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New Faculty 2020 – 2021

Dr. Jessica England, Full-Time Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Psychology Department

Dr. England received her BA in Psychology from the University of Maryland and her MS in Counseling Psychology, Thesis Track, from Loyola University, Maryland. She received her Ph.D. in the Counseling Psychology program at the University of Florida (UF) and concluded her doctoral internship at UF's Counseling and Wellness Center. Dr. England's research focuses on the inclusion of marginalized groups when discussing the experience of work and the general focus of her research is on how context, such as access to opportunity and resources, marginalization, discrimination, and economic constraints, may impact academic and vocational outcomes and overall wellbeing. Dr. England's background in teaching, research, mentorship/supervision, and practice makes her an excellent choice for the Psychology Department.

Professor Sidney Obas, PA-C, Full-Time Clinical Coordinator, Physician Assistant Program

Over the past several years, Professor Obas has been developing his skills in the clinical setting, specifically Critical Care PA training and working full time as an Academic Coordinator at the University of Bridgeport PA Program. He was the Chief PA in Critical Care at South Nassau Communities Hospital and was able to create a training program, which allowed the hospital to employ new graduate Physician Assistants. He was responsible for PA training, developed program curriculum, work schedules as well as developing an employee performance evaluation format for Critical Care Physician Assistants. Professor Obas graduated with his MBA from Louisiana State University, received his BS in Physician Assistant Studies from Touro College and is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Medical Science program at The University of Lynchberg.

Dr. Carolyn Taverner, Full-Time Visiting Professor, Psychology Department

Dr. Taverner is an alumna of Wagner College with a Master's degree in Developmental Psychopathology from Columbia University, Teachers' College and a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the Graduate Center, City University of New York. She served as Director of the Wagner College Early Childhood Center from 2016 and has been an Adjunct Professor in both the Psychology and Education Departments at Wagner College since 2004. She teaches courses in Child Psychology and Death and Dying as well as courses in Family and Community Relations and Trauma Informed Classrooms. Beyond her work at the college she serves as Vice President and co-founder of Emma's Place, Staten Island Grief and Loss Center for Children and Families, a not-for-profit agency which offers free services to children and families who have suffered losses in their lives. Along with the clinical work she does within the organization, she has conducted conferences and trainings for those who want to better serve individuals dealing with grief and loss.