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business management from the University of Maryland-College Park. She was awarded an executive education scholarship from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, where she attended the 'practical innovators' course. Fun fact: Andrea jumped out of a plane at 10,000 ft. to Skydive Coastal Maine in 2020. (EC, FC, IA)



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REBECCA BIRON, PH.D. joined the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the Program in Comparative Literature at Dartmouth in 2006, after having taught at the University of Miami, Emory University, and the University of Iowa. Her research and teaching interests focus on Latin American literary and cultural studies, literary theory, gender studies, and Mexican cultural criticism. She has published widely on the relationship between narrative and violence as it pertains to masculinity, Latin American urban history, and Mexican literature and film. Professor Biron served as Dartmouth's Dean of the College from 2015-2018 and has chaired the Dartmouth program in Latin American/Latino/Caribbean Studies. She directed the degree programs in Latin American Studies, was Faculty Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Studies, and was Associate Master of Pearson Residential College at the University of Miami. She serves on the editorial boards of the *Latin American Literary Review*, *Symposium: A Quarterly Journal in Modern Literatures*, and *Revista de Literatura Mexicana Contemporánea*. (EC, RD)



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ZACHARY CAMENKER has been a member of the English faculty at the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School in Bedford since 2017 where he leads one of the theatre arts groups and has served the district in a variety of capacities, most recently as a member of the Superintendent's Task Force for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Prior to his work in Bedford, Zach taught in the Weare School District and served as a member of the teacher leader cohort on competency-based learning. Zach also taught English to refugees, immigrants, and new Americans at Second Start in Concord through a grant-funded program in the summer of 2022. He is on the Steering Committee for the annual statewide New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival and has written for the *Jewish Reporter*, St. Paul's School, and Red River Theatres. Zach received a B.A. in English and Secondary Education from Saint Anselm College. In 2021, he earned his M.Ed. in Language Education and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from Plymouth State University where he focused his studies on language teaching tools for native and nonnative speakers of English. Zach has lived in Concord for over several years and enjoys all that the capital city has to offer. (RD, EA)



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NICHOLAS (NICK) GERMANA, PH.D. was born in Berlin, VT and grew up in Waterbury Center, VT. He attended Keene State College (KSC), graduating with a degree in history, and earned a Ph.D. in European intellectual history from Boston College. In 2006 he joined the faculty at KSC, where he is now a full professor of history and

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MOLLY LUNN OWEN is a major gift officer at the Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire, where she serves as a philanthropic advisor co-creating meaningful opportunities to advance public education. From 2019 to 2024 Molly served as founding

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ANDREW PYSZKA has been a dedicated educator in the Goffstown School District since 1994, currently serving as the lead social studies teacher at Goffstown High School (GHS). With a passion for innovative education, Andrew has played integral roles in various initiatives— as a mentor in the

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