Four new members, including a department head for the newly formed Department of International Affairs, have joined the Bush School faculty this fall, further enhancing the School’s academic and research programs. “As enrollment of full-time students in residence continues to grow, it is essential to increase not only the number, but also the quality and range of our faculty,” said Dean Ryan Crocker.

Dr. Justin B. Bullock

Dr. Justin B. Bullock is an assistant professor in the Master of Public Service and Administration program. He earned his PhD in public administration and policy with a specialization in public management and public policy from the University of Georgia in 2014, as well as a master’s in public administration and a bachelor’s in business administration, also from the University of Georgia.


Dr. Bullock has presented at the conferences of numerous national and international organizations, including the Public Management Research Association, the Midwest Political Science Association, the Southern Political Science Association, the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, the European Group on Public Administration, the Academy of Management, and the International Health Economics Association.

Dr. F. Gregory Gause, III

Dr. F. Gregory Gause, III, joins the Bush School as the head of the Department of International Affairs and holds the John H. Lindsey ’44 Chair. He was professor of Science, Technology, and Public Policy. He was on the faculty at Tufts University since 1979 and served as department chair in political science and director of the Graduate Program in Public Policy and Citizen Participation. Most recently, he was director of the Water and Research Program at the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy at Tufts’ Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He received his PhD in political science from Harvard University (1987) and studied Arabic at the American University in Cairo (1982-83) and at Middlebury College (1984).

A noted Middle East scholar for more than two decades and widely recognized for his expertise, Dr. Gause has focused his research on the international politics of the Middle East, with a particular interest in the Arabian Peninsula and the Persian Gulf. He has published three books, the most recent of which is The International Relations of the Persian Gulf (Cambridge University Press, 2010). His articles have appeared in Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Security Studies, Middle East Journal, and The National Interest, as well as in other journals and edited volumes. He has testified on Persian Gulf issues before the US House of Representatives Committee on International Relations and the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Prior to his tenure at the University of Vermont, Dr. Gause served on the faculty at Columbia University (1987-95) and was a fellow for Arab and Islamic Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York (1993-94). He was the Kuwait Foundation visiting professor of international affairs at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2009-10), and a Fulbright scholar at the American University in Kuwait (spring 2009). In spring 2010, he was a research fellow at the King Faisal Center for Islamic Studies and Research in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Kent E. Portney

Dr. Kent E. Portney joins the Bush School’s Department of Public Service and Administration as a professor and also serves as a senior fellow in the Institute for Science, Technology, and Public Policy. He was on the faculty at Tufts University since 1979 and served as department chair in political science and director of the Graduate Program in Public Policy and Citizen Participation. Most recently, he was director of the Water and Research Program at the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy at Tufts’ Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He received his PhD in political science from Florida State University, his master’s from the University of Connecticut, and his bachelor’s from Rutgers University, where his studies focused on public administration and public policy.

Dr. Portney’s areas of expertise include environmental policy, urban sustainability, urban politics, economic inequality, and policy analysis. He has authored or co-authored nine books on such topics as economic and environmental development, citizen participation, and teaching critical reasoning in the social sciences; he has written numerous journal articles on urban sustainability, urban politics, and the local nonprofit sector. His book The Rebirth of Urban Democracy earned him two awards from the American Political Science Association. He has been recognized as a fellow for Arab and Islamic Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, as well as for his critical contributions to the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Spencer Foundation, and the Polaroid Foundation. He is frequently invited to conduct media interviews and present at conferences and symposiums, and has taught graduate courses on the political behavior of young people, public opinion, and survey research, water policy and economics, the politics of environmental policy in the US, and the politics of sustainable cities.

Dr. Andrew L. Ross

Dr. Andrew L. Ross joins the Bush School faculty as a professor in the Department of International Affairs. His previous appointment was at the University of New Mexico (UNM), where he served as director of the Center for Science, Technology, and Policy; director of Special Science, Engineering, and Policy Research Initiatives in the Office of the Vice President for Research; and professor of political science. He led UNM’s University Strategic Partnership with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and served as the program manager for UNM’s Educational Partnership Agreement with the Air Force Research Laboratory. He was also the founder and chair of the New Mexico Nuclear Study Group.

Prior to his appointment at UNM in 2005, Dr. Ross spent sixteen years at the US Naval War College, where he served as a research professor in the Strategic Research Department (SRD) of the College’s Center for Naval Warfare Studies; director of studies, SRD; director of the College’s project entitled “Military Transformation and the Defense Industry After Next”; acting director of the Advanced Research Program; co-lead of the post-9/11 Strategy Task Group; professor in the National Security Affairs Department; and secretary of the navy senior research fellow. He received the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2002.

The principal investigator and leader of several major federally funded research initiatives, Professor Ross’ work on US grand strategy, national security and defense planning, regional security, weapons proliferation, and security and economics has appeared in numerous journals and books. His current work focuses on the US grand strategy debate; military innovation; and nuclear policy, strategy, and force structure. He earned his MA and PhD at Cornell University and his BA, summa cum laude, at American University and has held fellowships at Cornell, Princeton, Harvard, and the University of Illinois.