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From the Desk of the Chair

I would like to introduce the Department of Core Humanities and Social Sciences. Core is a unique and vibrant union of qualified and experienced academicians, representing nationalities from various countries. This Spring semester, the faculty continue to



successfully offer their expertise through their course work; not only in the classroom, but also throughout academic committees that are the pillars of the department.

Our cardinal goal is to equip young female students with skills and

knowledge required to deal effectively with the challenges and intricacies of their future professional and personal lives. Through an important set of courses encompassing the six core competencies of Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University, the core program provides the tools to enhance student's written, oral, communication, technical, and research capabilities. Through our curriculum we inculcate views of diversity, critical thinking, conflict management, and problem solving. Moreover, the curricula invite students to explore their leadership characteristics and behaviors in groups. In addition, as a proverb says, "a healthy mind is in a healthy body," the practice of Physical Education brings awareness among the young generation to get inclined towards a healthy lifestyle.

Dr. Siddiqua Aamir was born in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. She received a Ph.D in Psychology from University of Peshawar in 2005 and practiced as a Clinical Psychologist at the Graduate Medical Institute of Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan; and worked at University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 2009 to 2010. In 2012, Dr. Siddiqua joined PMU.

The core people are empowering these Pearls of the Gulf to take charge of their lives; to overcome the challenges of globalization within the regional, cultural, and traditional boundaries; and to be the role models for women and specifically for Muslim women. They will shine like stars on the galaxy as they are in safe,

BREAKING NEWS

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Faculty News

Lalla El Alaoui joined PMU in February 2014. She received her Ph.D. in Cultural American Studies from Technical University in Dresden, Germany. She teaches Islamic studies, History, and Learning Assessment.

Reem Alghaslan joined PMU in 2014. She earned a M.A. in Education from St. Thomas University in Houston, Texas. She had 10 years of experience in teaching and academic administration.

Runna Alghazo received her Ph.D degree in Education. She previously worked at PMU in 2008 and joined again in the Fall of 2013. She teaches UNIV courses, writing and research, oral communication, and psychology.

Nadia Ahmad holds a Bachelor in Arts and a Bachelor in Law. In 2010, she obtained her Master degree in Law. Previous to join PMU in 2015, she worked in Pakistan. She teaches Law and core courses.

Hala Alkhuly received her Bachelor degree in Arts - Islamic Studies in 2007 and a Master Degree in Islamic Culture 2013. She joined PMU in February 2015 as Lecturer in Islamic culture.

Huda Al-Mulhem joined PMU since 2008. She received her degree from Beirut University in Islamic Studies. She teaches Arabic Islamic Studies at PMU.

Zahra Alsinan holds a Master degree in TESOL from the university of Texas. She joined PMU in the Fall of 2013. She teaches critical thinking, written communication and professional development.

Sandra Cavazos joined PMU in 2006. She teaches Assessment courses, Critical Thinking, and Oral Communication.

Diana Dinu joined PMU in 2011, specializing in

Written Communication, Professional Development, Critical Thinking, and World History. She has an extensive background in the areas of contemporary philosophy, German studies and linguistics.

Ana Gil Garcia is a seasoned, published, and awarded professor with a doctor of educational leadership degree, joined PMU on fall 2014. She teaches Leadership and Teamwork, Writing Research, and Learning Outcomes Assessment courses.

Lisa Hibbard joined PMU in Fall 2013 with a Masters degree in Physical Education. She teaches Writing and Research, Professional Development, Physical Education, and Critical Thinking.

Fouzia Latif joined PMU in Fall 2013. She has a Master of Philosophy in Arabic Language and is currently enrolled in a PhD program in Arabic Language at International Islamic University, Islamabad.

Adele Mavuso holds a PhD in Mass Communication and an MD in HR Management from Rand Afrikaans University in South Africa. She teaches Technical & Business Communication, Leadership & Teamwork, Oral Communication, Professional Development, Written Communication, World Civilizations, and Writing and Research.

Julie Nash earned a PhD degree in Educational Leadership and Research Methodology. She joined PMU in Fall 2014, subsequently accepting this position as an assistant professor in Educational Leadership.

Luann Retter joined PMU in 2014. She has a Bachelor degree in English/Speech Communication and a Master degree in American Studies. She teaches Oral Communication, Technical Communication and Critical Thinking and Problem Solving.

Adrijana Sekulovic joined PMU in 2014 with a masters in Development studies and a doctorate in Sociology of Professions. She teaches technical communication and learning assessment courses.

Michele Smith is a 20-year experienced educator, joined PMU in 2014 to teach Physical Education, Professional Development and Oral Communication courses. She holds a Master in Education, a Bachelor

degree in Psychology, and certificates on Sociology and Education.

Ebtessam Talouzi holds a Bachelor degree in Food Technology and Nutrition and a Master degree in Human Nutrition. She joined PMU on September 2012 teaching mainly Physical Education, Leadership and Teamwork, Professional Development and Islamic Studies.

Editorial Team



Ana Gil Garcia is the Chair of the Core Department newsletter editorial team.

Monica Jacosta is the Administrative Assistant of the Department of Core Humanities since Spring 2014. She has a degree in Computer Technology and previously worked as a Staff Assistant for the International Skill Development, Inc. in the Philippines.

Sheikha Alghanim is a sophomore student majoring in law. She held a student part-time job in Fall 2014, supporting faculty in their research endeavors.

Nora Al-Taha joined PMU in Fall 2013 majoring in Human Resource Management. She is a sophomore student who held a student part-time job in Fall 2014, supporting the faculty on teaching and research. She is enjoying working with Dr. Ana and the editorial team for PMU's Core newsletter.

Committee News

Research and Creative Activities Committee

- To enhance and improve the research environment at the Core Department.
- To create a Departmental research learning community.
- To coordinate activities with other related research committees at PMU.

Curriculum Committee

- To revise and update the Curriculum components of the Core courses that include syllabi, assessments, course contents , teaching strategies and technology resources for teaching.
- To compile and analyze the syllabi of all Core Courses to provide recommendations for the enhancement and improvement of the Core curriculum.

Academic Schedule Committee.

To provide administrative support to the Associate Dean in terms of planning , organizing and coordinating the academic scheduling for the Core Department. The process includes, but is not limited to

- Course schedule for the academic semesters of Fall, Spring and Summer .

- Organization of Course time blocks
- Verification of Core course sequence.

Faculty Development Committee

- To promote positive relations between Core Department and the rest of PMU entities through professional development activities that support the missions of the University of teaching , research and service.
- To coordinate professional development activities for the Core faculty related to teaching , research and service skills.

Social Activities Committee

- To organize , coordinate and implement social activities for the Core faculty.
- To promote , invigorate and encourage a positive and strong departmental culture.

Student Affairs Committee

To provide academic support to Core enrolled students that would include, but not limited to:

- Advising and academic orientation
- Academic appeals
- Extra-Curriculum activities.

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