

# University of Delaware

## MS in Evaluation



### FACULTY

#### Core Faculty

##### School of Education (SOE)

**Leslie Cooksy, Associate Professor, Delaware Education Research & Development Center (DERDC)**, has taught program evaluation, research methods, and qualitative methods for several years, and has conducted several evaluation projects for Delaware state agencies as well as for federal and international organizations. She has held leadership positions in the American Evaluation Association, including serving as Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Evaluation (AJE)* and a member of the Board of Directors, and is currently incoming President (2010). She has published in *New Directions for Evaluation*, *Evaluation & Program Planning*, and *AJE*. In the MSMS in Evaluation, she will teach the two new courses – Evaluation Models & Approaches and the Advanced Seminar in Evaluation.

**Joseph Glutting, Professor**, is part of the SOE's Research Methodology & Evaluation doctoral specialization. His areas of expertise include school psychology, psychoeducational assessment, and educational measurement. He has published in numerous journals, including *Applied Neuropsychology* and the *Journal of Special Education*. His statistics courses are part of the program core and the area of emphasis in quantitative methods for the MSMS in Evaluation.

**Robert Hampel, Professor and DERDC Faculty Affiliate**, teaches program evaluation and qualitative methods. His areas of expertise include contemporary educational policy and the history of education. He has contributed to the *Encyclopedia of Educational Reform and Dissent* and the *Encyclopedia of the Social and Cultural Foundations of Education*, and has published in the *Phi Delta Kappan*, *Education Week*, *International Journal of Educational Reform*, and other journals. In the MSMS in Evaluation, Professor Hampel teaches the core course in qualitative methods (EDUC 850).

**Ratna Nandakumar, Professor**, is currently the coordinator of the Research Methodology & Evaluation faculty group in the SOE's doctoral program. She teaches courses in the application of statistics and psychometrics in education and social sciences. Her research focuses on Item Response Theory in psychometrics: Dimensionality and Differential item functioning (DIF), including the development and modifications of statistical methodologies. She has published in *Applied Psychological Measurement*, the *Journal of Educational Measurement*, and other journals. In the MS in Evaluation, Professor Nandakumar teaches a core course in measurement as well as the courses for the optional area of emphasis in measurement.

## Department of Human Development & Family Studies

**Donald Unger, Professor, Acting Department Chair, and Faculty Affiliate in the Center for Disability Studies**, teaches courses on the development, delivery, and evaluation of services for individuals and their families. His research has focused on the development and evaluation of services for families with children and/or parents with special needs, teen parent families, families in poverty, and families with children at risk for child abuse and/or substance abuse. He currently serves on the editorial board of *Family Relations*, has also been on the editorial boards of *Marriage and Family Review*, *the Child, Youth, and Family Services Quarterly*, and *Children's Services*, has published scholarly articles and book chapters, has edited two books, and was awarded Fellow status in the American Psychological Association. Dr. Unger teaches one of the core courses in the MS in Evaluation --- HDFS 637: Program Planning, Assessment, & Evaluation.

## School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy

**Audrey Noble, Assistant Professor, Director of the Delaware Education Research & Development Center**, has led numerous policy studies for the state of Delaware and participated in national and international reviews. Her research interests include educational policy analyses, specifically related to the consequential validity of testing in public schools, and qualitative methodologies. In the MS in Evaluation, she teaches the core course in qualitative methods offered by SUAPP, and the advanced courses for the qualitative methods area of emphasis offered by SOE.

**Paul Solano, Associate Professor and Director of the Health Services Policy Research Group**, has conducted numerous health and health economic studies for NIH, federal agencies, and state agencies and non-profit organization, and specializes in econometric analyses of health program and policies. He has published an array of health and finance articles in books and journals including *Health Policy*, and *The Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*. He has served many times as NIH grant reviewer and evaluator for NIH site visits as well as reviewer for several health economic journals. His research interests include public finance and health economics. In the MS in Evaluation, Dr. Solano teaches courses in the area of emphasis in economic evaluation.

**Danilo Yanich, Associate Professor, Director of the Urban Affairs & Public Policy Program, and Policy Scientist in the Center for Community Research & Service**, conducts research, teaching and public service in several areas of urban policy including: (1) the relationship between the media, citizenship and public policy; (2) crime and criminal justice policy and (3) comparative urban governance. He has published in the *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Crime & Delinquency*, and *Crime, Law, & Social Change*, among other venues. In the MS in Evaluation, he co-teaches the core course in research methods.

### **Affiliated Faculty**

**Maria Aristigueta, Professor, SUAPP Director, and Senior Policy Fellow with the Institute for Public Administration**, conducts research primarily in the areas of performance management and organizational behavior. These areas of expertise are also the focus of her teaching. Her publications include *Managing for Results in State Government*, and many publications in scholarly journals or book chapters on such topics as the use of

social indicators, performance measurement, teaching of intrapersonal skills, and the use of strategic planning for economic development. For the MS in Evaluation, Dr. Aristigueta teaches courses in the elective program area of management.

**Joan Buttram**, Educational Researcher, Delaware Education R&D Center and School of Education, conducts program evaluation and research studies related to school improvement, educational leadership, and professional development. In addition to numerous third-party evaluation and policy studies, she has published in *Educational Leadership*, the *American Journal of Evaluation*, and *Research in Rural Education*. She teaches the evaluation course in the School of Education's doctoral Educational Leadership and Curriculum, Technology, and Higher Education programs.

**Michael Gamel-McCormick**, Professor, HDFS, and Interim Dean of CHEP, leads research and evaluation studies in the areas of early childhood programs for children with and without disabilities, teacher and professional preparation to work with young children with disabilities, and others. His teaching in research issues and design will contribute to the MS in Evaluation.

**Edward Ratledge**, Associate Professor, SUAPP, and Director, Center for Applied Demography & Survey Research, has conducted opinion research and statistical analysis in areas such as health and transportation policy as well as general demographic analysis for state and local government and the private sector. His research interests include management information systems, econometrics, and criminal justice systems. His course on survey design is a core course in the MS in Evaluation curriculum.

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