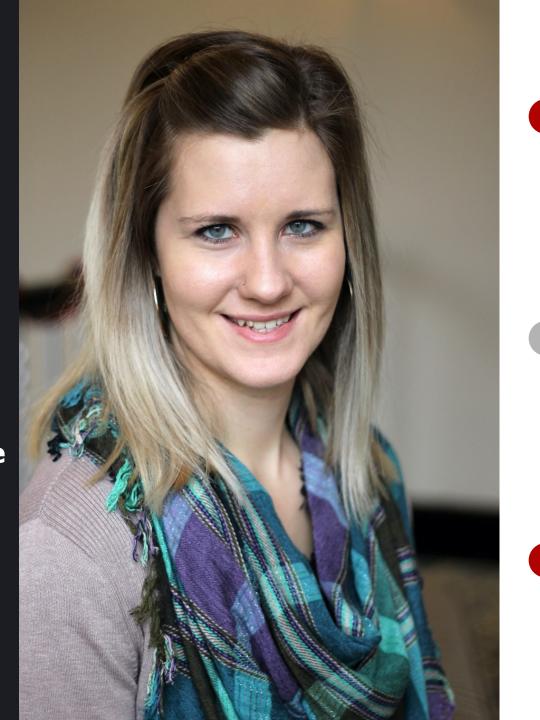




CATHERINE PRATT

M.F.A. student, Department of Theatre Arts

Advisor: Brackley Frayer



Catherine Pratt is a second-year M.F.A. student whose research focus on lighting design for theatrical productions along with color psychology and emotional response to color. She aims to discover what emotions are brought out with color choices and use this to help identify colors to use in design to elicit an emotional response from audiences.

While participating in the Communication Certificate Program, Catherine's goals are to strengthen her oral and written communications skills to clearly convey her artistic intentions as a lighting designer in the theater industry. As her passions also lie in education, Catherine feels that it is important to show strong communication inside classroom to better communicate with students while showing the level of communication necessary when working on a theatrical production.

HARJIV SINGH

Ph.D. Student,
Department of
Kinesiology and
Nutrition Sciences

Advisor: Dr. Gabriele Wulf



The human motor system is one of the most unique and diversified conglomerates since the onset of our evolution. Its flexible and adaptive nature allows us to learn and develop motor skills, prevent injury, perform under pressure, and be creative in our coordination. However, what is the control structure for all this? The role of attentional focus is one that has been theorized and discussed in the literature, but offers avenues for further evidence. I'm interested in how the distance of attentional focus effects motor skill learning and performance as a function of expertise. Taken together, how can we optimize verbal instruction and feedback? By participating in the Graduate College Communication Certification, I will explore ways to disseminate knowledge that challenge traditional means. Further, I will use this insight into building better communication skills to produce more effective dialogue between colleagues, students, and other professionals alike.

JAMES GREEN

Master of Education Candidate, Department of Education

Advisor: Nancy Brown



James E. Green Graduated from Providence College with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude. Since moving to Las Vegas and commissioning as a Military Police Officer in the Nevada Army National Guard, he has earned an M.A. in Criminal Justice and a M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction, along with being awarded a Graduate College Teaching Certificate as part of the program's seminal cohort at UNLV. He has been inducted into the Alpha Phi Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies, and works for the UNLV Department of Public Safety. This academic year, he is seeking his 3rd Master's Degree, focusing on Special Education with an intellectual disabilities sub plan.

SERENA SCALZI

M.Ed. student, Educational Technology

Advisor: Kendall Hartley



I spent over fifteen years in the fields of
Marketing, Graphic Design, and Web
Development before returning to academia to
earn my Master of Education degree in
Educational Technology. I earned my Bachelor
of Science degree in Marketing and
International Business from the Kelley School
of Business at Indiana University, along with
certifications in Computer Graphics Design
from Otis College of Art and Design and Full
Stack Engineering from PunchCode. I am
currently a member of the Instructional
Design team in the Office of Online Education.

I am passionate about educational technology, as I believe that education is technology's highest and best use. My research focuses on the intersection of education, technology, and creativity. I believe that participating in the Graduate College Communication Certification program will complement my professional background and help me to hone the skills necessary to be an effective communicator.

I look forward to the year ahead.

SERRINA NASROLLAHI

MPH candidate, Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Advisor: Dr. Ann Vuong



Serrina is a graduate student at UNLV, where she originally obtained her B.S. in Biology. As an undergraduate student, Serrina developed a passion for public health and recognized the importance of receiving a public health education. Her long-term career goal is to become a Las Vegas physician with quality education in community-based medicine, infection prevention, and chronic disease epidemiology.

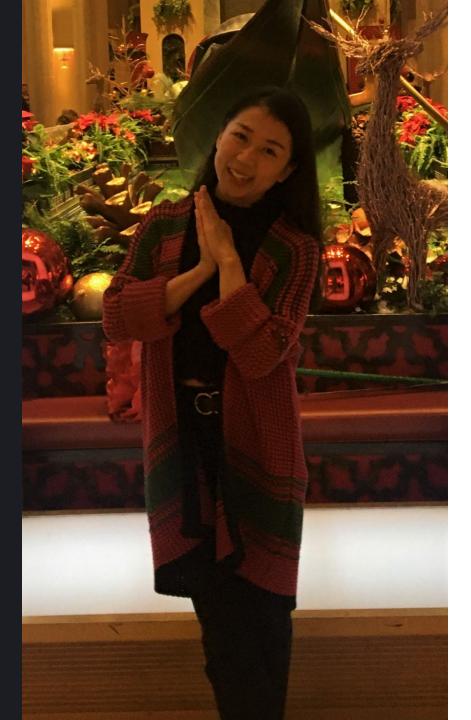
Serrina is currently working on a research project that will demonstrate competency in epidemiology and biostatistics. She is hoping to perform a secondary analysis on data from the CDC's Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) database to identify a potential association between a pregnancy-related exposure and a specified fetal/maternal health outcome.

Serrina is eager to participate in the Graduate College Communication Certification program because she wants to become a more effective communicator. Communicating relevant health information and research is essential to having an impactful career as a public health physician.

SHU ZHANG

MS student, Lee Business School

Advisor: Dr. Michael J. Lee



Shu is pursuing her master's degree in Management Information Systems at UNLV. Her research interests lie in consumer behavior and big data technology. Under the advisement of Dr. Michael Lee, she is working on her thesis which investigates the social network influence on online review helpfulness.

Aiming to have her research result presented at the 2021 Winter Conference on Business Analytics (WCBA), she is hoping to hone her public speaking skills by participating in the Graduate College Communication Certification (GCCC). Benefiting from the program, Shu believes that she will become a better presenter to engage the audience fully, and convey ideas effectively on various occasions.

TSION MELAKU

Master's student/
Management
Information Systems

Advisor: Dr. Greg Moody



Born and raised in Ethiopia, Tsion came to the US as an international student in 2016. Passionate about data science and analytics, she joined UNLV soon after she completed her MBA at Texas A&M International University. She is currently studying Master of Management Information Systems focusing on data analytics. Her Graduate Assistant role at the Graduate College with systems team has built her technical and professional capability towards data management.

Tsion joins the communication certification program believing such opportunity would strengthen her awareness about diversity and would develop her communication skill professionally at a higher level while staying as a student and in life after graduation.

As she explains, such program helps international students like her to integrate with the culture and custom of the US working environment for career after graduation. It will help her to gain competitive advantage as effective communication increases efficiency and builds confidence which are particularly important in today's competitive market.