “optimize a medical device specifically for the cleaning and reprocessing of endoscopes.”

Jason Wiedenmann
Jason Wiedenmann is an Adjunct Faculty member of both SCU’s ISP and IoS. He currently teaches the lab and lecture portions of Physics for both programs. Prior to this time as a physics instructor at SCU, Mr. Wiedenmann taught various classes at Cleveland Chiropractic College, including Introduction to Physics, Introduction to Organic Chemistry, and Basic Math. He has also been published in several peer-reviewed publications and has worked extensively on the study of blocking anticyclones in the Northern and Southern hemispheres.