



Liberal Studies—Faculty

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A Maine native and graduate of John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor, Dr. Lesley Gillis is the Chair of the English department and Co-Chair of the Liberal Studies program at EMCC. She has been a full-time member of the English department since 2003. Dr. Gillis earned a B.A. in English from Bates College; an MA in English from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH; and a PhD in English with a specialization in 18th- and 19th-century women writers from McGill University in Montreal, QC, where she also co-founded the university's writing center. Her teaching focuses on writing, literature, and film.

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Dr. Easton graduated from Messalonskee High School, and earned a Biology degree from Colby College. He earned his Master's degree in Biology at St. Louis University. After working for several years in biomedical research, he moved back east to pursue a PhD in Biology at Binghamton University. After, he worked briefly at SUNY-Potsdam and St. Lawrence College. In the fall of 2004, he returned to Maine as Biology Instructor at EMCC. Dr. Easton holds State certification as an EMT and a firefighter. He serves on Hermon Mountain Ski Patrol, and is a member of the RSU19 School Board (current Chair this year). Dr. Easton teaches Anatomy and Physiology, Pathophysiology, and Biology (and a few other things). Dr. Easton's philosophy is individualism; each person is responsible for his/her own life, learning, and success.

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Lola Ellis earned a B.A. in English from Bowdoin College and an MA in English from the University of Rhode Island. She specializes in progressive developmental English education and is the Coordinator at the new Writing Center at EMCC. Lola teaches departmental courses in developmental reading and writing, college composition, and Writing Lab — a one-credit support course for College Composition.

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Kacie Posuniak attended Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, where she received a Bachelor's of Science in Social Psychology. Her graduate work took place at Husson University where she received a Master's of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. In 2013, she began as an adjunct instructor at EMCC in January, and at Husson University in August. Hired as the full-time psychology branch of the social sciences department at EMCC in 2016, she continues to teach at both schools while slinging ice cream on the Bangor Waterfront in the summer.