

Petrocelli Center for Continuing Education

2025-2026 INSTRUCTOR BIO-SKETCHES

(in alphabetical order by last name)

Kara Alaimo

Dr. Alaimo is Associate Professor of Communication at Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she created the university's academic programs in social media. Her book *Over the Influence: Why Social Media is Toxic for Women and Girls – And How We Can Take It Back* (Alcove, 2024) explains how social media is affecting every aspect of the lives of women and girls and what we can do about it. She has been writing opinion and analysis pieces for CNN about the social impact of social media since 2016. She is also a former communicator at the United Nations and in the Obama administration. She also previously served as the first Press Secretary of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, Global Media Coordinator for the United Nations Millennium Campaign, and as a spokesperson for New York City economic development initiatives during the administration of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg.

Dr. Alaimo earned her Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy, and Masters of Arts degrees at the City University of New York, and her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a minor in Women's Studies at N.Y.U.

Christopher Caldiero

Dr. Caldiero is an Associate Professor and Deputy Chair for the Communications Department at FDU. Dr. Caldiero's work has appeared in the *Journal of Public Relations Research* and the *American Communication Journal*. He has authored or co-authored four "Top Paper" articles from the National Communication Association. As an expert in Public Relations and Crisis Management, he teaches several classes on these topics at FDU.

Dr. Caldiero received a PhD from Rutgers University, and a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Montclair State University.

Noah Epstein

Noah Epstein has been an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University since 2011, where he has developed and teaches three college courses: History of Photography, Inside

the Art Market, and Memorialization of War. In his career as a historic preservationist, Noah lives in New Orleans and works for the Vieux Carré Commission, tasked with preserving the historic character of the French Quarter; the second oldest historic district in the United States. He has received various awards and contributed to several publications and group exhibitions throughout his career.

Noah received an MPS in Preservation Studies from Tulane University in 2022 after working in historic preservation for a decade and earned a BA in Visual Arts from the University of Chicago in 2011.

Karin Hamilton

Karin Hamilton currently serves as an Adjunct in Management for the Silberman College of Business at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

She has extensive experience in both business and academic administration in the areas of strategic and tactical planning, project management, and training and development. Her past positions include serving in a project leadership and advisory capacity for two presidents at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Karin has written numerous guides and manuals on approaching and optimizing learning situations that have been used by business professionals, educational administrators, faculty and students. Her research interests are primarily in learning, pedagogy and use of technology to improve learning outcomes. Karin was one of the two originators of an innovative program for teaching adult learners using andragogical methodologies in a partial distance-learning format.

She received her M.B.A. at Fairleigh Dickinson University and her B.A. at Valparaiso University.

Analeigh Horton

Dr. Analeigh Horton is an Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Composition and the Assistant Director of the Writing Program at the FDU Metropolitan campus. Dr. Horton (she/her) teaches in the undergraduate Writing Program and is a Writing Faculty Fellow for the Honors Academy. Her scholarship appears in edited collections and journals such as the *Journal of Writing Assessment*, *Composition Forum*, *Across the Disciplines*, and *Computers and Composition*. Dr. Horton is the Outreach Coordinator for the CCCC Second Language Writing Standing Group, a Review Board member for *The WAC Journal*,

and a past Leadership Council member for WPA-GO. Her scholarship was recognized by the CWPA 2021 Graduate Research Award for Writing in WPA Studies, and she was named a 2022 K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award finalist by AAC&U.

Dr. Horton received a PhD from the University of Arizona, an MA from the University of Alabama, and a BA from Samford University.

Erdal Kose

Erdal is a lecturer in the computer science department at Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU), where he teaches a broad area of computer science and IT courses while conducting research in the domain of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Science. He has over 15 years of higher education teaching experience and industry experience in web application design and development and is also currently working on a grant project that was awarded by the Department of Defense and NSA.

Dr. Kose graduated from CUNY Graduate Center with a Ph.D. degree in Computer Science in 2012.

Kathleen Lyons

Dr. Lyons is Assistant Professor of Rhetoric & Composition and Assistant Director of the Foundational Writing Program on the Florham campus. Dr. Lyons teaches classes in first-year writing, rhetoric and composition, disability studies, and technical and professional communication. She is also the Assistant Director of Writing at the Florham Campus. In her teaching and leadership roles, she prioritizes accessibility and mindfulness to support student learning. In her scholarly work, Dr. Lyons engages qualitative research methods and rhetorical theory to study access and inclusion in writing pedagogy.

Dr. Lyons received a BA from Dickinson College, an MA from Boston College, and a PhD, University of Delaware.

Bruce Peabody

Professor Peabody is an editor and contributor to five books including *Short Stories and Wicked Leadership in Film* (Lexington, 2024), *Political Philosophy: Power, Prose, and Persuasion* (Lexington 2019), *The Politics of Judicial Independence: Courts, Politics, and the Public* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011) and *Where Have all the Heroes Gone:*

Changing Conceptions of American Valor (Oxford University Press, 2017). He has published dozens of scholarly articles and book chapters, short articles, academic book reviews, and publications written for a general audience. His work has been cited by or appeared in the Washington Post, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and many other general audience venues. In 2012 Peabody received the Distinguished Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship from FDU and in 2004 he received the Becton College Teacher of the Year award from his faculty peers. Before joining FDU in 2000, Prof. Peabody served as an arms control lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Peabody received a BA from Wesleyan University and a PhD from University of Texas at Austin

Lynn Reid

Dr. Lynn Reid is Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Composition and University Director of Writing at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Dr. Reid's most recent research has focused on online writing instruction and graduate education for writing program administrators. Her work has been published in Journal of Basic Writing, Computers and Composition: An International Journal, WPA: Writing Program Administration, and several edited collections. She was the 2020 recipient of FDU's Becton College Teacher of the Year Award and the 2010 Norman Levine Outstanding Teaching Award at the City College of New York.

Dr. Reid received a Ph.D. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and MA from City College of New York and a BA from Rutgers University.