Biographical Information

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Paula Figueroa-Vega is the Associate Director of the Bonner Center for Civic and Community Engagement at The College of New Jersey. In her role, she is in charge of the Community Engaged Learning graduation requirement of the first year students, ensuring that every student (over 1200 students) fulfills 8 hours of community service. Most of the students at TCNJ are connected to service projects in the local Trenton area; offering enrichment programs at Hedgepeth/Williams School, creating murals at Trenton Central High School, working at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity and Rescue Mission among others. Prior to working at the college, Paula dedicated 13 years in the non-profit sector, managing and directing social service programs that addressed drug and alcohol recovery, domestic violence and sexual assault, stabilizing services for children who are at risk, and other similar issues. Currently, she serves in the board of Womanspace, Inc., the lead agency for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Mercer County. Paula received a BA in Psychology, BS in Exercise Science and Masters in Public Administration from Rutgers University.

Mary Goldschmidt is the Director of the Writing Program at The College of New Jersey. She teaches both Academic Writing and First Year Seminars at TCNJ, and has recently published on the role of meta-cognition in teaching writing. Her current research examines students' tacit knowledge of their development as writers in their majors. Using in-depth, semi-structured and text-based interviews, her study analyzes how students learn to master the genres of their major's discourse community as a way to better understand how they transfer learning from early to more advanced courses in the curriculum. Her research is supported by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning at Elon University and is part of a national, multi-institutional study called "Critical Transitions: Writing and the Question of Transfer." Dr. Goldschmidt received her B.A. in English from La Salle University in 1987, and her Ph.D. in English and Certificate in Women's Studies from Emory University in 1992.

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