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As part of our First-Generation initiative, The Intersection is pleased to provide this UNLV First-Generation Faculty and Staff Directory. We are hopeful that by highlighting First-Generation faculty and staff our First-Generation students will be encouraged to reach out, seek advice, and flourish within the UNLV community.

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