

Joseph DeLappe  
University of Nevada, Reno  
Regents' Creative Activities Award

Joseph DeLappe received an MFA in Picture Arts from San Jose State University in 1990. He joined the University of Nevada in 1993 and is now a full professor in the Art Department where he directs the Digital Media program. Working with electronic and new media since 1983, his work in online gaming performance and electromechanical installation have been shown throughout the United States and abroad, including exhibitions in Australia, the United Kingdom, China, Germany, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands and Canada. Indeed, he is widely regarded as an innovator in his field.

In 2006 he began a project *dead-in-iraq*, to type consecutively, all names of America's military casualties from the war in Iraq into the America's Army first person shooter online recruiting game. He also directs the [iraqimemorial.org](http://iraqimemorial.org) project, an ongoing web-based exhibition and open call for proposed memorials to the many thousands of civilian casualties from the war in Iraq. He has lectured throughout the world regarding his work, including most recently at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. He has been interviewed on CNN, NPR, Canadian Broadcast Corporation, The Australian Broadcasting Corporation and on the Rachel Maddow Show on Air America Radio. His works have been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Australian Morning Herald*, and *Artweek*.

Beyond his impressive creative accomplishments, Professor DeLappe has proven to be a capable and respected leader at the University, having served as Chair of the Department of Art and on the Faculty Senate. He is an outstanding and dedicated teacher. In short, Professor DeLappe is a world-class artist and educator, and an invaluable asset to UNR, NSHE, and the State of Nevada.

**Daniel Bouweraerts**  
*Biography as of January 1, 2012*

Daniel Bouweraerts is graphic communications professor at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) in Reno, Nevada. Raised in Santa Monica, California, Daniel attended Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica College and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, graduating with a BS degree in graphic communications. After working for several graphics firms, Daniel moved to Reno, Nevada in 1987, continuing to work in the graphic communications industry while teaching part-time at TMCC.

Daniel became a full-time professor in 1990 and received tenure in 1993. Since then the TMCC graphics program has grown from six classes to 21 classes taught per semester, covering many areas of the graphics industry, and overall FTE (full-time student count) has grown from 8 to over 70. Daniel is also a published author, completing the textbook *Introduction to Computer Graphics* in December, 2005. During the last few years Daniel has also taken and completed a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership for the University of Nevada, Reno. The Graphic Communications program currently graduates between 12 and 20 students a year, many finding jobs in the industry right here in Northern Nevada.

Daniel has an amazing wife, two daughters and two step-daughters, and enjoys hiking the trails and camping around the Western United States and Canada.

## Dr. Kevin J. Graziano

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I am an Associate Professor at Nevada State College in the School of Education, Teacher Preparation Program. I arrived at Nevada State College in 2004 from the University of San Francisco where I received my doctorate in International and Multicultural Education with a minor in Educational Technology. My teaching and research interests include socio-cultural foundations of education, teacher education, Teaching English as a Second Language, the digital divide, and urban learning.

I have taught English as a Second Language at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic and I have conducted two participatory action research studies in South Africa. I routinely speak at regional, national, and international education conferences. I have received the 2008 Nevada State College iTeach Economic Development Award, the 2006 Nevada State College iTeach Teaching Excellence Award, the 2006 City of Henderson and Henderson Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Teaching Award, and the 2005 American Education Research Association (AERA) Scholar-Activist Award.

I have published several journal articles and book chapters on issues in teacher education and have recently been appointed a Visiting Fellow (Summer 2012) to the Marino Institute of Education in Dublin, Ireland. Additionally, I have been accepted on the Fulbright Specialist Program Roster. I am seeking a teacher training/ lecturing project with an overseas institution. My work in the classroom and community have been featured in local newspapers and magazines such as the *Henderson Home News*, *El Mundo* Newspaper, and Meet the Neighbor in the Las Vegas *Zip Code Magazine*.

Cynthia Birk  
University of Nevada, Reno  
Undergraduate Academic Advising Award

Cynthia Birk received a B.S. in Industrial Administration from Iowa State University, and an M.A.T. in Business Education and M.A. in Accountancy from the University of Iowa. She is a licensed CPA in the State of Nevada. Cynthia began her career with the Nevada System of Higher Education in 1987 as a lecturer in the Accounting Department at UNLV. Two years later she joined the Accounting faculty of Nevada and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1994.

In 1998 Cynthia began serving as an academic advisor to accounting majors. Ten years later the department decided to establish an Accounting Advisory Board made up of members of the local accounting community to provide the department with feedback and suggestions regarding curriculum and other departmental issues. As part of the faculty who spearheaded this initiative, Cynthia was instrumental in writing the charter for the group and recruiting members to serve on the board.

Cynthia has served on many university and community committees including Faculty Senate, the Accounting Courses and Curricula Committee, the University Courses and Curricula Committee, on which she served as chair from 2007-2011, as well as the Reno Chapter of the Nevada Society of CPAs.

Ms. Birk believes the advising and mentoring function should be an integration of recruiting, orientation to the major, course selection, career counseling, professional networking, and facilitating graduation. Her mentoring doesn't stop with a graduate's first job or graduate school. She frequently receives calls from former students who are searching for advice or updating her on their lives after graduation. She is proud to say that many of her advisees have transitioned from students to friends.

## **UNLV 2011 Regents Academic Advisor Award, Graduate Nominee: Curtis Love, M.S. in Hotel Administration Program**

Dr. Curtis Love is a professor in the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration where he has taught since 1998. Dr. Love earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. In addition to his teaching, scholarship, and service responsibilities as a faculty member, he has been continuously at work in crucial student advising positions over the past seven years; first as an undergraduate advisor in the Office of Student Advising in the Harrah Hotel College, and then starting in 2006 as the advisor for the Master's of Science in Hotel Administration program. In July of this year, Dr. Love became the director of graduate studies for the Harrah Hotel College, maintaining his advising position because of his commitment to the students, He takes his duties seriously, making himself accessible with regular, never-missed office hours and working throughout the summer. In the college, there is a high percentage of international students, many of whom are in the United States for the first time. To make these students feel welcome and to help ensure their academic success, Dr. Love developed new-student orientation sessions that are held each semester and allow students to meet important staff and faculty members. He also hosts a graduate student/faculty reception each semester for networking purposes. Dr. Love has been a member of the university's graduate curriculum committee for many years to make sure he is informed, and attends all Graduate College meetings for the same reason. He maintains a graduate student listserv where he posts information from the Graduate College and job opportunities. He shares information and supports the other master's level advisors in the college and works hard to ensure that a student's course of study meets his/her needs and interests. It should come as no surprise, therefore, that the university-wide committee of faculty, professional staff, and students was unanimous in its selection of Dr. Curtis love for this very prestigious and very well-deserved reward.

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At the College of Southern Nevada, students ask for Academic Counselor Jana R. Wolf by name. Some will wait more than an hour during heavy registration times just to see her. Here's why.

Jana, who holds an M.Ed. in school counseling from the University of Hawaii, Manoa in Honolulu, has been an academic counselor at CSN since 2001 but has been serving in education for more than two decades. The go-to person in her department among colleagues, she received tenure in 2005 and has also taught college success courses at CSN. She previously worked as a teacher in Douglas County School District in Colorado and as a high school counselor in Hawaii, experiences that have honed her academic and personal counseling skills.

It should be no surprise given her military service that Jana continually volunteers for challenging assignments. In January 2011, she offered to work on a special project for the Integrate (MyCSN) implementation and helped build academic advising modules and create training materials for staff to teach them to use the new system within a short period of time. In 2006, when Great Basin College took over the Pahrump campus, she volunteered to be a transfer services coordinator in addition to her responsibilities on campus. Two years earlier, she volunteered to be the counselor to drive out to CSN's Pahrump center and served as a virtual counselor to the area when she could not physically be on site.

Jana is a model to other advisors and counselors and clearly a favorite among students. She possesses the qualities and characteristics of a leader who consistently stands out among counselors.