



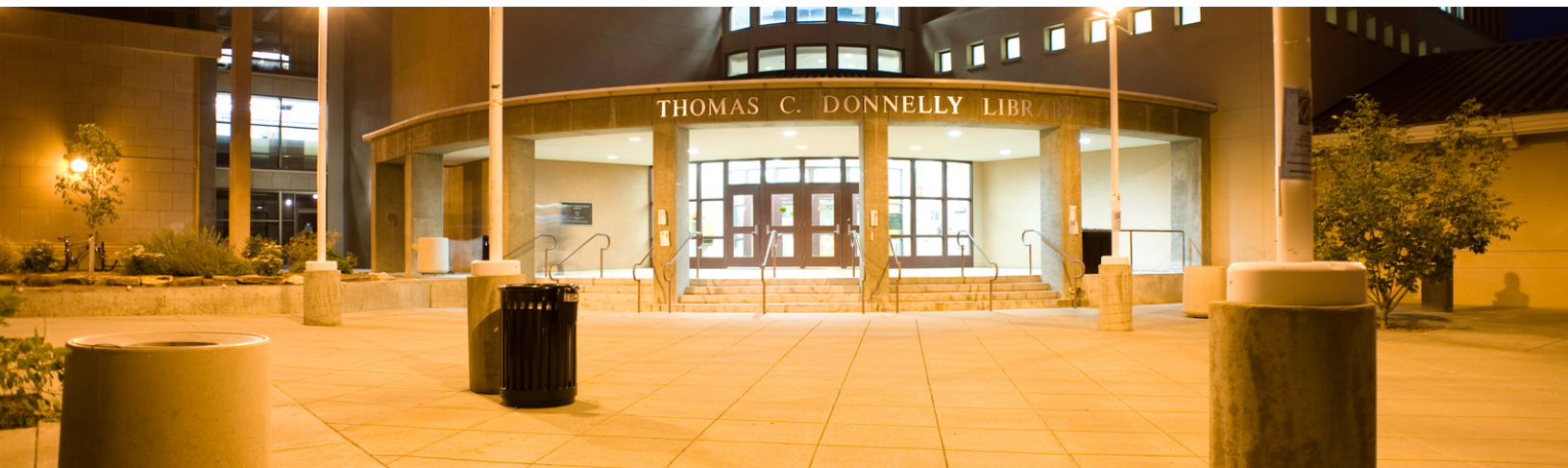
2020 & 2021 NOMINATIONS

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# FACULTY EXCELLENCE CELEBRATION

# 2019-2020

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



**Donna Woodford-Gormley, Ph.D.**  
**Professor of English**

Dr. Woodford published the article, "'What Country, Friend, Is This?' Carlos Diaz's Cuban Illyria." in *The Routledge Handbook Shakespeare and Global Appropriation*.

**Siri Khalsa, CNP, MSN, BSN**  
**Instructor of Nursing**

Ms. Khalsa was awarded the Liz Thomson Award for Leadership and Advocacy which was written up in the *New Mexico Nurse*. She also received a \$5000 research grant from the American Holistic Nurses Association.

**Sarah Corey-Rivas, Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor of Biology**

Dr. Corey-Rivas received a five-year \$1.8M NSF HSI grant for the project entitled "SomosSTEM! An Early Community-Based Research Pathway for Improving Undergraduate Life Sciences Success at a Rural Hispanic Serving Institution" in collaboration with Joe Zebrowski (NMHU), Dr. Edward Martinez (NMHU), and Dr.'s Abrica and Hatch-Tocaimaza (University of Nebraska, Lincoln).

**Eric Griffin, Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor of Biology**

Dr. Griffin was the lead author on "Soil macronutrients and plant host identity explain little variation in sapling endophyte community composition: disturbance as an alternative explanation?" in the *Journal of Ecology* which was nominated for the Harper's Prize for best Early Career Researcher. He also published as lead author "Tree diversity reduces fungal endophyte richness and diversity in a large-scale forest experiment" in *Diversity*.

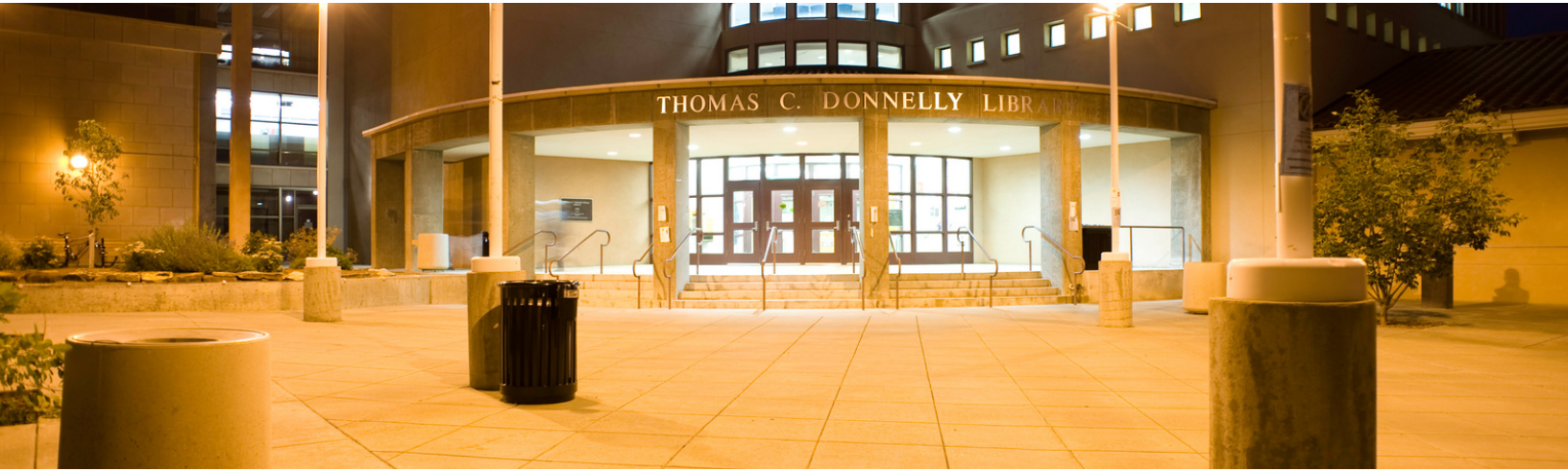
**Jessica Snow Ph.D.**  
**Research Faculty in Biology/Grants**

Dr. Snow completed her American Heart Association Award focused on the role of G Protein Coupled Receptor (GPER) in the development of pulmonary hypertension, or high blood pressure in the lungs. Dr. Snow had one first author publication on the Reactive Oxygen Species in the lung entitled "Intermittent hypoxia augments pulmonary vasoconstrictor reactivity through PKC $\beta$ /mitochondrial oxidant signaling" in the *American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology*.



# 2019-2020

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



**Jesus Rivas, Ph.D.**

**Department Chair/Professor of Biology, Peer Review**

Dr. Rivas published a book entitled *Anaconda: The secret life of the world's largest snake*. He was second author on "Pesquisa e Conservação de crocodilianos no Centro-Oeste do Brasil in Tratado de crocodilianos do Brasil, and "Home range size, movement, and habitat use of yellow anacondas" in *Eunectes notaeus*.

**Julie Tsatsaros, Ph.D.**

**Instructor of Forestry**

Dr. Tsatsaros published "Improving water quality in the wet tropics, australia: A conceptual framework and case study" as the lead author in *Water Resources Management*. She also was an invited panelist for an international roundtable presentation entitled "Water rights: Beyond ownership & allotment" at the annual conference of the American Society for Environmental History. She is a faculty board member on the Hermits Peak Watershed Alliance.

**Gloria Gadsden, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor of Criminal Justice**

Dr. Gadsden is the founder and editor of the *Social Moments Journal*, a free online interdisciplinary peer-reviewed journal for students. The journal provides an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students, examining the social and cultural world through a social science lens, to publish in a slightly less cut-throat "publish or perish" environment. She also served on over 20 committees and subcommittees while serving as the chair for the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice.

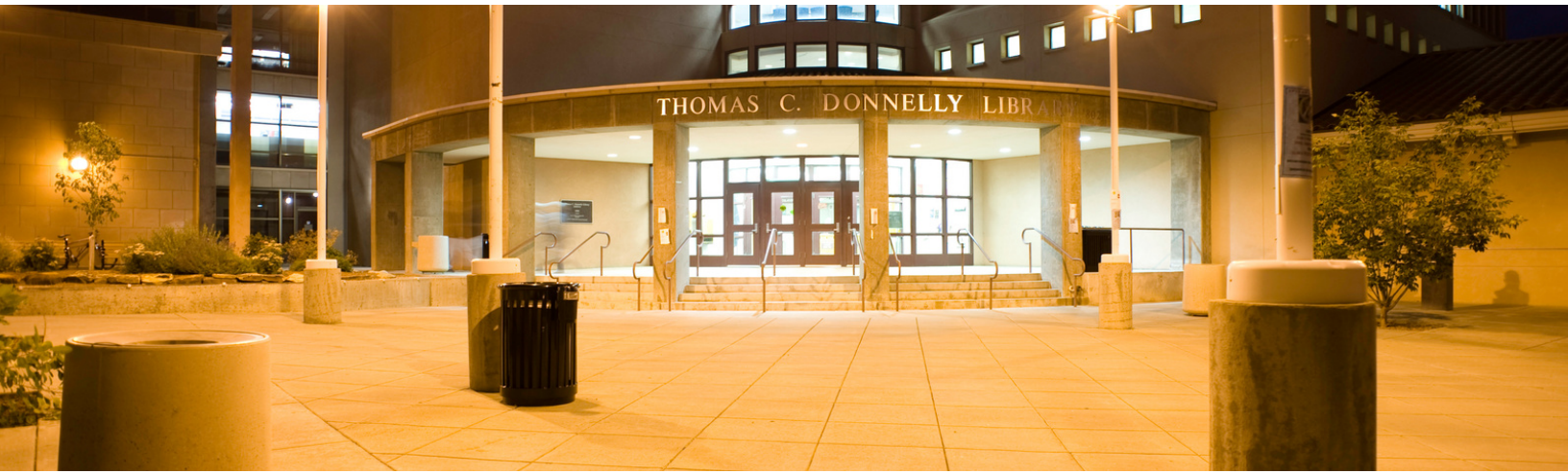
**Rebecca Alvarez, Ph.D.**

**Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice/Sociology**

Dr. Álvarez, is the first author of the article "Forging a diagonal instrument for the global left: The vessel" published in the *Journal of World-Systems Research*. In the article, Dr. Álvarez and her coauthor, Christopher Chase-Dunn, explore the organizational limitations of current and past global social movements and propose a new structural strategy for the global left which combines aspects of diagonal leadership and currently existing transnational social movements.

# 2019-2020

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



**Todd Christensen, MFA**  
**Professor of Art**

Professor Christensen organized and hosted a small printmaking conference and Art exhibition here at NMHU called Print, Printed, Printing. There were demonstrations, presentations, participatory events, exhibits, open portfolio, and a lecture on 500 years of Printmaking given by Dr. Robert Bell in which conference participants were able to look at original art from Master artists like Rembrandt, Goya, Kathe Kollwitz, and many others.

**Orit Tamir, Ph.D.**  
**Professor of Anthropology**

Dr. Tamir secured a donation of Southwest Native American pottery and basketry along with a considerable collection of historical Maya textiles - huipil - for educational purposes. She also served as guest co-editor of a special collection of articles in Teaching and Learning Anthropology and published two articles in the same journal: "Montraditional students: Understanding and meeting their needs in the anthropology classroom. Teaching and learning anthropology" and "Diverse student experiences in higher education: Implications for the anthropology classroom". Dr. Tamir also continues her work as the co-editor of the Society for Applied Anthropology News.

**Norma A Valenzuela, Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor of Spanish**

Dr. Valenzuela lead the Thomas C. Donnelly Library Reading and Discussion Group on "No history is illegal: A multicultural American history". She was selected to present her forthcoming publication "Mestiza consciousness a la Mexicana in Ultima and Agueda Martínez: Bridging and legitimizing querencia in the borderlands" at the XII International Conference on Chicano Literature and Latino Studies. The chapter explores querencia (love of/for place) through the intersectionality of race, gender, class, and nation as sites of contestation in the life of two major Nuevo Mexicana protagonists, Ultima, a fictional character, and Agueda Martínez, a Chimayo weaver.

**Eric Romero, Ph.D.**  
**Instructor of Native American & Hispano Studies**

Dr. Romero published "Escuela nacional de antropologia e historia/national school of anthropology and history 1980-1986" in La Revista Bilingue/The Bilingual Review. In the same journal, he was guest editor of the special issue "The Becas para Aztlan program: The transnational experiences of Chicana/o graduate students". Dr. Romero performed significant service work including being the Chair of the Statewide Diversity Summit, Co-Chair of the University Wide Strategic Planning Committee, and Vice Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council.



# 2019-2020

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY



### **Melanie Zollner (ABD)** **Instructor of Management**

Ms. Zollner published her dissertation with the title Non-Traditional Hispanic Women Students in Post-Secondary Education through the UNM Repository, UNM College of Education, Teacher Education, Educational Leadership and Policy ETDS. She mentored a group of 6 students to participate in the New Mexico Business Ethics Case Competition, sponsored by the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative and NMSU/UNM. The NMHU Ethics Team earned first place in the competition. She also attended the Teaching Business Ethics Workshop, sponsored by the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative.

### **Ali Arshad, Ph.D.** **Associate Professor of Business**

In collaboration with Dr. Chien-Chun Chen, Dr. Arshad presented their paper titled The Economic & Fiscal Impact of the Removal of the Annual Tax Cap: A Case Study of New Mexico Film Incentives at The International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines, which was later published in the Conference Proceeding of the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines, with the title The Economic Impact of the Removal of Annual Tax Rebate Cap: A Case Study of New Mexico.

### **Angela Meron, MFA** **Assistant Professor of Media Arts**

Angela chaired the successful graduate thesis committees and field projects of Graduate Students, Olivia Kuykendall [Meltdown: Animated Self Portraits], Jacob Erikson [Namoires: Military Historical Preservation Collides with Art and Emerging Technology to Facilitate Better Understanding], and Adolfo Castillo-Rodriguez [Pop-In: A Community Art Initiative]. She also advised undergraduate seniors to a highly successful capstone Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibit that was hosted online and on student's individual websites as NMHU conformed to the Shelter in Place order due to COVID -19. In the fall of 2019, Angela co-presented Why Branding? Use of Branding and Identity in University Communication and Marketing Your Program during NMHU Professional Development with MA&T colleague, Mariah Fox Hausman. Angela's personal work was shown in several galleries during AY 2019/20 including What We Keep at David Jones Gallery's December Invited Art Show | Kansas City, KS; and Wearing My Mother's Shoes, Time Flies, Time Marches On, and Pins & Needles at Las Vegas, NM Gallery 140's 2019 Heavy Metal Show. Angela also Co-Curated a show with MA&T Graduate Student, Adolfo Castillo-Rodriguez, PRIDE & Beyond the Binary shown at Gallery 140 in February 2020.

# 2019-2020

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY



**Mariah Fox Hausman, MFA**  
**Associate Professor of Media Arts**

Associate Professor Mariah Fox Hausman exhibited mixed media artwork during fall of 2019 in Manhattan, New York City at the VanDer Plan Gallery as part of Al Díaz' show, Collaborations which also featured the prominent international artists, Dave Navarro and Chad Muska. She continued her ongoing illustration and design consulting work for the Bob Marley Estate, including the annual holiday greeting shared globally to millions of social media followers. Throughout the year, Mariah mentored several media arts interns in their creative work and brought a series of professional guest speakers from the field into the classroom, in order to provide a more enriching Zoom environment during the pandemic.

“PART OF TEACHING IS HELPING PEOPLE CREATE THEMSELVES.  
- MAXINE GREENE

2019-2020

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



**Rob Karaba, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor of Educational Leadership**

Dr. Karaba was the sole author on "Educational leadership for democratic culture", a chapter in the edited volume, *The Handbook of Dewey's Educational Theory and Practice*.

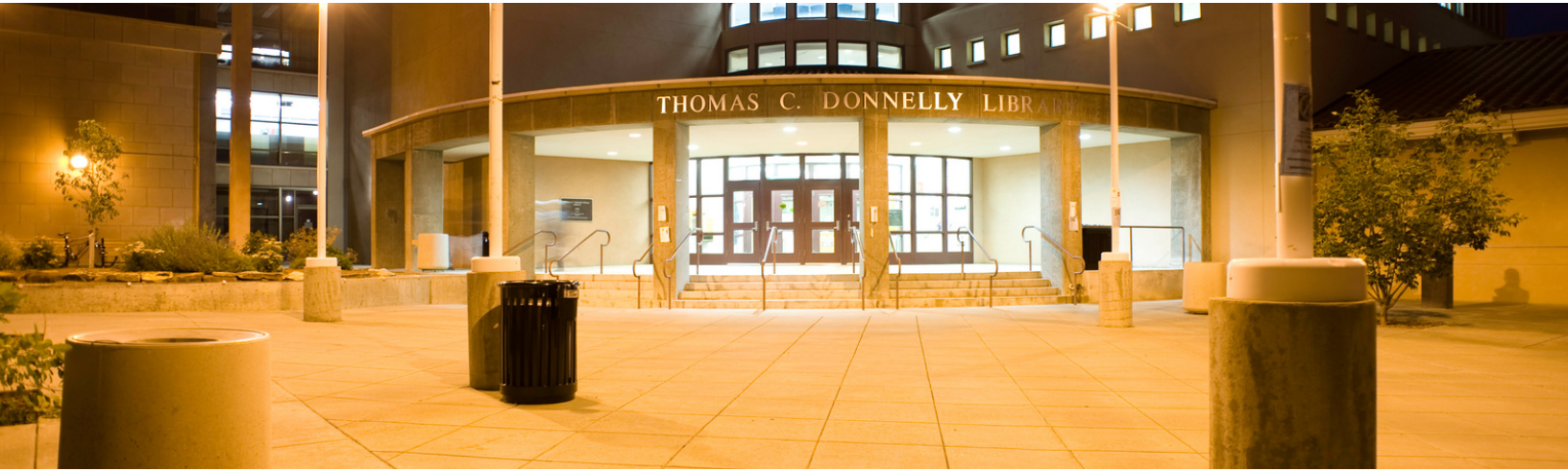


**THE MOST IMPORTANT ATTITUDE THAT CAN BE  
FORMED IS THAT OF DESIRE TO GO ON LEARNING.  
- JOHN DEWEY**



# 2020-2021

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



**Sebastian Medina, Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor of Biology**

Dr. Medina authored four research articles published from September 2020 to January 2021, and was lead author on two in Scientific Reports and Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology. Titles of his lead authorships include "Modulation of PARP activity by Monomethylarsonous (MMA+3) acid and uranium in mouse thymus" and "Exposures to Uranium and Arsenic Alter Intraepithelial and Innate Immune Cells in the Small Intestine of Male and Female Mice". He also presented a research poster at the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Superfund Research Program Virtual Annual Meeting on December 13-15, 2020.

**Jesus A. Rivas, Ph.D.**  
**Professor of Biology**

Dr. Rivas published a paper "Climate Change and speciation pulses in a nearly flooded continent: talking the riddle of South America's high diversity" proposing a new model to explain the high diversity in the continent. He also published a paper in collaboration with Brazilian colleagues on telemetry and movement of Yellow Anacondas (*Eunectes notaeus*). Last, he published a book on 28 years of research on green anaconda with Oxford University Press entitled *Anaconda: The secret life of the world's largest snake*. He continued to serve as Associate Editor of *The Journal of Herpetology* where he reviewed and organized the peer review process of numerous manuscript submissions. In addition, Dr. Rivas became a Certified Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society; which will allow him to endorse our graduates to obtain certification themselves.

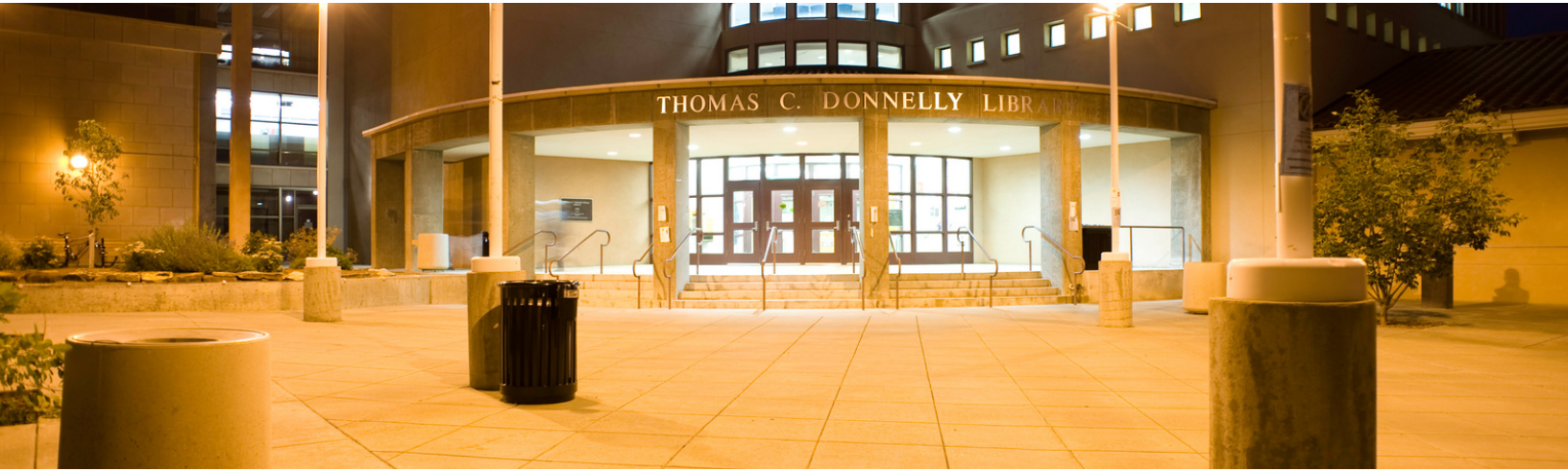
**Eric Griffin, Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor of Biology**

In March of 2021, Dr. Griffin's four-year research proposal (\$913,227) entitled "Microbiome mediation of multi-trophic interactions in a tree diversity experiment" was funded by the National Science Foundation. Since the summer of 2020, Dr. Griffin has presented his research at invited seminars at UNM, NMSU, NMHU, as well as in local communities at the Las Vegas Middle School Science and Health Career Camp and Nature Niños New Mexico. Moreover, he and three undergraduate researchers presented a poster at the New Mexico Research Symposium on October 8-10, 2020. Most recently, Dr. Griffin served on a panel at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Terrestrial and Marine Microbial Symposium on March 24-25, 2021.



# 2020-2021

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



### **Blanca Céspedes, Ph.D.**

#### **Assistant Professor of Forestry and Interim Chair, Department of Forestry**

Dr. Céspedes has collaborated with forestry faculty members at Northern Arizona University to co-author a chapter in a new fire ecology book titled Past, present, and future fire ecology and management across us forested ecosystems addressing the past, present, and future ecology and management of fire across US forests, providing a broad synthesis to aid sustainable management of forests under our changing climate. Dr. Céspedes' chapter is called "Southwest fire ecology and management of southwestern forests".

### **Julie Tsatsaros, Ph.D.**

#### **Instructor of Forestry**

Dr. Tsatsaros' article "Improving water quality in the wet tropics, Australia: A conceptual framework and case study" was published in the journal Water, and was chosen as an editor's choice article. Additionally, Dr. Tsatsaros is the lead author of the manuscript "Supporting community led water quality monitoring in river basins adjacent to the great barrier reef, Australia" which has been accepted for publication in the Journal Marine Pollution Bulletin.

### **Kyle Shaney, Ph.D.**

#### **Assistant Professor of Forestry**

Dr. Shaney published the article "Defining intraspecific conservation units in the endemic Cuban rock iguanas (*Cyclura nubila nubila*)" in Scientific Reports. This article discusses the importance and challenges of defining conservation management units for species of concern and uses the example of the Cuban rock iguana as a case study for how this process can be informed through a better understanding of a species' phylogeographic characteristics.

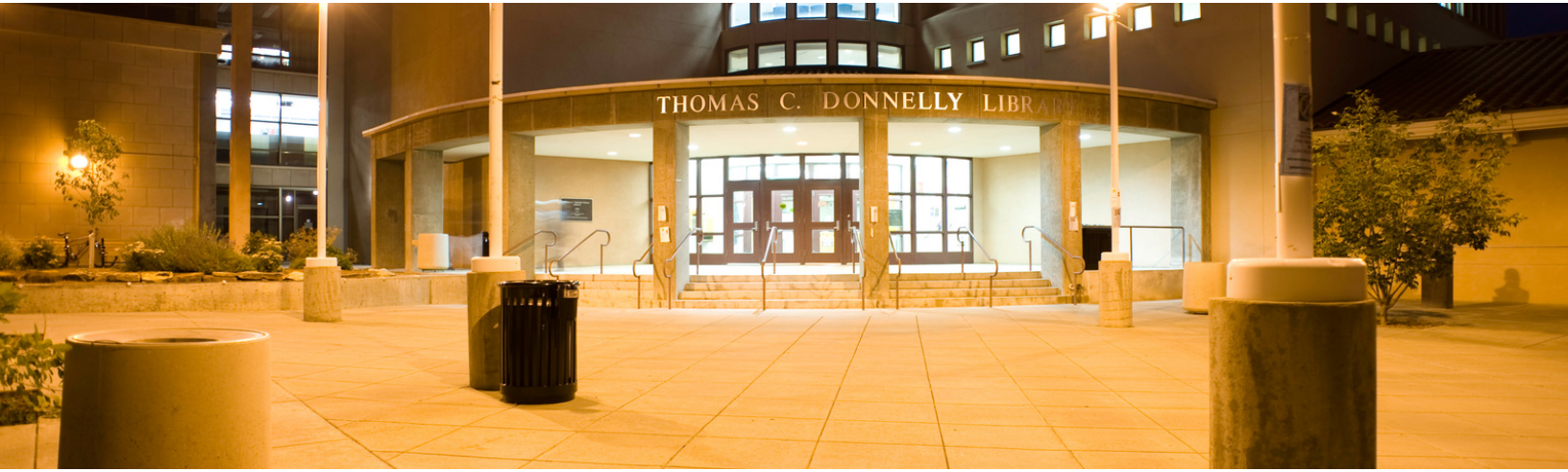
### **Jennifer Klutsch, Ph.D.**

#### **Assistant Professor of Forestry**

Dr. Klutsch also presented a talk entitled "Identifying anatomical and chemical defense fingerprints in Alberta lodgepole pine against mountain pine beetle" at an International Union of Forest Research Organizations conference. She also co-authored two peer-reviewed journal articles: "Primary and secondary metabolite profiles of lodgepole pine trees change with elevation, but not with latitude" in the Journal of Chemical Ecology and "Selection of entomopathogenic fungus *Beauveria bassiana* (Deuteromycotina: Hyphomycetes) for the biocontrol of *Dendroctonus ponderosae* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae, Scolytinae) in Western Canada" in Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology.

# 2020-2021

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



**Joshua L. Sloan, Ph.D.**

**Assistant Professor of Forestry in 2019-2020 and Director of Forestry in 2020-2021**

During the past year, Dr. Sloan has served as the lead author of three articles, including "Nitrogen recovery from enhanced efficiency fertilizers and urea in intensively managed black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) plantations" in the journal *Forests*, "Drought-conditioning of quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides* Michx.) seedlings during nursery production modifies seedling anatomy and physiology" in *Frontiers in Plant Science*, and "Southwestern white pine conservation efforts at the John T. Harrington forestry research center" in the *New Mexico Tree Farm Bulletin*. Additionally, he was awarded a LI-COR Environmental Education Fund award of \$33,083 to support the acquisition of instruments to measure photosynthesis in plants, as well as a \$225,000 McIntire-Stennis subaward from NMSU to support forestry research at NMHU.

**William Jaremko-Wright, MS**

**Instructor of Geology**

Summers 2019 and 2020 marked Geology Instructor William Jaremko-Wright's 4th and 5th years of annual bird surveys at the Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge. He continues to monitor the effect of wildlife management and habitat restoration on migratory and breeding bird populations. Professor Jaremko-Wright is continuing that work in Summer 2021 along with collaborating with the Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance on an Outdoor Recreation Equity grant. This work is focused on increasing access to outdoor recreation like fly fishing and birding. He will be leading birding walks with youths and families through the spring migration.

**Michael Petronis, Ph.D., Jennifer Lindline, Ph.D., and Joseph Zebrowski, MS  
(Collaboration)**

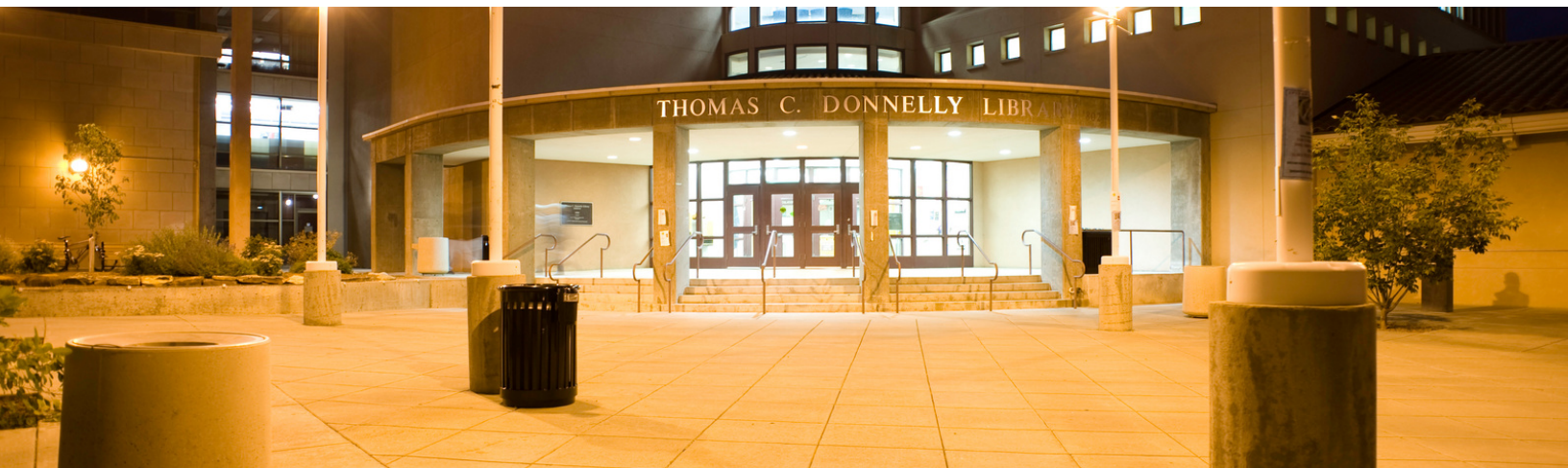
**Professors of Geology and Instructor of Forestry**

Dr. Petronis, Dr. Lindline, and Joseph Zebrowski, along with NMHU alumna Rhonda Trujillo published a paper in *New Mexico Geology*, titled "Paleomagnetic data bearing on vertical axis rotation of the Rio del Oso dike swarm, western Espanola Basin, New Mexico".



# 2020-2021

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



**Jennifer Lindline, Ph.D., Michael Petronis, Ph.D., and Edward Martinez, Ph.D.**  
**(Collaboration)**

**Professors of Geology and Special Assistant to the President**

Dr.'s Lindline, Petronis, and Martinez were awarded a \$275,000 grant from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support its Water Resources Science program. The grant is aimed at increasing NMHU's water preparing underrepresented minority students for water resources science careers through the acquisition of new water analysis equipment, development of new hands-on coursework in water resources science, and applied experiences in the scientific aspects of water resources budgeting and water quality monitoring.

**Jennifer Lindline, Ph.D. and Tatiana Timofeeva, Ph.D. (Collaboration)**

**Professor of Geology and Professor of Chemistry**

Dr.'s Lindline and Timofeeva co-authored a paper with their graduate and post-doctoral students in the Journal Inorganic Chemistry Communications, titled "Magnetic behavior of 3d metal-organic frameworks constructed via 1, 2, 4, 5-Benzenetetracarboxylate linker and 4f Ce(III) or 3d Fe(III) metal nodes".

**Jennifer Lindline, Ph.D.**

**Professor of Geology**

Was appointed to the Upper Pecos Watershed Association Board. She brings expertise on the geology of the Pecos Canyon and the geologic influences on water quality to her board service. She also provides technical input on active restoration projects in the Upper Pecos Watershed that are improving its condition.

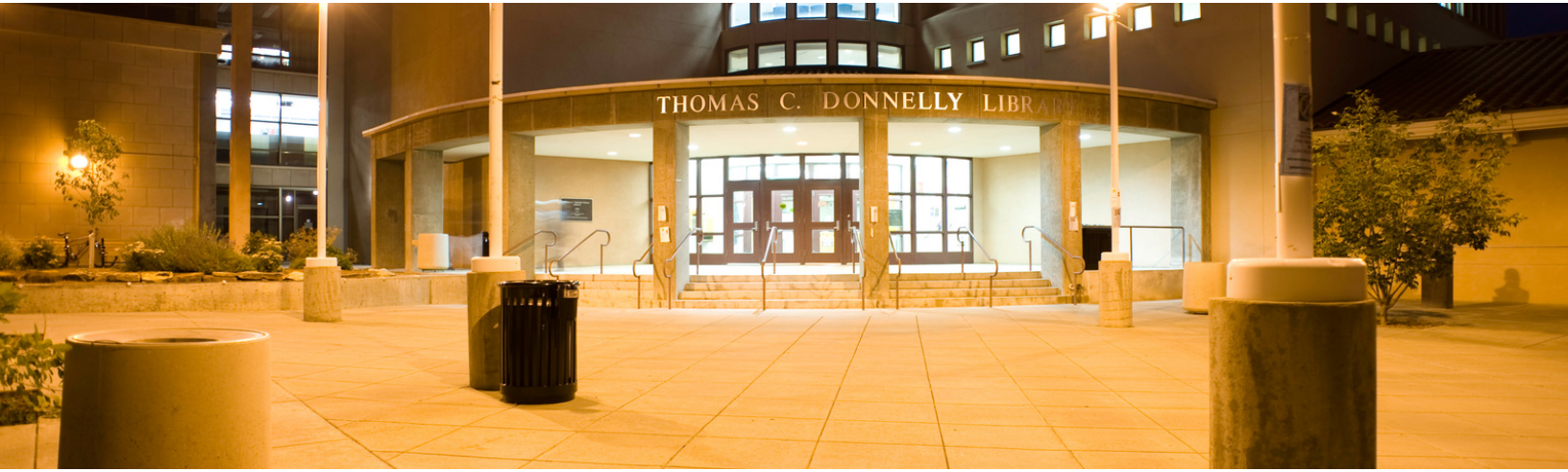
**Siri Gurunam Kaur Khalsa, CNP, MSN, BSN**

**Instructor of Nursing**

Recently received IRB approval for her doctoral project at UNM. I am also enclosing the flyer that she developed for use with her project. Ms. Khalsa has served as adjunct faculty for NMHU's Nursing Program for approximately 5 years and currently is Teaching Evidence-Based Health Assessment, Health Care Policy, Community Health Nursing Practice, and Nursing Management Practicum courses. She contributes to our program and is actively involved in her community as well.

# 2020-2021

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



**Lara Heflin, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor of Psychology**

Dr. Heflin has been active in mentoring student research, including having 2 articles co-authored with current and previous Psychology graduate students at NMHU accepted for publication. Jen Treacy and Lara Heflin published "Neuropsychological functioning in athletes with untreated concussion at moderate elevation" in The Journal of Sport and Exercise Science. Hannah Lovato, Lara Heflin, and Carissa Romero's article "Novel COVID-19 stressors and the implications for increases in anxiety and depression" will be published in the journal Social Moments: A Student Journal of Social Relations.

**David Pan, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor of Psychology**

Dr. Pan recently co-authored an article with a previous NMHU Clinical Psychology/Counseling graduate student. Zubin DeVitre and Dr. Pan published "Asian American values and attitudes towards seeking mental health services" in the Journal of Asia Pacific Counseling. Additionally, Dr. Pan co-authored an article titled "Therapeutic alliance mediates the effect of directive treatment on subsyndromal depression for Asian and European American students" in the Journal of Psychotherapy Integration with colleagues from the University of Southern California.

**Daniel Chadborn, Ph.D.**

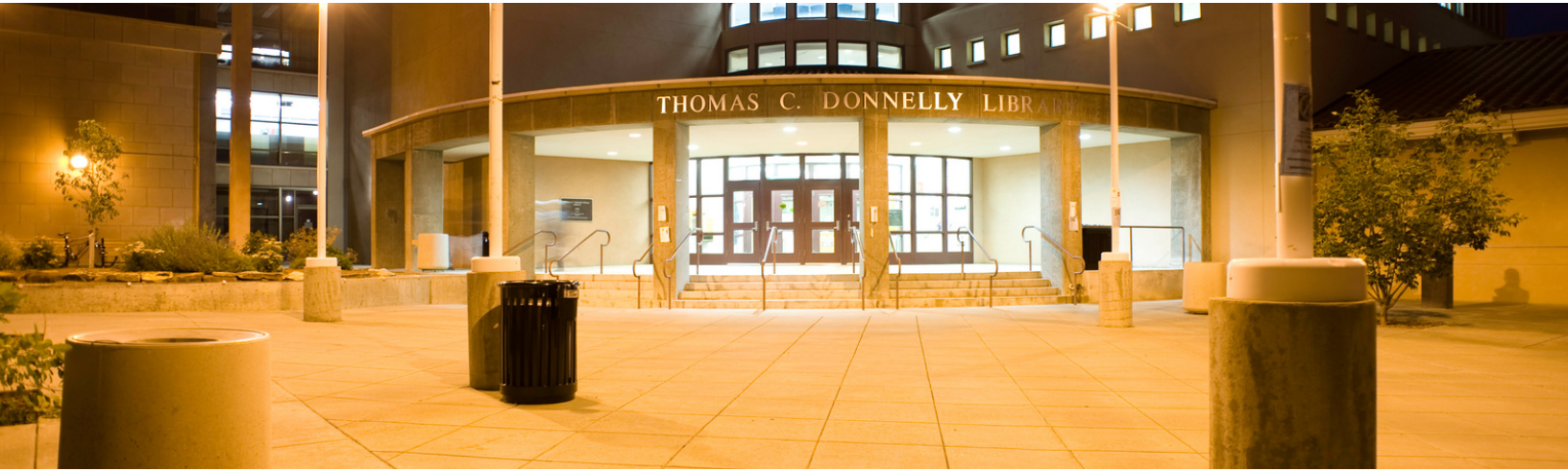
**Assistant Professor of Psychology**

Dr. Chadborn and co-published "'Get out of my fandom, newbie': A cross-fandom study of elitism and gatekeeping in fans." in the Journal of Fandom Studies. He has presented multiple presentations including: "Together at the final frontier: UFO interest and global citizenship" presented at the SPSP: Self and Identity Virtual Conference; "A new hope: Fan identity, convention attendance, and its influence on worldview" and "Space invaders: Extraterrestrial belief and global citizenship" presented at the Southwest Psychology Association Virtual Conference. He has chaired and presented a symposium "The inconvenience sample: Experiences and advice for researching outside the classroom." at the Southwest Psychology Association Virtual Conference to discuss doing research with groups outside of the classroom. Additionally, gave a talk as an invited guest virtual speaker at the New Mexico highlands University Homecoming Scholarly Showcase entitled "Together at the final frontier: Interest in UFOs and global citizenship".



# 2020-2021

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



### **Rebecca Álvarez, Ph.D.**

#### **Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice/Sociology**

Dr. Álvarez hosted and moderated a virtual town hall meeting titled "21st Century Policing Reform in New Mexico: Bills in the 2021 Legislative Session" on behalf of The Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico. The town hall meeting, scheduled for Saturday, February 27 at 4pm, allowed members of various New Mexico communities to discuss measures of police accountability in the 2021 New Mexico state legislative session.

### **David Lobdell, MFA**

#### **Professor of Art**

Professor Lobdell has and continues to serve on several community organizational committees to produce artwork and plan events for the Gallinas River Watershed Alliance, Main Street de Las Vegas. He serves as the ceramic shell workshop leader for the Western Cast Iron Art Alliance and the Executive Director for Exhibitions for the National Conference for Contemporary Cast Iron Art and Practice. He has participated in several exhibitions and produced a large scale, land art project for Salzwedel, Germany City Museum (live exhibition), Situational Invitational (online presentation) with the Western Cast Iron Art Alliance, Inc., Steering Committee Exhibition (online presentation) NCCCIAP, Binary Mandala (land art – 40 ft diameter, stone and earth work) La Cueva, NM.

### **Norma A. Valenzuela, Ph.D.**

#### **Assistant Professor of Spanish**

Dr. Norma A. Valenzuela published two book chapters in fall 2020 "Mestiza Consciousness a la MeXicana in Ultima and Agueda Martinez: Bridging and Legitimizing Querencia in the Borderlands." Querencia: Essays on the New Mexico Homeland. Querencia Series. New Mexico University Press and "Evolution of a Transnational Imaginary in Plays by Groundbreaking Dramatists Josefina Niggli, Josefina López, and Yareli Arizmendi." MLA Options for Teaching Series, Teaching the Narrative of Mexicana and Chicana Writers.

# 2020-2021

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY



### **Melanie Zollner Ed.D.**

#### **Assistant Professor of Management**

Dr. Zollner planned, organized, and moderated a business ethics webinar topic "Preventing human trafficking in global supply chains: The role of ethical commitment" presented by Dr. Harry J. Van Buren III. She was the faculty advisor for NMHU SHRM Chapter affiliated with the Society for Human Resources Management [SHRM] and organized, recruited, and re-chartered the chapter with NMHU Student Club Organizations and SHRM.

### **Ali Arshad, Ph.D.**

#### **Associate Professor of Business**

Dr. Arshad published "The impact of COVID-19 on the economy of New Mexico: Three scenarios" in the International Journal of Business and Economics Perspective and also presented a paper at the Conference Proceeding of the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines entitled "The economic impact of the removal of annual tax rebate cap: A case study of New Mexico".

### **Heath Anderson, MBA**

#### **Instructor of Business**

Mr. Anderson volunteered with the La Plata Medical Reserve Corps Community Covid-19 Volunteer Team. This volunteer effort helped thousands of at-risk residents receive their Covid-19 vaccination.

“PLAY IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF RESEARCH.  
- ALBERT EINSTEIN



# 2020-2021

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY



### **Angela Meron, MFA**

#### **Assistant Professor of Media Arts**

In 2020, Angela exhibited work in four juried exhibitions – Circles are Hard at the David Jones Gallery in Kansas City, KS; works at Gallery 140 in Las Vegas, NM, including Another Anniversary, Leave the Chains, Box of Chocolates, and She Carried Magic Secrets; and White (Wedding Dress) at the Balance and Resilience Show at the Giles Gallery of Eastern Kentucky University. Angela also curated a show for the Las Vegas Arts Council/Gallery 140. The March 2021 show, What Women Do Choose To Challenge, was presented by Gallery 140 to honor Women's Month. The archive converted the original "What Women Do" shown in 1991 from analog to digital format and is now permanently hosted on the Las Vegas Arts Council website. Angela hosted several virtual salons with original and new participants and interviewed women in Las Vegas who are making a difference today; adding a contemporary theme to the show.

### **Mariah Fox Hausman, MFA**

#### **Associate Professor of Media Arts**

Mariah Fox Hausman's pen and ink illustrations were recently featured in Bob Marley's Redemption (Quirk Books, 2020; distributed by Penguin Random House). She spent the summer electronically illustrating and designing the leadership book, The 7 Dynamos of Organizational Power by Coleen Cayes. The last two semesters at Highlands, Mariah has been very busy partnering in service with her media arts students, PICT (Program in Interactive Cultural Technology), and the Santa Fe Children's Museum to re-design and upgrade packaging for their Grab and Go educational program, new exhibit installations, and fundraising materials for the upcoming renovation of their outdoor acre of play and learning space.

### **Morgan Barnard, MFA**

#### **Associate Professor of Media Arts**

Morgan Barnard designed a public art lighting project called Biobridge in collaboration with artist Andrea Polli as part of the Lights on Tampa public art project in Tampa, Florida. Biobridge uses LED strips and cameras to create an interactive lighting display that is reminiscent of bioluminescent algae. Morgan wrote a short essay on his collaborative project with TrueKids 1 in "Acequia Aqui: Water, Community & Creativity, a catalog selected projects: 2018 – 2020" that was published by the Paseo Project in 2021.

# 2020-2021

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



### **P. J. Sedillo, Ph.D.**

#### **Associate Professor of Special Education**

He is published in *Gifted Child Today*, *Journal of Education & Social Policy*, Prufrock Press, *Parents of High Potential*, and *ABQ Press* where his book *Solidarity through Pride* won best book in Arizona/New Mexico. His most recent publication published this past year was a chapter written in the book *Success Strategies for Parenting Gifted Kids*. His chapter is titled: *Why is There a Gay Pride Flag on my 9-Year-Old's Backpack*. PJ has a new chapter coming out in the fall of 2021 with Prufrock Press titled *Identifying and Serving Diverse Gifted Learners: Meeting the Needs of Special Populations in Gifted Education* where he introduces *Stages of Identity for GLBT-Gifted persons*. He is currently an At-Large Board Member for The National Association for Gifted Children and part of their Expert Speakers Program.

### **Seonsook Park, Ph.D.**

#### **Associate Professor of Education**

Dr. Seonsook Park, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, has been striving to serve academic and professional communities. Presently, she continues to take the leading role for the National Professional Development Program (NPD Program) Grant as a PI. Dr. Park participated in a virtual conference and presented, in collaboration with Ms. Cloud, NPD Program Grant Project Director, their work entitled *Career Ladder Teachers for Diversity - National Professional Development Program (NPD Program)* at the Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) 2020 Annual Directors Meeting, U.S. Department of Education. In addition, her paper presentation entitled *Scaffolding content literacy through the SIOP Model for Korean speaking English learners: A cross-cultural case study of English instruction in Korea* was accepted at the 2020 Eleventh Annual Korean American Educational Research Association Conference. Dr. Park has been working with children and youth of the Korean American community in Albuquerque, NM to showcase their creative efforts and has also published a children's literature book titled *Full moon: Gloriously, radiantly, exuberantly*, which was sponsored by Korean Women's International Network (KOWIN) New Mexico Chapter. As a Vice President of the KOWIN, she has volunteered for this not-for-profit organization for several years to promote women's equity, justice, and empowerment. Dr. Park has been collaborating with the New Mexico Asian Family Center to serve Asian American communities helping advocate for their civil rights and supporting culturally sustaining programs and civic engagement activities.



# 2020-2021

## FACUNDO VALDEZ SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



### **Rebecca Maldonado Moore, Ph.D., LMSW** **Professor of Social Work**

Dr. R. M. Moore collaborated with Dr. Michael Doxtater on Indigenous Knowledges publication based on a search conference action research method. See: Moore, R., and Doxtater, T. M. (2020). Old Wisdom: Indigenous Democracy Principles as Strategies for Social Change within Organizations and Tribal Communities. [Special Issue] M. Johnson-Jennings and S. Billot, Eds. Community-engaged Indigenous Research Across the Globe. Genealogy. Retrieved from [www.mdpi.com/journal/genealogy/special\\_issues/globe](http://www.mdpi.com/journal/genealogy/special_issues/globe)

As a commissioner for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Commission on Diversity and Social and Economic Justice, Dr. Moore was also instrumental in proposing and developing the CSWE Land Acknowledgement Statement. The CSWE Board of Directors unanimously approved this statement at the 2020 APM in November 2020. This statement is available on the CSWE website.

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Knox, K. M., Gherardi, D. & Stoner, A. (2020) Rules, roles and practices: Exploring school social worker preparation for practice. *International Journal of School Social Work*, 5(2), 1-19

This mixed methods survey focused on school social workers in New Mexico which assessed their preparation for practice in schools in a state that has no school specific training or certification requirements. Results suggest that lack of school specific training in pre-service programs left these participants identifying as feeling unprepared, however these school social workers found ways to facilitate their growth and professional development once they were in the field. The lack of early challenges and lack of preparation for social workers to be employed as school social workers has implications for social work educators as well as grounds for further research and potential policy changes.

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Dr. Bencomo was named to the Governor's Racial Justice Council, by New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, during the Summer of 2020. Dr. Bencomo also co-presented, "Antiracism: Learning from Social Work's History and Planning for the Future", with colleagues from the CSWE Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity at the national CSWE conference in November of 2020.

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