



*Presidential Leadership Program – Sponsor & Facilitator*

**Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg** is fifth president of Florida International University (FIU). A public institution of higher education, FIU is the face of the country’s future in higher education demographics: it is a majority-minority institution that leads the country in the production of minority degrees in the sciences and engineering.

Dr. Rosenberg has served as the fifth president of FIU since August 2009. A political scientist specializing in Latin America, Dr. Rosenberg is the first FIU faculty member to ascend to the university’s presidency.

Under his leadership as president, FIU has increased enrollment to almost 56,000 students, improved graduation rates by nearly 13% and hired over 500 new faculty. As President, Dr. Rosenberg has provided leadership to grow the institution’s budget, improve student retention and graduation rates, expand internships for enrolled students, and coordinate FIU’s emergence as a leading producer of graduates in priority national and state areas focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The university has been named as a Carnegie “Highest Research” as well as an “Engaged” institution, and has developed path-breaking partnerships with the Miami Dade County Public Schools, JP Morgan Chase, Florida Power & Light and Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Research expenditures have grown by nearly 30% to nearly \$171 million, and over seventy new student advisers and counselors have been hired for a restructured and expanded student graduation initiative.

From 2005 to 2009, Dr. Rosenberg served as the second Chancellor (he was the first that was formally selected by the Board of Governors) for the State University System of Florida, which includes all of Florida’s public universities – over 325,000 students and an all-accounts budget of nearly \$9 billion. As chancellor, Dr. Rosenberg led the system’s strategic development and financial planning and policy initiatives, working closely with Governors Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist and the state legislature to secure support for SUS priorities. During this era, major new strides were made in research support for the system, over \$1 billion was provided for new facility construction, and a new SUS strategic plan was developed, approved and launched.

Prior to becoming chancellor, Dr. Rosenberg was integrally involved in the expansion and development of FIU into a major public research university. As Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1998 to 2005, Dr. Rosenberg spearheaded the establishment of a law school in 2002 and a medical school in 2006. Under his leadership, FIU increased enrollment, implemented major campus construction projects, and was invited to join the select national honor society Phi Beta

Kappa. Dr. Rosenberg was also instrumental in moving FIU into the top tier of Carnegie Foundation research universities.

Dr. Rosenberg's academic career began at FIU in 1976 as an assistant professor of political science. In 1979, he founded the FIU Latin American and Caribbean Center, which today is one of the nation's premier federally-supported research and teaching centers focusing on the region. Dr. Rosenberg subsequently served as the Founding Dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs and Vice Provost for International Studies. He has also been a Visiting Distinguished Research Professor at The Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, and a Visiting Professor at the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM) in Mexico.

Dr. Rosenberg earned a B.A. in 1971 from Miami University of Ohio and a Ph.D. in Political Science with a graduate certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies from the University of Pittsburgh in 1976. He has written or co-edited seven books and numerous scholarly articles in leading journals. His latest book, *The United States and Central America: Geopolitical Realities and Regional Fragility* (2007), is a Harvard University project co-authored with Luis Guillermo Solís of Costa Rica. Governmental and media organizations have frequently sought Dr. Rosenberg's expertise on Latin America. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, has testified before Congress numerous times, and has served as a consultant to the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Firmly committed to service with national and local educational impact, Dr. Rosenberg serves as Chair of the Association of Public Land-Grant University's (APLU) Coalition of Urban Serving Universities (USU); Chair of APLU's Commission on Access, Diversity, and Excellence (CADE); and Co-Chair of the Board on Science Education's (BOSE) Roundtable on Systemic Change in Undergraduate STEM Education. He also recently concluded his term as Chair of the National Academies' Committee on Developing Indicators for Undergraduate STEM Education, as well as a member of the national Task Force of Apprenticeship Expansion.

Within Miami-Dade County, Dr. Rosenberg was the 109th Chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC), one of Florida's leading business associations; and also served a 5-year term as Chair of the Academic Leaders Council (ALC) for the Beacon Council, Miami-Dade County's official economic development organization. He serves on the Board of Directors of City National Bank of Florida, and is active in a variety of other civic organizations, including the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach, Florida Council of 100, and the United Way of Miami-Dade County.

Dr. Rosenberg is a first-generation college graduate whose two children, Ben and Ginelle, are both graduates of FIU. He and his wife of over 40 years, Rosalie, are members of Temple Menorah in Miami Beach.



**Presidential Leadership Program – Program Director & Co-Facilitator**

**Dr. Brenezza “Breny” DaParre Garcia** is the Associate Vice President of Institutional Relations for Florida International University (FIU). In this role, she leads select institutional and presidential initiatives pertaining to key university donors and prospects, community partners, academic organizations, and student initiatives. This includes the management and coordination of the president’s involvement with external organizations such as the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the National Academies, Urban Serving Universities, Florida Board of Governors, among others. She

also represents the Office of the President on student-centered matters such as to Homecoming, Freshman Convocation, Greek life, Student Health Services as well as projects like Founders Park and FIUinDC. Lastly, she manages all constituent relations on behalf of the president and serves as the Executive Director for the president’s Executive Committee.

Prior to this role, Dr. Garcia served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of the President for five years. Her responsibilities included overseeing the day-to-day operations of the office, strategic development of President Mark B. Rosenberg’s annual schedule, coordination of all special events for the president, and management of all constituent issues. She also served as the Human Resources Liaison for her division, assisted Dr. Rosenberg manage all action items for his boards (internal and external), and served as one of the university’s protocol officers. In her role, she served on the Presidential Transition Committee in 2009 and on the Football Bowl Committee as the travel coordinator for FIU Football’s bowl appearances in 2010 and 2011. From 2010-2013, Dr. Garcia also served as Chair to the University-Wide Homecoming Task Force. Her leadership culminated with the task force winning FIU’s 2013 Presidential Excellence Award.

Working in the Office of the President since 2004, Dr. Garcia also served under FIU’s 4<sup>th</sup> President, Dr. Modesto A. Maidique. Her past positions under his term included Executive Assistant to the President, Office Manager, Executive Area Budget Manager, and Program Assistant. Her experience within university administration has provided Dr. Garcia a unique perspective to the complexities and challenges higher education faces.

Believing that “a woman who serves is a woman who leads,” Dr. Garcia is highly involved within the community. She holds active memberships with NASPA, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Delta Epsilon Iota, Golden Key, Order of the Torch and Order of Omega. At FIU, she previously served as a member of the Young Alumni

Council and as an advisor to Order of the Torch. An active alumna member of her sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma, Dr. Garcia currently serves as a Director on their international governing board.

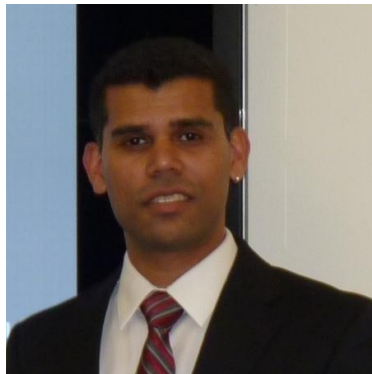
Her greatest honor, though, comes from her service on the Board of Directors for Janelle's Wishing Well Foundation – an organization formed in memory of a dear friend, Janelle Bertot, who lost her life due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Each year the Board works closely with FIU and Phi Sigma Sigma to host awareness and fundraising events in the community.

An Honors College alumna, Dr. Garcia earned a B.A. in Political Science from FIU in 2005. She also earned an M.S. in Higher Education with a specialty in leadership management in 2007, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education with a research concentration in crisis leadership in 2015.



**Alla Mirzoyan**  
*Assistant Director*  
*Student Access and Success*

Alla Mirzoyan is the Program Director of Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program in the Office of Student Access and Success. Previously she served as the Assistant Director of SAS, responsible for developing the graduate component of SAS and for managing the NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Program at FIU. Prior to coming to FIU, Alla worked in a non-profit sector in Washington DC where she oversaw international collaborative and tech entrepreneurship projects funded by NSF and US Department of State. Alla completed her Bachelor in Science in Iranian Studies & History at Moscow State University ('97) and both her Masters in Art in International Studies and her Ph.D. in International Relations from Florida International University ('00) ('07). She is originally from Armenia.



**Cassian D'Cunha**  
*Cyberinfrastructure Engineer*  
*Division of Information Technology*

Cassian D'Cunha is the Lead HPC Specialist & Faculty Liaison as well as the Campus Cyberinfrastructure Engineer at Florida International University. Cassian started his FIU Journey as an international graduate student where he earned two multi-disciplinary graduate degrees: his Master of Science in Computer Science ('03) and his PhD in Chemistry ('11). In addition to serving as a Lead High-Performance Computing (HPC) Specialist in the Division of Information Technology, Cassian had the opportunity to teach and interact with large classes as an Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry.



**Chelsea Kalika**  
*Program Manager*  
*Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences*

Chelsea Kalika is the Program Manager for the Health Services Administration Department at Florida International University. As Program Manager, Chelsea has been a leader in developing the first Masters in Health Services Administration Program within the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Chelsea earned both her Bachelor of Science in Health Services Administration and her Master of Business Administration from Florida International University ('13) ('17).

In addition to serving as the current Program Manager of the Health Services Administration Department, Chelsea is a Board Member for the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences Alumni Board, a Past Worlds Ahead Graduate, and a member of both the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society and the Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society.



**Dayana Paula**  
*Project Manager*  
*Substance Use and HIV Neuropsychology Lab*

Dayana Paula is currently the Lab Manager in the Substance Use and HIV Neuropsychology Lab at Florida International University. As Project Manager, Dayana coordinates all aspects of the research aspect including recruitment, compliance with project timelines, and IRB/NIH submissions. Currently, she is managing the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development study, the largest study in the United States on child brain development. She earned both her Bachelor of Arts in Communications and her Master of Public Health from the University of Massachusetts ('06) ('09). She came to FIU with years of experience in the areas of adolescent risky health behaviors and assisting in managing a large scale study in Ecuador.



**Donna De Cordova**  
*Accounting Manager*  
*Student Financials*

Donna de Cordova is currently the Student Account Coordinator at Student Financials at Florida International University. As the Student Account Coordinator, Donna oversees the day-to-day operations of the Biscayne Bay Bursar and Cashier's Office. She earned both her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and her Masters in International Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University ('09) ('11). In addition to her role in the Student Financials Office, Donna currently teaches the First Year Experience class for incoming freshman students and took part in Florida International University's

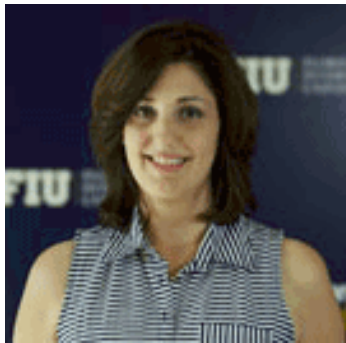
Leadership Education Advancement Program (LEAP) and graduated in July 2013. At the end of Summer 2018 she will graduate from Florida International University with her M.Ed. in Human Resource Development and Adult Education.



**Eldred Fourie**  
*Coordinator of Research Programs*  
*Office of Research and Economic Development*

Eldred Fourie is currently the Coordinator of Research Programs in the Office of Research and Economic Development at Florida International University. As the Coordinator of Research Programs, Eldred is responsible for reviewing, editing and submitting grant applications through the Office of Research and Economic Development. He also works closely with faculty and departmental support staff to ensure adherence to agency funding guidelines. Originally from South Africa, Eldred completed both his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and his

Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of the Western Cape in South Africa ('94) ('95). He then completed his Master of Public Health at New York University ('99). In addition to his Education, Eldred earned a certificate in Financial Journalism from the Business Day Newspaper/Financial Mail Publishers, Johannesburg, South Africa.



**Elizabeth "Sissi" Garland**  
*Sr. Content Managing Editor*  
*Division of External Relations*

Elizabeth "Sissi" Garland is the Senior Content Editor in the Office of External Relations at Florida International University. As Senior Content Editor, she leads the central communications team and an army of contributors in developing engaging content for FIU News and FIU's daily e-newsletter. In addition, she works closely with social media, tech and multimedia teams to create multichannel digital content. She earned both her Bachelor of Science in Journalism and her Master of Arts in History from Florida International University ('99) ('08). Additionally, Sissi has earned two different certificates. Her first being a Certificate in Book, Magazine and Online Publishing ('99) from New York University, and the second being a Certificate titled *The Reporter's Impossible Assignment: Doing It Well* from The Poynter Institute.



**Erasmo Alvarez**  
*Clinical Assistant Professor- Department of Physical Therapy*  
*College of Nursing and Health Sciences*

Erasmo Alvarez is currently the Clinical Assistant Professor for the Department of Physical Therapy at Florida International University's College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Erasmo earned his Bachelor of Science in Health Education Exercise-Physiology Track from Florida International University ('92), his Master of Science in Physical Therapy from the University of Miami ('94), and his Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Montana ('11). In addition to his education, Erasmo is a Certified Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation & Emergency Cardiac Care Provider, and a Licensed Physical Therapist.





**Gladys Simpson**  
*Instructor and Faculty Director for Undergraduate Programs*  
*Department of Information Systems and Business Analytics*

Gladys Simpson is the current Faculty Director for Undergraduate Programs for the Department of Information Systems and Business Analytics and a current Senior Instructor at Florida International University. Gladys earned her Bachelor of Science from California State University ('94) and her Master of Science in Information Systems from the University of Florida ('04). She then earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration from Florida International University ('11). In addition to her education, Gladys earned her Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification from the Project Management Institute.



**Heather Blatt**  
*Associate Professor of Literature*  
*Department of English*

Heather Blatt is currently an Associate Professor of Literature in the Department of English at Florida International University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Classics and English Literature from Cornell University ('97), her Masters of Art in English Language and Literature from the University of Virginia ('04), and her Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from Fordham University ('11). In addition to her role as Associate Professor, she currently serves as the Chair of the Literature Gateway Curriculum Committee for the Department of English and a Graduate Program Committee Member for the Department of English.



**Jeanette Martin**  
*Data Management & Accreditation*  
*College of Arts, Sciences, & Education- Office of the Dean*

Jeanette Martin is currently a Data Analyst for the Office of the Dean at the College of Arts, Sciences & Education at Florida International University. She earned both her Bachelor of Art in Psychology and her Masters of Science in Counselor Education from Florida International University ('07) ('11). She is currently a PhD Candidate at Florida Atlantic University and is expected to complete her program in 2021. In addition to her role as Data Analyst, Jeanette serves as a member of the Teacher Pipeline Committee at the School of Education & Human Development, the Educational Leadership Partnership Committee, the Educator Preparation Programs at the College of Arts, Sciences, & Education and a member of the University Assessment Committee. She is also the TaskStream/Watermark Coordinator for all Initial Teacher Preparation Programs at FIU.



**Jesus Arias**  
*Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Manager*  
*Division of Information Technology*

Jesus Arias is the current Manager for Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Services at Florida International University's Division of Information Technology. As Manager, Jesus develops, implements and maintains the Division's Business Continuity Plan, represents the Division's Leadership at university level emergency management meetings, and regularly test disaster recovery plans and procedures for the Division of IT. In addition to his role as Manager, Jesus oversees several enterprise level projects for the Division. Jesus earned both his Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering and his Masters of Science in Finance from Florida International University ('97) ('05). He is currently an admitted student in the College of Business's Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) program and will begin classes in August of 2018. He also has been teaching the First Year Experience class for incoming freshman students for the last 12 years.



**Julia Janewa Osei Tutu**  
*Associate Professor of Law*  
*College of Law*

J. Janewa Osei-Tutu is an Associate Professor of Law at Florida International University's College of Law. She researches and writes about intellectual property, human rights, and cultural rights, with a focus on the relationship between intellectual property rights, human development and human flourishing. In addition to Contract Law, she teaches a variety of upper level intellectual property law courses, such as Advanced Topics in Intellectual Property, Fashion & Design Law, International Intellectual Property, and Intellectual Property & Human Development. Janewa earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Toronto ('94), her Juris Doctor from Queen's University ('97), and her Master of Laws from McGill University ('02). She is the Associate Director of the Intellectual Property Certificate program at the College of Law and recently served as the first Chair of the College of Law's newly created Diversity & Inclusion Committee.



**Maria Alvarez Tsalikis**  
*Senior Instructor*  
*School of Education and Human Development*

Maria Tsalikis is a Senior Instructor at the School of Education and Human Development at Florida International University. Maria has developed and taught seven undergraduate courses and eight graduate courses at FIU. Aside from being a Senior Instructor, Maria is Director of the Elementary Education Program, Graduate and Undergraduate. She is also responsible for the Andrea Castillo Teaching Academy program at Ronald Reagan/Doral Senior High. This program encourages, prepares individuals for college, and careers in education (Project EPICCC). Maria received all three of her degrees, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Masters in Reading Education, and Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, from FIU. As Senior Instructor, Maria has found leadership in the form of mentoring her students as their teacher, adviser, and role model and supports faculty through a variety of program related endeavors.



**Maria Sierra**  
*Associate Director*  
*College of Business*

Maria Sierra is currently the Associate Director of Operations for the MBA Programs in the College of Business at Florida International University. She directs operations for Executive MBA and Professional MBA, while also providing support to the Corporate, Healthcare and International MBA programs, which service over 1,000 students. She manages an annual \$15M+ operating budget, which includes compensation, procurement, travel and contracts, as well as, produces year-end financial analyses, forecasts and fiscal reports. She earned her Bachelor in Business Administration and Master of Business Administration (Professional MBA Track) from Florida International University ('02 ('07). She is also an alumna from the FIU LEAP and Women's Leaders programs.



**Mark Green**  
*Compliance Manager*  
*Office of University Compliance & Integrity*

Mark Green is the current Compliance Manager at the Office of University Compliance & Integrity at Florida International University. As Compliance Manager, Mark developed and implemented a more transparent and time efficient policy approval and serves as the policy administrator that manages the policy process. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Central Michigan University and his Master of Business Administration from St. Thomas University. Additionally, Mark is a Certified Compliance & Ethics Professional, has his FIU Business Human Resource Management Certificate, and is enrolled in FIU's PMI Risk Management Professional program.



**Ming Fang**  
*Instructor + Associate Director, Writing Across  
Curriculum  
English Department*

Ming Fang is currently an Instructor and Program Administrator for Writing and Rhetoric at Florida International University. Ming is heavily involved in the following activities: taking a lead in faculty and TA's development, developing a specialized curriculum for our international students, working with faculty members across disciplines to better design the writing tasks in their courses and advising curriculum and teaching practices in the university's offshore programs. She earned her Bachelor of Art in English from Wuhan University ('99), her Masters of Education in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Boston University ('03), and her Ph.D. in Foreign, Second and Multilingual Education from Ohio State University ('12). Additionally, Ming serves as the current Chair of the Gordon Rule and Writing across the Curriculum Oversight Committee in the Faculty Senate at Florida International University.



**Mohamed Ghumrawi**  
*Program Coordinator  
Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies*

Mohamed Ghumrawi is the current Program Coordinator at the Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies. Mohamed earned both his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and his Master of Arts in International Studies from Florida International University ('11) ('17), and is currently a Doctoral Candidate at Florida International University. His research interests include Security Studies, Foreign Policy, Conflict Resolution, State Formation and Development, Islamic Studies, and Middle East Politics.



**Natalie Dwarika**  
*Program Manager, Period 1 & 2*  
*Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOCM)*

Natalie Dwarika currently manages the Academic Periods 1 and 2 of the HWCOCM Degree of Medicine. As Program Manager, she assists the Curriculum Directors with planning academic calendars and courses, oversees the syllabus review process and the exam review process, and supervises Program Specialist and Program Coordinators. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Economics and Management and her Post Graduate Diploma in Natural Resource Management from the University of the West Indies ('99) ('01). She also earned her International Masters in Business Administration from the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business ('08) and is currently working on her Master of Science in Higher Education Administration from Florida International University. In addition to her education, Natalie earned her Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification from the Project Management Institute ('13).



**Nicolette Harris**  
*Coordinator of Athletic Training Services/Clinical Assistant*  
*Professor*  
*College of Nursing and Health Sciences*

Nicolette Harris is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor and Athletic Trainer at Florida International University. In her current role, she provides on-field medical care for the FIU intramural and club sport teams as well as practice in and management of the AT Services clinic. In addition, Dr. Harris has instructional assignments in the graduate AT program, does collaborative work on faculty research assignments, provides service on the NWCNHS interdisciplinary practice committee, and serves as clinical preceptor for graduate AT program. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Sports Psychology from Wayne State University ('09), her Master of Science in Athletic Training from Florida International University ('12) and her Doctor of Athletic Training from A.T. Still University ('17). Additionally, Nicolette works as an independently contracted athletic trainer at Baptist Health South Florida-Doctor's Hospital.



**Patricia Rodriguez**  
*Manager*  
*Office of Faculty and Global Affairs*

Patricia Rodriguez is the current Manager for the Office of Faculty and Global Affairs at Florida International University. As Manager, Patricia provides leadership in overseeing the day-to-day operations associated with the university's faculty affairs portfolio. She works to centrally coordinate faculty development initiatives and programs, and works closely with the Chairs Advisory Council in support of the work of our department leaders. She also supports the Administration's collective bargaining efforts in negotiations with the United Faculty of Florida. Patricia earned both her Bachelors of Science in Social Work and her Masters of Public Administration from Florida International University ('09) ('12). In Fall 2018, she will begin the Ph.D. in Public Affairs at FIU. Additionally, she is an active member within the American Society for Public Administration and the Section for Women in Public Administration where she currently serves as Chair of the National Awards Breakfast. Patricia participated in multiple honor societies including Pi Alpha Alpha, Order of Omega, Rho Lambda, Phi Alpha, and Sigma Alpha Lambda. She is also a Lifetime Member of the FIU Alumni Association, and an active Alumnae of Phi Mu Fraternity.



**Shanna Burke**  
*Assistant Professor*  
*Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work*

Shanna Burke is currently an Assistant Professor at Florida International University's College of Public Health and Social Work. Shanna earned her Bachelor of Arts in Government from Smith College ('04), her Master of Social Work from Springfield College ('07), her PhD in Social Work from Simmons College ('15) and is currently working on her Master of Public Health at Florida International University. She currently has one of her research investigations in progress; the research is titled "Demographic, Neuropsychological and Functional Classification, Risk Factors, and Progression Rates of Individuals in the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center Database using Algorithmic Diagnosis". Her professional goals are to grow and evolve as a researcher, educator, and an academic.



**Shannon Hanson**  
*Associate Director*  
*Center for Leadership*

Shannon A. Hanson is the Associate Director for the Center for Leadership at Florida International University. In this role, she provides strategic management of key areas for The Center, including new growth opportunities, advancement initiatives, programs and events, and program recruitment. She is also responsible for engaging and collaborating with external community stakeholders and partners, developing new programs, and expanding The Center's footprint in leadership development for educational leaders. Shannon earned her

B.B.A in International Business from Florida International University ('07), her M.B.A with concentration in Human Resources Management from Strayer University ('11) and is currently pursuing her PhD in Public Affairs with a research focus in educational policy and public sector leadership at Florida International University.



**Sheryl-Ann Mullings-Black**  
*RN-BSN Program Coordinator*  
*College of Nursing and Health Sciences*

Sheryl-Ann Mullings-Black began working at FIU as the VBSN Academic Advisor and loves working with military-connected students through her current partnership with FIU Student Veterans of America, where she previously served as Staff Ambassador. Sheryl is currently the RN-BSN Program Coordinator at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Florida International University. As RN-BSN Program

Coordinator, Sheryl works with recruiting, admissions, advisement, program marketing and management, academic planning, client relations and enrollment management for the RN-BSN programs at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Sheryl earned her Bachelor of Arts in Business Studies from St. Thomas University ('07) and her Master of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University ('10). Additionally, Sheryl has a certificate in Human Resource Management from Nova Southeastern University ('12) and a Leadership Graduate Certificate from Nova Southeastern University ('14).





**Suchismita Mishra**  
*Associate Professor*  
*Department of Finance*

Suchismita Mishra is the current Associate Professor and Knight Ridder Center Research Fellow for the Department of Finance at Florida International University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Utkal University ('95), her Masters of Arts in Applied and Analytical Economics from Utkal University ('97), her Masters in Economics from the University of Nebraska ('99) and her Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Nebraska (03). Suchismita (Suchi) is well published in prestigious journals of her field (about 25 articles), directed the Phd program in her department, directed eight doctoral dissertations, was on the board of directors for the Eastern Finance Conference and on University's sustained performance committee etc. Suchi's short-term professional goal is to become a full-time professor and take leadership roles in advancing the college and university missions by the end of 2018.



**Tracey Weiler**  
*Academic Program Director & Associate Professor*  
*Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine*

Tracey Weiler is currently an Associate Professor at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University. She earned both her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and her Master of Science in Biology from the University of Regina ('92) ('95). She then earned her Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Medical Genetics from the University of Manitoba ('01). Additionally, Tracey is currently a Council Member of Course Directors Special Interest Group in the Association of Professors of Human and Molecular Genetics, the Academic Program Director for the Graduate Certificate Program in Molecular and Biomedical Sciences, Chair of the Graduate Certificate Program Committee, and Course Director for the Graduate Certificate Program courses BMS 6004 - Medical Molecular Biology, and BMS 6003 - Medical Genetics.



**Valerie Morgan**  
*Director Academic Support Services*  
*Undergraduate Education*

Valerie Morgan is currently the Director of Academic Support Services for Undergraduate Education at Florida International University. As Director of Academic Support Services, Valerie oversees Undergraduate Education at the Biscayne Bay Campus. Valerie earned all three of her degrees from Florida International University. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 1991, her Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration in 1994, and her Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration in 2005.



**Wallied Orabi**  
*Associate Professor + Undergraduate Program Director*  
*College of Engineering & Computing*

Wallied Orabi is currently an Associate Professor for Construction Management at Florida International University. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Cairo University ('96), his Master of Science in Construction Engineering from the American University in Cairo ('04) and his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois ('10). Wallied's professional goal is to contribute to spreading engineering and construction knowledge and education to more people, especially those from underrepresented and underserved groups.