

CONTRIBUTORS

BRIAN SCHRINER

Brian Schriner is an educator, administrator, fundraiser, strategic thinker, and change-maker with a 34-year track record of collaboration and success in higher education. He was appointed Dean of the FIU College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts (CARTA) in 2009 and serves as the university's Cultural Arts Liaison for the Office of the Provost, which includes collaborating with the University's three accredited museums: The Wolfsonian-FIU, the FIU Phillip and Patricia Frost Art Museum, and the FIU Jewish Museum of Florida.

As an interdisciplinary college with a unique group of disciplines, CARTA is united through its mission "Creative Forces At Work" and its commitment to prepare diverse leaders with global perspectives through applied learning, research, and creative activities. Composed of four schools, eight academic departments, and five centers/institutes, Schriner has grown the CARTA's diverse student body by 230% to more than 4,000 students from 91 countries (70% Hispanic; 11% African American; and 72% female) and its world class faculty by 100% (140 full-time and 150 part-time faculty).

Schriner founded and established CARTA's collaborative interdisciplinary spaces, CARTA | Mana Wynwood, in the heart of Miami's Wynwood Art District, as well as the School of Architecture's Miami Beach Urban Studios (MBUS) and the college's Department of Art + Art History's Miami Beach Visual Arts Gallery, both in the heart of South Beach. Schriner also established the South Florida Media Network's news bureaus in Miami, New York City, and Washington, DC, and he secured and/or expanded several student-centric, public-private partnerships, such as those with NBCUniversal Academy, TelevisaUnivision (STEP: Student Training and Employment Program), McClatchy, Hearst, Scripps-Howard, the Knight Foundation, the Ratcliffe Foundation, the Caplin Family Foundation, the Berkowitz Family Foundation, Island TV, Mana Contemporary, and Miami Dade College's MAGIC Studio.

Dean Schriner is the publisher of *ArtSpeak*.

RAYMOND ELMAN

Raymond Elman is an artist, writer, and editor who co-founded *Provincetown Arts* magazine in 1985. His paintings have been widely exhibited and are included in numerous collections. His large scale, mixed-media portraits of Pulitzer Prize recipients Stanley Kunitz, Jhumpa Lahiri, Alan Dugan, and U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky are in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. and have been exhibited there. In 2016, there was a retrospective of Elman's portraits at the Provincetown Art Association & Museum. 27 of Elman's portraits and related videos are on exhibition at the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU in Miami Beach (October 22, 2023 -- March 3, 2024). (See www.raymondelman.com for more information.) Elman holds a BS and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Elman is the founding editor-in-chief of *ArtSpeak*.

SUSAN JACOBSON

Dr. Susan Jacobson is the interim chairperson of the FIU Lee Caplin School of Journalism & Media. Dr. Jacobson has worked in new media her entire professional and academic career. She received an MPS from New York University's top-ranked Interactive Telecommunications Program and later earned a Ph.D. from New York University. Her research is concerned with how social media shapes the relationship between journalists and news audiences, the impact of new media on journalism and the expressive qualities of multimedia. Professor Jacobson is a Senior Adviser to *ArtSpeak*.

KRISTIN MCGUIRE

Kristin McGuire is a writer, editor, and historian. She has an MFA in creative writing from Warren Wilson College (2019) and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Michigan (2004). She is currently working on a book about a friend's thirteen-year journey living with ALS and his work with a doctor of traditional Chinese medicine. The book explores the encounter and friendship of two men from very different backgrounds, their challenges, and what they taught each other about living life fully and joyfully. She is an associate editor for *ArtSpeak*.

LEE SKYE

Lee Skye was a videographer for Marin County Community Television in Marin County, California and a videographer for the Marin Civic Ballet. Ms. Skye was board president of the Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill in Truro, Massachusetts for four years. She is a videographer and contributing writer for *ArtSpeak*.

CARMEN CICERO

Carmen Cicero is both a highly accomplished visual artist and musician. He has had 51 solo exhibitions, appeared in six Whitney Biennials, and is in the collections of 26 museums. He received a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, as well as awards from the Ford Foundation and the American Academy of Arts & Letters. He also taught painting at Sarah Lawrence College and at Montclair State University for many years. In addition, Cicero is a highly regarded jazz saxophone player and has performed with many jazz legends. Music from Cicero's CD, "Play Me a Sad Song," has been incorporated into some of the introductory video clips in select video interviews.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTORS

JULIANA TRIANA

Juliana Triana is a sophomore at FIU pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Studio Arts. She also works as the Student Fine Arts Ambassador for FIU's Art + Art History department. Juliana has a great passion for visual development and character design and hopes to work for animation leaders like Pixar in the future.

IZZY CANIZARES

Izzy Canizares is a Florida native, double majoring in Digital Journalism and Theatre at FIU. They are passionate about the arts, especially music. Their dream is to pursue a career in journalism or performance.

GABRIELA JELISSE FUENTES VILLAFañE

Gabriela Jelissee Fuentes Villafañe was born and raised in Puerto Rico. She moved to the United States when she was 12 years old. She is currently majoring in Broadcast Journalism at FIU, concentrated in Spanish Latino. She hopes to be part of major Latino TV channels like Univision or Telemundo.