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A message from Dean Zlateva



DEAN ZLATEVA CHAIRS ICCWS CONFERENCE AT BU

In March 2016 Boston University was pleased to host the 11th International Conference on Cyber Warfare and Security (ICCWS) on the Charles River Campus. During the conference, field academics and specialists from more than forty countries convened to present information security research findings and solutions. Dean Zlateva, who is a founding director of Boston University's Center for Reliable Information Systems & Cyber Security (RISCS), chaired the conference and Assistant Professor of Administrative Sciences Virginia Greiman (SED'70, LAW'03) served as program chair.

To our 2017 graduates—congratulations! You have completed your degree at one of the leading research and teaching institutions in the world, very likely while working full time and caring for a family, which is no small feat.

As we reflect upon the sacrifices made to pursue an education, we also take stock of what makes us unique: the superior quality of our pedagogy, the creative use of educational technologies, and the ability to integrate new industry techniques quickly into our curricula. As part of a leading research university, we seek to be the international standard for part-time graduate education.

Continuing our commitment to “innovation serving the professions,” over the past two years we have introduced several new graduate programs and updated our master's programs in management—now available on campus as well as online—to help students keep pace with rapid advances in the workplace. We have also welcomed more than a dozen highly qualified full- and part-time faculty members to the MET family (see page 12).

I am very pleased to announce recent faculty promotions. Dr. Irena Vodenska (UNI'09) advanced to associate professor, reflecting her influential research in the modeling of systemic risk propagation and spread of global financial crises throughout interconnected financial and economic networks. Dr. Mary Ellen Mastrorilli is now associate professor of the practice, in recognition of her service as associate chair of Applied Social Sciences and faculty coordinator for the online Master of Criminal Justice, as well as her research on community corrections, female offenders, and law and society. Associate Professor of the Practice Madhu Dutta-Koehler was named director of the Urban Affairs and City Planning programs for her outstanding leadership. In addition, the following instructors are now full-time lecturers: Andrew Gorlin, Warren Mansur (MET'09), and Andrew Wolfe (MET'05) in Computer Science, and William McGue (MET'12) in Administrative Sciences.

A round of applause is due to our Health Informatics faculty, led by Dr. Lou Chitkushev (ENG'96) and Dr. Guanglan Zhang, and the entire Computer Science department for their success in obtaining accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) for the master's in Computer Information Systems with a concentration in Health Informatics. MET is one of just nine U.S. institutions offering a CAHIIM-accredited master's program in health informatics.

Last, but not least, join me in congratulating Director of Distance Education Eric Friedman (CAS'90, SED'93, SSW'95) and the entire Distance Education staff, who received the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) 21st Century Award for Best Practices in Distance Learning for their excellent work and leadership with BU's online programs.

Looking forward, our emphasis will be on continuing development of our faculty, enhancing our infrastructure by integrating new technologies that are seamless and intuitive, and finding new ways to ensure that our programs remain accessible to all. BU is distinguished by its spirit of inclusiveness and social responsibility, and I look to our alumni to support us in our mission. Contact Director of Alumni Relations & Development Katherine Meyer Moran (GRS'04, SED'13) to learn how you can give.



Tanya Zlateva
Dean
Boston University Metropolitan College

New Programs Drive MET Academic Excellence and Relevance

Over the last two years,

MET has introduced four new master's degrees, eight master's concentrations, and nine graduate certificates—and has comprehensively revised 19 existing academic programs.

This trend was initiated in spring 2015 with new Data Analytics concentrations in both the Computer Science and the Computer Information Systems master's programs, along with a concentration in Applied Business Analytics offered by the Administrative Sciences department.

The College continued its streak in 2017 with the launch of a new master's program in Software Development (MSSD), available online and on campus through the Department of Computer Science. This degree program is open to anyone with a bachelor's degree who wants to build their portfolio as a software developer—an occupation that *U.S. News & World Report* ranks #2 among the Best Technology Jobs of 2017. The curriculum prepares students for crucial leadership and teamwork opportunities by focusing on skills that go beyond the purely technical, providing a foundation in communication, strategic thinking, and business analysis that will outlast trends in fast-changing industries. “The program targets those who want to do software development because they like programming, as well as those who want to move through the developer role into the management of software development teams,” says Professor Eric Braude, who is coordinator of the MSSD. Professor Anatoly Temkin, chair of Computer Science, adds, “The Software Development program is also ideal for career changers who would like to enter this area of high demand.”

Over the past year, MET's Administrative Sciences faculty led a comprehensive review of their management programs. Driven by emerging industry demands and new trends

in management education, they reconfigured degree core and specialization requirements, resulting in highly focused, ten-course (40-credit) degree programs that can now be completed in one year of full-time study, or less than two years of part-time study.

Additionally, online and on-campus curricula and program names have been unified, underscoring the fact that all MET students receive the same high-quality learning experience irrespective of delivery format.

New Administrative Sciences programs include the master's degrees in Applied Business Analytics and Supply Chain Management, offered on campus and online. The initiative to develop these programs was spearheaded by Professor Canan Gunes Corlu and Professor Vladimir Zlatev, in collaboration with Professor Suresh Kalathur, director of MET's analytics programs, and with feedback from the department's faculty.

A faculty committee led by Professor Irena Vodenska (UNI'09), which included professors Ivan Julio, William McGue (MET'12), and San Chee (MET'00), conducted an in-depth evaluation of MET's finance program, resulting in the introduction of the MS in Financial Management with two concentrations, along with graduate certificates in Corporate Finance, International Finance, and Investment Analysis. At the same time, the master's programs in Enterprise Risk Management, Global Marketing Management, and Project Management were more closely aligned with the other Administrative Sciences degree programs. “We are committed to providing our students with knowledge and skills in the areas of highest demand by the industry,” notes Professor John Sullivan, chair of Administrative Sciences. “As a result, our graduates gain distinct competitive advantages in current and future job markets.”

In June 2017, MET's Applied Social Sciences department updated the Master of City Planning and Master of Urban Affairs, bringing them in line with current industry standards and demands. The prior academic year, the department introduced two concentrations in the long-running Master of Criminal Justice program. Available on campus and online, the new concentrations in Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity and Strategic Management tap into growth within the criminal justice field and address increasing concerns related to information security, especially as it pertains to law enforcement.

In April 2016, a new online graduate certificate in Visual & Digital Health Communication was introduced to the graduate program in Health Communication. “The certificate fills an unmet need in the educational experience of professional health communicators,” says Leigh Curtin-Wilding (MET'11), program director. “Now any student, anywhere in the world, can learn theory and skills critical to communicating and storytelling in the digital age of health care.”

“Introducing new academic programs and keeping the existing ones up-to-date is of the highest importance for the future of the College and the University,” notes Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Lou Chitkushev (ENG'96). “It is one of the most important components of our efforts to foster academic excellence and relevance, and to continue to offer our students resounding reasons to select BU as their chosen institution for advancing their knowledge and acquiring additional academic credentials.” **M**

Want to learn more? Talk with an Enrollment Advisor: 617-353-6000 or met@bu.edu.



Make No Little Plans

Developing a world-class planning program at MET.

Noted architect and planner Daniel Burnham (1846–1912) once said, “Make no little plans.” For Associate Professor of the Practice Madhu Dutta-Koehler, the quote sums up her vision for city planning and urban affairs graduate programs offered through Metropolitan College’s Department of Applied Social Sciences.

“I don’t believe in halfway measures,” explains Dr. Dutta-Koehler, who was appointed to the full-time position in July 2015, and then promoted to program director in December 2016. “My mission is to really make these programs extraordinary.”

“Dr. Dutta-Koehler has become a critically important member of the Applied Social Sciences department,” notes Dean Tanya Zlateva. “Her dedicated leadership has grown the program by over 35 percent in the past year.”

An award-winning architect and planner who until recently helmed her own international architectural practice, Dutta-Koehler was drawn to MET’s embrace of non-traditional, evolving educational models. And with over sixteen years of teaching experience, she is a seasoned and

enthusiastic leader. In fact, MET awarded her the Dean’s Citation for Teaching Excellence in 2011.

“Teaching is in my blood,” reflects Dutta-Koehler. “I come from a long line of teachers on my mother’s side. My mother was a college professor. My grandmother was a teacher and a principal. She was one of the first women in India to earn a master’s degree in mathematics.”

The Master of Urban Affairs (MUA) and the Master of City Planning (MCP) are two of MET’s longest-running programs—dating to 1969 and 1978, respectively. Faculty in these programs have professional and academic expertise in areas as varied as climate change, transportation, land reclamation, city finance, and urban design, to name a few. The MUA and MCP share a core curriculum that develops knowledge of history and theory; economic analysis; urban policy development; quantitative, qualitative, and mixed research methods; and geographical information systems, among other areas, culminating with the spring Boston Urban Symposium capstone.

“This capstone course was founded

on the premise that students in their last semester are ready to engage in real-world problems,” says Dutta-Koehler. “In each Symposium, we partner with different agencies to look at a current planning problem. Then the students, with the aid of faculty and industry advisors, come up with a plan or research directives.”

In spring 2017, the Boston Urban Symposium—entitled *Equitable Development Opportunities in Boston’s Transit-Rich Neighborhoods*—focused on options for sustainable, affordable housing development in neighborhoods where accessibility to rapid transit inflates housing costs and contributes to gentrification.

Past Symposia students have collaborated with BU’s Initiative on Cities to participate in Imagine Boston 2030, Boston’s first comprehensive, city-wide planning project in more than 50 years; worked with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the City of Quincy to help plan for effects of climate change; partnered with Dorchester’s Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) to implement urban agriculture in an economically distressed neighborhood; and completed a four-month

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review of the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership General Management Plan—delivering a recommendation that was accepted by the Partnership.

Almost every city planning course incorporates practical components that provide hands-on experience to complement case studies, internships, and guest lecturers. Dutta-Koehler has established a directed internship program where students can work in the field while earning course credit. There is also a learning enrichment series that includes guest speakers, professional communication workshops, job portfolio workshops, and more. “We want to augment classroom learning with practically focused workshops that equip students for jobs,” she says, noting that the demand is high for city planners with expertise in the political, social, and technical implications of each facet of planning and policy making.

“The degree doesn’t pigeonhole you,” asserts Dutta-Koehler. “Our alumni work in historic preservation, politics, city management, sustainability, engineering, transportation planning, food policy, the Mayor’s office, the Environmental Protection Agency, and many other areas.”

Dutta-Koehler stresses that, along with providing practical experience, planning education needs to tackle 21st century environmental issues—a major concern of companies and agencies across the spectrum, from the city to the federal levels. “As we just saw with Hurricane Harvey in Houston, every city needs to think about planning in the face of climate change,” Dutta-Koehler warns. “But it’s not just about having the right policies or infrastructure—it’s about understanding how you can make the population aware and

resilient. Whether you are in a coastal city or an inland city, it’s really the vulnerability of the people that determines the outcome of extreme events such as flooding or heat waves. Every city needs to think about this very seriously because any extreme event in such a dense urban center is going to create complete chaos. Evacuation routes, public health, water supply—everything can be affected all at once.”

Accordingly, the program is focusing on educating professionals who are ready to engage with sustainability and climate change. “We did a survey of all the planning schools across the U.S., and very few have taken a major stand on climate change,” says Dutta-Koehler, whose own research has explored issues of climate change adaptation in urban South Asia and environmental sustainability in the built environment. “So, we are working to create a new program with an advisory board of experts and scholars from all over the world to understand how planning education can prepare us to face 21st century problems such as climate change.”

While the Applied Social Sciences department currently offers a Graduate Certificate in Applied Sustainability, plans are in the works for certificate programs in climate change management and sustainable energy planning. “We would ideally collaborate with an industry partner and a public agency partner, because together we can really impact planning practice,” Dutta-Koehler explains. “Students who come into these new programs will gain direct, relevant experience with global planning organizations and the kind of activities they undertake.”

“Professor Dutta-Koehler is a person that encourages you to think creatively and do your best,” says Luis Quintanilla (MET ‘17), former president of the #BUCPUA Urban Planning Association. Quintanilla, who works at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, notes that students are encouraged to participate in class, share opinions and experiences, and—most importantly—think critically, examining issues from a variety of angles. “She wants us to think big, to see things from a wider perspective. As a professor, mentor, and program coordinator, Dr. Dutta-Koehler is a remarkable, versatile, enthusiastic, and extremely supportive person.”



In October 2016, BU’s President Brown appointed Dutta-Koehler to the University’s 18-member Climate Action Plan Task Force. She is a faculty associate at BU’s Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, and is on the board of the University’s newly constituted Institute of Sustainable Energy. She also serves on the Faculty Advisory Board for BU’s Initiative on Cities, a think tank established by the late Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino and BU Professor Graham Wilson to “research, promote, and advance the adaptive urban leadership strategies and policies necessary to support cities as dynamic centers of economic growth and positive development in the 21st century.” **M**

You can learn more about the MCP and MUA programs at bu.edu/cityplanning.

For more information about the 2017 Urban Symposium *Equitable Development Opportunities in Boston’s Transit-Rich Neighborhoods*, visit sustainabilityboston.wixsite.com/ua805.

Read our Q&A with Luis Quintanilla at bu.edu/met/mag/urban.



Reception for BU employee graduates.

AWARDS 2017

EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AWARDS

Tess Ellison Velasquez
Bachelor of Liberal Studies

James Vincent Goddard
Bachelor of Science

AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE BY A STUDENT SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Major Curtis M. Alexander
Administrative Sciences,
Leadership

EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDIES AWARDS

Xi Jiao
Actuarial Science

Dini Hajarrahmah
Administrative Sciences,
Administrative Studies

Nicole Rupprecht
Administrative Sciences,
Project Management

Shannon Rose McAuliffe
Arts Administration

Caleb J. Ruth
Computer Information Systems

Katherine Elizabeth Limoncelli
Criminal Justice

Luis Felipe Quintanilla Tamez
City Planning

Nicholas A. Vincelette
Gastronomy

Jolyn Rebekah Hull
Health Communication

ROGER DEVEAU PART-TIME FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Alla Barskaya
Administrative Sciences

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Ralph H. Groce, III,
Service to Alma Mater





Commencement 2017



“ Whatever you do, please do not simply adapt to the world around you. Think unreasonably. Do the unreasonable. Stand firm in your greatness. Your family needs your unreasonable best. Your communities need your unreasonable force. Your country needs your unreasonable might. The world needs your indomitable, unreasonable will to challenge convention and change our collective course for the better of all. Force the world to adapt to you. Create for yourself a life of infinite possibilities and, by doing so, change the world! ”

RALPH H. GROCE, III
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

For the full 2017 Commencement address, or to see more images of the event, visit bu.edu/met/mag/commencement17.



Paying It Forward: Peter Raimondi



“Creating the scholarship is also a way for me to pay it forward to those who are now in the same situation that I was in back in 1978.”

WHAT IS BU'S CENTURY CHALLENGE?

A gift today could continue to create opportunity for BU students for 100 years.

The brainchild of BU President Robert A. Brown, the Century Challenge is an audacious fundraising effort through which payouts from endowed scholarship funds of \$100,000 or greater are matched, dollar for dollar, by the University, with the income distributed for a full century following the fund's activation.

For a century, therefore, the good that is done in your scholarship's name will be doubled. Learn more at bu.edu/campaign/century-challenge.

In 2014, alumnus Peter Raimondi (MET'80, LAW'83) established the Captain Peter J. Raimondi, Jr. Scholarship Fund at Metropolitan College. Named in honor of his late father, the fund provides scholarship assistance based on financial need to at least two deserving undergraduate students per year who are enrolled in Metropolitan College, with a preference for students from Winthrop and/or East Boston, Massachusetts. This year, Raimondi has agreed to donate \$100,000 to the scholarship, qualifying the gift for the University's Century Challenge—a program which sees BU match scholarship donation payments dollar-for-dollar for the 100 years that follow the fund's activation.

“By establishing an undergraduate scholarship at MET, Peter is investing in the transformative power of accessible higher education,” says Director of Alumni Relations & Development Katherine Moran (GRS'04, SED'13). “He is helping individuals who are willing to work hard to realize their educational goals. It is deeply gratifying to work with alums like Peter who remember how impactful the College was for them and wish to help future generations benefit from a BU degree.”

Raimondi earned his Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from MET, pursuing a course of study in philosophy, history, sociology, economics, and politics that stitched together his previous work as a promising photography student at Massachusetts College of Art with his emerging interest in the practice of law—with an eye toward representing artists. He completed his juris doctor degree at BU's School of Law (LAW) in 1983.

Today, Raimondi is managing director of the financial services consulting firm Gladstone Associates. He founded Boston-based financial planning firm The Colony Group in 1986 and served as CEO through 2006. That year he sold his shares, relocated to Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and founded Banyan Partners, where he was CEO through 2014. Prior to joining Gladstone Associates, Raimondi was CEO and president of Boston Private Wealth, formed via merger of Banyan Partners and Boston Private Bank & Trust. He is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board at MET, and previously served as managing editor of *The Probate Law Journal*.

Metropolitan had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Raimondi.

How did you end up attending Boston University?

I entered Massachusetts College of Art to pursue a career as a fine art photographer in 1976. In the winter of 1978, after two and a half years of very successful full-time study, I was selected for a one-on-one workshop with Garry Winogrand. He reviewed my work and challenged me to drop out of school and immediately pursue life as a working photographer.

This caused me to reassess the trajectory of my life. I was 24 years old, married, with a daughter and a mortgage. I could not have visualized living the life of a bohemian photographer while also raising a family with very little income.

I decided to change course and pursue a career as an attorney with the thought of advising artists. I went to MET to discuss transferring all of my MassArt credits so I could finish my remaining one and a half years of college at night, while I worked full time during the day for my dad's company.

Why did you choose MET?

My goal was to finish all my remaining credits in twelve months to apply to law school in time for the fall semester beginning in 1980. MET offered an excellent curriculum, a flexible course schedule, and a determination to see me succeed.

It required four nights a week straight through for me to graduate in May of 1980. During the process, I applied to seven law schools and was accepted to five. This would not have been possible without the assistance of MET accepting my credits and helping plan out the remaining credits needed to graduate.

I decided on attending Boston University School of Law since I believed it offered me the most flexible career path nationally.

What led you into the world of finance?

During my first two months at LAW, a fellow student, Marc Joseph (LAW'83) introduced the concept of trading stock options as an intriguing way to invest in the market with little capital outlay. I became hooked on the concept and began

studying this relatively new (in 1976) method of derivative trading. Eventually I set up an account with \$100 from my dad and \$100 from my savings account. Over the next two years of law school I traded over \$100,000 in options and wrote my thesis on "Insider Trading in the Listed Options Market."

Needless to say, I learned a great deal about investments, the SEC, stocks, and bonds during that time and built my law school courses around this career path. I was recruited out of law school by several firms interested in acquiring the specialized knowledge that I had honed.

What excites you about working in the financial industry? What are the unique skills you bring to organizations such as Gladstone Associates?

I have always had a passion for helping others realize their goals and my line of work does that very well. I am passionate about investing and creating wealth and then finding a way to pay it forward through helping others achieve similar success.

At Gladstone, my unique experience in the Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) community has allowed for a very fulfilling career. I have successfully founded two nationally recognized investment firms, The Colony Group and Banyan Partners, and sold one of them. During my life with Banyan, we accomplished a series of acquisitions that put Banyan into very rare territory in the RIA community. Banyan was nationally praised for not only its rapid growth but for its unique reputation for providing high-quality client service and specialized investment acumen. Banyan created a brand that stood for a unique experience in an area where most firms followed the same standardized approach to investment management.

Are there any lessons from your time at MET that you apply to your career today?

The same lessons Dad taught me. Be kind, be generous, take care of your employees before you take care of yourself, and be sure to share the success of your business with those who helped you get there.

What inspired you to give to MET?

The lifelong desire of my father to help others receive a formal education and pursue their passions. He did not have a formal education nor did he ever have much money, but he would have given his last dollar to make sure someone could pursue their dreams.

In your view, what is the importance of giving back to your alma mater?

MET was there for me when I needed them. The College accepted two and a half years of art school credits and gave me a wonderful curriculum of courses to expand my knowledge of the world and prepare me for law school. This was offered while I was able to work full time and raise a family. No other college was offering that opportunity.

Overall, the quality of teaching and curriculum could not have been better, and served to propel a former art school student into the classrooms of a world-class law school eager to learn and ready to succeed.

Do you have a message about giving that you would like to share with other alumni?

I know it's often hard for individuals to give to a large institution and feel that their contribution really means anything to any student in particular. For me, I chose instead to create a scholarship in my dad's name as a way in which I could honor him for the support he gave me and my family during the ten years from high school graduation to law school graduation. All the while, I worked at his side in the family business and learned from his wisdom and kindness as a businessman and as a father.

But creating the scholarship is also a way for me to pay it forward to those who are now in the same situation that I was in back in 1978. I needed to work while pursuing my education and career aspirations. I had to borrow virtually all my undergraduate and graduate tuition. I did not receive financial help through grants or scholarships. But I did have my dad to help me and my family through the difficult times while I focused on my education. If through his scholarship we can provide that same type of support for someone trying to pursue their dreams, then I think there is no greater gift one can give. **M**

TRANSITIONS

MET bids farewell to Ellen Peterson and welcomes back Erik Linnane.



After 15 years at Metropolitan College, Director of Undergraduate Student Services Ellen Peterson has retired.

Under Peterson's leadership, MET's Undergraduate Student Services (USS) office responded to intense growth at the College, providing guidance and advice to hundreds of MET students who may have only been on campus during the evening. "We advocate for MET students with other offices here in the University," explains Peterson. "Whatever the issue might be, we try to help them work their way through the bureaucratic systems. That's one of the important services we provide."

As a result, BU offices and departments have become increasingly successful in accommodating the unique needs of MET students—average age of 32—providing improved services where, before, the tendency was to focus on "traditional" college undergraduates.

In July 2016, Erik Linnane stepped into Peterson's shoes as director. Linnane earned his master's in counseling psychology from Boston College—and happens to be the former director of the USS office. "When the position opened at MET, I noticed that it had grown a lot over the past 15 years," he explains. "It is now much more involved in the University and in the College as a whole."

Metropolitan spoke with Peterson and Linnane.

You were both hired in 2000—what were your roles?

Peterson: I was returning to the workforce after raising children. An opportunity came up for an academic counselor. Erik was director, and then he left and I became director.

Linnane: I was still pondering a career path in counseling psychology. I ended up leaving MET to work in Boston hospitals, then I was at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard. For the past decade I worked in the Undergraduate Academic & Career Development office at the Questrom School of Business here at BU.

What does the director do?

Peterson: The director's position is really one of problem solver. You try to be a realistic student advocate. We are very proactive in reaching out to students who are in academic difficulty, so that they don't get to that point where they have to be dismissed.

Linnane: Our mission is to enhance the student experience for our undergraduate population here, and to help students get through the red tape so they can pursue their degrees, which is already hard enough when you're a working adult.

What is something about USS that people might not know?

Peterson: We deal with both undergraduate and graduate students. Many times, graduate-level non-degree students start with us, fulfill prerequisites for a graduate program, and then move on. We do a lot of forms and paperwork for grads.

Linnane: We currently have four academic advisors with many, many, many years of experience. The newest one of us has nine years of academic advising experience. We're approachable, we're available, and we can provide some of the best advising at this University.

What do you love about working in USS?

Peterson: The unpredictability and the diversity of the students. And it's just so rewarding, you know, to see them finish. To see them be successful.

Linnane: We love seeing students graduate—it's such a great accomplishment.

What advice do you have for incoming undergraduates and current students?

Linnane: Enjoy the ride! Enjoy being back in the classroom, learning things. If it's your first time, enjoy being in college. You're on an amazing campus, at a university that's world-renowned and right in the heart of Boston.

What does retirement hold?

Peterson: Traveling, and spending time with grandkids. Australia and New Zealand are number one on my bucket list—ever since sixth grade geography class.

Everybody's been so supportive and welcoming my whole time here. To the MET community and the different BU offices that I've worked with, I want to say, "thank you." **M**





A Q&A with Lanfranco Aceti

Metropolitan College's

program in Arts Administration includes a master's degree and two graduate certificates—Arts Administration and Fundraising Management—but for new director Lanfranco Aceti, there is a single theme: empowerment. From grant-writing and advocacy to facilitating exhibitions and networking, students gain confidence in their own ability to drive and manage the process of planning, researching, implementing, and documenting projects in the arts.

An artist, performer, curator, essayist, provocateur, organizer, and teacher, Dr. Aceti was named director and associate professor of the practice in September 2015, after the retirement of Founding Director and Associate Professor Emeritus Daniel Ranalli (GRS'71). Along with an extensive roster of publications, Aceti is editor-in-chief of the *Leonardo Electronic Almanac* (MIT Press/Leonardo Journal Series) and founder, lead artist, and curator for the Studium: Lanfranco Aceti Inc.—a studio that develops artistic and curatorial commissions, projects, publications, and academic events for international biennales, museums, and festivals. He has exhibited his art internationally.

Aceti earned his doctorate in fine art, new media, and film at Central Saint Martin's College of Art and Design, University of the Arts, London. Prior to his appointment at MET, he was a visiting scholar at Goldsmiths, University of London, and at the Victoria and Albert Museum. He has taught contemporary art and digital culture at Sabanci University, Istanbul, and was director of the Kasa Gallery in that city. He is founder and director of both the Museum of Contemporary Cuts (MoCC) and Operational and Curatorial Research in Contemporary Art, Design, Science and Technology (OCR)—including the Media Exhibition Platform (MEP), which has presented a range of international, peer-reviewed exhibitions both online and in physical spaces since 2010.

He is currently co-curating “Empty Pr(oe)mises” at the National Museum of Contemporary Art in Athens, Greece.

Metropolitan sat down with Aceti to discuss MET's Arts Administration program.

How do you define arts administration?

The first word that comes to mind is ‘empowerment’—empowerment of the artist, empowerment of the person who administers the art, empowerment of the institution within which the person

is working. I think the role is extremely important. I want to show my students that there are no limitations to this role, but you have to be committed and you have to make sacrifices. You have to realize that you're gaining a set of skills that directly benefit you as a person, as a professional.

Are there many practicing artists in the program?

A great majority of the students are artists. They are musicians, painters, filmmakers—a big variety, which I think is great, because the program affords people the opportunity to network and develop their own projects with their colleagues or within their own organizations. It also encourages students to move beyond self-imposed boundaries.

Do students learn how to raise funds?

Yes, the program helps students understand how to raise money for projects and institutions. A graduate of our grant-writing course, Adrienne Lotoski (MET'14, MET'17), recently wrote a proposal for her organization, WBUR's The ARTery, that won a million-dollar grant from the Barr Foundation. And we also raised another \$15,000 from the Australian Council for the Arts to bring Australian artist Michaela Davies to the Boston Athanaeum. I want the students to understand that if you don't have a possibility in Boston, you might have a possibility somewhere else.

Is hands-on practice a big part of the program?

Students are obliged to do internships within arts organizations, which take about two semesters to complete. We encourage students to work for a variety of organizations, small and large. The internship is something that can directly contribute to their careers and their journey of life.

We also have courses in Dublin, London, Barcelona, and in Cuba where students are able to gain international perspective and see exactly how professionals in those places manage arts organizations.

What role do visiting lecturers play in the program?

An extremely important role. A lot of artists pass through Boston, and from this perspective,

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MET Welcomes New Faculty

Over the past year, seven full-time professors have joined the ranks of the Metropolitan College faculty in the areas of Administrative Sciences, Applied Social Sciences, and Gastronomy. Like all MET faculty, they are distinguished by their excellent academic accomplishments, research, and scholarly work. To learn more about our professors and their interests, please visit bu.edu/met/faculty/full-time.



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Boston is ideal. We have alumni who come in and talk about their experience, and we have professionals from arts organizations. It is all about the juxtaposition of the professional perspective with the theoretical sources, because the practice has a way of evolving and the theory sometimes needs to catch up.

You have used the phrase “innovation through disruption” in context of the program. What does that mean?

It’s about creating a situation in which people are forced to change the course of their movement for a day or change the way they think for a minute. You have to disrupt the traditional thinking. Disruption is a natural element to the process of doing things—innovation happens via disruption. I want the program to be very dynamic. I want local students to be exposed to international students. I want to expose students to international artists. I want the students also to be able to propose original projects to institutions. That’s when you actually build a network, and that’s when you actually get an opening to do exhibitions—perhaps over and over again.

What is the biggest challenge out there for people working in the field of arts administration?

I think it is the idea that because there is no money, a project cannot be done. That’s not true. It requires more work, it requires more time, but you can do a project without money by putting together a network, finding resources—and that will advance your career.

There is no shame in trying something and failing, and then adjusting it and refining it as you go along in order to generate a success. You learn what you have to hone and smooth. There is a lifelong learning element.

Words of advice to students of arts administration?

One piece of advice that I have always given is to do what you like. If you’ve been putting in a lot of effort over something that you don’t like, you’re going to become miserable very, very quickly. **M**

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MATT ENGLANDER (MET'15)

MS in Administrative Studies,
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What is great about working in Boston?

Being at the intersection of history, innovation, and rapid development creates a certain buzz and invites so much opportunity for the sharing of ideas. The diversity of industry in Boston only enhances the working experience.

What activities do you enjoy the most?

I still cling (for dear life) to the weekend warrior routine—I even met my wife playing softball 10 years ago. I also have the rare opportunity to play softball with my father, Mo, who recently turned 82. He was the subject of NBC's *Nightly News* and *Today* segments last fall.

Has your BU degree helped you make connections locally?

Among the most valuable aspects of my BU experience were the connections I made with MET faculty members. Most notably, John Sullivan continues to be a tremendous mentor to me. He is someone for whom I have incredible respect.

What's the best advice you were ever given?

“Have a plan.” I try to set realistic goals for myself that play to my strengths and/or interests.

Do you have any advice for MET students?

Take the opportunity to get to know your professors and to learn about their experiences outside the classroom. By choosing to go to BU, each student makes a conscious decision to invest in the future. Squeeze every little bit out of this experience. You won't regret it!



M. ADAM ARAKELIAN (MET'05)

MS in Computer Information Systems,
Security concentration
Director of Engineering at Dell/EMC
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MET Department of Computer Science

What is great about working in Boston?

I grew up in Boston, for me it is home. I love the seasons, the fall the most; in Boston it is absolutely fantastic. I also love being in such a hub of technology.

What activities do you enjoy the most?

Coaching soccer for my two children. I have a boy, AJ, who is 8, and a girl, Tess, who is 10. I've been their soccer coach since they were 4, and I've coached their soccer teams since then. It's absolutely one of the best things in the world to watch them grow, play, and have fun.

Has your BU degree helped you make connections locally?

Boston University opened up many, many connections for me—not just locally, but with their online programs, across the globe!

What's the best advice you were ever given?

A long time ago, someone told me it's always important to work on the right things. Hard work is important, but can be fruitless if you are not working hard on the right stuff!

Do you have any advice for MET students?

Have fun! Don't think of what you are doing as getting a degree. Think of what you are doing as gaining experience. Do the best you can, don't focus on the grade, which will come with hard work, perseverance, working on the right things, and listening to those who are guiding you.



JILLIAN BARANGER (MET'16)

Master of Criminal Justice
Assistant Director, Lowell Community Counseling Center,
Middlesex Sheriff's Office

What is great about working in Boston?

I'm actually in Lowell—a thriving city with a lot of great history and a very tight-knit community. There are a lot of positive community resources in Lowell. It is also a plus that I am only a short ride from all of the great things Boston has to offer.

What activities do you enjoy the most?

I enjoy playing pick-up basketball and travelling all over the world. I am also an avid fan of the *New York Times* daily crossword puzzle.

Has your BU degree helped you make connections locally?

My degree has definitely helped me make connections not only in Massachusetts, but all over the country. Everyone is familiar with Boston University and it is a great conversation starter when you are looking to introduce yourself to someone.

What's the best advice you were ever given?

I was once told: “A boss says ‘go!’ but a leader says ‘let's go!’ Be a leader.” I am a firm believer in team work and leading by example to inspire others.

Do you have any advice for MET students?

Reach out to your professors for advice and networking; be sure to stay in touch even after you graduate. The faculty is extremely experienced and resourceful and can provide a wealth of knowledge. Also, be sure to network in your everyday activities—you never know who you could bump into!

1973

Walter Correa (MET'73) of Flagler Beach, Fla., writes, "At age 85, I'm still operating a tax accounting business; I'm a licensed insurance agent; and I'm teaching an online course for Quincy College."

Ronald Greenwald (MET'73, Questrom'76)

of Waban, Mass., writes that on his way to England, he stopped off in Iceland, where he snorkeled and rafted in 35-degree water, saw the largest waterfall in Europe, stepped on the dividing plates of the North American and Eurasian continents, and jumped off a 28-foot cliff into a freezing river. After recuperating for 12 weeks in the Caribbean, Ron went snorkeling in Belize in April and then took the Rocky Mountaineer train through the Canadian Rockies in August. He writes, "Who says 66-year-olds cannot have fun?" Email Ron at rgreenwald@rcn.com.

1978

Ray Anderson (MET'78) of Hingham, Mass., published *The Trail* (Turner, 2015), a thriller about a wanted serial killer who attempts to escape on the Appalachian Trail.

1980

Deena Baxter (MET'80, GSM'92) of Naples, Fla., received the 2014 Mascot Books Outstanding Author Award in nonfiction for her book *Surviving Suicide: Searching for "Normal" with Heartache & Humor* (Mascot Books, 2014). The book was recently endorsed by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. It is listed on the foundation's website, afsp.org, as a resource for families.

1983

Andrea Siegel (MET'83) of Woodside, N.Y., has published *Splash! The Careful Parent's Guide to Teaching Swimming* (Swimming Without Fear Press, 2014), with Andrew M. Jackson. The book is a comprehensive and effective resource guide, showing real children engaged in the process of learning. Focusing particularly on strategies for teaching children who fear swimming or the water, the book includes 342 full-color illustrations with captions, a detailed section on water safety, an index, and a bibliography.

1984

Doreen Zankowski (MET'84) of Boxford, Mass., is a partner in the Boston office of the firm Duane Morris. Doreen is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School and contributes to the firm's construction law and litigation capabilities.

1985

Susan Lupone Stonis (MET'85, SED'88) of Scituate, Mass., created Belly Books, a collection of board books designed for expectant moms and other family members to read to baby during the last trimester, with her coauthor and illustrator Jacqueline Boyle. "We've gotten a great deal of positive feedback, awards, and reviews, and it feels like we are on to something important and special," she writes. Visit thereadingwomb.wordpress.com and belly-books.com.

1993

John Custy (MET'93) of Boston, Mass., received the Ron Muns Lifetime Achievement Award and the IT Industry Legends Award

from Cherwell Software in recognition of his 35-year career in the IT industry. John is president of JPC Group, a professional services company that serves its clients in the practice areas of training, technology acquisition, service marketing, IT service management best practices, and knowledge management.

Andy Gaus (MET'93) of Boston, Mass., published *Translations and Poems* (Anserine Books, 2014).

Norbert Pickett (MET'93) of Hermosa Beach, Calif., was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in August. Norbert holds multiple all-time state and regional records, including for scoring, most points in a season, and shooting percentage with points over 60.

1997

Tiffany Gailliard (MET'97) of Hyde Park, Mass., is an officer in the IT Governance, Risk, and Compliance group at State Street Corporation, where she has been employed for more than 10 years. For the past several years, Tiffany has also served as the leader of the Boston University Alumni Network at State Street, engaging with more than 200 members, managing steering committee meetings, coordinating events, and maintaining the network's SharePoint community. To connect, contact Tiffany via LinkedIn.

1998

Eileen (Boyle) Paddock (MET'98) of Scottsdale, Ariz., is the founder and president of Elderflower Group, a consulting group with expertise in gerontology, marketing, business development, and policy that helps organizations enhance their outreach to older adults and/or their caregivers. Learn more at elderflowergroup.com or email Eileen at epaddock@elderflowergroup.com.

2000

Renato Freitas (MET'00) of São Paulo, Brazil, is the regional sales manager (North, Central, and South America) for the Norwegian Mint. He and his wife, Luciane, welcomed their first baby, a girl named Georgia, on September 4, 2015. Renato writes, "We are thrilled with this blessing from God!"

2002

Tom Laszewski (MET'02) of Hampton, N.H., was promoted to global partner solution architect senior manager at Amazon Web Services. A cloud computing expert, he runs a blog aimed at helping enterprises run applications in the cloud, at cloudconclave.blogspot.com. Email Tom at thomas.laszewski@gmail.com.

2004

Mark Napier (MET'04) defeated Sheriff Chris Nanos in the race for Sheriff of Pima County, Ariz., which includes the city of Tucson. Napier earned his Master of Criminal Justice from MET and serves as a course facilitator for the online MCJ program.

Thaddeus "Toby" Yurek III (MET'04) of Henderson, Nev., retired from the city's police department on August 21, 2015, after a 20-year law enforcement career. Toby practices workers' compensation law for the law firm of Greenman, Goldberg, Raby, and Martinez.

2005

Stephan Nadeau (MET'05) of Taunton, Mass., was honored at an Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) international conference in March. He received the Emerging Leadership Award for his outstanding contributions to the Lexington-Concord branch of the AFCEA. The honor recognizes Stephan for spearheading an effort to enhance STEM education in local schools. He was also cited for working to expand the Department of Defense's STARBASE program at Hanscom Air Force Base, a program that motivates elementary school students to explore STEM subjects.

Barry Thomas (MET'05) of Ames, Iowa, is president of the FBI National Academy Associates—one of the largest law enforcement associations in the world with approximately 17,000 members. He writes, "During my presidency, I will be focusing on urging law enforcement administrators to lead the way in healing the relationship with communities that we've seen deteriorate in recent times."

2006

Michael Cooke (MET'06) of Vancouver, Wash., has been appointed undersheriff of Clark County. The sheriff's office employs more than 400 people. Michael is a 26-year law enforcement veteran.

Timothy Ferguson (MET'06) of Scranton, Pa., was appointed to serve as an agent for the Bureau of Consumer Protection by Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane. Email Timothy at tferguson1101@comcast.net.

Joel Richardson (MET'06) of Salem, Mass., published *New England Running* (CreateSpace, 2016), about his high school and college track years.

2008

Ben Hires (CAS'00, STH'03, MET'08) of Brighton, Mass., the director of programs at the Boston Children's Chorus, connected with fellow terriers **Daniel Hagerty (COM'94)** and **Emily Foster Day (MET'05)** on January 29, 2016, at a workshop on the essentials of fundraising for arts organizations held at the State Room in Boston. Daniel is a senior consultant at the DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the University of Maryland, which provides training, consultation, and implementation support for arts managers and their boards. Emily, the vice president of development at the Boston Center for the Arts, and Ben are both members of Bloomberg Philanthropies' arts innovation and management Boston cohort, led by the DeVos Institute.

James Kuhnert (MET'08) of Amherst, N.H., earned a PhD in business administration in 2014. After more than 20 years as a management consultant to Fortune 150 companies on issues relating to change management and process improvement, James is actively seeking adjunct teaching opportunities. He lives on an 1840s-era farm with his wife and two sons. Contact James at jekuhnert@gmail.com.

Stephen E. Murphy (MET'08) of Placentia, Calif., is vice president and benefits consultant at the Segal Group, a benefits, compensation, and human resources consulting firm. He works with higher education and public sector clients in Segal's western region.

2009

Sarah Sherman McGrail (MET'09) of Southport, Maine, founded the publishing house Cozy Harbor Press in 1996 and has published many books since. Her newest works are *Looking Back: A History of Boothbay Region's Veterans During the Korean and Vietnam Wars*, volumes I and II (Cozy Harbor Press, 2016), which recount Maine veterans' stories in their own words through remembrances, letters, and photographs.

2010

Nicki (Noble) Bean (MET'10) of Kennebunkport, Maine, was named director of marketing for the Nonantum Resort. Nicki will handle the property's online, social media, and email marketing, as well as public relations, advertising, packages, and promotions.

Sergio Robert DeLima (MET'10,'15) of West Fargo, N.D., joined Amazon WACS Inc. as senior IT support engineer, overseeing network engineering and troubleshooting, project management, mentorship of junior technicians, and a variety of other activities. Email Serg at delima@me.com.

Mario Nacinovich (MET'10) of Patterson, N.Y., is a managing partner at the U.S. offices of AXON, an international health care communications company. Recently, Mario won the Strategist Award at the PM360 first Elite Awards, which honor individuals who have made a significant impact to the health care industry through their careers.

2012

Connie Cheung (MET'12) of Boston, Mass., is a senior associate in the communications and media group of the Boston office of dunhumbyUSA, a leading customer science company. Her responsibilities include building community management and social media strategy for the company's BzzAgent operations. Prior to joining the firm, she worked as a social media analyst at the Taj Boston Hotel.

Ralph C. Hamm III (MET'12) of Norfolk, Mass., published *Blackberry Juice* (Little Red Cell Publishing, 2015), a collection of short stories, poems, and plays related to his experience with racism and the prison system.

Daniel Remar (COM'03, MET'12) of Columbia, S.C., married **Annu Ross (MET'13)**, whom he met at BU while in grad school.

Alexander Rhalimi (MET'12) of Revere, Mass., was a candidate in the primaries for Suffolk County Sheriff in 2016. Alexander has a master's in criminal justice from BU.

2013

Brian Dyer (MET'13) of Warwick, R.I., was promoted to the rank of detective at the Providence police department, where he has served as an officer in the patrol division since 2007.

ADCP ALUMNI EVENT



Alumni of the Accelerated Degree Completion Program joined contemporaries and faculty at the Colloquium Room at the Photonics Center on October 19, for a reunion. Hosted by Dr. Howard Williams (MET'86, SED'89), the event saw alums network and socialize over drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Pictured are Dean Zlateva (left) and current BSCS student Sebastian Toro.

DEAN'S RECEPTION



MET saluted the year's Dean's List students, academic scholarship recipients, and Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society inductees with a reception on October 15. Pictured are 2015-16 Dean's List students (back row; left to right) Jesse Arteaga, Kane Gallagher, Laura Knapp, Brittany Arruda (MET'17), Jennifer Shanks, Odeal Cruz (MET'17), Dawn Reidler, Deanna McLean, Kenedy Guzman (MET'16), Kayali Lessen-Spiller, Cheryl Maynard, Scott Schulte, Helder Varela (MET'16), and (front row; left to right) Michael Gotaucio, George Goddard (MET'16), James Goddard (MET'17), German Gonzalez de Armas (MET'16), Sheron Mahase (MET'16), George San Martin, Juan Sigaran, Samuel Solworth, Thomas Indelicato, and Ivan Yurov.

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The Rebecca Alssid Scholarship For Wine Studies is awarded to a student who has completed Level 3 of the Wine Studies curriculum (Mastering Wine—Skill Development) with distinction, and with the approval of the faculty.

The inaugural award went to MET Master of Liberal Arts in Gastronomy graduate Tatee Saelee (MET'16).

Pictured, left to right: William Nesto, Master of Wine, BU Wine Studies faculty; Rebecca Alssid, founding director (retired) of BU's Programs in Food & Wine; Tatee Saelee (MET'16), scholarship recipient; Marshall L. Berenson, chambellan provincial nord-est, Boston Bailliage of La Chaine des Rotisseurs; and Dr. Potter Palmer (MET'09), director of BU's Programs in Food & Wine.

ZETA OMICRON CHAPTER OF THE ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA HONOR SOCIETY



On April 28, 2017, members of MET's Zeta Omicron chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, an honor society for adults in higher education, visited the rooftop of BU's Questrom School of Business accompanied by Assistant Dean of Students Daryl DeLuca. The group was treated to a panorama that included Fenway Park with a game in progress, the hustle and bustle of Commonwealth Avenue, and the Charles River.

Front row, left to right: Lindsay McGrail (MET'17), Manuela Valencia (MET'17), Sheena Fang, and Chapter Councilor Cathy Lysy.

Back row, left to right: Vice President Jesse Arteaga, President Jouel Gomez, Treasurer Luis Ottonelli, Secretary Odeal Cruz (MET'17), and John Medina.



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