

**Kevin Bau*****Upper School, Mathematics and Computer Science***

*Ed.M. Harvard University Graduate School of Education (Mathematics Education)*

*M.B.A. Columbia Business School (Finance)*

*A.B. Brown University (Math and Economics)*

As a math teacher and curriculum leader, Kevin has specialized in bringing real applications to a math curriculum. Since 2006, Kevin taught math at Beaver Country Day School. While at Beaver, he was the recipient of the Peter Gow III Teaching Award (2010), pioneered two new courses (Entrepreneurship and Introduction to Investing), and advised the Asian Culture Club and the math team. In addition, Kevin coached the JV Boys Tennis team at Beaver. He is looking forward to continuing coaching at BB&N. Prior to his time at Beaver, Kevin worked at the Snowden International School in Boston and spent six years working at J.P. Morgan Securities. At J.P. Morgan, Kevin was a Vice President of Public Finance and financed over \$5 billion in bonds and derivatives. For fun, Kevin likes to play tennis, basketball, and guitar.

**Marissa Clark*****Lower School, Assistant Lower School Director***

*M.A.T. Tufts University (Early Childhood Education)*

*B.A. College of the Holy Cross (Psychology)*

Marissa will join our administrative team as the Lower School Assistant Director. She comes to us with over fifteen years of educational experience in independent schools. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from the College of the Holy Cross and an M.A. from the Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study and Human Development at Tufts University. Marissa worked for many years at The Advent School in Boston, holding positions both as a classroom teacher as well as the Coordinator of Reggio-inspired Programs. She worked closely with Pre-K-6 teachers in integrating an inquiry-based philosophy into curriculum, classroom environment, and documentation of student work. She also organized Advent's annual Collaborative conference, which attracted educators from across the country. Most recently, Marissa was the Assistant Director of the Cambridge-Ellis School, where she impacted the culture and climate of the school by focusing on building collaborative, reflective learning practices within the teacher community. Marissa also holds close ties to the BB&N community having taught in the Beginners South classroom from 2014-2016. Marissa is a founding Executive Board Member and Coordinator of the Boston Area Reggio Inspired Network, which provides professional development workshops for local educators and features nationally known speakers in the field of education.

**Sam Cribfield*****Upper School, English***

*M.S.Ed. University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education*

*B.A. Harvard College (English and American Literature and Language; Organismic Evolutionary Biology)*

Sam comes to BB&N with bicoastal teaching experience. Most recently, Sam taught English at the Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences, where he also coached JV Boys Tennis and JV Girls Tennis, served as an advisor, and led outdoor experiential education trips. Sam has also taught in the interdisciplinary Humanities Department at St. Paul's School, where he served as the Head Coach of JV Boys Tennis and JV Boys Soccer, and led the Outing Club. Sam is fluent in Spanish and has

volunteered in Honduras, Peru, and the Chilean Public School systems. In addition to spending time in the outdoors and doing volunteer work, he enjoys singing—he was a member of the Harvard Glee Club and the St. Paul’s School Community Choir. Sam was introduced to BB&N while a Harvard undergrad and as a St. Paul’s coach, and now the English Department is excited to welcome him as a full-fledged member of the community.

**John O. Cumberbatch**

***Lower School, Technology Integration Mentor***

*B.S. North London Polytechnic (Mathematics & Computing)*

John will be joining our Technology Department at the Lower School following a long career in the private sector as an I.T. Development Manager at State Street Corporation in Quincy, MA where he has had more than a decade of operational and software expertise in technology businesses. John is excited to embark on this new chapter of his professional journey and join the BB&N community teaching technology classes at the Lower School and providing tech support as needed for a variety of projects. John’s expert knowledge in programming and design will prove to be valuable as we continue to develop our technology curriculum. John is an enthusiastic learner and enjoys working collaboratively as part of a team. John has shared that earlier in his professional life he had an aspiration to pursue teaching as an occupation. So after years of traveling along a different professional path, John is truly excited to have the opportunity to work with students in an educational setting and looks forward to bringing his unique experience and passion to the position.

**Frances Kang Mej Early**

***Lower School, Grade 5***

*M.Ed. Teachers College, Columbia University (Curriculum & Teaching)*

*B.A. Boston College (Elementary Education & Music)*

Frances joins our faculty next year as our new Grade 5 Homeroom teacher. Frances brings with her five years of teaching experience with fifth grade curriculum in mathematics, social studies and language arts. She holds a B.A. degree in Elementary Education, a B.A. in Music from Boston College, as well as an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Teaching from Teachers College, Columbia University. Frances shares with us her specific academic interests that range from curriculum development and design, curriculum theory, youth studies, gender, and interdisciplinary studies with a focus on social and environmental studies. Frances is also a graduate of the Collins Writing Program and Facing History and Ourselves seminars on topics ranging from The Immigrant Experience to Choices in Little Rock. Other interests of hers include tutoring various ages in beginners Mandarin, yoga, running, sailing, mixed media art, guitar, and piano. Frances states, “I believe that education is a transaction between teacher and student, and thus is never static, nor predictable. As teachers we must always be reflecting in order to ensure that we employ a variety in our approach, and diversity in our thinking.”

**Steven Goldman**

***Lower and Middle Schools, Math Coordinator Grades 5-8***

*M.F.A. Emerson College*

*M.A. Teachers College, Columbia University (Educational Administration)*

*B.A. Haverford College (Classics & Religion)*

Steven is joining the BB&N faculty in a newly created cross campus position as Math Coordinator for Grades 5-8. Steven holds a B.A. degree in Classics and Religion from Haverford College, a M.A.

degree in Educational Administration from Teachers College Columbia University, and a MFA degree from Emerson College. His thesis was entitled: The Contents of My Backpack: Reflections on Sixth Grade, Sixth Graders, and Why Anyone Would Want to Teach Them. Steven has had a diverse and illustrious career in education which includes long tenures teaching Latin and Mathematics to Grades 5-9 as well as extended positions as a 6th Grade homeroom teacher at the Advent School, Math Coach at The Conservatory Lab Charter School, in Brighton, and Math teacher at JCDS, Watertown, MA. Most recently Steven has been the Middle Division Math Coordinator at the Park School, Brookline, MA since 2013. Steven led a very successful Math department there with his belief in a “partnership approach to collaboration.” We are thrilled to have Steven join our BB&N Math Department where he will provide an important departmental connection between the Lower and Middle School mathematics programs. He will be able to meet with grade level teams to support program continuity as well as coach teachers in both pedagogy and support for differentiation. Steven will further support our math teachers by helping to develop materials, model lessons, observing and providing feedback, and working with students. In addition, Steven will plan and facilitate parent events and serve as a resource for the parent community. In his spare time Steven enjoys family time, poetry, tai chi and playing the ukulele.

### **Mickey Hardt**

#### ***Lower School, Technology Integration Mentor & Makerspace Mentor***

*B.A. University of Vermont (Anthropology & Biology)*

Mickey Hardt will be joining our Lower School technology department as Technology Integration and Makerspace Mentor. He will be continuing the excellent work begun by Joseph Heitzman, who is leaving the area to relocate with his family back to New Mexico. Mickey is joining us from Lake Placid, NY where he has been teaching at the North Country School (NCS) since 2013. Following his graduation from the University of Vermont with a B.A. in anthropology, Mickey worked as a Wilderness Trip Leader and Field Educator in Missoula, MT. Mickey describes teaching as “as a passion and insatiable, ever improving craft.” A guiding principle of NCS, which drew Mickey to that community, is “teaching and learning are most successful when intellectual activity is linked with practical experience. Mickey shares that “teaching at NCS has been an exercise in project based initiatives, hands-on learning, and cross-curricular integration. I consistently revisited design thinking and basic engineering concepts throughout my curriculum, exposing my students to the basics of engineering, entrepreneurship, prototyping, and analytics.” We are excited for Mickey to explore the innumerable possibilities for curricular integration with the resources of the Makerspace!

### **Brittany Hawkins**

#### ***Nichols Athletic Center, Athletic Administration Intern***

*M.A. Concordia University (Coaching and Athletic Administration)*

*B.A. Gordon College (Recreation, Sport, and Wellness; Sport Management)*

We are pleased to welcome Brittany Hawkins to BB&N. She will be working with the Athletic Department and coaching Field Hockey. Most recently, Brittany worked for NXT Field Hockey in Philadelphia where she was coaching athletes ages 8-14 in a fun and inspiring learning environment. Brittany joined the Eastern University Eagle’s Field Hockey coaching staff for the 2016 season. Brittany was a four-year starter on the forward/midfield line at Gordon College. She was a key member of the teams’ first Conference championship in 12 years in 2013. In that championship series, Hawkins was named the offensive player of the week. In her career at Gordon, she is seventh in total points, goals, and assists in Gordon’s field hockey history. She also ranked first in assists in

the Commonwealth Coast Conference for the 2014 season. Brittany has also worked as an assistant coach at Danvers High School and Hamilton-Wenham High School. She was an intern at Phillips Exeter Academy for one year. While there she was a Physical Education Teacher, assistant coach for Field Hockey, Basketball, and Lacrosse.

### **Joelinda Johnson**

***Upper School, Admissions Associate, BB&N Fellow, French***

*M.A. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary*

*A.B. Bowdoin College (Government and Legal Studies)*

We are thrilled that Joelinda Coichy Johnson is returning to BB&N. Joelinda is a 2007 graduate of BB&N (Head's Prize recipient) and worked as an Annual Giving Associate in our Office of External Affairs. Joelinda left the OEA office to get her Masters of Divinity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. After graduation, Joelinda worked at the Grace Chapel of Watertown and Lexington as the Youth Ministries Director, architecting, establishing, and growing a middle and high school program. Joelinda currently serves on the Alumni/ae Councils at both Bowdoin College and BB&N, and continues her work on the Teaching Team with the Senior Pastor at Grace Chapel. Joelinda is fluent in French and Haitian-Creole and conversant in Spanish.

### **Paige Kemezis**

***Upper School, Science***

*M.S.T. Boston College (Secondary Chemistry)*

*B.S. Ohio University (Chemistry; Biology)*

An experienced teacher and coach, Paige joins the Upper School Science and Athletics Departments. Paige has spent the last four years teaching at Tabor Academy. While at Tabor, Paige taught chemistry, served as the Varsity Softball Head Coach, Varsity Hockey Assistant Coach, advisor, and dorm parent. Paige also worked as a student teacher at Milton High School and Dedham High School, and as a coach at Nobles and Greenough. A four-year Varsity Division I softball player, Paige is both well prepared and excited to be BB&N's Varsity Softball Head Coach. One hope Paige has for her students is to provide them with a novel, complete, and engaging experience based in innovation and contextual learning.

### **Camilla Lau**

***Middle School, Math***

*B.S. Stanford University (Biological Sciences)*

Camilla's primary teaching goal is to create a supportive learning environment in which students feel engaged, empowered, and responsible for their own learning. She previously taught for thirteen years at the Castilleja School in Palo Alto, where she designed lab-intensive courses in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. After five years in the science department, she embraced a new challenge: teaching math in the middle school. Camilla also served as the Director of the Sally Ride Science Camp at Stanford. She is an active community volunteer.

**Sunny Lin*****Upper School, Chinese***

*M.B.A. University of Maine*

*M.S. University of Maine (Electrical Engineering)*

*B.E. Harbin Institute of Electrical Engineering Technology (Electrical Engineering)*

After an early foray into the field of electrical engineering, Sunny's passion for teaching ultimately led to a career in education. She enjoys infusing all of her classes with cultural elements, ranging from Chinese traditional art and history to modern songs and emerging culture trends. Previously, Sunny taught Chinese at Nobles and Greenough, Governor's Academy, the International School of Boston, and the Huaxin Chinese Language School. Sunny also spent time working as an education associate, language interpreter, and as an education consultant with Globe Education Development.

**Anthony Moccia*****Upper School, Science***

*M.P.H. Boston University (Biostatistics; Maternal and Child Health)*

*B.S. Boston University (Health Science)*

Anthony is certainly a familiar face around BB&N; he was a 2010 graduate and has recently spent time working with Upper School students on various athletic teams. Both the Upper School students and faculty are glad to see him return to the School as a science teacher! Anthony was a Division I Varsity Ice Hockey goaltender for five seasons at Boston University. He was a two-time recipient of the Bennett McGinnis Award (awarded to the team member who best exemplifies the characteristics of the team) and the Terrier of Pride Award (awarded only three times in the history of Boston University athletics and given to a nationally-recognized athlete who displays leadership, determination, citizenship, humility, and teamwork). Since earning his MPH, Anthony has been working as a research assistant jointly at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the Harvard Global Health institute. His background in athletics, work in public health research, and experiences as a coach and teacher have supported Anthony's belief that the greatest joy comes from helping people achieve their best.

**Robin Morrow*****Lower School, Interim Grade 1***

*M.Ed. University of Massachusetts, Boston (Special Education)*

*B.S. Framingham State University (Elementary Education)*

Robin will be joining the first grade in the fall as a long-term maternity leave substitute teacher for Amena Zavery (1N). Robin has been a familiar face on the Lower School Campus since 2015 when she joined the faculty as a maternity leave substitute teacher in Kindergarten North. Currently, Robin is filling in for Sylvia Elmer (2E) while Ms. Elmer is on her maternity leave. Robin has been an incredible resource as a regular daily and long term substitute teacher. She is highly valued in the BB&N community for her warmth, incredibly positive rapport with children, integrity, and hard work and dedication to her students through her teaching practice. Robin is a gifted teacher with a deep understanding of how to support students as unique and individual learners. She holds a BA in Elementary Education as well as a Masters degree in Special Education (Moderate Disabilities Pre-K-8) from UMass Boston. When not teaching in the classroom, Robin continues to work as a trained ABA therapist with clients in their homes as well as other community settings.

**Kian Robert Olia*****Lower School, Interim Learning Specialist, Grade 6***

*M.Ed. Boston College (Curriculum & Instruction)*

*B.A. The Catholic University of America (Elementary Education)*

Kian will be joining our learning support team as the long-term sub for Grade 6 as Beth (Clark) Chaisson covers Leila Huffs Grade 6 homeroom while Leila is out on maternity leave. As Kian stated, “One of my greatest strengths is my ability to break down lessons for all types of learners.” Kian comes to us with four years of experience in Grades 5-8 and holds a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Boston College. Some highlights of Kian’s past experiences in schools are his involvement in creating and executing integrated learning experiences, leading multicultural lunch groups, facilitating an after-school homework center, and assisting students in executive functioning skills.

**Lauren Rader*****Lower School, Science Grades 5 & 6***

*M.A. Boston University (Biology)*

*B.A. Boston University (Biology, Specialization in Marine Science)*

Lauren will join our teaching faculty next year as our Science educator for Grades 5 and 6. Her teaching background includes more than twenty years of environmental education working for Project Oceanology in Groton, CT in shoreline, shipboard and classroom settings. Our students and faculty have had the privilege to get to know Lauren as an instructor during our 5th grade overnight trips to Project 0 over the past years. Her strong content knowledge will be a strong asset to our collaborative project and place-based science program at the BB&N Lower School. Lauren holds a Certificate of Advanced Study, Educational Leadership from Sacred Heart University in Griswold, CT, a B.A. in Biology with specialization in Marine Science, and her M.A. in Biology from Boston University, Woods Hole. Lauren states, “My philosophy on science teaching is that the room should feel ‘alive’ as long as it is focused. I want to be there to help them find their own answers and I love seeing the moment of understanding on a student’s face.”

**Lisa Sample*****Lower School, Interim Grade 2***

*M.Ed. Lesley University (Elementary Education)*

*B.A. University of Richmond (Psychology & Latin American & Iberian Studies)*

Lisa will be joining the second grade in the fall as a long-term maternity leave substitute teacher for Susan Kinsky (2K). Lisa will be a familiar face to some of you as she was the intern in Kindergarten South with Maria Barton and Ben Goldhaber last year. Lisa has taught in two private schools in the Northeast. She was a co-teacher at the Greenwich Country Day School in Grade 2 teaching all disciplines plus designing science and engineering activities for the after school program. In 2014 she was a Lower School intern at the Fessenden School, assisting in PreK- Grade 4, working primarily in the third grade classrooms. She also participated as a varsity tennis coach for middle and upper school students. Lisa graduated from the University of Richmond in psychology and Latin American and Iberian Studies. During this program of study, she went to Valencia, Spain, the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, the Studio Arts Centers International in Italy and the Universidad Bias Pascal in Argentina. She also worked as a Research Assistant for the Developmental Studies at Harvard University studying altruistic behaviors.

**Bryan Sih*****Upper School, Arts***

*B.S. Boston University College of Communication (Film and Television; Classical Myth Studies)*

As a current Director of YouTube Ad Creations, Bryan creates original ad content (for clients such as the Boston Globe, MIT, and Island Creek Oysters) through scriptwriting, filming, and editing. In addition to his work with YouTube, Bryan has spent the last three years working as a film instructor at a nonprofit organization, Raw Art Works, helping underserved youth learn the art of filmmaking. According to Bryan, engaging in film allows people to “engage with an ethics of otherness” where relationships can be created with the film subject through a wordless art form. One of Bryan’s strengths as a teacher is leading discussions around difficult and complex pieces of artwork, a skill that will certainly resonate with the students he will teach at BB&N.

**Courtney Soule*****Middle School, Language***

*M.A. Boston University (Archaeology)*

*B.A. Trinity College (Classics)*

Courtney deepened her love of and experience with classical languages through travel in the Mediterranean region and through her participation in an archaeological program in Greece. Since 2010 she has been a teacher of classical languages at Dexter and Southfield Schools in Brookline. While at Trinity College she was the recipient of the Melvin W. Title Latin Prize and the James Goodwin Greek Prize. Courtney was the Captain of the Trinity College Women’s Rugby team and traveled with her Senior Women’s rugby team on a tour of Iceland. A talented athlete, she will coach soccer at BB&N. Courtney is an accomplished chapel singer and enjoys travel and sports. In her spare time, she volunteers with the Boston City Archaeology Lab.

**Amy Sullivan*****Lower School, Math Teacher, Grade 4***

*M.Ed. Tufts University (Teaching)*

*B.A. Skidmore College (Mathematics)*

Amy Sullivan has worked at BB&N Lower School for the past two years in collaboration with Faye Ruopp as a part of a consulting team that has been working closely within our Math Department Grades 1-6. Amy has consulted with our math teachers in Grades 1-4 during her time with us, serving as a pedagogical collaborator, a resource and math coach, and a facilitator of in depth discussions around differentiation of lessons, content, pacing, and assessment. Next year, collaborating with the leadership of our math program, Alex Walker (Math Coordinator Grades B-4), Amy will work closely with both 4th Grade homeroom teachers to implement Grade 4 math curriculum. Amy has had a long and illustrious career in mathematics, earning her B.A in Mathematics from Skidmore College and her M.A. in Teaching from Tufts University. She currently works as Math Specialist in the Learning Disabilities Program at Boston Children’s Hospital and has worked as a Math Coach for years at Solomon Schechter Day School in Newton, MA. Amy also has worked for 13 years as Educational Consultant for Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education. Amy states, “I am thrilled at the prospect of working with students more regularly, helping develop and grow students’ math skills. I look forward to working again, in a new capacity, with the dedicated teachers at BB&N Lower School.”

**Erik Swanson*****Middle School, Science***

*M.S. Lesley University (Ecological Teaching and Learning)*

*B.A. University of Vermont (History)*

Erik has taught Science and Social Studies at the Dwight Englewood School in New Jersey since 2005. Erik adopts a hands-on, student-centered approach to teaching and he crafts his science lesson plans with an eye to relevance to the real world. At Englewood, Erik championed a “Green Team” to initiate campus-wide sustainable and environmentally-sensitive practices, led multi-day environmental camping trips, and received a Bergen County Utilities environmental challenge grant. For fun, he enjoys golf, hiking, and other sports, and spending time outdoors.

**Marguerite White*****Upper School, Arts***

*M.F.A. University of Texas (Painting)*

*B.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design (Textile Design)*

As a professional artist and teacher, Marguerite has maintained a regular exhibition schedule and been the recipient of multiple grants and residencies throughout the last twenty years. Marguerite possesses an extensive background as a working artist, a high school mentor, and college lecturer. She has taught at the college and high-school levels, at schools including the Massachusetts College of Art, the DeCordova Museum School, the College of the Holy Cross, and Clark University. Recently, Marguerite served as a visiting artist at the University of Rhode Island and was the recipient of the Artist Resource Trust Grant.

**Sara Stevens Zur*****Lower School, Music Teacher, B-2***

*Ed.M. Teachers College, Columbia University (Music Education)*

*M.A. Teachers College, Columbia University (Music Education)*

*B.M.E. Indiana University School of Music*

Sara joins the BB&N Lower School faculty next year as our Music educator for Grades B-2, as DeeJay Robinson will be leaving us to matriculate in a doctoral studies program in music and music education at Teachers College, Columbia University, NY in the fall. Congratulations DeeJay! Sara brings over seven years of experience teaching music to young children. She holds a BME from Indiana University School of Music, and a M.A. and an Ed. D from Teachers College, Columbia University in Music Education. Sara is connected to an international community of music educators and has gleaned from her extensive international travels, a collection of multicultural songs and ideas that she integrates into her innovative approaches to music curriculum design. Sara states, “One of my top priorities as a music educator is for all students of all abilities to gain powerful tools for expressing themselves through music. I believe that music enables us to be better in touch with more subtle qualities that make us unique and human in a way no other subject can.” In addition to teaching, Sara has been involved in wide-ranging professional projects including The Musical Playground Project, UMass Lowell and her role as Education Consultant and Coordinator for the program Music Within Opus 118, Harlem School of Music, NY. Her most recent professional lecture was presented in 2016 at Levinsky College of Education, Tel Aviv, Israel and was entitled “Becoming Creative Music Teachers.” Sara and her family will be relocating to the United States this summer after living in Israel for the past few years.