OUR ACE FAMILY

Watch while we grow . . .
This is an introduction to the members of our ACE Family. The following slides will introduce you to the diversity of our students and also the diversity of our field. This is not a comprehensive list, but we are attempting to share what our ACE Family members do in their academic and professional world. We will continue to add to this Family Album as time goes by.

Dr. Valerie Bryan, Professor, Program Leader of ACE, Charles Stewart Mott Eminent Scholar

Dr. Victor Wang, Professor of ACE

Dr. Lucy Guglielmino, Emeritus
Dr. Terry Liddell, tnliddell@yahoo.com or TLiddell@icfi.com, State Senior Systems Technical Specialist with ICF International, provides technical assistance to states. Dr. Liddell serves the states in Region X (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon & Washington) and is housed in Seattle, WA. She oversees the Child Care State Systems Specialist Network, A Service of the Office of Child Care.

Dr. Phyllis Bebko retired as the Associate Vice President of the FAU Broward Campuses. pbebko@fau.edu
Dr. Patrick Walden, ACE specialist and doctoral graduate, is an Associate Professor at St. John’s University in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a Speech and Language Pathology focus.

Dr. Patrick Walden was recognized by one of his online students in Seventeen Magazine as “faculty who best represented St. John’s University in mission and value”. He currently has three refereed international journal publications, two book chapters, and six national refereed publications, and 12 international and nations refereed presentations.
Dr. Ana Porro is a Professor II of Mathematics at Palm Beach State College. She is actively involved in Math Awareness Week at her institution where she brings students and professors together to enjoy and celebrate math.

Her dissertation, *Investigation Of Instructional Strategies Designed to Promote Achievement and Retention In Online Mathematics Classes*, addressed her area of interest.

Courtney was formerly President of the Chautauqua Women’s Club in New York.

She currently serves on the Leadership Collier Foundation Board of Directors in Collier County and is the Director of Public Affairs and Education at Planned Parenthood of Collier County.
Dr. Ann Musgrove, currently is an instructor in Teaching and Learning at FAU COE. She has an Online Teaching Certificate (OTC) from the Sloan Consortium (SloanC) and has 2 courses national recognized by Quality Matters, where she is a master course reviewer and facilitator of the cornerstone workshop applying the Quality Matter’s Rubric.

- She has served as an Instructional Designer, Educational/Training Programs Coordinator, Instructor/Visiting Professor, at the graduate, undergraduate and dual enrollment level.
- She has two degrees from FAU’s College of Education (COE) where she developed/ facilitated the Digital Teaching Academy Program. She served 5 years as the director of a Federal Title V cooperative grant between Broward College and the FAU Broward campus.

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Dr. Malika Starr, served as Chief Program Officer at Partners in School Innovation (an education management industry), San Francisco Bay Area. Her interest was helping the underserved and underprivileged.

- She taught at Cardinal Newman and Palm Beach Atlantic Univ. for many years.
- She was a Peace Corps Volunteer.
- She was an athlete and was entered into The Hall of Fame in her college.

See more at: http://www.legacy.com-obituaries/palmbeachpost-obituary.aspx?pid=170694759#sthash.mI5qdz5Q.dpuf
Dr. Deb Hargrove is currently Director Professional Development Design and Evaluation at Texas Center for Advancement of Literacy and Learning at Texas A&M.

She continues to serve as an Associate Professor - Graduate Faculty at Florida Atlantic University.

Formerly she was Director of Florida TechNet at Indian River State College and at Florida Atlantic University and served as a AALPD Webmaster.

www.floridatechnet.org

She also owns her own consulting business, Aha! Learning Resources, Inc.
Dr. Richard Durr serves as the coordinator for Palm Beach Atlantic University’s Wellington Education Center. The campus will serve the needs of adult students in the western communities of Palm Beach County.

For 20 years, he worked as Director of Learning and Development Organization for Motorola University at Motorola. He served as an adjunct professor for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Florida Atlantic University.
Dr. Bernadine Beard of Broward County Schools is an Assistant Principal at Fort Lauderdale High.

She did extensive work in Broward County with the use of technologies, data assessment and school reform.

Her work on her dissertation prompted the article noted here:

*Testing Interactions in Classification Problems*,

http://www.mlrv.ua.edu/2008/vol34_2/Berny_Interaction.pdf
Jessica Miles is a Professor II in Biology and Environmental Conservation at Palm Beach State College and serves as the Department Chair for the Environmental Science Technology Program.

Jessica received an award at the Jupiter campus for her involvement in the field of environmental awareness and sustainability. She is active in a vast number of projects and programs.
Dr. Annmarie Masi is currently a professor at Miami Dade. In 2007, she was selected as the Florida Professor of the Year.

Dr. Art Johnson is a faculty member at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Educational Leadership & Organizational Development. He has taught for eight universities and is the owner of a successful consulting business providing consulting services to the healthcare, manufacturing, insurance, law enforcement, transportation, banking, non-profit and service industries.
Dr. Leatrice T. Phares is the Paul Harris Society Chair for Rotary District 6990 which represents a mix of countries and cultures from throughout the U.S., Caribbean and South America.

Dr. Nigel Lovell-Martin, Administrative Head for the Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church, Miami Gardens, FL, and independent organizational development consultant.
Dr. Enid Conley is currently a Professor of Criminal Justice at Johnson & Wales University, at the North Miami Campus. In addition, she is a retired law enforcement officer whose interest is in social justice, public service, education, women’s issues, and Native American Indian issues.

Dr. Enid Conley was inducted into the Indian Tribal Police Organization (ISCAP) on October 23, 2011. She was recognized for this award by the International Association of Police Chiefs worldwide.
Dr. Jo Ann M. Bamdas is the Director of Interprofessional Education (IPE) for the Office of the Provost at FAU. She collaborates with the Associate Provost of Assessment and Programs and IPE Associate Directors as well as faculty and staff from the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, and School of Social Work in the College for Design and Social Inquiry to plan, develop, implement, and administer the interprofessional education program for FAU’s social work, nursing, and medical students.

She also serves as liaison to the incoming program Project ACCESS (Assimilation to Community, Careers, Employment, and Self-Sufficiency), which is a transition program that opens opportunities for bringing young people from the local community between the ages of 18-22 with disabilities who have earned a special diploma and are entitled to attend a university campus to receive academic instruction, job training, and the opportunity to socialize with their peers.
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- **Dr. Mary Cassell** received a promotion in the Broward County Library as Librarian II at the Tyron Bryan Public Library following her hooding the Summer 2011.

- **Dr. Joy Lee Story** Dr. Lee-Story works as a consultant for a wide variety of business concerns. She was formerly a corporate office of Smith, Bucklin, & Associates. She currently serves on the board of the Drucker Society of South Florida, and contributes to the quality operations and output of the Society.
Dr. Merideth Dee was recently promoted to Assistant Director, Academic Support Services, Freshman Academic Advising Services at FAU.

She and Dr. Valerie Bryan received a Outstanding E-learn Virtual Presentation Award with her co presenter, Dr. Bryan (also a FAU ACE grad), at Global TIME Online Conference 2012.

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Dr. Noemi Coltea, (S2014 ACE PHD), was born/raised in Transylvania, Romania, and since 2001 lived in Palm Beach County. She graduated from FAU’s Honors College (Economics), received a Masters in Public Administration, and a PhD in Adult and Community Education. She also graduated from the prestigious College Leadership Florida Program (Class V), Leadership Palm Beach County (Class XXV) and Connect Florida Leadership Institute (Class III), a state-wide program for young and emerging leaders.

Noemi is currently the Development Director for Boys Town of South Florida; a member of Junior Leagues of the Palm Beaches, Connect Florida Statewide Board and FAU’s Graduate and Professional Student Association Executive Board.
Dr. Gerri Penney has been Community Education Coordinator for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, FL since 1986. She completed her Executive Fire Officer program from the National Fire Academy in 1994. She chairs the National Fire Prevention Professional Development Committee for USFA’s Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Program.

Dr. Penney & Dr. Bryan served on an interdisciplinary team with the Palm Beach Fire and Rescue, FAU EDLRM Adult & Community Education, the Deaf Service Center, the Area Agency on Aging, and the Delray Medical Center’s Sleep Disorder Center to identify emergency alert technology for the profoundly deaf through a Homeland Security grant. Work was recognized in the 2014 Florida Atlantic University Division of Research Annual Report.

Dr. Linda Smith Ellington has recently left her role as Associate Professor of Business and Director of Leadership Studies, MacArthur School of Leadership, Palm Beach Atlantic University, and accepted a position at Southern New Hampshire University, as a faculty member in their Business School, Organizational Leadership.

Dr. Ellington is currently presenting a children’s book series Wetlee and Friends at http://www.wetleeandfriends.com/ that bring awareness to the bullying epidemic and to bring about courage in those who are being bullied so they may feel empowered to reach out to someone for help. She has created three digital video books of the Wetlee series: Kaliape, Squinelope, and Finlee. She also has a StoryPress, called Jenlee’s Story, at https://storypress.com/story/1118
Dr. Susan Dennett (S2014 ACE PHD graduate) is currently the Academic Dean at Northwoods University, Florida. While attending FAU she created an instructional video; assisted in the creation of the Chinese Leadership Academy; received the Dissertation of the Year Award & the Ernest O. Melby Award; co-authored several book chapters, refereed articles, and co-presented at several refereed presentations.

Formerly Susan was Senior HR Generalist/Associate HR Manager at QVC, Director of Health & Safety & Disaster Services for American Red Cross, and Human Resource Manager for several other organizations in the USA and internationally.
Dr. Tunjarnika Coleman Ferrell is Associate Dean at Palm Beach State College in Boca Raton.

She serves as an Adjunct Faculty for FAU in Research Methodology and Statistics.
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- **Dr. Brian Findley** is a Professor II at Palm Beach State College in Health Concepts. He has been recognized as “professor of the year” and has numerous publications.

- **Dr. Pete Zsiga** is Assistant Professor in the School of Education at Indian River State College and serves as Clinical Experience Coordinator and Director of the Tutoring Lab. He also has numerous publications to his credit.
Dr. Nancy Bredemeyer, now retired, was Assistant Professor in Interior Design at Indian River State College. nbredeme@irsc.edu

She has now created her interior design firm.

Dr. Christina Hart is Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness at Indian River State College at the Main Campus.
Dr. Donna Goldstein was awarded the Florida Atlantic University Outstanding Professional Educator Alumni Award, 2012.

Her work in Palm Beach School District has served as blueprint for educational units across the United States in how to integrate Geographic Information Systems (GIS), also referred to as Geospatial Technology, into curriculum for all levels of education from elementary to college level and beyond.
Dr. Elizabeth Gray Swann (2014 ACE PHD) was recognized at FAU as receiving all her degrees at FAU. She received awards from her EDLRM department as 2012 Outstanding Graduate Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology, 2012 Outstanding Student Award for Education at the Northern Campus Achievement Awards (NCAA), scholarships from The Lifelong Learning Society and the Ernest O. Melby Award, the Graduate College Presidential Fellowship, 2012 Finalist at the 3rd Annual GSA Graduate Research Day. She also was active in her community: 4-H, Agriculture Literacy Day, and Whole Child of Indian River. All this while making refereed presentations at various conferences.
PHD AWARDS

COE Educational Leadership and Research Methodology
Students Awarded Fellowships

Two College of Education ACE students received awards from the Graduate College, Elizabeth Swann for the Presidential Fellowship, and Nasim Alavi for the Provost Fellowship. The fellowships are designed to assist departments with the recruitment of superior Doctoral and MFA students by adding fellowship funds to assistantships. Presidential Fellowship recipients receive $5000 each year for two years. Provost Fellowship recipients receive $2500 for one academic year.

Dr. Swann, graduate S2014

Nasim Alavi, current PhD
Keara Sodona is an Assistant Professor for Learning Assistance at Indian River State College. Her dissertation was an award winner for the Dissertation of the Year in the EDLRM department.

Courtney Purnell is a course Mentor in Teacher Education at the Western Governors University, an online, accredited university. See http://www.wgu.edu/about_WGU/wgu-press-coverage

Her dissertation, Exploring Teachers' Perceptions Of Professional Development In Virtual Learning Teams, relates to her current position.
Dr. Nancy McDonald, Summer 2014 PhD Graduate from Educational Leadership and Research Methodology (EDLRM) in Adult and Community Education, serves as Professor, teaches Honors and on-line courses and serves as the campus English department chair at Palm Beach State College at PGA Boulevard. She is a recipient at Palm Beach State College of the Stewart Distinguished Teaching Award (2006-2007).

Dr. McDonald’s lifelong dedication to peace and social justice was evident in her research efforts that spanned 12 years in helping the inhabitants of Haiti. Her dissertation study addressed specifically the human rights observers who were intimately involved with the people and the country. No studies to date have focused on the human rights observers who were intimately involved with the people and the country.
Dr. David Ross is Program Professor for the Nova Southeastern University Fischler School of Education and Human Services, he teaches both undergraduate and graduate students in the field of education and leadership, oversees the online course development and delivery of the Parent Academy Program, and is Lead Faculty for the Master of Science in Education with a specialization in Charter School Education/Leadership.
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- **Idell McLaughlin** is Professor I in English and Literature and an award winner for her role as advisor for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.
- Her dissertation is entitled: *Transformational Experiences Of African American Women: Their Critical Reflections As Former Migrants Who Evolved From Harvest Of Shame To Seeds Of Hope*
Dr. Diane Ciccarrelli is a Case Manager and Care Coordinator for special needs youth in Stuart, Florida, and remains active in legislative active for the special populations.

Krista Allison was Academic Director at Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks (CALO) located in Lake Osage, Missouri. CALO is a residential treatment facility. She was formerly employed with HomeSafe in the Fort Pierce area.

She is currently enjoying motherhood.
Dr. Pauline McLean is on the faculty of Mel Nathan College (MNC), Jamaica, in the Caribbean to help foster ethos and philosophy.

Dr. Sarah Meltzer is Assistant Professor at Western Carolina University in Professional Development in Technology and a recent book author: *Step-by-Step Professional Development in Technology.*
MORE PHDS

More slides will be added to these pages for these recipients as we collect the data. Data is coming in daily. Meanwhile there are a host of students working on their Specialists and/or PhD.

- Abigail Oliver
- Linda Goudy
- Sherry Andre
- Courtney Curatolo
- Laura Snellgrove
- Sherry Andre
- Kenneth Muller
- Mary Danaher Davis
- Monica Evans-Nicoll
- Kristin Brittain
MORE PHDS

- Dar Asper
- Courtney Curatolo
- Deb Duay
- More to follow.

- And the list goes on and on to our Specialist and our Masters students . . .
- Please continue
CURRENT PHD STUDENTS

- **Kristin Brittain** is a graduate research assistant for the College of Education at the Jupiter campus and the Boca campus.
CURRENT PHD STUDENTS

- **Edwygh Franck** is currently completing her data collection.
- She has been the recipient of several awards while at FAU.
- She currently works on workforce development projects in the early childhood field and plans to work in workforce development following her graduation.
Fran Kamin is currently a Graduate Assistant on the Jupiter campus and a former Ernest O. Melby Fellowship Endowment winner. She is currently conducting research on self-directed learning and major health crises.

Faith Gordon is currently Going through the IRB process. She served as the MacArthur Graduate Student Association Director. Fgordon6@fau.edu
CURREN T PHD STUDENTS

- Karen Fay is getting ready for her Proposal Defense this term.

- She is actively involved as a grant writer for a nonprofit agency. Formerly she was an Executive Director of a Massachusetts and at the national level.
SPECIALIST TO PHD

- **Gisela Diaz** is Professor I at Palm Beach State College in Psychology.
- **Sean Smith** is a Professor of History at Palm Beach State College and a “who’s Who Among College Teachers”.
SPECIALIST TO PHD

- **Waweise Schmidt**, Professor I, of Oceanography at Palm Beach Gardens campus of Palm Beach State College.
- **Kim Le-Arvary** currently serves as Assistant Professor in Learning Assistance at Indian River State College. She was a former winner of the Ernest O. Melby Award.
- **Mary Bailey** is Professor I at Palm Beach State College in Reading and English.
Oren Hertz is an Instructor at Johnson & Wales University in the Hospitality College in North Miami, Florida.

Barbara Scheffer is Professor of Law at Palm Beach State College and Department Chair of the Paralegal Program. She is also a practicing lawyer.
SPECIALIST TO PHD

- Sharon McKnight is teaching at Johnson & Wales University.
- Shernette Davis
- Gilda Elizee
- Ruth Friedman
- Mya Eaton
- Olivia Morris-Ford
- Lori Miller
- Bernice Bain
- Catherine Christopher
- Karen Maiorano
- Geremy Jordan
- Kriste Steinke
- Catherine Christopher
SPECIALISTS TO PHDS

- Jessie Cedeno
- Scott Puleo
- Nadine Leblanc
- Jaclyn Pagnotta
- Robin McDaniel
- Cornelius Brownlee

- Donna Musso
- Wade Berstler
- Laura Snellgrove
- And the list
MASTERS GRADUATES

- Ines Moorhouse currently works as an Instructional Tech Specialist at the Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education, at the FAU College of Education in Boca Raton. 
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- Anthony Strianese, ACE Masters, is the Police Chief for the Coty of Delray Beach Police Department
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- Cecelia Shade is an Administrative Officer for the Delray City Manager’s Office.

- Joseph Milenkovic is Assistant Chief for Delray Police Department.
Dawn Dubriel recently accepted a position as Instructional Designer at Lynn University in Boca Raton. She worked prior to that as a instructional technology designer at Home Depot. In addition to receiving her Masters in ACE at FAU she also studied at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and the Los Angeles Film Schools. She created a several videos while in her ACE program for the Graduate Student Association [http://vimeo.com/15303206](http://vimeo.com/15303206), another video that won the Student Services Award [http://vimeo.com/15636972](http://vimeo.com/15636972). She also produced a videos for the ACE program: [http://vimeo.com/49517116](http://vimeo.com/49517116) and [http://vimeo.com/49343475](http://vimeo.com/49343475).
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- Sergeants Jeff Rasor and Nicole Guerriero of the Delray Beach City Police Department direct the Delray Beach Police Explorer Program.
- Gina Gallina is a Detective for the Delray Police Department.
- Mary Duggan is a Police Officer for Delray Beach.
- Sharon L’Herrou is an Administrative Officer for the Delray Beach Police. She was a recent recipient of Chief’s Achievement Awards.
- Dot Bast is Training and Development Manager at City of Delray Beach.
More masters program students will be added as information becomes available . . .
AND HOPEFULLY THE EDLRM ACE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TO IMPACT THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE