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Meet Dr. Yvonne Castillo

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- Accountancy
- Business Administration

College of Education & Human Development

- Counseling
- Educational Leadership
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health Education and Wellness
- Interdisciplinary Education

Graduate Certificates

- Alternative Certification of Educators (ACE)
- Educational Diagnosticians
- Educational Leadership
- Reading Specialist
- School Counselor
- Superintendents
- Supplemental (Bilingual, Gifted & Talented, ESL)

College of Liberal Arts

- Art, Studio
- Communication
- English
- History
- Psychology
- Public Administration

College of Nursing & Health Sciences

- Nursing
- Public Health

College of Science & Engineering

- Biology
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Meet Dr. Paul Montagna

Dr. Paul Montagna is highly regarded in the areas of ecosystem studies, freshwater inflows, water quality and environmental statistics. He is known for his research on the impacts of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and for his expertise on “dead zones” in the Gulf of Mexico, which he has studied for more than 20 years. As Endowed Chair for Ecosystems and Modeling at the Harte Research Institute, Montagna mentors students in the University’s Coastal and Marine System Science PhD, Marine Biology MS and PhD, and Environmental Science MS programs.

“People may not realize is the work we’re doing at the HRI matters to every living human and organism along the Gulf of Mexico,” said Montagna. “Our CMSS PhD program is like no other because we are training future generations to think in interdisciplinary ways to maintain and ensure the future health of the Gulf for years to come.”

Montagna teaches graduate and doctoral classes on topics that include environmental statistics and mathematical ecology. Students learn to code programs that manipulate databases, calculate biodiversity and analyze large, complex environmental data sets.