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HERA Welcomes New Board Members



Khrystine Danielle Kelsey teaches humanities courses in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has an M.A. in the Engaged Humanities from Pacifica Graduate Institute, where she is currently working on an interdisciplinary dissertation for a doctorate in the Jungian and Archetypal Studies program. She is passionate about the humanities and their capacity to foster inquiry, creativity, and self-creation, or what poet John Keats called "Soul-making." In her free time, she enjoys writing, supporting the arts, and having thought-provoking conversations. She also loves to travel and especially loves exploring cities.



Dr. Kei Graves (he/him or they/them) is an interdisciplinary scholar-practitioner, professional coach, and educator. Dr. Graves brings over ten years of adult education experience across diverse environments spanning higher education, non-profit spheres, and community services. He has held various positions, including academic advising, student affairs, teaching, consulting, non-profit management, and C-Suite executive roles.

Dr. Graves' academic journey includes a BFA in Illustration from Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design, a Master's in Humanities with a concentration in Visual Art and Media from Tiffin University, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies, majoring in Educational Studies and Social Justice from Union Institute & University. They also hold certificates in coaching, educational leadership, and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in workplaces.

As an adjunct faculty member at community colleges, online universities, and an HBCU Land Grant Institution. Dr. Graves' areas of instruction include undergraduate courses in the humanities, interdisciplinary studies, gender and sexuality, literary theory, student success, and undergraduate and graduate courses in diversity

Beyond academia, Dr. Graves owns Aesthetically Liberated, LLC, a small business supporting individuals and organizations in generating beautifully liberated lives and organizations.



Suzanne Gut is a life-long educator in the English, Communications, and Humanities fields and lives in Grand Rapids, MI. For the past 20 years, she served as an associate professor in Davenport University's English department but has recently joined the Communications faculty at Grand Valley State University.

She holds a BA in English from Valparaiso University (IN) and an MS in TESOL from Nova Southeastern University (FL); and is working towards her PhD (ABD status) in Rhetoric and Composition from Old Dominion University (VA). Her research area focuses on computer-mediated communication, discourse analysis, and interpersonal communications.

Suzanne's boundless energy, quick wit, and dry sense of humor serve her well in her animated, active classrooms, lively speaking engagements, and successful advising for MI Collegiate DECA. She now brings that same energy and passion to HERA, championing for the Humanities!