

# GLOBAL STUDIES AT A DISTANCE



**Fall 2020**

**We are here for you!**

The faculty and staff of the Global Studies program are committed to fostering a strong online community and providing all the support you need to succeed throughout this period of online learning this fall. Here are some ways our folks will be tailoring our course offerings so that you can make the most of your semester!

## **DR. STARKEY: GLBL 100**

Welcome to the new academic year. I think we are all pretty disappointed to be online, but I want to reassure GLBL majors that our team is working hard to make the fall semester as good as it can be, given the circumstances. Our full-time Academic Adviser, Grace Castle is ready to work with each of you. Reach out with any concerns that you have and she will provide you with excellent assistance. We are very lucky to have our own adviser! Dr. Brown and I will be teaching the core GLBL courses this fall. I will be in the "classroom" with a new batch of GLBL 100 (Intro) students and he will be steering the ship in GLBL 300 (Methods) and 400 (Theory). Dr. Felipe Filomeno is on sabbatical this fall and will be back in the spring with his new "Global Citizenship" course and the GLBL 400 course. Be sure to check out two GLBL special topics courses this fall semester - GLBL 409-01 (I'm a Cyborg but that's OK) with Dr. Tania Lizarazo and GLBL 409-04 (Global Ethnographies) with Dr. Brown. The 409-01 course will count as a GLBL Tier 3 and the 409-04 will count as a Tier 2. You do not need any prerequisites to take these special topics courses and you can take more than one at a time. We will be making good use of discussions and projects in our GLBL courses to make them as accessible and interesting as possible. All of the GLBL numbered courses will be making use of the synchronous time-slot in which the course was originally scheduled, so Tu/Th 11:30-12:45 for GLBL 100. See you online!



## **DR. BROWN: GLBL 300, 400, & 409(2)**

As we prepare for the upcoming semester of online teaching and e-learning, I am adjusting course syllabi to rely less heavily on lecture components, quizzes, and tests. Instead, classes will focus on interactive discussions, multimedia (films, podcasts, websites, etc.) and critical thinking assignments. Class periods (conducted via Webex) will consist of brief lectures and explanations with accompanying powerpoints, guided discussions of assigned readings and films, and collaborative projects where you will work with classmates to complete "in class" activities.

Overall, I am confident that Global Studies students and faculty alike are well prepared to rise to the occasion as we work together to think and learn about global issues that are now, more than ever, so central to our everyday lives and hopes for the future!

## **DR. LIZARAZO: GLBL 409 (1)**

My teaching is a collaborative and interactive experience, rooted in feminist pedagogy and enhanced by technology; it exemplifies a commitment to intellectual debate and an openness to exploring different forms of knowledge production both inside and outside the classroom. As we have entered a historical collective experience that has transformed education, and will change higher education in profound ways, we need to use the tools we have to ensure that UMBC's commitment to civic engagement is maintained through our classes and teaching pedagogy. In particular, I am committed to replicate the community-building experience of in-person classes with tools that I have previously used in my classes. We'll continue creating E-Portfolios using Google Sites with assignments that mix collaboration, creativity, and technology. Assignments will be shared with the class to practice public writing and imagine knowledge production as a holistic process beyond the university. We will also think beyond writing as the center of knowledge production and use VoiceThread, Adobe Spark Video, among other apps of software, to explore audiovisual genres as ways to communicate and explore theoretical concepts from class discussions and readings.



## **MS. GRACE CASTLE: GLBL ADVISING**

Right now is a unique and challenging time for faculty, staff, and students alike. I am ready to help new students get settled and to navigate through the weeks and months ahead as you start your academic journey here at UMBC and to help continuing students identify goals and stay on track to meet them! We are very fortunate to be one of a select number of programs on campus that has a dedicated, full-time advisor. As your first point of contact with the program, I am here with you every step of the way. I will be conducting online appointments and virtual 'office hours' via google hangouts to connect face to face. I am also happy to chat on the phone or address questions and concerns via email. Feel free to connect at any point before we get started in the fall!

