



Kinkaid New Faculty and Staff 2022-2023

LOWER SCHOOL



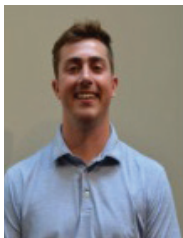
SARAH ALLEN **Third Grade Teacher**

Sarah has a B.S. in Exercise Science from Slippery Rock University and an M.S. in Science & Technology Journalism from Texas A&M University. Sarah first joined The Kinkaid School in 2020 as a substitute and became the Lower School Specialist Assistant in August of 2021. Prior to joining Kinkaid, Sarah was a Science Writing and Editing Intern at BioScience Writers in Houston, Texas.



AMY ANGELINO **Second Grade Teacher**

Amy graduated from Texas State University and holds a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies and M.Ed. in Elementary Education. She most recently taught second grade at School at St. George Place in Houston, Texas. Prior to that, Amy taught at Buda Elementary in Buda, Texas as a First, Second, and Third Grade Teacher. Amy holds a Texas Educator certificate, and IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) as well as a certificate for English as a Second Language Generalist (Grades EC-6).



AUSTIN ATEN **Cooney Fellow**

Austin will serve as the 2022-2023 Cooney Teaching Fellow in the Lower School. Austin was at The University of Illinois for two years studying Elementary Education before transferring to Houston Community College where he is currently attending. Austin joined The Kinkaid School as a Classroom Aide and Substitute Teacher in 2020 and will continue as the Middle School After School Director. Austin has worked at the Next Generation Early Learning Center as a Preschool Co-Teacher and at Dodds Tennis Center where he held the position of Head Professional of Junior Development, in Champaign, Illinois.



SIMIN MASANI **Third and Fourth Grade Assistant Teacher**

Simin graduated from Texas Woman's University with a B.S. in Nutrition and Food Science. She also recently completed her Alternate Certification Program in EC-6 Core with ESL. Simin comes to Kinkaid from The Chapelwood School for Young Children where she worked as a Lead Teacher and she has also served as a substitute teacher in Spring Branch ISD. Prior to her career in education, Simin was a Research Manager for the School of Public Health at The University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Houston, Texas.



KATHERINE SHEN **Kindergarten Teacher**

Katherine holds a B.S. in Applied Learning and Development from The University of Texas at Austin with a major in Elementary Education and an M.A. in Applied Educational Psychology from the Teachers College at Columbia University. Her experience includes teaching in the USA and abroad, most recently serving as a Prekindergarten Teacher at West University Elementary and prior was a First Grade Teacher at International Bilingual School at Hsinchu-Science-Park in Taiwan after teaching elementary school in Manhattan, New York. Katherine is conversational in Spanish and fluent in Mandarin. Katherine holds several Certifications in Texas and New York State.



COURTNEY VASTINE
Second Grade Assistant Teacher

Courtney has a B.S. in Human Environmental Sciences from The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa graduating Magna Cum Laude. She holds teaching certificates for Early Childhood through 6th grade and English as a Second Language Supplemental. Courtney has held teaching positions abroad and stateside which include serving as a Second Grade Teacher at Briargrove Elementary School, a First through Fourth Grade Teacher at ZS Hanspaulka in Prague, Czech Republic, and a First through Sixth Grade Teacher at Lex Kim English School in Seoul, South Korea.



AMANDA LEGER
History Teacher

Amanda attended Texas Tech University where she received a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies. Amanda comes to us from Magnolia School where she was a History Teacher and also served as a Coach & P.E. Teacher. Prior to that, Amanda was a Social Studies Teacher at Cornerstone Academy in Spring Branch ISD where she was awarded Teacher of the Year in 2015-2016.



AMANDA NIES
History Teacher

Amanda holds a B.A. in History from the University of Oklahoma, where she was a Valedictorian Scholarship recipient. Amanda furthered her graduate studies and earned a M.A. in British History from Newcastle University, where she was Vice Chancellor's International Scholarship recipient and an International Student Ambassador. Amanda joins Kinkaid from Longfellow Middle School in Norman, Oklahoma where she was a Social Studies teacher and prior was a Social Studies Teacher at Spearman Junior High in Spearman, Texas.



STEPHEN PERRAULT
History Teacher

Stephen received a B.A. in English & History from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Louisiana State University, and also holds a Juris Doctorate from Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. Stephen comes to Kinkaid as a High School English and Middle School Social Studies Teacher at Chinquapin Preparatory School where he also served as Dean of Instruction, English Department Chair, and Grade Level Chair for four years. Prior to this, Stephen held several positions for YES Prep Public Schools, including Dean of Instruction, Manager of Instructional Coaching, Manager of Professional Learning, and Instructional Coach. He has 20 plus years of experience in primary, secondary, and higher education. Prior to focusing on teaching full-time, Stephen worked as an Attorney at Law at Phelps Dunbar, LLP and at Kantrow, Spaht, Weaver & Blitzer in Baton Rouge.



JINETH WAY
French Teacher

Jineth holds a M.Ed. in Dual Language Education from the University of St. Thomas and a B.A. Modern Languages from Pontifical Xavierian University in Bogota, Colombia. She comes to Kinkaid from Mayde Creek High School as a French and Spanish Teacher. She has previously taught Spanish at St. John XXIII College Preparatory and taught French & Spanish at Jersey Village High School and served as an ESL Teacher & Department Chair at Gimnasio Fuentes del Rio in Bogota, Columbia.



SAMANTHA WINKELMAN
Mathematics Teacher

Samantha holds a B.S. in Education and a M.Ed. in Middle School Mathematics from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Samantha joins The Kinkaid School from St. Francis Episcopal School where she was a Seventh and Eighth Grade Mathematics Teacher. Her past teaching experience includes River Oaks Baptist School and Westchester Academy for International Studies.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



DEAN CASSELLA
Latin Teacher

Dean received a Ph.D. in History from University of North Texas and holds a B.A. in History from California State University, Northridge in addition to a B.A. in Classics and a M.A. in Classics from University of California, Irvine. He comes to us from Ridgeview Classical Schools in Fort Collins, CO where he was the Head of the Classics Department. Dean's teaching experience includes Director of Classical and Modern Languages at St. Theresa Catholic School in Sugar Land, TX, he's been an Instructor of Latin at POLIS Institute in Rome, Italy and was an Instructor for Latin Immersion Workshops in Wyoming, Oklahoma, West Virginia, and North Carolina.



JEAN-BAPTISTE CHARLOT
French Teacher

J.B. graduated with a French Baccalauréat, from Lycée du Futuroscope, France, and has a M.Ed. from Texas A&M University. He holds a License LLCE English Language from University of Poitiers, France and an Elementary School Teaching Certificate from IUFM Poitiers, France. J.B. comes to Kinkaid from the Alliance Francaise de Houston, Texas as a French Instructor. J.B. has held the position of a French and Philosophy Teacher at Lycée International de Houston and a Lecturer of French at Texas A&M University. In Palo Alto, CA., he taught elementary school for the first and fourth grade, in Romagne, France, J.B. taught elementary school for first through fifth grades, and prior to that he was an Assistant French teacher at Frankley Middle School in Birmingham, England. J.B. is a conversational speaker in Spanish and Poitevin, fluent in English and French.



CHLOE DeCAIRE
Science Teacher

Chloe attended University of North Texas in Denton, Texas and received a B.S. in Interdisciplinary studies. Chloe has worked as an Academic Liaison and Enrichment Specialist at Communities in Schools located in Denton, Texas prior to becoming a Sixth Grade Science Teacher Gorzycki Middle School in Austin ISD.

UPPER SCHOOL



JACKIE COHN
Dean

Jackie holds a B.S. in Cognitive Studies and Anthropology from Vanderbilt University, a M.A. in Higher Education from University of Michigan, and a M.A. in School Counseling from Wake Forest University. Her previous career history includes Assistant Director of College Counseling at Webb School of Knoxville, Associate Director of College Counseling at Berkeley Preparatory School, Admissions Counselor at Rice University, and Admission Fellow at Centre College.



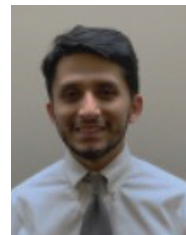
ANGIE ELLIS
Mathematics Teacher

Angie has a B.S. in Secondary Education from Oklahoma State University and a M.S. in Mathematics from University of Oklahoma. She comes to Kinkaid from St. Francis Episcopal School where she served as the Head of Curriculum & Instruction for Mathematics and Mathematics Teacher. Angie has previously taught at Lone Star College as an Adjunct Instructor for a variety of mathematics courses, University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK as a Mathematics Instructor, and at Booker T. Washington in Tulsa, Oklahoma as an Advanced Mathematics Teacher.



KRISTEN HARRELL
History Teacher

Kristen received a B.A. in History from Louisiana State University. Kristen has been with Calcasieu Parish Schools in Lake Charles, Louisiana since 2007 and has held several positions, including teaching Social Studies, AP US Government, AP European History and French.



DAVID ALBAN HIDALGO
Computer Science Teacher

David holds a B.A.H in Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity, a B.S. in Symbolic Systems, and a M.A. in Latin American Studies from Stanford University. David comes to Kinkaid from The Nueva School in San Mateo, California where he is an Associate Teacher in Computer Science & Interdisciplinary Studies.



KACIE HORTON
Coordinator of Service Programs

Kacie received her B.S. Environmental Science from California State University, Chico and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from University of St. Thomas. Kacie comes to Kinkaid from Texas Teachers of Tomorrow as a Curriculum Writer as well as serving as the Head of Upper School, Science Department Chair & Teacher at Chinquapin Preparatory School in Highlands, Texas.



ALYSON NADWORNY
Science Teacher

Alyson holds a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies & Sociology from The College of William and Mary, a M.A. in Teaching from Rice University, and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Cornell University. Alyson joins Kinkaid from The Post Oak School where she was a High School Science Teacher.



ALISHA NORMAN
Science Teacher

Alisha received a B.S. in Biology from Prairie View A&M University. Prior to joining Kinkaid, Alisha was a Science Academic Lead Teacher at Summer Creek High School and has previously taught as a Physics Teacher & Team Lead at MacArthur High School in Houston, Texas.



KRISTAN SIEGEL
Mathematics Teacher

Kristan holds a B.S. Computer Science and in Spanish from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. Kristan has taught Geometry, Honors Geometry, Advanced Precalculus, Honors Precalculus and Spanish at Incarnate Word Academy. Prior to focusing a career on education, Kristan held various consulting and technology roles for companies that include ExxonMobil and Avana in Houston, Texas.



KARA STUCKY
Department Chair & Mathematics Teacher

Kara attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a B.A. in Mathematics. She received a M.S. Curriculum and Instruction from Kansas State University. Since 2010, Kara has been at International Community School in Singapore where she has held various positions including Director of Teaching & Learning, Middle School Design Technology Teacher, Educational Technology Coach, and Middle School Math Teacher. Prior to this, Kara was a Mathematics Curriculum Coach for Cypress Fairbanks ISD and a Math Teacher for Cypress Falls High School.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS



LILIA GAMEZ
Assistant Band Director

Lilia holds a B.M. in Music and a M.M. in Applied Music from the University of Houston. Lilia joined Kinkaid in 2021 as a Private Music Instructor. Lilia has also worked as a Flute Clinician at Austin High School in Fort Bend ISD, in addition to serving as a Site Manager & Faculty Member for Flook Fire, Inc since 2001.



LORI WAGNER
Middle School Choir Director

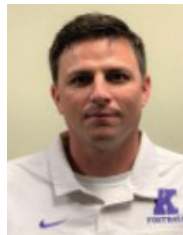
Lori holds a B.A. in English and Music from Duke University and a M.M. in Choral Conducting from Louisiana State University. Lori joins The Kinkaid School from Awty International School where she taught General Music for second through fifth grade and Choir and Orff Ensemble for fourth and fifth grade. Prior to this, Lori worked at American School of the Hague in Wassenaar, The Netherlands as a Choral Teacher, Director, and Conductor, as well as holding similar positions at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans, Louisiana, Haggard Middle School, and Bowman Middle School in Plano, Texas.

ATHLETICS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



WHITNEY CHAPPELL Physical Education Teacher & Coach

Whitney first joined The Kinkaid School in 2020 as an Adjunct Coach & Substitute Teacher before becoming appointed as Faculty in January 2022. Prior to joining Kinkaid, Whitney was a Coach for North Texas Soccer, Olympic Development Program in Frisco, Texas and before that was the Head JV Soccer Coach & Assistant Track Coach at All Saints Episcopal School after holding similar positions at Fort Worth Academy. Whitney attended Ashford University where she received a B.A. in Psychology.



LUCAS PETERS Football Coordinator & Coach

Lucas received a B.S. in Exercise & Sports Science from Texas State University and holds a M.S. in Sports Administration from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. Lucas comes to The Kinkaid School from University Lab School as an Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator — Quarterback Coach, Special Teams Coordinator, Recruiting Coordinator, and Academic Coordinator. Lucas' professional experience includes Offensive Coordinator — WR Coach, Academic Coordinator and Recruiting Coordinator at Floresville High School, Offensive Assistant/TE's & WR's at Texas State University, Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator — Special Teams Coordinator, Academic Coordinator, Recruiting Coordinator & Full Time Instructor at Oklahoma Panhandle State, QB & RB Coach/Special Teams Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator at Cisco Junior College, and Running Backs Coach/Quarterbacks Coach at East Central University.

STAFF



KATY HAM Upper School Dean's Office Administrative Assistant

Katy joins Kinkaid from Strategic Ministries where she was a Teacher and Small Group Facilitator. Katy has had a career in various retail and nonprofit organizations over the years, including Visual Team Manager at Pottery Barn, Regional Director of Texas for Hermes, and Children's Director at Grace Fellowship UMC. Katy and her husband Kevin have three children who attended Kinkaid, Pacey '16, Avery '21, and Reese '22.



MIKE MARRIE Digital Media Manager

Mike joined Kinkaid in March 2022 from County Derry Studios as a Video Editor/Storyteller. Prior to that, Mike was the Manager of Marketing Operations and Project Management for Jumcrew in Nashville, TN, Video and Animation Instructor in Katy ISD, V.P. of Information Technology and E-Commerce for Francesca's Holdings, and V.P. of Information Technology/Executive Director of Marketing & E-Commerce at Academy Sports & Outdoors in Katy, TX. Mike received a B.B.A. in Finance and Marketing from the University of Houston.



KIMLYNN NGUYEN Upper School Attendance Registrar

Kimlynn joined Kinkaid coming from Houston ISD where she was the Admissions, Attendance, and ESL Clerk at Bob Lanier Middle School since 2013.



DAVID OLIVARES Help Desk Support Specialist

David comes to The Kinkaid School from Goodman Manufacturing where he was a Procurement Buyer. Prior to that, David was the Technology Specialist at The Village School and received his A+ Certification for Computer from Houston Community College.



LIZ SNOWDEN Assistant to the Director of Human Resources

Prior to joining Kinkaid in February of 2022, Liz was the Administrative Assistant to the President & Board of Directors for the Lighthouse of Houston. Liz has a strong background in office management and executive support in the private sector before shifting her career focus to serve in the non-profit sector including her time working in Fort Bend ISD.



MONICA WALLACE LS Specialist Assistant

Monica originally joined Kinkaid in 2017 as the Lower School Assistant Director for After School. Monica is returning to Kinkaid from St. Paul's School where she has been a Preschool Teacher for the last three years. Monica has also worked as a Librarian & Discovery Guide at The Children's Museum, Manager at Tippi Toes Dance Co. and a Land Contractor at Oxy Oil & Gas. Monica is currently working toward a degree in Education.

NEW POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOWER SCHOOL

Mayra Ayala has moved from Kindergarten Assistant Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher

Melissa Eggleston has moved from Kindergarten Teacher to Kindergarten Assistant Teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Alexis Reyes has been named 8th Grade Dean

Jessica Sowell has moved from History Teacher to English Teacher

Ruth Stubbs has been named 7th Grade Dean

Liz Thornton has moved from Dean of Instruction to English Teacher

UPPER SCHOOL

John Friday has moved from Middle School Latin Teacher to Upper School Dean

Nadine Ghosn has moved from Upper School Mathematics Teacher to Upper School Dean and Mathematics Teacher

Cushman Laurent has moved from Upper School Cooney Fellow to Upper School Mathematics Teacher

Robby McLaurin is now Upper School Testing Coordinator (full-time)

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Mauricio Oliveros is now Assistant Orchestra Director (full-time)

Karen Parmley has moved from Assistant Band Director to Private Music Instructor

Lauren Quiroga is now Visual Arts Assistant (full-time)



Kinkaid Where You Belong

HONESTY • RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • KINDNESS

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to promote educational excellence and balanced growth in a challenging, safe, and inclusive learning environment for the benefit of intellectually capable children of a sound character whose talents, interests, and uniqueness will be encouraged and nurtured to prepare them to lead, serve, and become contributing citizens to Kinkaid, our country, and the global community.

Today's Kinkaid values students for their potential as well as their achievement and emphasizes balanced growth – intellectual, physical, social, and ethical.

We have established four core values at the heart of our emphasis on leadership development.

HONESTY

Members of the Kinkaid community tell the truth and act with integrity and honor. We do not mislead, cheat, steal, or lie.

RESPECT

Members of the Kinkaid community affirm the intrinsic dignity of all people. We act with tolerance, courtesy, and thoughtful regard for all persons, for property, for the environment, and for ourselves.

RESPONSIBILITY

Members of the Kinkaid community are reliable and hold themselves and other accountable for their actions. We do not make excuses, blame others, or take unwarranted credit.

KINDNESS

Members of the Kinkaid community exhibit caring and compassionate behavior in all aspects of daily life. We are not mean, and we do not harass, nor act in a cruel manner. By our positive example, we discourage unkind behavior in others.