

# Welcome, New Professors!

We are excited to introduce two new professors who joined our team this spring semester at the UNC [Center for Urban Education](#) (CUE): Ms. Jailyn Jenkins and Mr. Brandon Davis. We appreciate our new colleagues sharing a little about themselves.



*CUE Professor Jailyn Jenkins*

## Jailyn Jenkins

Jailyn Jenkins is teaching Science Content Methods at CUE, and there's a possibility that she may teach more classes in the future. In the Phoenix and Denver metro areas, Jenkins has taught elementary STEM, middle school science, and high school chemistry and biology. She has been a teacher, an instructional coach, and a district facilitator. In her current role, she works under two departments, where she coaches and supports pre-service teachers who are pursuing alternative licensure.

Outside of teaching, Jenkins has worked at the city level in the Phoenix and Denver metro areas, primarily overseeing programming and supporting the holistic development of youth from pre-K to high school. She also has two businesses, one that provides technological support—from website development to technology tutoring and setup—and one where she provides coaching and consulting in the educational space.

When asked how she became connected to the Center, Jenkins said, "I met Rosanne Fulton

[Director of the Center for Urban Education] several years ago and have had several friends and colleagues attend classes at CUE. Their experiences were collectively positive, so when this opportunity presented itself, it seemed like a perfect alignment.”

Jenkins enjoys the community at the Center and says the students are “amazing.” She is looking forward to continuously connecting with them and sparking a love of and appreciation for science.

When she’s not working or spending quality time with family and friends, Jenkins says the best descriptors of what she likes to do for fun are “food, nature, rest, and luxury.” She loves tasty food, whether she is trying something new or revisiting a favorite spot. “I love being active,” said Jenkins, “whether that’s lifting weights at the gym, jumping at a trampoline place, or hiking and biking.” She’s even suffered from frostbite, but wanted to reassure us that she’s okay. In terms of rest and luxury, Jenkins said, “Who doesn’t love a good facial, nap, beach, or book? All of those are necessities in my world!”



*CUE Professor Brandon Davis and his wife in Spain*

## **Jailyn Jenkins**

Brandon Davis is teaching Earth and Life Science at the Center this spring. In the past, he taught middle school science in New York City and Denver. Currently, he leads the School and Teacher Programs at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Before Davis found education, he worked in architecture in New York City, where he focused on historic preservation of residential and commercial properties.

Jailyn Jenkins introduced Davis to Rosanne Fulton, the Director of CUE. Davis really loves teaching and has been missing it in his current role at the museum. “It’s been so fun to be back in the classroom!” said Davis.

For fun, Davis plays piano and guitar, designs board games, and reads fiction. A fun fact about

him is that he is a twin, his mother is a twin, and his father is a twin!

Dr. Rosanne Fulton, CUE Director, said, "We are fortunate to have two new professors who are dedicated to our students. They will contribute so much to the teacher candidates and the CUE community with their knowledge and expertise."

## Miss Our Last Issue?

Visit the [newsletter archive](#)! In the February issue, we talked about a partnership between CUE and Aurora Public Schools to create a teacher degree apprenticeship program. In the [January issue](#), we featured several CUE teacher candidates who were awarded scholarships by Chevron.