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Welcome new faculty!

While many other universities had to cut back on faculty hiring, FIU has held steady its commitment to bring new faculty to the University in 2009 and 2010 to strengthen the academy. An overview of our new full-time, permanent faculty by college hired between August 2009 and August 2010, is posted [here](#). To showcase the caliber of this group of outstanding scholars, four of FIU's distinguished new faculty members are introduced below. Please join us in welcoming all of our new colleagues to FIU.



William Pelham, Professor, Department of Psychology, College of Arts & Sciences, with a joint appointment in Psychiatry in the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Dr. Pelham's Summer Treatment Program for children with ADHD, which has been recognized by the American Psychological Association (APA) and CHADD (Children and Adults with ADHD) as a model program, is widely recognized as the state-of-the-art in treatment for children and adolescents with ADHD. [Read more...](#)

Elena Bastida, Professor and Chair, Department of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work. Dr. Bastida holds a doctoral degree from the University of Kansas, Lawrence. A medical sociologist, she was further trained in population health and health intervention research through pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships from the National Institutes of Health. [Read more...](#)



Grzegorz Nowak, Assistant Professor, comes to FIU from London, where he is the Principal Associate Conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. His recordings with this orchestra include symphonies of Mendelssohn and Schumann, and the upcoming releases include symphonies of Dvorak and Shostakovich as well as complete symphonies of Brahms and Tchaikovsky. [Read more...](#)

Professor Ruth Ann McEwen recently served as the Associate Dean, Dean of Accreditation and Administration, and Professor of Accounting for the Sawyer Business School at Suffolk University in Boston. She successfully led the efforts at Suffolk for initial accounting accreditation and maintenance of AACSB accreditation for both business and accounting in 2004. [Read more...](#)



Health disparity research puts Dr. Nasar Ahmed, and FIU, front and center



When one walks into Dr. Nasar Ahmed's office, to the left of the door, on the wall and directly opposite his desk, is a nearly six feet high dry erase board with no fewer than 50 items handwritten on it—an inspirational quote, a list of about seven "Articles in Process," notes on the 13 graduate students he oversees, lists of local community resources and allies to tap for one of a number of his research studies, particularly those focused on reproductive cancers in the Caribbean communities. [Read more...](#)

FIU School of Music Students and Faculty educate Worlds Ahead—Island Style

The Cayman Islands has a style and rhythm all its own and is much sought after for its beautiful beaches, wondrous wildlife, and historic culture. Yet despite a rich musical heritage, music education in the country is lacking standards. Earlier this year, Janelle Tibbetts, a Cayman native and Music Education senior, called upon her country's government and major corporations to sponsor a music curriculum camp for elementary school students and teachers led by FIU. [Read more...](#)



Mentoring Philosophy Yields Nutrition Professor Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award



It's not every day that a student writes a letter of recommendation for a professor. Unbeknownst to Associate Clinical Professor of Nutrition Tania Rivera, she received several, and the reward was, well, outstanding. Literally. Rivera, a clinical registered dietitian and PhD candidate in the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, received the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award from the American Dietetic Association (ADA) in March. [Read more...](#)

Upcoming events – mark your calendar!

United Way Kick-Off

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

GC Pit, MMC

Noon

Thursday, October 28, 2010

Panther Square, BBC

Noon

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