



## Meet Brooks School's New Faculty • Fall 2023



### **Shanel Antunes**, Sustainability Coordinator, Learning Center

Prior to joining the Brooks community, Shanel Antunes worked as the academic support program manager for the Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition (BRYT) Program at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Antunes lives in West Medford, Massachusetts with her wife, Dacia, and their two children, Remi and Reece. She and her family love to travel around North America in their camper van in the summer. When traveling, they enjoy hiking and exploring national parks and cities. She also loves basketball, soccer, music and poetry. Her favorite poet is Nikki Giovanni.



### **Michele Becker**, Latin Teacher

Chicago native Michele Becker fell in love with Boston in 2012 and moved out east to pursue her bachelor's and master's degrees in classics and secondary education from Boston College. Previously, she taught Latin and comparative mythology for six years at Saint Joseph Prep Boston, where she also coached cross-country and track. Becker is passionate about all things Rome and Italian culture and has been lucky enough to spend many summers living there, learning through experience. Her academic passions include studying ancient propaganda through art and architecture, Roman history and Greco-Roman mythology. She lives in Boston, where she spends her free time cooking, dreaming up her next trip to Italy and teaching spin classes.



### **John Cunningham**, Assistant Director of Athletics

John Cunningham graduated from Connecticut College in the spring of 2017 and began working at The Loomis Chaffee School that fall as the sports information director. He also served as the assistant coach of the boys varsity ice hockey team, associate head coach of the boys varsity lacrosse team and as a dorm head in a boys dorm on campus. Cunningham lives off campus with his wife, Jordan, their son, Benjamin, and dog, Finnegan. When he isn't teaching Self in Community or coaching, he will be on walks with his family or trying to find time to get to the golf course.



### **Kyle Evans, Mathematics Teacher**

Kyle Evans grew up in the Hudson Valley of New York, attended Sacred Heart University and received his master's and a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut in 2018 researching mathematics education. Evans spent five years as a professor at Trinity College, where he taught a range of courses, including creating two new courses: "Mathematics and Redistricting," and "Introduction to Sports Analytics." He is the co-founder of the Math Teachers' Circle 4 Social Justice, which offers regular online workshops for secondary teachers in the intersection of mathematics and social justice. Evans strongly believes in humanizing education and making mathematics meaningful and accessible to all students.



### **Craig Gorton, Director of Computer Science**

Craig Gorton began teaching computer science and robotics in 2018 after careers in the software industry and naval architecture/marine engineering. He earned his bachelor's in government and economics from Dartmouth College and a master's in computer information systems from Boston University. He has also studied yacht design at the Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology. Gorton loves being creative with technology and has a passion for continuous learning. He holds a USCG captain's license and once crossed the Atlantic using celestial navigation. Several attempts to design, build and operate his own transoceanic semi-autonomous sailing drone have been unsuccessful, but he's not done trying! Gorton is an avid kiteboarder, road cyclist, skier and chess player and loves being able to teach the subjects he'd explore for fun anyway.



### **Juan Hurtado, Mathematics Teacher, Learning Center, Davis Fellow**

Juan Hurtado, a class of 2023 Connecticut College graduate who majored in mathematics with a minor in Jewish Studies, is joining Brooks as a mathematics teacher, faculty member in the Learning Center and squash coach. When Hurtado isn't in the classroom, Learning Center or on the squash courts, he is most likely reading, writing his ideas down or wanting to play chess. Born in New Haven, Connecticut he has always been excited to try new pizza places wherever he goes!



### **Erik Krahn, Assistant Director of Student Affairs**

Erik Krahn received his bachelor's from Hobart College, double majoring in European studies and studio art. Since graduating from college, he has worked in Germany, Switzerland and all across the United States. Prior to joining Brooks, he was substitute teaching in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Krahn has coaching experience in soccer and cross-country skiing, including leading his former high school's cross-country ski team to a combined state title. Krahn lives off-campus, in Wenham, Massachusetts with his wife, Laura, and their dog, Augie. In his free time, Krahn enjoys running, mountain biking, skiing and cooking.



### **Cora MacKenzie, Associate Director of Student Affairs**

A Millbrook, New York, native, Cora MacKenzie is quite familiar with the boarding school lifestyle, having grown up on the Millbrook School campus. She later went on to study athletic training at the University of Vermont. After graduating, MacKenzie returned to Millbrook School to join the faculty as head athletic trainer and later served as the assistant director for athletics. Her greater involvement in the community motivated her to transition to the student life office, where she served as assistant dean of students and dean of residential life before coming to Brooks. During her time at Millbrook, MacKenzie also served as an advisor, coach, human development instructor and dormitory head. She lives on campus and enjoys spending time outside with her yellow lab, Piper, watching sports, and exploring new places.



### **Kate Moran, Director of Communications and Marketing**

Kate Moran previously worked at The Pike School in Andover, Massachusetts, as the assistant head of school for strategic outreach and impact. She lives in Andover with her husband, John, and their three children, Jack, Xavier and George. Moran loves the Boston Red Sox and Celtics, spending summer evenings at Good Harbor Beach in Gloucester, Massachusetts, skiing and traveling.





### **Megan Murray, Assistant Athletic Trainer**

Megan Murray earned her bachelor's of science in education for athletic training from the University of Georgia. While there, she worked with the university's gymnastics team as well as their football team. After graduating, she began working at Fay School in Southborough, Massachusetts, as the athletics coordinator, athletic trainer, wellness teacher and a dorm parent. Since starting at Brooks, she has moved to Somerville, Massachusetts, where she spends her free time working on new recipes and training as a ballroom dancer.



### **Michael Porrazzo, Mathematics Department Chair**

Michael Porrazzo earned his bachelor's in finance and international management from Georgetown University and his master's in education from Johns Hopkins University. A career educator, he has taught all levels of high school math and has also served schools in a variety of academic, athletic and residential roles. Athletically, Porrazzo rowed competitively into early adulthood and has managed to run a few marathons since then. He and his wife, Julie, raised three daughters and travel with, or to, them whenever possible. While he lives off-campus outside of Boston during the school year, he and his family, which includes a Labrador Retriever affectionately known as TukTuk, spend as much time as possible in northern Vermont. In addition to travel, Porrazzo's interests include reading and noodling on current events.



### **Tyler Read, Spanish Teacher**

A Massachusetts native, Tyler Read attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he double-majored in history and Spanish and participated in two study abroad programs — in Mexico and in Spain. His final year of university was spent at the Universidad de Guanajuato, where he took classes focusing on the Spanish language and the methodology and theory behind foreign language acquisition and instruction. After college, Read returned to Spain, where he lived for two years working as a language assistant in rural schools in Galicia and Aragón. He joined Brooks after working as a Spanish teacher at Lawrence Family Development Charter School in Lawrence, Massachusetts, near where he resides in North Andover.



### **Claire Trustey '19, Science Teacher**

Claire Trustey '19 returned to Brooks to teach Honors and AP Biology. She earned her bachelor of arts in neuroscience and behavior and Spanish at the University of Notre Dame. A huge Notre Dame football fan, during her undergraduate years she worked as a student athletic trainer for the university's football team and spent most Saturdays on the sidelines in Notre Dame Stadium! She also worked as a research assistant in the Sleep, Stress and Memory Lab on campus at Notre Dame, where she was also very involved in tutoring. Trustey spends much of her free time running, enjoying time with family and playing with her family's two yellow labs, Winston and Hutch!

**Welcome to Brooks!**