

New Faculty Appointments Fall 2026

Lee Bilotta

Leone (Lee) Bilotta joins Cairn University as a full-time associate professor in the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences (Digital Media and Communications). He received his B.A. in Music from Westfield State University and his M.M. in Music Education from West Chester University.

Lee spent over 25 years at University of Valley Forge, where he initially served on the faculty in the Music Department. He rose from Assistant Professor to Chair of the Department of Digital Media Communications and, in 2023, to Dean of Academic Planning & Operations. As Chair, he grew the department from a single program into five undergraduate majors and a graduate program and led the strategic integration of AI across the Digital Media Communications curriculum. As Dean, he guided the university's strategic planning efforts, faculty development, and academic operations, and chaired its various faculty and institutional committees.

Throughout his career, Lee taught various courses in audio production, digital audio recording, conducting, and worship leadership, conducted the University Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble for 28 years, leading more than 60 concerts, and served as a Chapel worship leader for 15 years, mentoring generations of student musicians. He continues to consult nationally on church audio and worship systems and has produced 17 albums as executive producer. He is an Avid Certified Instructor with extensive experience training students in Pro Tools.

Lee and his wife, Lisa, have two adult children. Lee enjoys cycling, cooking, Napoletana pizza making, and smoking every good protein God created for us to enjoy. They attend Connection Church in North Coventry, PA.

Caleb Schrader

Caleb Schrader is thrilled to be joining the faculty at Cairn University as an assistant professor of English in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He received his B.A. in English Composition and Rhetoric and his B.A. in Arabic Linguistics from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), where he also earned an M.A. in Texts, Technologies, and Literature.

As a Christian scholar and teacher, Caleb is particularly interested in the power of critical thinking and literacy in a world where truth and clear language are increasingly undervalued. While completing his graduate degree, he served as the instructor of record for first-year composition at UMBC, where he designed and taught composition courses and worked with students across a range of writing abilities. In 2025, he co-designed and co-taught a study-abroad course in Oxford, England, where students explored biophilia and technophobia in J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* and C. S. Lewis's *Space Trilogy*.

Caleb's academic interests include rhetoric and composition, Tolkien, C. S. Lewis, and the relationship between the written word and the Christian imagination. His master's thesis examined Tolkien's representations of shifting models of masculinity in twentieth-century wartime England through the characters of Boromir, Faramir, and Aragorn. As a self-proclaimed Tolkien nerd, Caleb would be happy to discuss Middle-earth with any other fans of The Professor.

Outside of teaching, Caleb enjoys playing music—namely piano and guitar—and served as a worship leader for Cru at UMBC during his undergraduate and graduate studies. He will also be getting married

this coming New Year's Eve, so feel free to join him in counting down the days! He is excited to begin this next phase of life with his soon-to-be wife, Abigail. His other passions include reading, complicated board games, making coffee, and spending time in God's beautiful outdoors.