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New NU-Q Faculty Includes Award-Winning Writers and Filmmakers

Doha, Qatar –September 16, 2017 – A new director and professor for its liberal arts program has been appointed by Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q), along with seven professors specializing in the media and communication industry, as well as literature and philosophy.

Hariclea Zengos will serve as the director of the liberal arts program, as well as professor will teach courses in literature and literary studies. Zengos, holds a PhD in English from Tufts University, an MA in English from Clark University, and an MEd from Harvard University. Most recently, she served as associate dean for academic affairs in the Office the Provost at the American College of Greece.

“Our new faculty – who bring international experience in various disciplines of media and communication, literature and philosophy – will play an instrumental role contributing to NU-Q’s success in producing a new generation of communication professionals. In addition, they will contribute to NU-Q’s scholarly research and the creation of media content,” Everette E. Dennis, dean and CEO said.

Nearly a decade since NU-Q’s establishment in Qatar Foundation, the University continues to expand, both in terms of the size of its student body, moving to a state-of-the-art communication and media building, and by hiring scholars to teach a variety of courses in communication, journalism and strategic communication, and the liberal arts.

Among the new faculty joining NU-Q this year is George Anghelcev, who served as a visiting professor in 2016. He returns to NU-Q as an associate professor of journalism and strategic communication. Anghelcev was a tenured associate professor at Pennsylvania State University’s

College of Communications' Department of Advertising and Public Relations, before joining NU-Q. He received his PhD in mass communication from the University of Minnesota, and an MA in sociology and BA in mass communication from Babes-Bolyai University.

The additional faculty include Rana Kazkaz, Aaron LaDuke, Sam Meekings, Torsten Menge, Pamela Krayenbuhl, and Dana Atrach.

Kazkaz, a director, producer and writer of several award-winning films will serve as assistant professor of communication in residence. She received her MFA degree from Carnegie Mellon University, and a bachelor's degrees from Oberlin College in theater and Russian language, as well as one from Moscow Art Theater in acting.

LaDuke, an authority on Great Plains literature, will serve as assistant professor of liberal arts. He earned his BA at Northwestern University, MA in creative writing at Western Washington University, and his PhD in English at Ohio University.

Meekings is an accomplished novelist and poet who joins NU-Q from Qatar University where he was a lecturer in writing and rhetoric. He has been appointed assistant professor of liberal arts. He received his BA from Oxford University, and pursued two master's degrees, one in creative writing at the University of Edinburgh and a master of arts at Oxford University, his PhD in creative writing is from Lancaster University.

Menge has been appointed assistant professor in the faculty of liberal arts and will teach philosophy. He earned his PhD in philosophy from Georgetown University also holds a masters in philosophy from the Humboldt University of Berlin.

Krayenbuhl who holds a PhD and an MA in from Northwestern University, and a dual BA in rhetoric and interdisciplinary studies from UC Berkeley, will serve as assistant professor in residence.

Atrach has been appointed assistant professor in residence in the Communication Program. The first NU-Q graduate to join the faculty, Atrach holds an MFA in screenwriting from the University of California's School of Theatre, Film & Television and is the first NU-Q alumna to join the faculty.

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Northwestern University in Qatar draws from its parent organization, [Northwestern University](#) (Evanston, Illinois), a distinguished history, famous programs and an exceptional faculty. Founded in partnership with Qatar Foundation, NU-Q provides a framework through which students explore the world and, ultimately, shape its future through its distinguished schools of [communication](#), [journalism and strategic communication](#),

and [liberal arts](#).