A message from Michael J. Horswell, Ph.D., Dean of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

It is a pleasure to welcome each of our new faculty members to the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. We are fortunate to have these talented scholars and artists bring their innovative research and creativity to our classrooms and community, enriching our intellectual home for years to come.
Jessica Dickson

Dr. Jessica (Jess) Dickson is an anthropologist of film, media, and technology and joins the faculty as a post-doctoral fellow. Dr. Dickson received her Ph.D., MA, and MSS from Harvard University. Her current research explores the changing social worlds of international film and television production, with a focus on 'global Hollywood's expansion in South Africa. Her broader interests include the social impact of new visual technologies, the production of science fiction cinema, postcolonial urbanism, and imaginaries of the future.

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Adriana Garriga-López

Dr. Adriana Garriga-López joins the FAU Anthropology Department as an Associate Professor. She holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University. She is a cultural anthropologist and Caribbeanist originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Her research examines how people in the Caribbean respond and adapt to non-ideal ecologies in the Anthropocene. She's driven by a humanistic interest in the imbrication of public health and decolonization.

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Katharina Napora

Dr. Katharine Napora joins the FAU Anthropology Department as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Georgia, and a MA in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. She is an environmental archaeologist specializing in coastal societies. Her work combines information from tree rings, shells, and animal bones, radiocarbon dating, and chemical analyses to better understand how people interacted with the Atlantic coastlines of North America and Europe. Dr. Napora is passionate about advancing heritage science methodologies, developing collaborative, interdisciplinary projects, and using information about the ancient past to improve sustainability, resilience, and social justice in the 21st century.

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Dr. Katharina Rynkiewich joins the FAU Anthropology Department as an Assistant Professor. She is an anthropologist of health and medicine who studies the social and cultural dynamics of antibiotic prescribing practices in the United States. Dr. Rynkiewich has conducted extensive ethnographic research among medical professionals in North American settings, from academic medical centers to skilled nursing facilities. Her most recent research focuses on regional networks of medical care that include the outpatient prescription and use of antibiotic medicines. Before coming to Florida Atlantic University, Dr. Rynkiewich earned graduate degrees at The University of Chicago (MA) and Washington University in St. Louis (Ph.D.) and worked as a Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Anthropology at Case Western Reserve University (2020-2022).

Jessica Borsi

Jessica Borsi joins the FAU English Department as an Instructor. She is a professional writing instructor with experience working in university advancement and with engineering companies as a technical editor and writer. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Florida International University. The only liberal artist in a family of engineers and pilots, she looks forward to applying both her creative and professional knowledge to help students.

Dr. Skye Cervone joins the FAU English Department as an Instructor. She recently completed her Ph.D. in Comparative Studies. She has taught courses in Composition, Fiction, Drama, Creative Nonfiction, and Literary Theory. Her research focuses on the relationship between animals and capitalism in science fiction, and she is interested in texts which aim to change the conversation surrounding animals and imagine alternatives to traditional thinking surrounding animal subjectivity. Her dissertation, Living Capital: Situating Animals within Capitalist Modes of Production in Science Fiction, argues that capitalism has the ability to and does shape the ways in which humans classify, respond to, and value animal life, their relationships to animals, and their relationships to one another.
Alejandro De Leon (he/him)

Alejandro De Leon (he/him) joins the FAU English Department as a Visiting Instructor. He is new to the writing community. This is his first semester as a visiting instructor at Florida Atlantic University. Alejandro earned his M.A. in English at FAU in 2022. As an instructor he is excited to explore new writing perspectives with his students in English Composition.

Julianna Edmonds

Dr. Julianna Edmonds joins the FAU English Department as an Instructor. She received her Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition from Florida State University, where she also served as the Assistant Director of the College Composition Program. She spent the past three years as an Assistant Professor of English and Writing Program Director at Valdosta State University, where she taught first-year writing, composition theory, and teaching college writing. Her research engages the intersection of composition pedagogy, feminist rhetorical theory, and writing program administration, specifically by integrating feminist rhetorical principles within the first-year composition classroom. At FAU, she will be teaching composition and professional writing courses as a remote instructor.

Victoria Fedden

Victoria Fedden joins the FAU English Department as a Visiting Instructor. She received her MFA in Creative Writing, Poetry from FAU in 2009. Since then, she has taught Composition and Literature at Palm Beach State College's Boca Raton campus and at Nova Southeastern University. Her memoir This is Not My Beautiful Life was published in 2016, and her essays and poetry have appeared in O Magazine, Real Simple, The Huffington Post, The Sun-Sentinel, Gold Coast Magazine, Submittable, Florida English, and Revelry as well as several anthologies. She lives in Fort Lauderdale with her family, and is currently working on her second memoir tentatively titled The Best of Times.
DeAndra Miller

DeAndra Miller joins the FAU English Department as an Instructor. She graduated from Minot State University with a B.A. in English Literature (minors in Spanish and Gender Studies) in 2019 and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Florida International University in 2022. Her creative works have appeared in So to Speak Literary Journal, The Rectangle, Tenth Street Miscellany, and others forthcoming. She has also been a copyeditor for Archeion: Journal of Queer Archives, the quarterly journal for the Stonewall National Museum & Archives. Her research and teaching interests involve writing and rhetoric, creative writing, digital literacy, graphic novels, and video games as literature. She also has a passion for recruitment and retention in the Humanities, largely driven by and displayed by her activity with Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, where she has been a voting board member as Student Advisor is an affiliate board member as Alumni Advisor.

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Lauren Salisbury

Dr. Lauren Salisbury joins the FAU English Department as an Instructor. Lauren earned her Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Writing from Bowling Green State University. She is a researcher and practitioner of online writing instruction with a passion for guiding new and experienced instructors to teach effectively online. She has previously published in Computers and Composition, Research in Online Literacy Education (ROLE), and most recently in Constellations where she wrote about “Online Learning in a Time of Crisis: Using Physical Distance and Digital Space to Develop Learning Communities.” This semester she is teaching in the first-year writing sequence and Interpretation of Creative Nonfiction.

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Dorothea Trotter

Dr. Dorothea Trotter joins the FAU English Department as a Visiting Instructor. She specializes in cultural and literary studies and earned her PhD in Comparative Literature from the Freie Universität Berlin (Germany). Her research focuses on intermediality, representation, and identity in contemporary British and German transnational literature, but she has recently delved into disability studies and has a fondness for the Realist and Modernist periods. Also, she is no stranger to FAU, having completed her MA and teaching college writing and literature classes here from 2013-2016.

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Kate Polak

Dr. Kate Polak joins the FAU English Department as an Instructor. She earned her PhD in contemporary global Anglophone literatures in 2013 at University of Cincinnati, where she also studied creative writing, earning an MA in poetry in 2007. She is also the Assistant Director at the University’s Center for Excellence in Writing (UCEW). Her work focuses on genocide, feminist approaches, digital humanities, and comics. Her book, Ethics in the Gutter: Empathy and Historical Fiction in Comics (Ohio State University Press), was nominated for an Eisner Award.

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Tamar Osborne

Tamar Osborne joins the FAU English Department as an Instructor. She earned her BA in English Literature at the University of Florida and her MA in Multicultural Literature at Florida Atlantic University. As an MA student she was the winner of the Howard Pearce Award for best MA/MAT thesis in 2015. She has taught AICE English Language and AP English Literature & Composition at Fort Lauderdale High School as an educator within the Cambridge Program.
Taryne Jade Taylor

Dr. Taryne Jade Taylor joins the FAU English Department as an Advanced Assistant Professor of Science Fiction. Dr. Taylor earned her BA and MA in English from FAU. She earned her Ph.D. in English from the University of Iowa in 2014. Her research focuses on the politics of representation in speculative fiction, particularly feminist SF and Latinx futurisms. Dr. Taylor co-edited the forthcoming Routledge Handbook to CoFuturisms and is currently working on her monograph on Latinx Futurisms. She is an associate editor for the Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts, editor of the Routledge book series Studies in Global Genre Fiction, and a juror for the Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award.

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Karina A. Vado

Karina A. Vado joins the FAU Department of English as an Assistant Professor of Latinx Studies. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in English at the University of Florida where she also earned a master’s in Women’s Studies and a graduate certificate in Latin American Studies. Karina’s research and teaching interests span the fields of Hemispheric American Studies, Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, Science and Technology Studies, and Science Fiction and Utopian Studies. Her current book project, Latinx DNA: Race, Latinidad, and the Gene(ome), examines how the fields of (epi)genetics and (population) genomics variously animate twentieth-century and contemporary Latin/x American cultural productions. This fall she will be teaching U.S. Latino/a Literatures.

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Cynthia Wedding

Cynthia Wedding joins the FAU English Department as an Instructor. She earned her BA in Humanities at the University of Central Florida and her second BA and MA in English at Florida Atlantic University. Her teaching and research interests include Eco-composition, Online Learning Environments, Literary Studies with special affinity for Postcolonial Studies, Chicano/a/x Studies, Indigenous Studies, Eco-Critical Studies, New Materialist Studies, and Environmental Justice Theory.

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Julia Brown

Julia Brown joins the FAU Department of Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature as an Assistant Professor. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Hispanic Literatures in the University of California, Santa Barbara. She earned her M.A. in Hispanic Literatures in the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her areas of expertise include Mexican 20th and 21st century literature, photography, Tercer Cine and contemporary North and Central American cinemas, as well as Indigenous cultures, languages, and literatures. All of this, combined with her proficiency in Huastecan Nahuatl which she studied through the IDIEZ and the University of California, Los Angeles, has allowed her research to constitute thoughtful and timely contributions to the field of Indigenous Studies.

Rachel St. Clair

Dr. Rachel St. Clair joins FAU’s Center for the Future Mind and Department of Philosophy as a Postdoctoral Fellow. She received her doctorate degree from the Center for Complex Systems and Brain Sciences and Graduate Neuroscience Training Program, Charles E. Schmidt College of Sciences. She aims to work on AIs that produce generally intelligent agents. She researches artificial general intelligence, focusing on computer vision, natural language processing, reinforcement learning, complex systems and agent-based modeling. Her current work is focused on understanding the neural basis of consciousness and its relationship to learning, semiconductor solutions for artificial general intelligence and hyperscale computing with her new company, Simuli Inc.
Steven Gubka
Dr. Steven Gubka joins FAU's Center for the Future Mind and Department of Philosophy as a Postdoctoral Fellow. He earned his doctorate degree in philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin. His doctoral research focused on the normative significance of emotion and emotion regulation. Prior to that, he earned a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Oxford and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Arizona (with a minor in cognitive science). He is investigating the ethics of virtual actions, the value of virtual friendships, and the moral agency of artificial intelligence. He is also interested in how emerging technology (such as emotion detection by artificial intelligence via facial expressions) affects the regulation of our emotions. This is important because of the role that emotions arguably play in our moral knowledge, agency and overall well-being.

Garrett Mindt
Dr. Garrett Mindt joins the FAU Department of Philosophy as an Assistant Professor. He earned his PhD in philosophy from Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary. He earned his MA from the University of Liverpool, UK and his BA from the University of Arizona, USA, both in philosophy. His expertise is in the philosophy of mind/consciousness, metaphysics/ontology, philosophy of science, and philosophy of artificial intelligence. Before coming to FAU, he was the Elizabeth R. Koch Research Fellow for Tiny Blue Dot Consciousness Studies based at the Wisconsin Institute for Sleep and Consciousness at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry.

Samuel Director
Dr. Samuel Director joins the FAU Department of Philosophy as an Assistant Professor. He earned his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Colorado, Boulder. His research focuses on issues in applied ethics and political philosophy. His work has been published in Bioethics, the Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Social Theory and Practice, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, and more. He also holds a B.A. from Whitworth University. Before coming to FAU, he was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Brown University's Political Theory Project.
Luzmarina Garcia
Dr. Luzmarina Garcia joins the FAU Department of Political Science as an Assistant Professor. She earned her Ph.D. in political science at the University of Virginia in 2022. Her research investigates the health of American courts with an eye to public opinion, representation, and inter-branch relations. She is especially interested in gender and judicial decision-making and the study of these topics in administrative courts, such as immigration and tax courts. She also holds a B.A. from the University of Texas at El Paso.
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Olyvia R. Christley
Dr. Olyvia R. Christley joins the FAU Department of Political Science as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Virginia in 2022. Her research looks at the political psychology of gender attitudes, nationalism, and far-right politics in the United States and Europe. As a multi-generational native of the Appalachian South, she is nervous to be leaving a hilly topography—but is excited to embrace all that South Florida has to offer.
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Luisa Fernanda Turbino-Torres
Luisa Fernanda Turbino-Torres joins the FAU Department of Political Science and the Center for Women Gender and Sexuality Studies as an Assistant Professor. She is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Delaware. She is completing her Ph.D. this semester. Luisa specializes in transnational feminist politics, activism, and social movements, culture and politics, and Latin American domestic and international politics. In her scholarship, she uses interpretivist methodologies to explore how power dynamics present in different cultural spaces have effects that go beyond the individuals and feed into many systems of oppression. Her most recent project looks at the political participation and resistance of women and LGBTQ+ communities around soccer in Brazil to address gender, sexuality, race, and class.
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Dr. Joseph Choma joins FAU to become the new Director of the School of Architecture. Most recently he was the director of the Design Topology Lab and the director of the Master of Science in Architecture program at Clemson University. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Cambridge. Recently, he served as visiting associate professor at MIT and was the 2019-20 NCCR Digital Fabrication Researcher in Residence at the ETH Zurich (the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich). As a researcher, Dr. Choma’s interests lie at the intersection of mathematics, folding, structure and materials. Notable projects have included an application of his patented foldable fiberglass structures as shelter in the wake of natural disasters. Dr. Choma has received awards from both the AIA and the American Composites Manufacturers Association. His recent material explorations have been noted by Composites World Magazine as “spearheading research into the use of foldable composites.”

Dr. Williamena Granger joins the FAU School of Architecture as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in Architecture from the University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture. She received her MA in Architectural History from the University of Texas at Austin. Her research examines the political economy of care as a material and spatial practice within the American metropolitan landscape, advocates for an expanded interest in elderhood and disability within urban history, interrogating the ethical implications of ageism and age segregation through the lens of cultural landscape study. Before coming to FAU, she was a 2021-22 Fellow-in-Residence at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University.

Tyler Rodgers joins the FAU School of Architecture as a Visiting Instructor. At FAU, she will coordinate the second-year design studios. Fundamentally, Tyler’s work challenges normative architectural constraints as design opportunities. Her research and scholarship focuses on democratizing how we build and is frequently developed in collaboration with not-for-profits. She has received multiple awards and her work has been exhibited at the AIA National Convention. Tyler completed her Master of Architecture from the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University.
Jordan Trachtenberg

Jordan Trachtenberg joins the FAU School of Architecture as a Visiting Instructor and Director of IDAC. He received the degree Master of Architecture, with Honors in Design, from Columbia University, NY, and holds a Bachelor of Design in Architecture Studies, with Honors, from Florida International University, Miami. He is a licensed architect in the State of Florida. He has practiced in five continents ranging from Asia to South America. He serves on the Historic and Environmental Protection Board for the City of Miami, The Florida International University CARTA Dean’s Leadership Advisory Board, and is President of the Columbia University Club of South Florida representing over 3,500 Columbia Alumni. He is a Florida Registered Architect, LEED accredited professional, holds an NCARB certificate and has been a member of the American Institute of Architects since 2012.

Ivy Ashe

Ivy Ashe joins the FAU School of Communication and Multimedia Studies as an Assistant Professor. She is a soon-to-be graduate of the University of Texas at Austin’s Journalism and Media doctoral program. Her research focuses on media geographies and visual journalism, with an emphasis on the construction of place via travel media. She received a master’s degree in photojournalism from the University of Missouri and worked for local newspapers in Massachusetts and Hawaii for six years.

Laura Benitez

Laura Benitez joins the FAU School of Communication and Multimedia Studies as an Instructor. She graduated with her MFA in Media, Technology, & Entertainment Studies in 2019. She continues working on her own 3D animation, stop-motion animation, and new media projects. She strives to combine traditional fine arts media and aesthetics with interactive tools to enhance the immersive experience of the narrative. As an educator, Laura strives for the best from her students, pushing them in their craft and developing their voice and unique perspective in their medium. During her free time, Laura participates in musical theater classes at the Broward Center of the Performing Arts and participates in stage combat with the Royal Chessman. Her passion for the performing arts and the community of South Florida is an influence in much of the work she produces.
Beatriz Nieto-Fernandez
Dr. Beatriz Nieto-Fernandez (she/hers) joins the FAU School of Communication and Multimedia Studies as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. and MA in Communication from the University of South Florida. She is a Venezuelan organizational communication scholar whose research focuses on direct-to-consumer genetic testing organizations. Dr. Nieto-Fernandez uses postcolonial analysis to explore the relationships between organizations and their stakeholders. Her research emphasizes the role of organizations in mediating customers' understandings of race, ethnicity, health, and community.

Rachel Harris
Dr. Rachel Harris joins the FAU School of Communication and Multimedia Studies as Professor of Cinema Studies and the Herbert and Elaine Gimelstob Eminent Scholar Chair of Jewish Studies. She received her Ph.D. in Hebrew Literature from The University of Oxford. She received her MA in Near and Middle Eastern Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies from the University of London. Before coming to FAU, she was an Associate Professor of Israeli Literature and Culture in Comparative and World Literature and the Program in Jewish Culture and Society at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Her recent publications include An Ideological Death: Suicide in Israeli Literature (2014) and Warriors, Witches, Whores: Women in Israeli Cinema (2017). She is the editor of Teaching the Arab-Israeli Conflict (2019), and co-editor of Narratives of Dissent: War in Contemporary Israeli Arts and Culture (2011) and Casting a Giant Shadow: The Transnational Shaping of Israeli Cinema (2021). She will serve as the Director of the Jewish Studies program at FAU.

Cynde Carrico
Cynde Carrico joins the FAU School of Communication and Multimedia Studies as a Visiting Instructor and Director of the Speaking Center. She holds two Masters Degrees, one of which is a MA from FAU where she focused on Southern identity and culture within community cookbooks. Current research encompasses several areas of pop culture and rhetorical criticism, ranging the gamut of Multicultural Discourse in Children's Literature to Authentic Digital Connectivity in the 21st Century. She is an accomplished educator with a number of years with supplemental education and developmental learning. Cynde has an entrepreneurial spirit with the leadership skills of motivating, monitoring and managing student success. She is excited to begin her journey with the Speaking Center.
Jane Stuart Baker
Dr. Jane Stuart Baker joins the FAU School of Communication and Multimedia Studies as a Visiting Instructor and Director of the Online MA in Communication. Dr. Baker is a specialist in organizational conflict and negotiation and group communication. She holds a Ph.D. in Communication from Texas A&M University. Prior to coming to FAU, Dr. Baker was on faculty with the Communication Studies Department at the University of Alabama for 12 years. Most recently she developed and taught courses for UA’s MA in Communication Studies program for distance learners.

Kaitlin Graves
Kaitlin Graves joins the FAU School of Communication and Multimedia Studies as a Visiting Instructor. She received her MA in Communication Studies from Florida Atlantic University. As an MA student Kaitlin presented her work at a number of venues including the Southern States Speech Convention, the Rhetoric Society of America Convention and the National Communication Association Convention. She studies the relationship between popular music, especially rock and roll music, and cultural politics. She is particularly interested in the affective dimensions of rock including both the sensations and experience of being in live music settings as well as the psychic economies of public desire and ideology.

Lorenzo M. Ponce de León
Lorenzo M. Ponce de León joins the FAU School of Communication and Multimedia Studies as a Visiting Instructor. He is an award winning immersive filmmaker and FAU alum with a M.F.A. from the Univ. of Miami. He’s directed a feature film as well as won a regional Emmy in documentary film production and focuses on innovation in filmmaking through new media.
Aleksey Kolpakov
Dr. Aleksey Kolpakov joins the FAU School of Public Administration as a Visiting Assistant Professor. He holds a Master of Science degree in Organizational and Social Psychology from London School of Economics and Political Science and a Ph.D. in Public Affairs from Indiana University. He is author of two books and numerous technical and program evaluation reports for federal, state and international agencies. His major areas of research expertise include: international nonprofit organizations, networks and collaboration in the public and nonprofit sector, managing diversity in the public and nonprofit sector, leadership in the public and nonprofit sector, and knowledge management in the public and nonprofit sector.

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Pablo Sanabria-Pulido
Dr. Pablo Sanabria-Pulido joins the FAU School of Public Administration as an Associate Professor. He holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy from American University in Washington DC and a MA in public policy from the London School of Economics (LSE). He has served previously in academic and executive positions at different top-ranked universities in Latin America. His previous work experience also includes distinct positions in public affairs and policy analysis with the government, the private, and the nonprofit sectors. He has published his works in key international outlets in the public administration and policy fields, and in several books and working papers.

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Kaila Witkowski
Dr. Kaila Witkowski joins the FAU School of Public Administration as an Assistant Professor. She received a Ph.D. and MPA from Florida International University and an MSW from the University of Maryland. Her research focuses on the intersection of public health, public administration, and emergency management. Examples of her past work include assessing the impact of COVID-19 on first-responders, evaluating government responses to the opioid epidemic in Florida, analyzing nonprofit resilience in the aftermath of crises events, and exploring the impact of emergencies on vulnerable populations living with HIV, homeless/transient populations, and those using opioids. Prior to gaining her Ph.D., she worked as a nonprofit manager for the ALS Association Florida Chapter where she secured over $1 million in philanthropic and corporate support and organized statewide efforts to pass legislation.

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Qiaozhen Liu joins the FAU School of Public Administration as an Assistant Professor. He is currently a doctoral candidate in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, with an expected completion date this summer. He is also a part-time consultant in the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. He has received multiple academic awards and fellowships, such as the Penn Summer Social Impact Doctoral Fellowship, the Andrew Young School Excellence in Teaching Policy Award, and the Academy of Management Best Doctoral Student Conference Paper Award. His research focuses on public and nonprofit organizations with special interests in financial management, program outcomes, and decision making. His work has appeared in top public and nonprofit journals, including the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory and Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly.

Yang-Sook Kim joins the FAU Sociology Department as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Toronto with a study that comparatively examines low-paid care workers’ collective struggles in South Korea and the United States. Her research explores the nexus of gender, migration, labor, race, and ethnicity, and she is particularly interested in how subordinated people make sense of, navigate, and resist the deepening inequalities in neoliberal globalization. Her current project “Heroes in Precarity” critically analyzes how eldercare workers have been responding to the crisis and the political opportunities created by the COVID-19 global pandemic in California and Seoul.
Ted deChatelet
Ted deChatelet joins the FAU Theatre and Dance Department as an Assistant Professor. He is an actor, film maker, director, teacher, and fight choreographer. He spent 20 years in Oregon teaching at Western Oregon University and freelancing in the Portland market. Theatre credits include Portland Center Stage, the Oregon Symphony, Salem Rep, Artists Rep, Milwaukee Rep, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, and seasons with the Shakespeare Festivals of Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, and North Carolina. Film and television credits include Wild, Grimm, The Librarians, The Wonderland Murders, Saturday Night Live, and numerous commercials. He joins FAU to create courses in “acting for the camera” to prepare our theatre students for careers on screen as well as stage.

Rebecca Lucatero
Rebecca Lucatero joins the FAU Department of Theatre and Dance as an Instructor. She is an MFA Theatre Design & Technology candidate studying technical direction at Florida Atlantic University. Her studies have included structural engineering, scenery automation, rigging, welding, lighting design, scenic design, and drafting. She attended the Dr. Floyd F. Koch Honors College and FAU for her undergrad where she focused on Performance. She is also the scenic designer and technical coordinator for the theatre department at Palm Beach State College.

Véronique Côté
Véronique Côté joins FAU to become the new Director of the University Galleries and an Instructor in the Visual Arts and Art History Department. She earned an MFA in Photography from SUNY Buffalo, a M.A. in Museum Studies from Harvard University, a BIA in Interdisciplinary Arts from the University of Quebec in Chicoutimi, and a DEC in Science, Literature and Arts from the College de Jonquière. She works in alternative textile and photography to create sketches of America as viewed by a foreigner. She perceives the mixture of traditionalism, corporate dominion, religious indoctrination, and kitsch that shapes American heritage as a truly surreal experience.
Laura Tanner joins the FAU Visual Arts and Art History Department as an Assistant Professor. She received her MFA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a BFA from Florida State University. Her research is firmly grounded in the continued consequences of America’s expansive colonial history. She has exhibited nationally in both group and solo exhibitions including the Weatherspoon Art Museum, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, and the Armory during the Art on Paper Fair. She has also been a visiting artist at Tulane University and the University of Alabama. In 2016, Graham was awarded a fellowship and residency at the Ucross Foundation and the Vermont Studio Center. Before coming to FAU, she was an Assistant Professor in the School of Art at the University of Arizona in Tucson.