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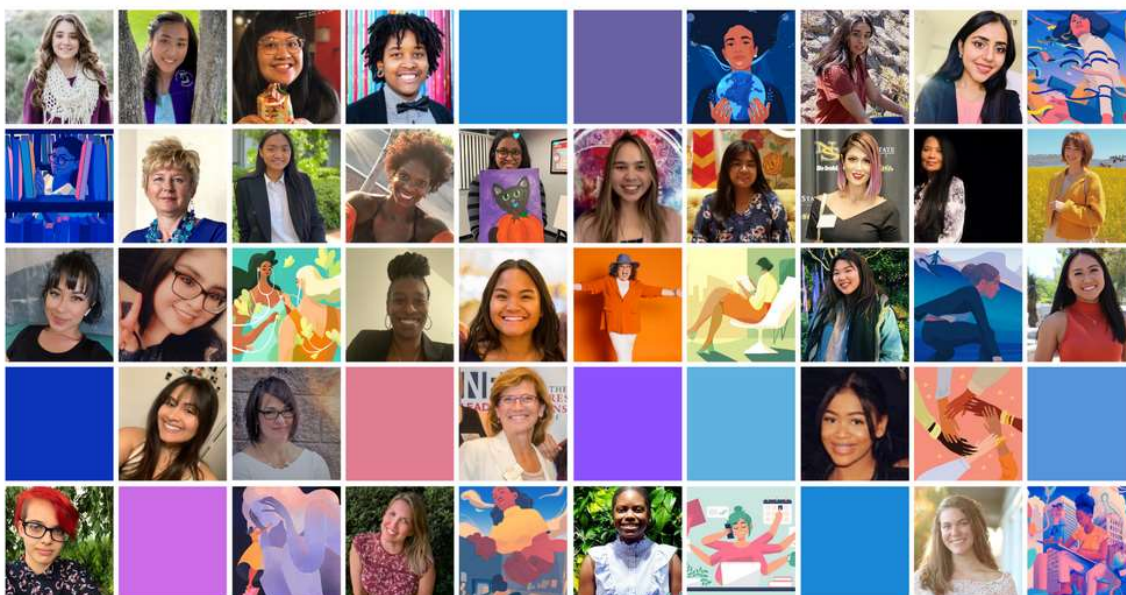
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# July 2021

Improving the Lives of Women through Research and Education

## Director's Message

I hope that readers of this newsletter have found time to rejuvenate and reconnect with family and friends over this past summer. While the past eighteen months have been very challenging, we are looking forward with much optimism toward the upcoming in-person academic year.

We are building our 2020-2021 WRIN Team but before we make those introductions, our thanks to our graduate researcher, **Jennifer Kimball** who completed her M.A. in History and has found work with the Shelby Heritage Center as a tour guide/company historian.

While Jean Munson, Ana Rosas, and I make up the core of WRIN staffing, we also encourage students to work at the institute to learn new research and communication skills, while working on our various projects. **Aika Dietz** will remain at WRIN as one of our researchers while she prepares to enter law school. **Brenda Cruz** will also continue as one of our WRIN undergraduate interns. **Anne Savage**, who is a 2021 NEW Leadership alumna, will join us as our Grant Writer/Researcher. We are also interviewing several undergraduate students to fill our open WRIN internship positions. Of course, our Community Advisory Board remains a vital source of support throughout the year.

The Eleanor Kagi Foundation has again pledged their support of our 2020-2021

We wish her well in her new and exciting position!

programs, including sponsoring our Fall 2021 Women's Wellness Summit and our June 2022 NEW Leadership Keynote Dinner. We'll keep you posted as our plans progress!

Dr. Caryll Batt Dziedziak, Director



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## 2021 Faculty-In-Residence



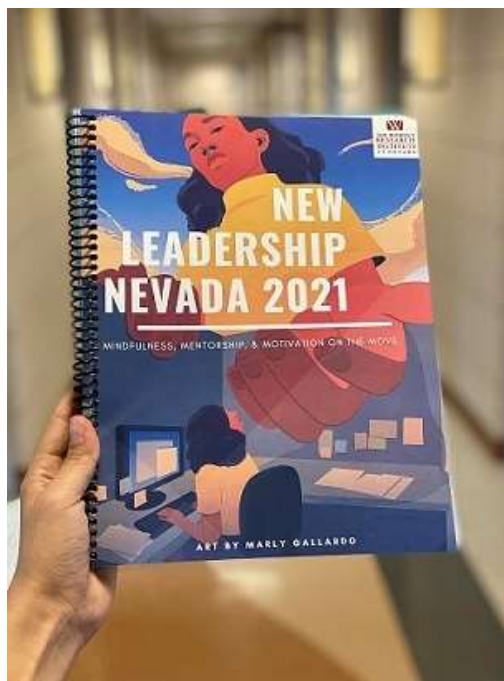
## Mindfulness, Mentorship, & Motivation on the Move

Our Faculty-in-Residences (FIRS) come from different professional backgrounds to help mentor the new class of 2021 students. Each of them took time to help them connect students with our curriculum in small groups and supported their students' media projects. Some of the media projects in video format can be found on our [Youtube channel](#).

**FIR Ashley Bowman** (2017 Alum) dreams of becoming a Nurse Practitioner, with a focus on women's health and open my own clinic one day serving underrepresented communities. She is currently enrolled at Chamberlain University Las Vegas campus pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, who is obsessed with Public Speaking. *Ashley co-mentored with Cariela Santana the following students: Marwa Madina Noori-Haneefzai (UNLV), Drianna Dimatulac (UNLV), and Kitty Rivera (UNLV).*

**FIR Cariela Santana** (2009 Alum) received a Dual-BSBA in International Business and Marketing at UNLV and spent a year studying abroad in Viterbo, Italy. Her career spans nearly 10 years working for organizations such as The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, UNLV, Communities in School of Nevada as well as launching her own marketing consultancy in 2017, EMRG Ideas Marketing. *Cariela co-mentored with Ashley Bowman the following students: Marwa Madina Noori-Haneefzai (UNLV), Drianna Dimatulac (UNLV), and Kitty Rivera (UNLV).*

**FIR Emily Carter** (2019 Alum) Emily Carter is an honors college student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas majoring in Biological Sciences and minoring in Public Health. She aspires to be a public health physician and serve her hometown community of Las Vegas. *Emily mentored the following students: Deborah*



Special Thanks to Aika Dietz for formatting & designing Program manual

Our vision for this year's in person program was using a virtual platform to have NEWL students learn about leadership, titled Mindfulness, Motivation, and Mentorship on the Move. We were sensitive to our cohorts' mental health needs, family medical emergencies, and changing insecure employment dynamics. After reviewing the individual students of all their specific aspirations and interests, we researched closely community mentors, speakers, and panelists that could foster long lasting connections with the students.

## NEW Leadership 2021 Thank You's

**Our summer program is a success this year due to our campus and community supporters, mentors, and friends. Thank you for extending your time and talents for each student.**

**Keynote Speaker:** Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Dr. Melody Rose



*Brady (UNR), Elizabeth Violago (UNR), Anjelika Tabulajara (UNLV), Ixel Ledesma (NSC) and Nyin Htet Aung (UNLV).*

**FIR Moe Turbin** (2015 Alum) is fluent in Sign Language and has her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education with a emphasis on Special Education. Now with teaching in the daytime, Moe has more time to hone in on music production, and her career of being a DJ. *Moe mentored the following students: Alejandra Mungia-Velasco (UNLV) and Samara Dolanch (CSN).*

**FIR Regina Mitchell** (2017 Alum) holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. She is a classically trained chef who uses her skills to provide blind individuals unique culinary experiences. *Regina mentored the following students: Anne Savage (UNLV), Jennifer Tidwell (UNLV) and Suman Randhawa (NSC).*

**FIR Dr. Valerie Taylor** is a Visiting Assistant Professor at UNLV and Adjunct Professor at Northeastern University teaching African American Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Graduate Education courses. She's held leadership positions at non-profits, colleges and government agencies across the U.S. She also serves as President of Visions Public Relations, a national consultancy that focuses on social change driven public relations and community education campaigns. *Valerie mentored the following students: Samadhia Gilkey-Williams (UNLV), Syeda Jamshed (UNLV), and Adrienne Dizon (UNLV).*

**Dr. Joanna Jezierska FIR** received her M.A. degree in Education in Poland, and her Ph.D. degree in Educational Leadership at UNLV. Currently she serves UNLV and Nevada community as the director of Multicultural Program for STEM and Health Sciences. *Joanna mentored the following students: Shivangi Sinha (UNLV) and Rachel Kim (UNLV).*



**Community Advisory Board Members:**

Kristin Guthrie-Smith, Jessica Halling, Dr. Joanna Jezierska, Rachel Part, Dr. Roberta Sabbath, Sepi Sayedna, Yvette Scott-Butler, Jeana Blackman, Brittany L. Walker, Dr. Barbara Williams, and Agnes Zadlo.

**Live Speakers:** Cheryl Guinan, Donica' Beckett, Dr. Frantonia Pollins, Natalie Sullivan, Amy Ayoub, Erica Mosca, Dr. Joanna Jezierska, Ann Simmons Nicholson, Jeana Taylor Blackman, Marissa Luke, Kacy Drury, Cherie Ledeen, Dr. Valerie Taylor, Paloma Guerrero, Siria Gutierrez, Brittany Walker, and Jennifer Shydler.



**One-to-One Mentors:** Moe Turbin, Venicia Considine, Sondra Cosgrove, Kri Edholm, Gabbie Hirsch, Gian Brosco, Dr. Valerie Taylor, Dr. Barbara Williams, Prabha Cox, Monica Pinon, Pauline Lee, Tiffany Stiles, Dr. Cheryl Radeloff, Cariela Santana, Anne Weisman, and Cristina Hernandez.

**Tech Support:** Aika Dietz (Data Collection & Moderator), Brenda Cruz Gomez (Room

Host and Trouble Shooter), and Rickeysha Burt (Small Group Aid).



2021 Tech Team: Jean Munson, Rickeysha Burt, and Brenda Cruz

Not pictured: Aika Dietz

## Alum Highlights

**Cari Viado** (2012 Alum) opened officially **Carmel Viado Career Coaching**. She helps mid career professionals in government and corporate reach the next level in their careers through personalized career coaching and resume writing services:

[carmelviado.com](https://carmelviado.com)



**Meena Ejjada** (2019 Alum) is a PhD candidate studying Environmental Engineering at University of Nevada, Las Vegas and has received the **Dave**



Bringing together experts and scholars from across the state to create panels discussing the current status of women and girls in Nevada. Registration is free but seating will be limited. Watch for the registration link coming soon!

## Did You Know?



**Caldwell Scholarship** offered by **Brown and Caldwell**. Her goals include intensively exploring and contributing new ideas in the water industry by resolving water scarcity issues and providing safe water for irrigation.



**Jazmin Gelista** (2017 Alum) recently graduated with Master of Arts in Communications Studies and Rhetoric. She also made the Honor Society. She will be starting her doctoral program this fall 2021.





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