

# Top Faculty Honored

Fall 2019



Top: Maria Uruarte, Taoufik Ben-Amor, Kimuli Kasara, Matthew Hart.

Bottom: Gray Tuttle, Serena Ng, Benjamin Marcus, Pier Mattia Tommasino.

**Eight faculty members** in the Arts and Sciences began this semester as new recipients of Distinguished Columbia Faculty Awards, which recognize exemplary teaching and mentoring. The awards, which include stipends of \$25,000 per year for three years, were created with a gift from the late Gerry Lenfest '58LAW, '09HON.

The 2019 recipients are [Taoufik Ben-Amor](#), the Gordon Gray Jr. Senior Lecturer in Arabic Studies; [Matthew Hart](#), an associate professor of English and comparative literature; [Kimuli Kasara](#), an associate professor of political science; [Ben Marcus](#), a professor of writing; [Serena Ng](#), the Edwin W. Rickert Professor of Economics; [Pier Mattia Tommasino](#), an assistant professor of Italian; [Gray Tuttle](#), the Leila Hadley Luce Professor of Modern Tibetan Studies; and [Maria Uriarte](#), a professor of ecology, evolution, and environmental biology.

This year, five other Columbia professors were elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. They are philosopher [Souleymane Bachir Diagne](#), art historian [Kellie Jones](#), mathematician [Michael H. Harris](#), computer scientist [Kathleen McKeown](#), and biomedical engineer [Gordana Vunjak-Novakovic](#).



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