

Mission Statement

The WLLC Diversity and Inclusion committee is an initiative to engage and support faculty and staff members at our institution, specifically within our department. We are a collective with diverse positionalities that grant insight into how diversity and inclusion affect our colleagues. Our initiatives are to attend and organize workshops to better inform us on the many definitions of diversity. In addition, we intend to foster inclusive educational opportunities and collaboration. Our first initiative is to attend and organize workshops to inform us of the many definitions and diverse approaches.

Meet our committee

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M.A., University of New Orleans, 2016
Service to the Community and LSU
Coordinated a Service-Learning Initiative with the Gardere Project, Baton Rouge and Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge to support the Hispanic community.
NOLA Jazz Museum Transcribathon Coordinator.
Mentor in the M.A Hispanic Studies Section, Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures. Committee Assignments
Member of the Department Diversity Committee
Spanish 2155 Review Committee.



Dr. Rebecca Carrero-Figueroa

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Moved on 2019 from the beautiful island of Puerto Rico to teach Spanish at LSU! She's very proud of her Hispanic heritage and sees this teaching experience as an opportunity to share with others about her culture while living in Louisiana. Her love for languages and literatures is an aspect that enriches her experience. She speaks fluently Spanish and English and has basic knowledge of Italian, French, Portuguese, and American Sign Language.



As a member of the Departmental Diversity Committee, she looks forward to sharing her experience as a Hispanic living in the United States and serve as a liaison to other Hispanic students at Louisiana State University.

Committee Initiatives

Hands. That. Hear. LSU [Link to Reveille article about student organization](#) : Working with neighboring university ULL, who offers ASL classes, our committee wants to discuss generating awareness by finding ways that the department can welcome these students and make them feel included. We want to organize and offer a workshop of communication with ASL needs in a foreign language classroom

ACE Internationalization lab LSU: [link to homepage](#) ACE LSU, as one of 13 colleges and universities, is participating in the 19th cohort of the [ACE Internationalization Laboratory](#) , which is designed to provide customized guidance and insight to help colleges and universities achieve their internationalization goals. This lab will run from Fall 2021 to Spring 2023.

What is Comprehensive Internationalization? ACE defines comprehensive internationalization as a strategic, coordinated process that seeks to align and integrate policies, programs, and initiatives to position colleges and universities as more globally oriented and internationally connected institutions.

Mental Health Awareness and recognition workshop (LSU CARES)

Stephanie Colin, ABD

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An instructor in the Spanish department. She is a first-generation Mexican American, first-generation college student, and a queer ciswoman. These attributes to her identity bring her insight and have curated various experiences to her awareness as a member of the Diversity and Inclusivity committee.



In her free time Stephanie enjoys traveling, trying new restaurants with her partner, watching movies, reading, and spending time with her family and dog: Firulais.



Dr. Liliana McGuffin-Naranjo

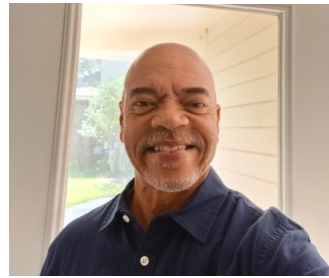
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A Manizales, Colombia native. She received her Ph.D. in Spanish Colonial Literature from Tulane University. Her M.A. in Hispanics Cultural Studies from L.S.U. and her bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Hispanic studies from the University of Louisiana Lafayette. Her research addresses past and present rituals and traditions of the indigenous peoples of the Andes.

As a member of the Committee her goal is to bring her experience of intergroup relations, specially indigenous cultures for the continue growth and development of our department and intercultural world.



Sheldon Lotten M.A



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Distinguished Instructor. Received his Master of Arts degree from Middlebury College and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University in New Orleans.

His area of specialization is Spanish Applied Linguistics. He has also completed coursework in French with the Conseil pour le Développement du Français en Louisiana (CODOFIL) in Besançon, France. He has over thirty years of experience teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced Spanish courses. He has taught at Tulane University, Southern University and Louisiana State University. He is a recipient of the Tiger Athletic Foundation Teacher of the Year award. He is looking forward to creating a strong and inclusive World Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department by focusing on events that benefit students across the department's many types of diversity.

Dr. Touria Khannous

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An associate professor in the Department of World Languages and literatures and the International Studies Program at Louisiana State University. Her research interests include Film Studies, Black diaspora studies, and Maghrib studies. She has published articles and two manuscripts in the areas of African literature and film, and Black diaspora studies.



She has been directing study abroad programs in Morocco since 2009, and teaches courses in Arabic, international studies, and film studies. She is also a member of the ACE internationalization lab, CAPPE, and the Comparative Literature program.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee



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Biography:

Jeannie Williamson graduated with a B.S. from Louisiana State University in 1981 with additional hours in Business and Accounting. She completed the dual HRM/Business Manager certification program in 2014. She completed the LSU Online Management and Leadership Series MicroCreds program in 2020.

Ms. Williamson currently serves on the following committees:

Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures Technology Committee and Social Events Committee.

Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures Diversity Committee.

LSU International Services Office Cultural Programming Committee.

LSU International Services International Education Week Planning Committee.

HRM ADA Compliance Plan Advisory Board External Committee .

Ms. Williamson was selected by the College of Humanities & Social Sciences to serve as the 2018 United Way college representative.

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Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures

Dr. Claudia A. Sanford Galindo

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Her goal as a committee member is to promote the empowerment and awareness of Latinx and other background-identified members at LSU. In addition, she is here to support our community efforts that celebrate diverse cultures and enhance the community of Latinx and different backgrounds for faculty, staff, and students on our campus and the community.

Dr. Sanford likes to share personal experiences and values and emphasize the importance of her cultural and racial identity as a Colombian American. She is passionate about education because and as a long-life learner herself, she believes teaching is

one of the most critical services she could provide to her community. In addition, she is a wife, a mother, an animal lover, and a gardener.



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