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Organization, Information & Learning Sciences Faculty

Dr. Mark Emmons, Associate Dean

Dr. Charlotte N. Gunawardena, Distinguished Professor

Dr. Amir Hedayati-Mehdiabadi, Assistant Professor

Dr. Sung Pil Kang, Assistant Professor

Dr. Victor Law, Associate Professor and Program Director

Dr. Gary Smith, Professor

Dr. Vanessa Svihla, Associate Professor

Dr. Oleksandr Tkachenko, Assistant Professor

Dr. Frances C. Wilkinson, Senior Associate Dean and Administrative Director

College and Program Staff

Daniel Albert, OILS Student Employee

Patricia Campbell, Marketing Manager

Miguel Cortez, Administrative Assistant

Cynthia Gonzales, Administrative Assistant

Christopher Larrañaga, OILS Program Coordinator

Amy Mullins, Unit Administrator

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 graduates of the Organization, Information & Learning Sciences program (OILS)! Today we celebrate the academic achievements of our graduating students. Their dedication, creativity, and desire to succeed has resulted in this life changing accomplishment.

On this special occasion for our graduates and their families, OILS also has much to be enthusiastic about from this past year. The program continues to grow due to the hard work and commitment of its diverse students, staff, and faculty. OILS successfully passed the Academic Program Review conducted by both external and internal reviewers. UNM's Office of Academic Program Review commended the process OILS adopted for this review, and it will be held as an example and model for other UNM Departments going through the process. OILS also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Open University of Sri Lanka and is in the process of signing an MOU with Busan National University in Korea. Enrollment numbers continue to increase, and I am proud to say that OILS is one of only two UNM programs that had an increase during the 2018-2019 academic year.

We welcomed two new members to the OILS department. New faculty member Amir Hedayati-Mehdiabadi has already contributed much to the program since starting in August 2018. Amir's expertise is in Human Resource Development, while his research is driven by a desire to improve learning and development practices. Amir has already taught a number of classes, including the Theory and Practice of Organizational Learning. We are also fortunate to have Miguel Cortez as our new Administrative Assistant 2. Since joining the OILS team in December 2018, Miguel has worked closely with the Masters students and is dedicated to helping them achieve their academic goals. He has also been quite valuable in assisting with the facilitation of the program.

OILS is a success because of the talented individuals involved in the program. Two of these individuals were recently recognized for their accomplishments. Professor Vanessa Svihla was honored by the New Mexico State Legislature on UNM Day for her dedication to education and student preparedness in the classroom. State legislators recognized Vanessa's efforts to develop frameworks that support faculty and help prepare students for real-life challenges as they move on in their careers. Additionally, Student Employee Daniel Albert was awarded the Hulsman Outstanding Student Employee Award by the College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences. This award recognized Daniel's outstanding performance, initiative, quality of work, and overall contribution to the College and its patrons. We are very fortunate that both Vanessa and Daniel are part of OILS.

I encourage our new graduates to stay in touch and continue to be involved in the OILS program and UNM community as alumni. Your experience, your insight, and your time can greatly benefit other students as they strive to complete their programs and reach their goals.

Congratulations again to all of our OILS graduates! We are very proud of your achievements.

Richard W. Clement

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Dean, College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences

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and unconditional support was crucial to my success. I am honored to call you my friend. Also, a BIG thank you to Dr. Fran Wilkinson who helped me see the "bigger picture". Her enthusiasm and zest for life is evident and had a lasting effect.

I would also like to thank Dr. Dirk Duran-Gibson, Camille Velarde and Christy Albright. They are excellent facilitators, who challenged me to think critically and strive for personal excellence. Their passion for effective communication and instruction is contagious, and I have personally benefitted from their wisdom.

I thank my family, many friends, and my UNM Familia (you know who you are) for their ongoing support and encouragement. Your love fills my heart. Finally, I acknowledge my Service Dog Bunnie for faithfully remaining by my side each day. She gives me the strength to press onward. Daddy loves you! And to the New Mexico Boston Terrier Rescue & El Paso Pug Rescue for bringing Bunnie into my life. Because of you, I proudly stand here today.

Bernice Madrid

I would like to dedicate this accomplishment to God and my family for their support and encouragement, without which I could not have reached this goal. Thank you for your strength, patience, and love.

Lariane Martinez

I would like to thank both my family and friends who have helped and supported me along

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Erika Montoya

I would like to thank all my friends and family for supporting me in continuing my education. I would also like to give a big thank you to my mentor, Carol Dewitt, and let her know that she pushed and pushed me to continue and complete the OILS graduate program. If it wasn't for her always being by my side and encouraging me to go above and beyond my limits, I wouldn't be where I am today. I want to thank my husband, Danny, for his patience while in school and mother for her love and encouragement. I love you guys and appreciate all that you do!

John Rodriguez

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Thank you for instilling me with a strong passion for learning and for doing everything possible to put me on the path to greatness. I will never forget the important values you have passed down to me—particularly perseverance and

hard work. There are no better words to use today than "thank you," Mom and Dad. You have given me the greatest gift of all: an education, one of the best legacies that parents can pass on to their child. Thank you so much for believing in me. You are extraordinary individuals, and I owe my success to you.

Family, Friends and Educators,

I feel so honored and blessed to have you all in my life, and want to express my gratitude for your encouragement and support over the years. I could not have done this without you; you are all so greatly appreciated!

Anastasia Rucker

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Aoife Runyan

I would like to thank my family for all of their help and support. I would not have been able to do it without them.

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Gabriella Bloise

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Joseph Cameron

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my siblings - Joshua Kingsbury, James Cameron Jr., Jeffery Cameron, James Whitehead, Liesl Kingsbury, and Jessica McNeel.

Marian Chavez

The road to completing this degree has been long with many twists and turns. At times, it felt like I would never get here. If it wasn't for the love, encouragement and patience provided by my entire family, I'm not sure I would have stayed the course. I would like to dedicate this degree to Ken, my husband, my two daughters Jessica and Ashley, and to all of my family members that are here and those that are no longer here. I am so grateful for the love and support everyone has given me in order to accomplish this goal.

Deborrah Hatt

I would like to thank my family for supporting my decision to go back to school to earn my degree. Without them, I could not have succeeded. I would also like to thank my advisor, Chris Larrañaga, for guiding me through the process of enrollment and helping me stay on track to graduate quickly. My instructors and classmates have been awesome, and I really enjoyed learning with you – you have all taught me so much. Thank you all for helping me successfully transition to this new career track!

Marie Julienne

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Paul Larribas

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I would like to thank my academic advisor, Mr. Christopher Larrañaga, whose kindness, understanding,

PROGRAM

Welcome
Dean Richard W. Clement
College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences

Introduction of OILS Faculty
Dr. Frances C. Wilkinson, Senior Associate Dean
and Administrative Director of OILS

Introduction of Student Speakers
Dr. Victor Law, Associate Professor
and Program Director of OILS

Student Speakers

Anastasia Rucker, B.S.
Practicing Gratitude

Andrew Schneider, M.A.
Lobos, Set your Disruptor on Full

Marie Julienne, Ph.D.
You Are the Universe in Ecstatic Motion

Recognition of Graduates
Dr. Mark Emmons, Associate Dean

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GRADUATES

Bachelor of Science

Michael Ball #	Tina Layton
Kayla Bryant	Lariane Martinez
Joseph Cameron #	Brenda Molina
Victoria Chavez	Anastasia Rucker #
Wanda Cooke	Wyatt Slauson #
Deborrah Hatt	Sean Williams +
Paul Larribas	

Master of Arts

Gabriella Bloise	Erika Montoya
Marian Chavez	John Rodriguez
Ethan Dixon	Aoife Runyan
Bethany Glasco	Andrew Schneider
Carlos Herrera	Vanessa Tan
Nicholas Humphries	Tamara Valdez
Sylvia Hunt	Rachel Velasquez
Bernice Madrid	

Doctor of Philosophy

Robert Giebitz*
Block by Block-Playing with an Embodied Frequency Distribution

David Gomez
The Relationship Between Social Construction of Knowledge and Student Roles in Online
Discussion Forums: A Combination of Interaction Analysis and Social Network Analysis

Marie Julienne
Teacher Perceptions of Environmental Science Education in
Northwestern Rural New Mexico Public Schools

Juliane Ziter*
Building Evaluation Capacity in Community Colleges

+ cum laude | # summa cum laude | *with distinction

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Anastasia Rucker, B.S.

Anastasia Rucker is a Colorado native. Bringing a background in customer services and event management, she started working at Credit Union of Colorado in 2011 in member services, then transitioned into a Learning & Development role in 2015. Anastasia gets excited about creating dynamic training materials, process improvement, and evaluating the effectiveness of training. She also holds certificates in Adobe Captivate and Change Management from the Association for Talent Development. Anastasia came to the University of New Mexico's OILS program after years of searching for a degree program that was the right fit and is grateful for this community of lifelong learners and adult learning advocates. She is deeply passionate about enabling the development of individuals and the organizations they support.

Andrew "Drew" Schneider, M.A.

Andrew "Drew" Schneider grew up in Billings, MT and moved to NM in 1995 to attend UNM. Drew started as a Music Performance Major. After many detours and direction changes, he obtained an Associate's in Applied Science-EMS Paramedic from Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) and a BLA from UNM. Drew has been interested in the Learning Sciences, Adult Learners, and Performance Improvement methodologies for decades. After taking several OILS undergraduate courses, he decided to pursue a Master's Degree in OILS.

Drew has been a healthcare educator for over 10 years and currently works at CNM as a Simulation Education Specialist. Drew is one of 2000 Certified Healthcare Simulation Educators (CHSE) in the world. Drew works with CNM healthcare programs and external clients to develop, perform, and evaluate simulation-based instruction at CNM. In addition, Drew is responsible for faculty development regarding simulation-based instruction. He frequently conducts courses on simulation-based instruction for simulation faculty in the state. He has presented at several national and state simulation conferences. Using the knowledge and skills obtained in the OILS Program, Drew has implemented successful hybrid (part online, part face-to-face) courses for faculty.

Marie Julienne, Ph.D.

Marie is a professional educator with strong in-classroom experience as well as extensive knowledge in educational research, data, and analysis. Along with a Ph.D., Marie holds a New Mexico Level III teaching license. She began her journey as a teacher in 2000 at Belmont High School in Los Angeles Unified School District. In New Mexico, Marie continued teaching middle and high school students at a charter school primarily serving tribal students. From there, she continued on to find her new passion as an institutional researcher, supporting the University of New Mexico. In 2017, that experience, and the knowledge it engendered, launched Marie into a position at the state-level working with large-scale federal assessment design and administration.