

New Upper School Faculty & Staff 2024-2025

Ms. Elizabeth Downing joins the college counseling team as an Associate Director and will also serve as a Third Form advisor. Holding a B.A. and M.S.Ed. from The University of Pennsylvania, Ms. Downing most recently served as Associate Director of University Advising at Aiglon College, an international boarding school in Switzerland. Prior to her most recent international post, Ms. Downing spent fifteen years working in the Office of Admissions at the University of Pennsylvania serving in a variety of roles including Senior Associate Dean of Admissions.

Ms. Katharine Hudson returns to Haverford as a member of the Upper School science department and Third Form advisor. Ms. Hudson spent 10 years at Haverford as a learning specialist and software programming teacher before exploring opportunities as an educational content developer for Alliance for Decision Education. Holding a B.S. in Physics from Kent State and an M.S. in Physics from Drexel University, Ms. Hudson will teach Physics I & II and serve as a Robotics Coach.

Ms. MeeRee Orlandini holds a B.F.A. in Creative Writing from The University of the Arts and an M.F.A. in Literary Studies from The University of Amsterdam. With prior teaching experience at the secondary school level during the time she spent as a faculty member at the Germantown Friends School, Ms. Orlandini has also taught on the collegiate level serving as an instructor of creative writing at The University of the Arts. Ms. Orlandini will teach English II and English III during the coming school year.

Ms. Aki Torii will teach art during the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Torii comes to Haverford after serving as Fine Arts Program Chair and Professor at Delaware College of Art and Design. Holding a B.F.A. in Painting from Indiana University and M.F.A. from Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Ms. Torii will teach 2D Art during the coming school year.