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Biography

As a member of the IDEA faculty development team, Tara brings over 15 years of experience in higher education, specifically in faculty development, instructional design, curriculum & course development, outcome assessment and academic improvement planning. Tara completed her Master's degree in American Studies, Media Studies and English Literature at University of Paderborn, Germany. She is completing her Ph.D. in Global & Sociocultural Studies at Florida International University. Prior to joining IDEA, Tara was an Academic Consultant at Pearson Higher Education Division. Tara's years of working as Faculty Development Director at Miami International University of Art & Design and as Faculty Development Specialist at EDMC, has given her a good grasp of how the IDEA system data provides insight for faculty and continuous academic improvement planning.

Tara is originally from Tehran, Iran, she has lived in London and Germany and speaks German and Farsi. In her spare time, Tara loves reading, writing and listening to Podcasts. She enjoys spending time with her friends in Miami and her family in Los Angeles.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Training and Development

Areas of Expertise

Higher Education, Faculty Development, Instructional Design, Training Delivery, Program Management, Public Speaking, Curriculum Development, Course Development

Affiliations and Past Experience

Pearson Higher Education Division : Former academic consultant, Florida International University : Former adjunct faculty, Education Management Corporation : Former Senior Instructional Design & Training Director

Event and Conference Appearances

Improving Student Outcomes through Faculty Development: A Case Study on a Self-Paced Faculty Training Course

Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools Conference

Silent Spaces of Faith

Feminist Geographies: Mapping Spaces, Nations, and States of Being

Frameworks & Foundations for Scalable, Sustainable Competency-Based Programs
HBCU Online Learning Summit

Curricular Alignment & Teaching Methods
Florida International University

Education

Universität Paderborn
MA American Studies, English Literature, Media Studies

Florida International University
Certificate Training & Instructional Design

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