We support your academic success. That "we" means a lot of people, from academic advisers in the residential colleges to professors across all fields of study. Ruha Benjamin, associate professor of African American studies, likes to infuse a little bit of the personal into her teaching. "So my students feel connected to me as a human being, not just as a professor," she says.

Christopher Sims
Princeton University
Assistant Professor of Economics
Speciality: Econometrics and Inequality

Noteworthy: Received the 2011 Nobel Prize in Economics with New York University economist Thomas Sargent. They were credited with revolutionizing the field of macroeconomics and how it is applied by central banks and governments.

Tracy K. Smith
Princeton University
Roger S. Berlind '52 Professor of the Humanities
Chair, Lewis Center for the Arts
Specialty: Poetry

Noteworthy: Served two terms as U.S. Poet Laureate. She traveled across the country encouraging a greater appreciation of poetry. Poetry, she says, plays a role in "fostering a mindful, empathic and resourceful culture."
Teach

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Miguel Centeno
Marquise Professor of Sociology
Specialty: Globalization and international trade
Noteworthy: Founded the Princeton Preparatory Program to help talented low-income students launch at top universities. The idea was based on his experience as a first-generation college student after immigrating with his family from Cuba at age 10.

Cecilia Rouse
Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
Specialty: Labor economics; the economics of education
Noteworthy: Served as a member of President Barack Obama’s Council of Economic Advisers 2009 to 2011.

Mentor

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If I could tell incoming first-year students at Princeton one piece of advice, I would say: I’m more curious about them and more willing to talk with them than they realize. I would say: Go talk to your professor. Go visit during office hours.

Yiyun Li
Professor of creative writing

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