

PROFS @ MIDD (Collected from Students)

REMEMBER THESE ARE JUST THOUGHTS FROM OTHER STUDENTS NOT TO BE TAKEN SUPER SERIOUSLY. WE GO TO MIDD SO ALL PROFS ARE GOOD.

DEPARTMENTS

ART HISTORY

- Katy Smith-Abbot - is FANTASTIC. Loved her class.
- Sarah Rodgers - took History of Photography with her and she was great!
- Cynthia Packert - whack crazy cat lady, but very sweet
- Eddie Vazquez - Nice dude, didn't really teach his class on intro global visual culture.

ANTHRO

- James Fitzsimmons - really liked the class, manageable workload.
- Ellen Oxfeld - Cultural anthro, anthro dept, super qualified and good at her job, but she is super boring and dry, unless u are really into anthro i wouldnt recommend
- Mike Sheridan - is THE BEST ever but I think he's on sabbatical. very personable, semi-tough grader.

AMERICAN STUDIES

- Deb Evans - she's fantastic. great professor and great person she genuinely cares about her students and classes are super engaging just be prepared for things to also be unconventional
- Michael Newbury— if you can take any course of his DO IT. He is amazing, really sparks outstanding discussions, and creates courses based on student involvement and want rather than his own itinerary. Treats students like adults and equals while listening to all opinions which is very valuable to me. In the American studies department I believe (I took Science Fiction with him)

BIO

- David Allen - was really nice
- Eric Moody - Good Prof.
- Allison Nurok (LAB) - I really really loved her. Recommend strongly for the bio lab.
- Katherine Combells (145) - was good for the cell bio class.
 - De Simone (145 LAB) -De Simone is better than Backus but the lab is kinda shitty and you cannot win.

CHEM

- Michael French - Didn't love the way he teaches. He seems a little unsure of what he's doing but it might just be because it was all online. He was meh overall.
- Mary Jane Simpson - Great chem teacher. I have nothing bad to say about her. Had her in lab and she was always super helpful. Good Professor
- Robert Iszak - Helpful teacher. Would prepare you super well for his exams and always gave fair tests. Would take a class with him again.
- Michele Dubé - Don't Recommend

CHNS

- Carrie Wiebe - amazingly skilled teacher, personable, nice, understanding. One of my favorite professors.

- Katherine Wang - I LOVE this woman she is so fun and so helpful especially during office hours. Is really strict mostly because she wants you to succeed. strict and crazy in the best way
- Thomas Moran - I loved him, some people really don't like him, he's understanding but will want you to work hard.

COMP SCI

- Shelby Kimmel - really flexible, mainly teaches higher level classes 200+ but teaches intro cs classes for j term which are beautiful
- Briggs - least favourite professor.

ENVS

- Mark lapin -A little wacky and wears a huge Fanny pack but was my favorite lab professor and environmental professor
- William/Bill Vitek - he was my j term prof and was super nice and fast response and good to talk to.
- Kathryn Morse - Very good professor. Taught an interdepartmental ENVS and HIS I enjoyed.
- Merrill "Mez" Baker-Medard - was my env policy and conservation prof and she was like REALLY excited about her work which was cool and I did swing from loving her and the class to being really fed up.
- Christopher Klyza – pretty knowledgeable, I thought I'd like his class on conservation and environmental policy more than I did but would definitely take another class with him.

EDU STUDIES

- Jonathan Miller-Lane JML - f you get the chance to take a class with him just do it, while ive never had him in class, one of my favorite prof ive met at midd

PSYCH

- Marcia Collaer - Good Professor.
- Mike Dash - Good Psych professor. Recommend for Psych.
- Tina Donaldson— not sure if she's still teaching (bc she was visiting), but if you're looking into taking Psych avoid classes with her. She's very sweet as a person, just teaches a very boring class.

MATH

- Schmitt - Great for Linear Algebra
- Alex Lyford (STATS) - ABSOLUTELY AMAZING! Super nice guy who has lots of experience in statistics. Favourite teacher at Midd. (Maybe also teaches Linear)
- Kara Karpman (STATS) - Great teacher - shes new but she knows her stuff. Reasonable workload. Make sure you ask lots of questions during/after class for help.
- Emily White (CALC 1 and STATS) - She is really nice and the class was pretty easy. really helpful and friendly. She'll make sure you pass and doesn't leave anyone behind, has extra one on one office hours.

HIST

- Amy Morsman - Good
- Rebecca Mitchell - very knowledgeable, enjoyed the class, could be a little dull at times and lots of reading. Harsh grader. She was okay. I thought she was a good professor.

- Lana Dee Povitz - focus on U.S. social movements and grassroots politics, women and gender, oral history, food politics, and contemporary North American Jewish history. she is teaching the FYS on Aids and Activism, never seen her in a classroom love love her as a person
- Rebecca Bennette - Do not recommend.

FRENCH

- William Poulin-Deltour: A super funny guy who will joke around during class. Workload was reasonable and teaching was good. Would recommend for a fun time.
- Charles Nunley: Good teacher. Enjoyed being in the class but got bored at times because he sometimes goes on tangents. Ask for help for writing assignments and he'll help you understand what he's looking for.

ECON

- Jessica Holmes- Great teacher. TRULY knows her stuff and knows how to convey information. Reasonable about extensions (just don't ask for too many). Would definitely recommend.
- Steven Pecsok - Super nice guy and really helpful if you come to office hours, however not great in explaining econ concepts especially if you haven't take econ before. Nice and Funny but not great teaching. only take his class if you know all the taught material. You won't learn a damn thing
- Eric Gong - be prepared to talk exclusively about social issues only w this dude

ENG

- Brett Millier - Good Professor.

ITALIAN

- Ilaria Brancoli-Busdraghi— had her for Culinary History of Italy, she also teaches Italian and is wonderful!!! If you're looking into a class with her, TAKE IT. she's amazing and so helpful. I love her so much.
- Carletti - Good Professor.

RELIGION

- William S. Waldron - Good Professor. Taught a class on Buddhism.

PSCI

- Matthew Dickinson - on Sabbatical right now :(but really loved his intro to American Politics class and really engaging teacher with great discussion sections.
- Murray Dry - Really knowledgeable but the class is super tough and he can be very hard. Known to be not very politically correct. Intro political philosophy was super hard and too much reading. A Dinosaur at Midd.
- Ajay Verghese: GREAT teacher. He knows what he's talking about and has comprehensive slides during his lectures. if you need an extension, just ask. He's reasonable and really wants to see you succeed. Would 100% recommend him. in my opinion genuinely one of the best prof if not the best prof in mids poli sci department (I know I know bold statement) I just love him cannot say enough good things not a single complaint
- Sarah Stroup - well structured courses, bit of a hardo but I enjoyed her classes cause you get rewarded for exactly the amount of work you put in. mediocre + nice
- Jessica Teets - I enjoyed her class. Super knowledgeable. I felt she wasn't a harsh grader but others felt she was pretty tough. A decent amount of reading but Contemporary Chinese Politics was a really interesting class if you are willing to put in the work.

- Gary Winslett - he's okay. Nothing special. Chose a diff prof if you can

PHIL

- Woodruff - would not take a class again
- Lorraine Besser - she is super friendly and not a harsh grader but seemed a little unsure sometimes and class and discussion seemed unproductive and repetitive. However contemporary moral issues was an easy class.
- Spackman— his Philosophy courses are very very interesting, he's just very scattered. I wouldn't suggest taking him unless you have an interest in what he's teaching, it can be a bit hard to follow but is great when it comes to discussions. While at times a bit disorganized he is brilliant and engaging even through zoom I felt that I derived meaning from discussions, reasonable workload reasonable grader amazing class
- Grasswick - one of my favourite professors.

PHYS

- Angus Findlay - Lab professor. Lovely man, passionate and grades labs well
- Glikman - one of my favourite professors. she was super passionate and clearly loved what she was teaching and she tried to make everything hands-on in the class and came up with cool projects for us

THEATER

- Mark Evancho— if you're taking theatre/visual design he is amazing!!! So willing to help you learn and grow while still giving great constructive criticism.

SPANISH

- Alla Fil - AMAZING Spanish professors. I think Alla is the only one who teaches beginning
- Irina Feldman- AMAZING Spanish professor. I don't think teaches intro. Recommend Strongly
- Marta Manrique Gomez - Liked, manageable class. Fantastic

WRITING

- Hector Vila - my favourite but he's a little old and says some off colour things sometimes but love him