

Assistant Provost

Monique Taylor is the author of *Harlem between Heaven and Hell*, and several other publications on Harlem. She received a bachelor's degree from Yale University and her MA and PhD in Sociology from Harvard University. Until 2005 she was an associate professor of sociology and department chair at Occidental College in Los Angeles, California. There, Dr. Taylor's undergraduate teaching centered on race/ethnicity, class inequality, cultural studies and urban studies and she was the recipient of the Donald Loftsgordon Memorial Award for Outstanding Teaching from Occidental College as well as a Graves Award for Excellence in Teaching from the American Council of Learned Societies and Pomona College.

Before moving to Mexico, Dr. Taylor lived for four years with her husband and daughter in Jerusalem where she studied Arabic and was a visiting lecturer in the American Studies graduate program at the Regional Studies Institute of Al Quds University, Ramallah. She joined Alliant University in the spring of 2009 as an instructor in World Civilization. She is currently the coordinator for undergraduate education and Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs.

Program Directors

Stephen Murray was born in Dublin and educated at University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin (where he was president of the Graduates Students' Union) and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He is program director of the Marshall Goldsmith School of Management with responsibility for the undergraduate and graduates programs in business and international relations.

He worked as director of graduate studies at one of Mexico's main universities, the Anáhuac, for ten years. At the same time, he was director of the Centre for International Business Education and Research (the CIBER) at the World Trade Center in Mexico City.

Subsequently he worked for the World Bank Group to develop vocational training in 95 developing countries. For the same organization he also developed the African University of Science and Technology (AUST), an institute that is planned to be the premier university in the African continent. He also created the Gulf of Guinea Oil and Gas Institute that trains and undertakes research for the rapidly growing petroleum industry in Africa.

In 2009 he established the Carlyle Institute with the Chartered Management Institute and the Chartered Institute of Marketing of the United Kingdom.

He has published weekly columns in leading national dailies. He is the author of 5 books and for six years he was also editor of *The Anahuac Journal*, a research journal of the Oxford University Press whose focus is on business affairs in Latin America. Two more of his books were published in 2010 and another one is expected in 2011.

Jason J. Platt, Ph.D. is the director for the Masters in Counseling Psychology program at the Mexico City campus of Alliant International University. He is also the director of CSPP Latin American Immersion Programs, the Certificate in Latin American Family Therapy and the MFT Mexico Satellite program. Dr. Platt's primary area of interest is improving international education and clinical competencies of mental health workers. He organizes immersion education programs in Mexico, Cambodia, India and other regions of the world.

The emphasis of his work is influenced by the ideas of Paulo Freire's dialogical approach to education and the tenets of liberation psychology as described by Ignacio Martin Baró. He also is interested in ethnic minority issues, critical pedagogy, poverty and multicultural training in Marriage and Family Therapy and Psychology.

Sarah Taylor Cook has worked for many years with diverse populations of students from young to adult learners. Sarah first came to Mexico to attend the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) in 1993, from which she graduated with a Masters in Spanish Literature *cum laude*. She also has a Masters of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from the State University of New York. Currently she teaches English Composition at Alliant University coordinates the Masters of Arts in Education here and directs the University Language Center (UCL).

Instructors

Xavier Aguilar completed his early studies in Mexico City at the Jesuit School. He received a CPA from the National University of Mexico and a PhD in Economic Studies in Germany at the Universities of Heidelberg and Saarland,

He has been a full and associate professor in the areas of Accounting, Finance and Economics both at the undergraduate and graduate levels in institutions like the ITESM, ITAM, UNAM (where he also coordinated the Doctoral Program in Management) and the Universities of San Diego and Hawaii, as well as the Harvard Institute for International Development working mainly in Bolivia.

Professionally he has served as General Auditor, Controller and Consultant in private enterprises, the Association of Mexican Banks and Insurance Companies, and Public Entities such as the Bank of Mexico, Ministry of the Interior of Mexico and World Bank. Dr. Aguilar has been a lecturer at AIU since 1994, both full- and part-time, mainly teaching subjects related to finances and accounting.

Laura P. Betancourt-Arriaga is a psychologist, specializing in educational psychology. She has a masters in arts degree in psychology research and teaching and another masters degree in psychoanalytical psychotherapy. Her private practice is devoted to psychotherapy and diagnostic evaluation. Her research and practice interests embrace the emotional aspects of assisted production.

Ana Bonilla completed a degree in marketing and an MBA at the Tec. de Monterrey in the State of Mexico. After a short period as a market researcher and product launcher, from 2000 she worked for two years as assistant trade commissioner of the Trade Commission of Mexico (BANCOMEXT) for Southeast Asia and Oceania in Singapore, devoted to commercial and financial consultancy and the promotion of products and services. Subsequently, she spent almost seven years as director of the Business Development Exporting Centre of Bancomext in the State of Mexico. She currently devotes her time to higher education and consultancy.

Fadwa Bouachrine Brady has a bachelor degree in General Engineering from the Al Akhawayn University in Morocco and a masters in Technology Management awarded from Washington State University. Before coming to Mexico, she was a Lecturer and Communication Project Manager at Al Akhawayn University. She has extensive professional skills in software/web development, software applications and operating systems. She has given conferences and written widely about such topics as gender and language, cybercultures and cross-cultural themes, online education and web design, as well as personal technologies and internet access and usage particularly in developing countries.

Arianna Cahue obtained her B.S. from Endicott College. She carries a Masters of Science from the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico City) and is AbD at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain). Her background spans International Business, Marketing and Education. She has been teaching at the university level for 14 years. She is currently directing three practicum projects here at Alliant International University, Mexico City.

Ana Cristina Castillo Petersen studied her B.A., M.A. and PhD in International Relations at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. She also holds an MA in US Politics and Government from the University of Essex in the UK. Having worked at the government in areas such as the Mexican Presidency and National Security she now is fully dedicated to teaching both at the B.A. and M.A. levels at different Public and Private Universities in Mexico. She is bicultural Mexican-German and an animal protector.

Philip Gillette has a BA in Government from California State University, Los Angeles, California, an MA in Latin American Studies and an MA in Sociology from the University of California at Los Angeles. He has been an Adjunct Instructor in Sociology at Whittier College (1992-95), Chapman University (1991-1994), Citrus College (1998-1999), Cerritos

Community College (from 1999) and Rio Hondo Community College (from 2002). He was also International Programs Specialist at the Institute for International Programs of the Los Angeles Community College District (1997-1998), Collegiate Associate Professor of Sociology and Spanish at the University of Maryland University College Europe in Heidelberg, Germany (2004-2007), Instructor of Sociology and Chicano Studies at Los Angeles (1995-present), and instructor at the University of Maryland University College, Maryland (from 2009).

As well as his teaching experience, he was Coordinator of Academic Programs at the UCLA Latin American Center during the 1970s; General Managing Partner of Arroyo Books in Los Angeles, California in the 1980s; Executive Director of the Instituto Cultural Peruano Norteamericano located in Trujillo, Perú (1996-1997); and International Programs Specialist at the Institute for International Programs of the Los Angeles Community College District (1997-1998).

David Hawkyard studied economics and political science at San Jose State University in California, and came to Mexico to complete an MBA in international business at the Universidad de las Américas (UDLA) and a doctorate at the Universidad La Salle. He has worked in many institutions in both the United States and Mexico as an instructor and administrator. He teaches management subjects at the AIU, enriching his courses with his work experience in the business sector.

Robert H. Jackson received his B.A. with a major in history from the University of California, Santa Cruz, an M.A. with a specialization in Latin American history from the University of Arizona, and a Ph.D. with a specialization in Latin American history from the University of California, Berkeley. Jackson has authored, co-authored, edited, and co-edited eleven books and more than 60 articles in professional research journals. His research interests include economic liberalism in 19th century Latin America, frontier missions in Mexico and South America, historical demography, and definitions of race and status. His current research focuses on Augustinian missions on the Chichimeca frontier in 16th century Mexico. Jackson has lived in Mexico City for three years.

Pierfrancesco Moscuza was born in Italy and studied in Rome and the London Metropolitan University; he then completed a masters degree in international relations at Alliant International University in San Diego and Mexico City. He has worked as research coordinator at the Italian embassy in London, as development economics consultant in Bangladesh, and program coordinator of the United Nations Environment Program in Mexico City. He is a lecturer in international relations at AIU-Mexico.

Gloria Ornelas' career began as a medical surgeon specializing in epidemiology. She possesses a masters in Hospital Administration and has obtained additional studies in Social Communication; Psychology and Education. She is an Honorary Member of the World Federation for Mental Health (1988), an Honorary Member of the American Medical Military Association (1983) and was the recipient of the Mexican National Award – Woman of the Year (Premio La Valle Urbina) in 2000. She was President of the Mexican Association of Sexology (1994-1996), a member of the Advisory Board at the Mexican National Institute for Women (2000-2004) and a member of the Advisory Board of the Mexican Council for Adolescent Health (CORA) (1997-2007). She also received the Global Award for Media Excellence in 2005. She gives classes in the Masters in Education program.

Francisco J. Sales completed a degree in Philosophy at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM); he holds two masters and a PhD from the University of Warwick, UK, in public policy and political philosophy, respectively. He has taught at undergraduate level at the University of Campeche, the UNAM, the Center for Research in Economics (CIDE) and Alliant International University. At a postgraduate level, he has taught at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM), the Anahuac University (North) and Alliant International University. He has published extensively in social science subjects.

Elena Sinitsyna was awarded a bachelor degree in History, Social Studies and English from the Belorussian Pedagogical University in Minsk and a Master in Modern British Studies degree from the University of Warwick in Coventry, UK.

Before coming to Mexico, she was director of the University Historical Museum at the Belorussian Pedagogical University (1988-1991) and a teacher of Modern Western Art History at the same institute. In Mexico, she works as a teacher at the Political and Social Studies Department of the National University, giving classes on History of Political Thought, Russian Art and Culture, and Ethnic Studies about Central Asia. She is also a teacher of art history at the Colegio Francés del Pedregal.

Ruth Troeller is a citizen of Luxembourg. She finished her BA in philosophy at Bedford College in London. Following this she was awarded an MSc and PhD from the London School of Economics and Social Sciences. She was also a disciple of Prof. Karl Jaspers in Switzerland. From 1964 to 1979 she was head of the Sub-Department of International Economics and lecturer in economics at the University of Surrey, Guilford, England. From 1982 to the present she is Professor of Philosophy and Economics at USIU (United States International University) and then AIU (Alliant International University). For services of high excellence over many years, in 2009 she was appointed “University Professor” at Alliant International University.



She has been visiting professor at Carlton University (Ottawa, Canada), University of Sofia (Tokyo, Japan), Universidad de Santiago de Compostela (Galicia, España) and University of Northern Illinois, USA, and others. She has also been Academic Director of the International Institute of Capital Market of the Organization of American States.

Although much of her effort is concentrated in teaching at AIU, over the last twenty years she has developed the “Troeller Institute of Global Studies” which offers complementary subjects to the university in such fields as philosophy, spirituality, and questions such as the Tao of science, creativity and reality.