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He received his Ph.D. in classical studies from Duke University. Prior to his arrival at the University of Maryland, he taught at Rice University, the University of Minnesota, and Connecticut College.

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Anke Birkenmaier is currently serving as chair of the Spanish and Portuguese department in the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University. Birkenmaier is a scholar of modern Caribbean and Latin American literature and culture, and in studying these areas she has two major foci. She studies literature in relation to other discourses such as anthropology, looking at the ways in which ideas about culture and race have evolved over time. Her interest in media and sound studies has also led her to explore the ways in which the novel has entered in competition with other communication media. Her award-winning book, *Alejo Carpentier y la cultura del surrealismo en América Latina* (2006) presented an analysis of the early years of Cuban writer Alejo Carpentier, when he engaged with “dissident” surrealists in Paris in the 1930s and worked for the radio and advertising industry.

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Eloise (Elly) Kaizar joined the Department of Statistics at Ohio State University in 2006 after receiving her PhD from Carnegie Mellon University. She currently serves as chair of the department. She is interested in developing and evaluating methods to assess the effectiveness and safety of health care interventions. Her primary area of expertise is research synthesis, or meta-analysis, with the aim of making population-interpretable inference based on data collected with randomized and observational study designs. This line of work incorporates ideas originally developed for survey sampling, missing data, and causal inference, which are additional areas of interest.

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