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My research and teaching interests are in clinical nutrition and nutritional epidemiology in areas of obesity, diabetes and CVD. I am specifically interested in the role of foods and beverages, and nutraceuticals in the prevention and management of chronic diseases. Much of my work has been related to diabetes, type 1 and type 2, as well as pregnancies complicated by diabetes. Currently, we are examining the effects of freeze-dried strawberries on LDL cholesterol and markers of atherosclerosis in a controlled clinical trial in obese adults with the metabolic syndrome.

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Kate Hamilton, violist, has been described by critics as “hot viola playing, she uses her bow to draw out a rich stew of color and has a sound like liquid gold” (Minnesota Public Radio, 2015). In demand as a soloist and chamber musician, she has recently been heard as soloist with the Wuhan Philharmonic Orchestra (China), Central Oregon Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of San Jose (Costa Rica), Cartago Symphony (Costa Rica), Vale Veneto Festival Orchestra (Brazil) Kansas City Civic Orchestra and the Irvine (CA) Symphony. Recent highlights include an appointment as International Artist of Viola at the University of Chile, guest principal viola of the Bodo Sinfonietta- 2016 (Norway), master classes at the Milan Conservatory (Italy), Sydney Conservatory of Music (Australia), Yong Cho Conservatory (Singapore) and solo recitals throughout Europe, South America, and the USA. A committed teacher, she has been Artist-in-Residence at the University of Missouri and Associate Professor of Viola at Illinois State University. From 2006-2008, she was guest lecturer at the University of Otago in New Zealand. In August 2017, she will begin a new appointment as Assistant Professor of Viola at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. For more information please visit katehamiltonviolist.com.

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I arrive at UNLV with over 11 years of experience teaching human anatomy, physiology, and exercise science. My academic training culminated with the earning of my doctoral degree at the Ohio State University. My professional career began with a faculty position at the Rochester Institute of Technology. After getting married, we moved to California where I continued teaching and then took the opportunity to return to my roots at Kapiolani Community College where I had been for the last eight years. I’m not excited and honored to be invited to teach in the Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences. I look forward to giving my students my best effort in support of their academic goals.

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New Associate Professor in Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences. Previously a Research Scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), where she headed a research group focused on understanding how space radiation perturbs the cell and its microenvironment to potentiate cancer risk. Her long-term interests are to understand the mechanisms that contribute to the etiology of radiation-induced mammary carcinogenesis. She has a career-long interest in repair of DNA double-strand breaks, the most damaging lesion induced by radiation. Her work elucidates the proteins, pathways, and networks critical for the damage response. Her undergraduate training was in microbiology at the University of Minnesota. She earned her Ph.D. in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at the University of Vermont and completed postdoctoral training at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory and Stanford.

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Dr. Roberts has over 30 years experience in the K-12 public school setting as a teacher and administrator in South and Central Texas. In addition, she has over ten years experience in higher education teaching courses in educational leadership at the University of Texas Pan American and Texas A&M University-Texarkan.. Other experiences include the coordination and redesign of a Masters program in Educational Leadership and the development of a completely online Masters in Educational Leadership.. Dr. Roberts' research interests are in the areas of programs for principal preparation, leadership for predominantly Hispanic schools, and strategies for the high achievement of English language learners. She has presented at state, regional, and national conferences in her areas of interest.

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Bredny Rodriguez joins the University Libraries faculty as a founding member of the new health sciences library at the UNLV Shadow Lane campus. Bredny will serve as a Health Sciences Librarian and Liaison to the newly opened UNLV School of Medicine. He will work in close collaboration with School of Medicine faculty and staff as UNLV welcomes the MD program’s charter class in July 2017. Bredny comes to UNLV from UCLA, where he served as the Health and Life Sciences Informationist at the UCLA Biomedical Library. Bredny completed a science librarianship residency program at the University of Pennsylvania and earned his Masters of Library Science from the University at Buffalo.
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I recently earned my Ph.D. from Purdue University in Hospitality Management. Before moving to Purdue, I lived and worked in Atlanta, GA as a recruiter for six years. I have a Masters from the University of Alabama and a BS in International Relations from CSU, Chico. Currently, my area of research focuses on organizational behavior and human resource issues in the hospitality industry. I have been married for three years and we are expecting our first child in October.
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Melissa Michal Slocum is of Seneca decent. She teaches literature and creative writing. Melissa focuses on education, dislocation, and representation of Indigenous histories and literatures in curriculum. She received an NEH summer fellowship and has presented at many places, including the National American Indian Museum in DC. She is currently guest editing an issue of Transmotion focused on American Indian genocide, erasure, and social death. This particular article relates to her larger work on genocide of the mind and the question of genocide. She applies her community’s Haudenosaunee Good Mind, which becomes a model for not only what we could teach in literature courses, but how we should consider the author’s experiences and intentions alongside aesthetic qualities and genre to combat such erasure. She also completed a short story collection, Living Along the Borderlines, due out with Feminist Press in Fall 2018, and is currently finishing her first novel.
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Kevin L. Stoker, Ph.D. 1998, University of Alabama) started July 1, 2017 as Professor and Director of the Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Previously he served 8 years as Senior Associate Dean and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the College of Media and Communication at Texas Tech University. His faculty appointments include 10 years at Brigham Young University, 3 years at Georgia Southern University, and 2 years at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He conducts research in media ethics and media history and recently published a monograph on the tumultuous career of The New York Times’ first Chief South American correspondent. He worked as a staff writer and sports editor for newspapers in Utah and Oklahoma and has free-lanced for magazines, newspapers, and trade publications.
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