

Azat Gundogan – University Honors Program, Undergraduate Studies

Dr. Azat Gundogan (he/him) is an assistant teaching faculty in the University Honors Program. He came to FSU in 2017 as a visiting assistant professor in the Sociology Department. As an urban sociologist by training, Dr. Gundogan has been teaching honors-only interdisciplinary courses and has played an integral role in the development of the new honors program with his faculty colleagues since 2018. Before FSU, he taught at both large research universities and selective private liberal arts colleges in both the U.S. and Turkey. He held assistant professorships at the University of Michigan-Flint (2013-2014) and Mardin Artuklu University (2014-2016) in Turkey.

Roxanne Hughes – Natl High Magnetic Field Lab

Dr. Roxanne Hughes is a Research III Faculty member at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (MagLab). She is also the Director of the Center for Integrating Research and Learning (CIRL). She has been a faculty member at FSU since 2012. In that time, she has established herself as connector across FSU and beyond. She is committed to bridging gaps and siloes across departments to help faculty, particularly non-tenure track faculty, to thrive. In her role at FSU and the MagLab she has demonstrated her commitment to problem solving and collaboration to address issues at the student, faculty and staff level. Her involvement at FSU has included serving on the FSU Faculty Senate Steering Committee, the FSU Diversity and Inclusion Council, and the FSU Strategic Planning Committee. Her experience on these committees demonstrates her ability to work with faculty and other leaders and advance policies on a department, university and national level.

Rima Nathan – College of Law

Rima Nathan has been the Director of the Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic at the College of Law since August of 2022. This clinic introduces law students and other graduate students to aging policy and enables students to work directly on legislative advocacy and with low-income clients. Given the interdisciplinary nature of the clinic, Rima frequently works with departments across FSU. As a double graduate of FSU, she has an immense amount of Seminole pride.

Thayumanasamy Somasundaram, Institute of Molecular Biophysics, College of Arts & Sciences

Thayumanasamy “Soma” Sundaram is a Senior Research Associate and manages the X-Ray Facility at the Institute of Molecular Biophysics. He has been working at FSU for thirty years. In 2021, he received the FSU Distinguished University Scholar award. For the last two-years (2022-23) he has served as a specialized faculty senator at the FSU Faculty Senate. If elected, he would like to continue representing the needs of the specialized faculty at the FSU Faculty Senate.