

Professor Dorothy Avondstondt

Professor Dorothy Avondstondt, Professor of English as a Second Language at Wolfson campus of MDC, has been Assistant Director of the Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program for the past five years. She holds a Master's degree in TESOL from Nova Southeastern University, a Specialist degree in TESOL from the University of Miami, and a certificate in French from IAU University in Aix-en-Provence, France. She has extensive ESL teaching experience at Miami Dade College, Miami Dade County Public Schools, University of Miami Intensive English Program, private language schools, and English for business programs. She has lectured at Fulbright Gateway Orientation programs, International TESOL in New York, International TESOL in Seattle, and Sunshine State TESOL in Fort Lauderdale on pedagogy and techniques of teaching a second/foreign language. She has done textbook editing, curriculum development, and she recently completed a Golden Apple grant project at Miami Dade College on integrated language skills. She also has a background in aviation and has traveled extensively throughout the world.

Professor Charles Beavin

Professor Charles Beavin, Professor of Management at the North Campus of MDC, teaches management courses in the Business Department. He was awarded the SunTrust Endowed Teaching Chair in June 1998 and received the 1999 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Award. He received a Master's degree in Business Administration from Indiana University, in his home state. Professor Beavin is also a training consultant and has conducted management training programs for American Airlines, Boston Scientific, Bacardi Imports, American Express, Federal Reserve Bank of Miami, Jackson Memorial Hospital, and many other businesses, government agencies, and professional associations. He teaches supervision and management skills, time and stress management skills, motivation, goal accomplishment, leadership, dealing with difficult employees, and several other topics. Professor Beavin owns a retail business, Advantage Resources, Inc., which sells books, videos, and music.

Dr. Robert H. Calabrese

With a background in aviation and a doctorate in Computer Science, Dr. Calabrese is responsible for the Division of Learning Resources at MDC, which includes the Library, Media Services, Network Services, and the Computer Courtyard. Dr. Calabrese is also responsible for managing all state and federal grants on the Wolfson Campus of MDC.

Mr. Rafael Cores

Mr. Cores is a former Fulbright Grantee from Spain working as channel editor at Univision.com, the leading Spanish language portal in the United States. Mr. Cores got a Master's degree at the Medill School of Journalism in Northwestern University. Previously, he worked at the University of Navarra as assistant teacher and researcher.

Carl De Angelis

IIE's Director of the Enrichment and Professional Development Division, is responsible for all enrichment, English language and orientation activities for Fulbright Students. Mr. DeAngelis holds a M.S. in TESOL from the State University of New York at Albany and taught ESL for ten years before IIE, including two years in the P.R.C. as an ESL teacher and teacher trainer at Fudan University and Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and five years at New York University's American Language Institute where he taught Advanced Business Writing and Business Communication. He also is the editor of the IIE publication *Intensive English US (IEUSA)*, the definitive reference book on ESL programs and courses used by students around the world, and has written articles in IIE's *Open Doors* and Kaplan's/Newsweek's *Guide to Study in the USA*. He has designed teacher-training programs and given TEFL training workshops in Taiwan. Mr. DeAngelis served from 1999-2001 as an elected member of the ATESL team for NAFSA: Association of International Educators, and has given numerous presentations at international TESOL and NAFSA conferences.

Dr. Michael Di Liddo

Dr. Di Liddo has been the Director of Jazz Studies at the Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus since 1998 and Music Coordinator for the Music Program from 1999 to 2006. As a classical guitarist, Dr. Di Liddo studied in Stuttgart, Germany, with the Greek concert guitarist Dimitris Nikitos. After returning to the U.S., he became a student of Cuban guitarist Juan Mercadal. Dr. Di Liddo has been a part of the Festival of Miami Concert Series as a soloist (1992) and with the Miami Guitar Trio (1991). In 1999, he was invited to Mérida, Mexico, to perform Mauro Giuliani's Concerto in A Major, Op. 30, with the University of Yucatan Chamber Orchestra. He was invited back the following year to perform Joaquín Rodrigo's famous *Concierto de Aranjuez para Guitarra y Orquesta*. He has performed with the Royal Ballet of London, the New World Symphony, and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2002, he accompanied Luciano Pavarotti at the American Airlines Arena in Miami. A published educator, Dr. Di Liddo has written for the American String Teacher's Association and *Downbeat Magazine*. His *60 Contemporary Voicings for the Jazz Combo Guitarist* has been published by Jamey Aebersold. A recent project, also published by Jamey Aebersold, *Maiden voyage: Guitar Comping*, was released in February this year. Dr. Di Liddo holds both a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees from Florida Atlantic University, along with a Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the University of Miami. In 2004, Dr. Di Liddo was awarded the Honorable Jack Gordon Endowed Teaching Chair.

Carmen Dominguez, Esq.

Before joining the legal staff at Miami Dade College as College Legal Counsel, Carmen Dominguez spent 21 years with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, including seven years as District Legal Counsel. She has handled a vast array of legal matters on behalf of a large public agency in areas including labor relations, contracts, immigration, bid protests, and appellate law. She is also a part-time Traffic Hearing Officer in Miami-Dade County. In addition, Ms. Dominguez has conducted training and educational seminars on legal and regulatory issues in higher education. She was voted by Florida Trend Magazine as a 2007

Florida Legal Elite Honoree, Top Government Attorneys. She received an A.A. degree from Miami Dade Community College in 1973, a B.A. Degree in English/Creative Writing from the University of Miami in 1976, and a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Florida in 1979. She also completed a course of studies at Universidad de Madrid. She serves on the Board of Directors for Miami Council for International Visitors (MCIV).

Mr. Fernando Farfan

Mr. Fernando Farfan, a current Fulbright Scholar, was born in Guatemala and obtained his elementary and high school education at a Jesuit institution. He moved on to the scientifically oriented Universidad del Valle de Guatemala to pursue a major in Computer Science, graduating in 2001. In 2004, he was honored with a Fulbright grant to pursue a Master's degree at Florida International University where he specialized in Software Engineering. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Computer Science at Florida International University. He enjoys sports and music and is an enthusiastic guitar and marimba player.

Dr. Joel Fleischer

Dr. Fleischer is Professor of Education at the North Campus of Miami Dade College. He has a long standing commitment to international education and cross-cultural understanding. Professor Fleischer served as Coordinator of International Student Services for over 15 years at the North Campus. He has conducted numerous sessions on cross-cultural issues and has conducted leadership training for MDC Honors College students. His work in the field has been recognized by NAFSA, an association of international educators, and was awarded the Outstanding New Professional Award for service in this area. In addition, he is a former United States Peace Corps Volunteer having served in Micronesia as a teacher trainer and curriculum developer. Much of his Peace Corps training was conducted by the East West Center for Cross Cultural Training and Research of the University of Hawaii. Most recently, Dr. Fleischer was one of 12 faculty members selected by Miami Dade to attend the Salzburg Seminar International Study Program in Salzburg, Austria. He enjoys traveling very much and has taken trips to Asia and Europe as well as the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

Dr. Alejandro Gancedo

Dr. Alejandro Gancedo was born in La Habana, Cuba, and immigrated to the United States at a very young age. He is a graduate of Miami-Dade College and Florida State University. He holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Economics and Political Science and a Juris Doctorate. He also attended St. Edmunds College, Oxford University, studying European Economic Law and Comparative Human Rights. As a Marshall Scholar, he lectured at Bonn University, the University of Munich, and Greifswald University, in Germany, on issues of the Cuban American Diaspora. He was Associate Dean for Natural and Social Sciences and is a Professor of Social Science at MDC and an authority on the American Federal Government.

Dr. Paul S. George

For almost two decades, Dr. Paul George, historian for the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, has toured his way to local, national and international acclaim with his continuing series of historic tours. As a South Florida native, author, and Miami Dade College professor, Dr. George has gained fame for his uncanny ability to recall the most impressive details about the people and places that make South Florida so unique.

Professor Marilyn Gottlieb-Roberts

Professor Marilyn Gottlieb-Roberts is an artist and member of the Department of Arts and Philosophy faculty at MDC. For many years she taught Painting and Drawing but now teaches Art History and Art Appreciation, a reflection of her growing interest in visual literacy studies. In 1994-1995, she was Visiting Artist at Harvard University, was recipient of the R.W. Greenfield Endowed Teaching Chair in 1993-1996 and 1996-1999, and was a teaching/research Fulbright Scholar at Nigeria's University of Jos in 2000-2001 and 2001-2003, with the research topic "Traditional Astronomy of the Fulbe, Cattle Nomads of the African Sahel." Among other venues, her artwork has been featured at Harvard's Carpenter's Center for the Arts, The Clocktower and Exit Art in NYC, Currier Gallery of Art (NH), Real Art Ways (CT), Mobius (MA), Birmingham Museum of Art (AL), Columbus Museum of Art (GA), Contemporary Art Center (LA), and MOCA and Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art (FL). Her work has received support from a number of regional and national funding agencies.

Dr. Thomas W. Meyer, Dean of Academic Affairs at the Wolfson Campus of Miami Dade College, manages over 150 full-time faculty members, nine academic department Chairpersons , two college-wide school Directors, and three college-wide program Directors. He also oversees all issues related to accreditation, grants, faculty initiatives, curriculum, enrollment management, and the academic budget at the campus. Having over 18 years of teaching and training experience, including eleven years in management/administrative roles, Dr. Meyer served in numerous positions prior to becoming Dean. As a professor of English, he taught reading, writing, grammar, and speech, and garnered experience in testing, curriculum development, teacher training, educational technology, and grant writing and management. He later became Department Chairperson of the English as a Second Language and Foreign Languages Program at the Interamerican Campus of MDC where he implemented the first AS Degree in Translation/Interpretation in the United States. He was later appointed Associate Dean of Academic Affairs overseeing the Chairpersons of the academic departments and deliberating over students' academic issues. Also important to mention is his experience in the private sector as a management consultant in the area of organizational development and leadership training for Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) as well as in the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries. This unique blending of academic and corporate experience gives Dr. Meyer keen insight into the implementation of best practices, performance improvement, and quality enhancement.

Chris Migliaccio, Professor of Ecology & Environmental Science, is in his twenty-first year as a faculty member at the Wolfson Campus and has held the *Louis Wolfson III Endowed Teaching Chair* (2001-2004) as well as the NISOD Award for Teaching from the University of Texas. He has a B.S. in Biology from the University of Miami where his main interest was South Florida ecology. His M.S. is in Science Education from Florida International University where much of his graduate work was in tropical ecology. Chris has been a science educator for thirty three years and has taught grades K-14 as well as adults. During the summer, he scores high school Advanced Placement Environmental Science essay exams for The College Board, facilitates Miami-Dade County Public School teacher workshops in botany at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and has led ecological study tours to Costa Rica, the Ecuadorian Andes, Galapagos & Amazon, and Kenya for other teachers and MDC students. A published photographer and author of numerous technical articles on palms, Professor Migliaccio was recently recognized for twenty five years of volunteer service to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. At MDC, he teaches courses in environmental science, ecology, leadership, and science technology. He's active with the MDC [Earth Ethics Institute](#) to train faculty and students in Earth Literacy and with the MDC Honors College – particularly in the area of global citizenship.

Dr. Rolando Montoya

Rolando Montoya is a native of Camagüey, Cuba. He grew up in Panamá, Costa Rica, and México, where he developed his appreciation for diversity and international perspectives. In 1987, Dr. Montoya initiated his successful academic and administrative tenure at MDC, which have included the positions of professor, department chairperson, dean of academic affairs, and culminated with his appointment as president of the Wolfson Campus. His services to MDC were recognized with the Carlos Arboleya/NationsBank and the SunTrust Bank endowed teaching chairs. Before his employment at MDC, he had served as a business executive in the fields of finance and accounting and as Consul of Costa Rica in Miami. Dr. Montoya is a Certified Management Account and Certified Financial Manager. He holds a Bachelor's degree in business administration from the Technological Institute of Monterrey, México, and a Master's degree in finance and a doctoral degree in Higher Education Administration from Florida International University. Dr. Montoya is an active member of several academic, professional, and community organizations.

Professor Maureen O'Hara

Professor Maureen O'Hara, Professor of English as a Second Language at MDC, and Director of Miami Dade College's Fulbright Gateway Orientation programs for the past 6 years was Chairperson of the Language Institute on the Wolfson Campus and Associate Dean of the Center for Business and Industry, which trained and retrained local and international business people. She also started an evening outreach program that evolved into the College's InterAmerican Bilingual Campus. She co-authored grammar, writing, and speech modules for the teaching of ESL. In addition, she has developed and supervised an Associate of Arts Program in Public Administration for Miami-Dade County's Clerk of Courts; developed and directed an A.A. Degree Program in Business Administration for the inhabitants of the island of Nevis, West Indies; and has developed numerous training programs on management, marketing, hospitality management, and conferences on banking and finance, architecture and computer technology, to

name a few. Professor O'Hara has been a consultant to universities in the U.S. on designing and developing language programs and setting up and organizing cooperative efforts between educational institutes and the business sector. She served on President Reagan's Advisory Council to the Peace Corps, was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Chile, was selected Florida Professor of the Year, and received numerous awards, including an Endowed Teaching Chair from 1995-1998, the NISOD Award for Teaching from the University of Texas. Professor O'Hara was one of 12 faculty selected by the College to attend the Salzburg Seminar on Global Education & Sustainability in Salzburg, Austria in July of 2005. She speaks English, Spanish and Italian.

Ms. Anne Smieszny

Anne Smieszny recently returned from Bogota, Colombia, where she was a Fulbright International Teacher Exchange grantee. She taught English and Science, and participated in an orientation program for U. S. bound Fulbright grantees. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Anne did her undergraduate study in Linguistics and Spanish at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, and received her Master's Degree in Teaching from Northern Kentucky University. She taught Spanish for six years at a small school in northern Kentucky, and recently moved to Miami, Florida to work as an editor for Santillana, a Spanish publishing company. She practices capoeira, a Brazilian martial art which she learned during her Fulbright experience in Colombia, enjoys cooking, and salsa dancing.

Dr. Franklyn Tan Te

Dr. Franklyn Tan Te has a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and received his Masters' Degree in Marine Biology from the University of Guam. Dr. Te's expertise includes taxonomy, ecology, and biology of coral reefs; habitat monitoring via environmental surveys and impact assessment; marine environmental toxicology via pesticide and pollution research; marine science education and training via experiential hands-on activities; and human anatomy, physiology, and nursing skills instruction via field-tested practical activities. Dr. Te is knowledgeable in four languages: English, Chinese, Spanish, and Tagalog (Philippine national language) and has taught extensively in Third World developing nations and developed industrialized nations. Dr. Te's motto for success is: "Find reasons to succeed and *not* excuses to fail."

Dr. Geraldine Grace Walker

Dr. Geraldine Grace Walker is Professor and Coordinator of the ESL Department at the Homestead Campus of MDC. Dr. Walker received her doctorate in Higher Education-International/Intercultural Education Development from Florida State University in 2000. She received a Master's degree in Education from Louisiana State University in 1979 and a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Miami in 1977. Two years ago, Dr. Walker worked for 6 months at La Universidad de Agraria-Centro de Idiomas, in Lima, Peru, as an International Rotary University Teacher. During the summer of 2005, she returned to Lima with material for the ESL Department and offered workshops to ESL professors at La Universidad Agraria-Centro de Idiomas. Dr. Walker has just returned from Salzburg, Austria, where she took part in a conference on globalization and internationalizing the curricula. After teaching for 28 years, Dr. Walker is intrinsically motivated to help her students to learn.