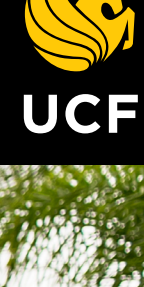


INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTOR



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MA/MS

Welcome IDS MA / MS Program Students

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Interdisciplinary Connector! We are here to keep you informed and connected with the news in the UCF Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Graduate program. Several changes have occurred in IDS over the past year.



Let's welcome Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies Dr. Elizabeth Klonoff, who joined UCF this past fall. She previously held a joint appointment with San Diego State University and the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Klonoff has a

background in clinical and health psychology, and she has published widely on culture and gender diversity in clinical psychology and behavioral and preventative medicine. We're happy to have her here on the sunrise side of the U.S. and look forward to the great opportunities that she's helping us create.

Speaking of welcoming people, we'd like to say hello to our new students. Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs enrolled nine new MA students and 11 new MS students in fall 2016. Joining us in spring 2017, will be five students in IDS MA and 3 in the IDS MS. We're so glad you decided to join UCF!

We've also added a new certificate program in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), directed by Dr. John Walker from the Anthropology Department. Five students have already begun the certificate program and we will have an additional five students begin in spring 2017. Did you know you can use a certificate as one of your IDS concentrations? You can earn your MA or MS and a certificate at the same time. Many of our students have decided to complete the GIS certificate, since it's useful in many careers.



GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS

We want to hear from you!

If you have a student or faculty member who has been recently recognized or whom you would like to recognize for some interdisciplinary-related accomplishment, please email **Elizabeth Smock@ucf.edu** to include your update in our next newsletter.

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NEWEST ADDITIONS



Please also welcome Dr. Elizabeth Smock. She joined the College of Graduate Studies in March as the Coordinator for Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs and Professional Science Master's Liaison. She comes from UCF's College of Medicine, where she provided advisement and support to students in their two-year required research module. Before that, Elizabeth was a student, adviser and instructor in the Kansas City, Missouri, area. Although raised mostly in southern Missouri, Elizabeth was born in Cocoa Beach and is happy to return to her home state! One funny coincidence is that her high school team was the Black Knights, with colors of black and gold. Looks like she has come full circle—Go Knights!



One final announcement—our new instructor for Ways of Knowing is a recent doctoral graduate from UCF's Department of Texts and Technology. Please welcome Dr. Patricia (Tricia) Carlton. When she's not teaching our IDS students about interdisciplinary thought and methods, she continues in her role as a media specialist for

Mount Dora High School and facilitator of a national web archiving project. Her research includes digital and media literacies, digital archives and visual cultural studies. As you can see, her background is definitely interdisciplinary.

CONGRATULATIONS

As we welcome everyone to IDS, we must say goodbye as well. Congratulations to our MA graduates from Fall 2015: Leona Shoemaker, Maria Garcia, and Nathaniel Bobbit; and Spring 2016: Nathalia Bauer and Kyle Grigson. Congratulations as well to MS student Zachary Marimon, who graduated in Spring 2016 and Alexandra Dobson who graduates this week with her MA. Way to go! We love celebrating your successes.

INFORMATION FOR SUCCESS



PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Speaking of success—Do you know about our Pathways to Success program? The program offers graduate students free workshops in Academic Integrity, Graduate Grantsmanship, Graduate Teaching, Professional and Personal Development, and Research. Students can register for all workshops through their [myUCF Student Center](#) under **Graduate Students** then **Pathways to Success**. Please see the [Pathways to Success Workshop Registration Instructions](#) for more details.

Check the [Pathways to Success Calendar of Events](#) to see the workshop offerings and check back often for additional sessions. For full workshop details, please see the [Workshops Descriptions](#) page. Printable [Pathways to Success Schedule](#).

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