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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

Welcome New Faculty and Staff

FAU College of Education welcomed two new staff members and a post-doctoral fellow to the Academy for Community Inclusion in the Department of Exceptional Student Education, as well as one new staff member to the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders during the virtual COE Welcome Back event on Aug. 20, 2020.

In addition, eight new faculty members and one new staff member joined A.D. Henderson University School/Florida Atlantic University High School.

CSD

Ken Ramirez, B.A.
Senior Secretary & Billing Specialist

ESE

Stefanie Kenney, M.S.
ACI Employment Specialist

Lauren Berlingo, M.Ed.
ACI Employment Specialist

Diana Valle-Riestra, Ph.D.
Post-Doctoral Fellow for ACI

ADHUS & FAU High School

Lauren Arlt, M.Ed.
3rd Grade Instructor

Kaitlyn Rhoda, B.A.
5th Grade Instructor

Jennifer Leggio, M.Ed.
MS 6th Grade English Instructor

Erica Cheva, Ed.S.
MS Science Instructor

Veronica Montes Childs, M.S.
MS Counselor

Sarah Toosarvandani, M.S.T.
HS Math Instructor

Pilar Taylor, M.Ed.
Student Achievement Coordinator

Jennifer Krill, Ph.D.
HS Neurophysiology Assistant Professor

David Tomanio
Maintenance Assistant



NEW COE APPOINTMENTS

COE Dean Stephen Silverman, Ed.D. announced new roles for administrators, as well as department chair appointments, effective July 1, 2020. ESE Chair Mike Brady, Ph.D. announced a new appointment in the Academy for Community Inclusion.

Paul Peluso, Ph.D.

Senior Associate Dean
Research & Graduate Studies

Peluso will continue in role of interim chair of Teaching & Learning.

Ernest "Andy" Brewer, Ed.D.

Assistant Dean
School Engagement

Brewer will supervise the Office of Accreditation, Assessment and Analytics, become the point person for programs in schools and for student teaching, continue to coordinate AIT, and will be administrator for the Jupiter campus.

Dale Williams, Ph.D.

Chair
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Carman Gill, Ph.D.

Chair
Department of Counselor Education

Rick Laliberte, M.A.

Business Manager
Laliberte will continue as the college grants manager.

Gwendolyn Carey, Ed.D.

ACI Visiting Instructor

COE Faculty Tenure and/or Promotions

Kelly Emelianchik-Key, Ph.D.
Associate Professor & Tenure

Andres Ramirez, Ed.D.
Associate Professor & Tenure

Sabrina Sembiente, Ph.D.
Associate Professor & Tenure

Michelle Vaughan, Ed.D.
Associate Professor & Tenure

Maysaa Barakat, Ph.D.
Associate Professor & Tenure

Michael DeDonno, Ph.D.
Associate Professor & Tenure

Cristobal Salinas Jr., Ph.D.
Associate Professor & Tenure

Terry Clark, M.Ed.
Senior Instructor



A.D. Henderson & FAU High School Promotions

Debra Vance Noelk, Ph.D.
Univ. School Professor

Jennifer O'Sullivan, M.A.T.
Univ. School Assistant Professor

Jessica Baker, M.Ed.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Christina Brinkman, M.A.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Christopher Clevenger, B.S.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Hannah Darling, M.Ed.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Caitlin Guthrie, B.A.E.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Rebecca Kasten, M.Ed.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Krista Marin, M.A.E.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

James Nance, B.A.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Allan Phipps, M.S.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Courtney Russo, M.A.E.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Caterina Siciliano, M.A.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

Kelli Wilder, M.Ed.
Univ. School Accomplished Instr.

2020 FALL REOPENING PLAN

FAU COVID-19 UPDATES

FACULTY FOCUS



Charles Dukes, Ed.D., Ph.D., Professor, [Exceptional Student Education](#), in Florida Atlantic University's College of Education is in the forefront of publishing scholarly research. Dukes' expertise and research interests include social relationship development of people with intellectual disabilities and how to better understand human behavior using evolutionary principles. He has written numerous journal articles, book chapters and presented multiple papers at international, national, regional and local conferences. Dukes is an Editorial Board member of Teacher Education and Special Education, The Journal of Special Education and Remedial and Special Education. Presently, he serves as Chair of the FAU Institutional Review Board, Chair of the College of Education Promotion and Tenure Committee and as Doctoral Coordinator for the Department of Exceptional Student Education. In addition, Dukes and ESE Chair Mike Brady, Ph.D., created Project Review, a formal system designed to mentor doctoral students as they learn the intricacies of the scholarly, blind, peer review process. [Read more](#)

Important Dates

Faculty

Sept. 9—[Live Text Training](#)

Sept. 11—Faculty Assembly

Oct. 23—Faculty Assembly

Virtual Research in Action

Sept. 24—Sharon M. Darling, Ph.D., [No School? No Worries: Fostering Child Development Outside the Classroom](#)

Oct. 29—Melanie Acosta, Ph.D., [Educational Excellence: Race, Ethnicity and our Community](#)

Doctoral Student Pre-Candidacy Research Events

Sept. 25—Kerry Wittel, M.Ed., [Teachers of Color: Characteristics and Trends in Attrition and Retention from a Large Urban School District in Florida 2009 - 2019](#), and

Jacqueline Wood, M.Ed., [Growing Older with Autism: The Lived Experiences of Aging Adults with Autism](#).

Oct. 23—Hannah Kammet, M.Ed., [Identifying and Implementing AAC Support Needs for Children with Disabilities](#), and

Jennifer Amador, M.Ed., [Educator Perceptions that Lead to Suspension and Expulsion of Young Children from Early Childhood Education Programs](#).

Students

Sept. 11—Application for Degree due for fall 2020

Sept. 15—Spring Student Teaching Application due

Sept. 21—Plan of Study (POS) last day to submit revised POS, if needed

Sept. 22—COE Scholarship Submission deadline for 2020-2021

Sept. 24—[Graduate College Open House](#)

Oct. 17 & 24—FAU Explore (tentative)

Oct. 21—Dissertation Defense deadline

Oct. 28—Fall Dissertation due in the Dean's Office

Grants

Department of Exceptional Student Education

Brady, M. (2020). *Academy for Community Inclusion at Florida Atlantic University: Opportunity to Work, Learn, and Succeed*. TAFT Foundation. Principal Investigator (FAU). \$1.5 million (Funded). ... [Read more](#)

Brady, M. & Kearney, K. (2020). *Academy for Community Inclusion Enhancement: Expanding Florida Atlantic University's Comprehensive Transition Program*. Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities. Co-Principal Investigators (FAU). \$900,000 (Funded). ... [Read more](#)

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