

Randall Sophomore Advisors

Randall advisors are a group of knowledgeable, caring faculty members who listen, consult, and make suggestions and referrals regarding sophomores' academic plans and concerns. Representing a range of academic disciplines at Brown, Randall advisors are willing to discuss academic choices and challenges in light of students' extracurricular activities, proposed concentrations, and overall life plans. This year's Randall Advisors are listed below, along with contact information and office hours. You may also contact Ms. Ivone Aubin in the Dean of the College Office at 863-2676 to make an appointment with most Randall advisors. Email addresses are provided for those advisors whom students may contact directly for appointments.

Eric Chason

Associate Professor, Engineering

Office Hours: Thursdays 1-3, 624 Barus Holley, Email Eric.Chason@brown.edu to confirm that he is holding his office hours in any given week or to schedule a meeting for a different time.

Professor Chason teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in the Division of Engineering at Brown University. He received his Ph.D. in physics from Harvard University in 1985, after which he performed post-doctoral work at Gakushuin University, Tokyo, and was a staff member at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque. His research has focused on the evolution of surfaces and thin films during materials processing.

Gail Cohee

Director, Sarah Doyle Women's Center

Office hours: Wednesdays 10-12

Professor Cohee holds a Ph.D. in English Literature and Women's Studies from Indiana University, Bloomington. Before becoming Director of the Sarah Doyle Women's Center in 2001, she taught courses in British literature, literature by women, and women's studies at Emporia State University in Emporia, KS, and at Skidmore College, the College of Saint Rose, and Siena College in New York. At Brown, she teaches courses through the Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women. Her research fields include early modern British literature, women writers, and women's studies.

Ruth Colwill

Associate Professor, Psychology

Office hours: by appointment, 339 Hunter Lab

Professor Colwill completed her undergraduate work at the University of York and her Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge. Her research into cognition and cognitive development, learning, memory, and neural development explores the nature of the processes involved in how and what animals learn and remember, leading to an understanding of the evolution of the human mind and the function of the human brain. She has published papers on memory, goal-directed behavior, and Pavlovian conditioning. A faculty member at Brown since 1989, Professor Colwill enjoys helping students to think through problems and to find ways to achieve their dreams.

David Cutts

Professor, Physics

Office hours: Tuesdays 2-4, Barus Holley

Dave Cutts has been on the Brown faculty since 1973. A native of Providence, he received his Ph.D. at Berkeley following undergraduate studies at Harvard. His area of research is the study of the fundamental laws of nature through experiments in particle physics, and for this work he has participated in and planned experiments at the Rutherford Lab, Brookhaven National Lab, SLAC, CERN and Fermi National Accelerator Lab (Fermilab). Among his many interests Professor Cutts enjoys astronomy and appreciates new ways of teaching.

Leo Depuydt

Associate Professor, Egyptology

Office hours: Fridays 11-1

A native of Flanders, Leo Depuydt studied Greek, Roman, and other early civilizations in Leuven (Belgium), Cincinnati, Jerusalem, and Tübingen (Germany), served in the Belgian army, and worked at a Benedictine monastery in Bruges before receiving his doctorate in 1990 from Yale, where he also taught as a senior lecturer in Syriac and Coptic. He has authored or co-authored ten books and written about a hundred articles and reviews on ancient and medieval manuscripts, languages, and history, primarily Egyptian. He has been at Brown since 1991. Believing with Socrates that knowledge is virtue, he studies subjects only after making sure they are useless, especially Brown's premier "orchid" (beautiful but useless) subject: Egyptology.

Vladimir Golstein

Professor, Slavic Studies

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Professor Golstein teaches graduate and undergraduate courses that explore Western and Russian literary traditions. He holds his B.A. in Philosophy from Columbia University, his M.S. in Computers from Moscow Institute of Management, and his Ph.D. in Slavic Languages and Literatures from Yale University. Professor Golstein's scholarly interests embrace Russian culture, religion, philosophy, and poetry of the past two centuries. He is the author of Lermontov's Narratives of Heroism and numerous articles on nineteenth-and twentieth century Russian authors, including Pushkin, Gogol, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Chekhov, Tsvetaeva, and Bulgakov.

Barrett Hazeltine

Professor Emeritus, Engineering

Office hours: Wednesdays 1-3, 326 Barus Holley

After undergraduate and master's degrees at Princeton, Barret Hazeltine received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, where he was a member of the group that became Computer Engineering. At Brown since 1959, Professor Hazeltine teaches management and engineering courses. He has provided Brown undergraduates with academic support, advising, and advocacy for nearly twenty years.

Evelyn Hu-Dehart

Professor, History

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Evelyn Hu-DeHart is Professor of History and one of six core faculty in Brown's Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America. Professor Hu-DeHart's professional life has focused on what Cuban historian Juan Perez de la Riva calls "historia de la gente sin historia." She has written two books on the Yaqui Indians, and is now engaged in a large research project on the Asian diaspora in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Julie Strandberg

Senior Lecturer & Artist-In-Residence, Theatre, Speech & Dance

Office hours: Thursdays 12:30-2:30

Professor Strandberg is the co-founding Artistic Director/Curator of The American Dance Legacy Institute and Artist-In-Residence and Founding Director of Dance at Brown University. She develops repertory, documentaries, curricular materials, and programs on American Dance. These resources provide students, educators, scholars, and the general public with on-going access to dance masterworks and dance artists. She is interested in American dance as it reflects the inherent multi-culturalism of the USA and the role of dance in the K-University curricula. Professor Strandberg is

a graduate of the Ethical Culture Schools and has a B.A. from Cornell University and an M.S. from The Bank Street College of Education.

Elizabeth Taylor

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Dr. Elizabeth S. (Beth) Taylor directs Brown's Nonfiction Writing Program, which is housed in the Department of English. Professor Taylor teaches courses in literary journalism, historical narrative, memoir, and radio nonfiction. A first-year and sophomore advisor for many years, she is also an undergraduate advisor in English, with a particular interest in mentoring students interested in all forms of nonfiction writing.