

Emma Sepulveda
University of Nevada, Reno
Biography

Emma Sepulveda was born in Argentina and raised in Chile. She attended the University of Chile in Santiago and the University of Nevada, Reno. She received her PhD from the University of California, Davis. Dr. Sepulveda is an award winning author and co-author of 27 books of narrative non-fiction, memoirs, short stories, poetry, critical essays and textbooks. She has received two of the highest honors given to writers in Nevada, the Silver Pen Award, and in 2007 she was inducted into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame (the first Latina/o to be inducted). In 2005 she received the Nevada Governor's Excellence in the Arts Award. Nationally, she received the Mujer Award in 2009 given by the Latina Leadership Institute in Washington DC and the Willie Velasquez Award by the US Leadership Institute in 2010. Dr. Sepulveda also received the Latina Women of the Year in Literature Award by the Spanish Television Network, GEMS, in Miami, Florida. The same network produced and aired an hour program on Dr. Sepulveda's life as part a series on the women protagonists of Latin America and the USA. She was included in Edward Olmos's national project, *Americanos*.

In 1995 Dr. Sepulveda founded a non-profit organization for the empowerment of Latinos through voter registration, voter education and get out the vote programs: Latinos for Political Education (LAPE). In 2004 she founded the Latino Research Center at the University of Nevada, Reno and has obtained more than \$1,000,000 in federal and local grants for its programs. Dr. Sepulveda is the founder and co-editor of the Center's research journal *Borderlines*.

In 2009 Dr. Sepulveda was appointed to the National Commission for the creation of the American Latino Museum in Washington DC and served as a Commissioner for two years.

In 2014 Dr. Sepulveda was appointed by president Barak Obama to the W. Fulbright International Scholarship Board.

Short bio for Emily Howarth
Western Nevada College

Professor Emily Howarth came to Western Nevada College in 2001 as an adjunct instructor while working in the field as a technology consultant and network engineer. Incorporating her professional background and experience, she has supported student success and encouraged individuals to pursue careers in technology fields through relevant and timely classes at WNC. She introduces students to career options they may not have thought of, and shows them how to use technology as a tool for accomplishing their goals. Since working as an Electronics Technician for the U.S. Air Force, Professor Howarth has pursued a variety of technical interests and has leveraged that background to create college courses relevant to technicians in a variety of settings, from traditional IT support to Advanced Manufacturing. Earning Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees, while working and raising children, Ms. Howarth has been able to relate to individual challenges, and encourage students to move past obstacles. The creation of the Industrial Technology program at WNC represents her collaborative efforts with local business and industry, educational partnerships, and dedication to the diverse communities served by higher education.

Short Biography

Pradip K. Bhowmik is currently Professor of Chemistry at University of Nevada Las Vegas. He holds a Bachelor of Science with Honors and Masters of Science, both in Chemistry, from University of Dhaka in Bangladesh. He came to the United States in 1983 and obtained his Masters of Science in Physical/Organic Chemistry in 1987 and Ph.D. in Organic/Polymer Chemistry in 1990 from University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and University of Massachusetts at Amherst, respectively. He joined the University of Nevada at Las Vegas in the Fall 1998. Over 60 undergraduate, 25 graduate students, and three post-doctoral scholars completed their independent research studies under his tutelage. Additionally, he served as a member on 35 committees for Honors, M.S. theses and Ph.D. dissertations in his career. He teaches various courses in organic/polymer chemistry both undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Bhowmik has received several teaching awards including the College of Sciences Distinguished Teacher Award in 2012, 2003 and the campus-wide UNLV Foundation Distinguished Teacher Award in 2011, 2004 and UNLV Alumni Outstanding Faculty Member 2010. He received the 2014 POLY Fellow and 2014 ACS Fellow for his outstanding scientific/professional accomplishments and service to the American Chemical Society (ACS). He also received service award twice (2014 and 2007) from the Southern Nevada Local Section of ACS for his outstanding service to the society. The main foci of his research are to synthesize and characterize novel polymers with desirable properties including polymers for photovoltaic devices, light-emitting devices, and fire retardant polymers as well as to develop small-molecule anticancer drugs and drugs for Alzheimer's disease. Organic synthesis and green chemistry including ionic liquid crystals are also his significant interests. Over the years, Dr. Bhowmik has been able to build active and vibrant research activities resulting in the publication of numerous scholarly articles. In his career to date, Dr. Bhowmik has authored/co-authored ca. 80 peer-reviewed journal articles; many of them published in highly-regarded tier-one journals. He has also authored/co-authored over 40 refereed conference papers. Most importantly, his research articles are cited in over 160 scholarly scientific journals in the chemical literature globally. Dr. Bhowmik has received research grants from the Petroleum Research Fund, Research Corporation, National Science Foundation, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He actively participates in various professional organizations related to chemistry including the ACS. Dr. Bhowmik serves as a member on the editorial board of nine journals and has reviewed 350 manuscripts for publication in ca. 60 scholarly journals as well as numerous grant proposals from various public and private funding sources. He currently is an associate editor for Green and Sustainability Chemistry, American Chemical Science Journal and Advances in Research as well as an Advisory Board Member for InnoSense LLC, California.

Tara Connolly
Biography
Truckee Meadows Community College

Tara began her career in higher education as a peer advisor at TMCC in 2003 while working on pre-requisites for nursing school. She enjoyed the process of working with fellow college students so much that her educational goals changed to prepare her to become a professional Academic Advisor at TMCC. After completing her Associate of Arts at TMCC, Tara went on to graduate from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2008 with a Bachelor of General Studies and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership in 2010. As an Academic Advisor and MBTI® certified practitioner, Tara tries to create a welcoming and encouraging environment for students to explore and pursue their educational goals. She meets with students one-on-one and in group settings to explain college and degree requirements and to help students develop a plan to meet their individual goals. Tara also serves as the International Student Advising Coordinator, working with TMCC's international students. Additionally, she is the advising liaison to the Liberal Arts Division and provides academic advising each week at the Health Science Center. In her spare time, Tara enjoys running, long hikes with her dogs, rock climbing, yoga, meditation, eating Oreos, and being vegan.

Erin Stiles
Biography
University of Nevada, Reno

Erin Stiles received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Cultural Anthropology from Duke University, a Master of Arts degree in Anthropology from University of Colorado, Boulder, and a Ph.D. degree in Anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis in 2002. She joined the University of Nevada, Reno in 2008 and began serving as the single undergraduate advisor for the department in 2012.

Dr. Stiles is heavily engaged in undergraduate teaching and has taught more undergraduate students in Anthropology than any other faculty member at the university by a large measure. She has a deep understanding of the undergraduate experience through her teaching and has dedicated herself to the department's undergraduate curriculum and assessment. Dr. Stiles currently serves as the single undergraduate advisor to more than 150 majors. In addition to helping students navigate through the basic requirements of the program, she helps students explore career and graduate school options, potential awards and scholarships, and research opportunities.

In addition to her teaching and advising, Dr. Stiles maintains an active research agenda. Her research interests are the Anthropology of law; Islam; anthropology of religion; dispute resolution; Islamic law; women, family, and religion; African religions; Mormonism; East and Northeast Africa, Indian Ocean, Utah and Western United States.

**UNLV 2015 Regents Academic Advisor Award, Graduate Nominee:
Ms. Jennifer Carr, Director, Academic Success Program, William S. Boyd School of Law**

Jennifer Carr received her B.A. in English magna cum laude in 2003 from the University of Nevada, Reno and graduated from the William S. Boyd School of Law cum laude in 2006. She is admitted to practice law in Nevada as well as the Clark County Legal Services. While attending law school, she assisted with the externship program. Although she has a deep fondness for the law, she fell in love with academic support. As Director of the Academic Success Program, Jennifer provides individual counseling on academic matters, bar examination preparation tutoring, and makes group presentations on necessary legal analysis skills. She trains and supervises an assistant director and student counselors who assist other students with legal writing and doctrinal coursework. Working with individual students allows her to help students manage the rigors of law school bringing balance to their legal education. As law school is light on formative feedback, the Academic Success Program is a place where students can come for much-needed feedback. She also continues her scholarship and will have an article published in the St. Thomas Law Journal Winter 2015 edition. UNLV is proud to nominate Ms. Jennifer Carr for the 2015 Graduate Academic Advisor Award.