Welcome New Faculty and Staff

New Faculty

Dr. Suzanne Ehrlich joins us as Assistant Professor of ASL/English Interpreting. Suzanne is originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, but her family and she moved here from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was an Assistant Professor at the University of Cincinnati. Suzanne’s doctorate and master's degree are in Instructional Design and Technology, her baccalaureate degree is in Psychology and Associate's degree in Signed Language Interpreting. Suzanne recently spent time as a visiting scholar in Edinburgh, Scotland where they lived last year with their daughter, Fiona, who will be 4 soon. When she has time for hobbies, they include biking, swimming and traveling. We're excited to be living near the beach and looking forward to connecting with the UNF community.

Dr. Jennifer Renée Kilpatrick joins us as Assistant Professor of Deaf Education. Jennifer spent the last 15 years teaching in a variety of special education and deaf education settings while collecting degrees in Virginia, Tennessee, and Florida. She has a BS in Special Education (Liberty University), MS in Deaf Education (The University of Tennessee), MEd in Elementary Education - Literacy (University of North Florida), and PhD in Education - Literacy Studies (The University of Tennessee). Her research focuses on the language and literacy development of deaf and hard of hearing students and the preparation and professional development of teachers of the deaf. Her newest passion is her work with the Haiti Deaf Academy in Leveque, a deaf village that rose from the ashes of Haiti's 2010 earthquake. When she isn't working, she can usually be found outside—watching sunrises, running half marathons, climbing mountains, paddling nearby waters, and exploring new places.

Dr. Dilek Kayaalp joins us as Assistant Professor of Educational Foundations. Dilek conducted her postdoctoral research in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University, Canada. She completed her PhD in the Department of Educational Studies at the University of British Columbia, Canada. Dilek received her BA and MA degrees from the Department of Sociology at the Middle East Technical University, Turkey. Dilek was born and grew up in Turkey. In 2005 she moved to Canada and lived in “Beautiful British Columbia” for ten years. She loves exercising and tasting good food. Her favourite cuisines are Malaysian, Thai, Indian and Turkish.
Dr. Soonhyang Kim joins us as Assistant Professor of TESOL in the Department of Childhood Education, Literacy, and TESOL. Dr. Kim holds her Masters degree in TESOL from Murray State University, Kentucky and a Ph.D. in foreign, second and multilingual language education from The Ohio State University. Dr. Kim, originally from South Korea, has been working in U.S. higher education since 1998, teaching a wide variety of subjects, including TESOL, bilingual education, general teacher education, ESL and Korean from grade-schoolers to graduate students. Her recent research interests are second and bilingual language/literacy development, academic oral classroom discourse, pre-/in-service teacher preparation, non-native, English-speaking teacher issue, and online teacher education. She enjoys raising her US-born, Korean-American daughter as multilingual and multicultural and incorporating her language learning experiences into her own teaching and scholarship.

Dr. Christian Winterbottom joins us as Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education. Originally from Manchester, England, Christian arrives at the University of North Florida from The Ohio State University where he taught Early Childhood Education, Social Studies, and Middle Childhood Social Studies. He earned his B.A. degree in English at the University of Bedfordshire in England, and his Master’s degree and Ph.D., in Early Childhood Education at the Florida State University. For four years, he taught preschool and elementary students in Japan and when he moved to Florida he worked extensively with Preschools and Head Start programs. Dr. Winterbottom is married to a UF alumnus, and they have two young children (5 and 10) who are looking forward to being back in the state they were born. The Winterbottom family enjoys traveling, outdoor activities, soccer (Manchester United) and watching FSU athletics.

Matthew Ohlson joins us as Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership. Matthew has a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Policy with a specialization in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Florida. His K-12 experience includes roles as a teacher and school leader in the Boston Public Schools and the Florida Virtual School. In higher education, Dr. Ohlson served as a clinical instructor at the University of Florida, Director of the C.A.M.P. Gator mentoring initiative and leadership facilitator at the Lastinger Center for Learning. Most recently, he served as an educational consultant for the Florida Department of Education training educators throughout the state as well as contributing to the state principal exam and training resources. Matthew, his wife, and three children reside in Saint Augustine and enjoy traveling and playing sports.

Congratulations to Maurice Graham, Instructor of Sport Management and Anne Swanson, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership on their promotions.
Dr. LaDonna Morris joins us as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Leadership, School Counseling, and Sport Management. Dr. Morris hails from Carterville, Illinois, but has lived in Florida for 25 years. She studied at Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale, completing a B.A. in Biology with a minor in German, and master's degrees in Educational Psychology and Health Education. In 2004, she earned her doctorate in Educational Leadership at UNF and has been teaching graduate courses here since then. Dr. Morris was an administrator at Florida State College at Jacksonville 1996-2015, first at the Rosanne R. Hartwell Women’s Center until it closed in 2013, then at the Career Development Center. She lives with her partner of 30 years, Dr. Robert Gold, Professor Emeritus at SIU and their Airedale, Baxter.

Andrea Buenano joins us as a Visiting Instructor in the Department of Leadership, School Counseling, and Sport Management. Ms. Buenano holds a Master of Education with a specialization in Athletic Administration from Nova Southeastern University and is currently in the Dissertation process to complete her Ed.D in Organizational Leadership and Higher Education Leadership. Ms. Buenano is joining the Sport Management faculty from Penn State University where she oversaw the academic success for 220 Division I student-athletes, in addition to teaching first-year seminars. Prior to Penn State, Ms. Buenano assisted and lectured in a variety of sport management courses at Nova Southeastern University. Her research interests include the student transition to college and diversity in sport. Ms. Buenano is a first-generation born and raised South Floridian. She is very happy to return to sunny Florida and enjoys all outdoor activities Florida has to offer.

Kelly Scott excitedly rejoins the College of Education and Human Services as a Visiting Instructor in the Department of Childhood Education, Literacy, and TESOL. Kelly previously served as an adjunct instructor in the CELT department and as a Graduate Research Assistant in the Dean’s Office while completing her Master’s Degree in Elementary Education. When not in a school or working with students, a huge part of Kelly’s life is her involvement as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and she is excited to serve as the faculty advisor for UNF’s Relay For Life event this year. In her free time, Kelly enjoys spending time with her husband and family, traveling, and any chance she can to get lost in a book.

Dr. Susan Strickland Ripple joins UNF as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the school counseling program. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature with a minor in clinical psychology from Georgia State University, a Master of Education in Counseling & Guidance from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a Doctor of Education in Education Leadership from Samford University. In addition, she has 21 years experience serving in public schools in both the Atlanta Metropolitan Area and in Athens, Georgia. Although she has a myriad of professional experiences, Dr. Ripple's expertise and primary interests include: comprehensive, data-driven school counseling programs; effective for working with the millennial generation; and tiered counseling strategies to advanced curricula.
New Staff

**Julie Van Laere** joins the College of Education Academic Advising office as an Office Assistant. She originally hails from South Bend, Indiana and most recently was employed by Indiana University South Bend School of Nursing. Julie & her husband, John, have decided to move to Jacksonville to be closer to their 3 grandchildren. They are both looking forward to learning about their new surroundings and especially getting away from the cold and snow.

DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL COUNSELING AND SPORT MANAGEMENT

In April, faculty and students of the Higher Education Administration program spent a Sunday afternoon with the Suns at Bragan Field to celebrate the end of the year and our largest graduating class yet. In addition to students, the gathering included **Dr. Luke Cornelius**, program director, and several HEA adjuncts including **Dr. Dee Kennedy and Dr. Lucy Croft**, as well as LSCSM professors **Dr. Terence Cavanaugh and Dr. Anne Swanson**. We were also joined by Dean of Students Tom Van Schoor, Director of Greek Life Justin Sipes, and Justin Lerman from CIRT. A great time was had by one and all. Congrats grads!

Over summer Dr. Terence Cavanaugh, working with the Confucius Institute, taught a summer course on electronic books at Shaanxi Normal University in Xi’an China, one of COEHS’s partner schools. The course had 45 students and took place over two weeks. Their special summer session had six classes devoted to ebook lectures and activities and then three “Salons” which are a form of open discussions and activities.

**Meet your Majors event on Monday, August 31, 2015**
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND TESOL

Dr Gigi Morales David was the keynote speaker for the Early Learning Coalition of North Florida Summer Reading Conference on July 16.

DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL, DEAF, AND INTERPRETER EDUCATION

Dr. Caroline Guardino accompanied 11 UNF Deaf Ed students and alumni on a trip to Athens, Greece to learn about Deaf Education at the International Congress on the Education of the Deaf (ICED). The students met teachers, researchers, and administrators from around the world and learned international sign language as well as signs from visual languages from various countries around the globe. Follow this link to learn some international signs yourself: http://tinyurl.com/oopl8pz. Another cultural highlight of the transformational learning opportunity was attending the Congress Gala where the students dressed in Greek attire, joined in traditional Greek dance, and enjoyed local food. Because ICED only happens once every five years, the students are already saving to attend the next congress in Australia in 2020.