## THE CHARLOTTE W. NEWCOMBE FOUNDATION

## Conference for Institutional Partners in the Newcombe Scholarships for Mature Women Students Program

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## **Conference Presenters**

**Boris Vilic** is Dean of the College of Continuing Studies at Rider University. Since joining Rider, he spearheaded the development of a number of new offerings for nontraditional students. Prior to joining the University, he served as director of technology and faculty team leader for the computer systems technology curriculum at Duquesne University's School of Leadership and Professional Advancement.

Boris's work has earned him critical acclaim. His projects won the Creative Uses of Technology Award from the Association for Continuing Higher Education in two consecutive years. He was also honored with the 2005 Nofflet Williams Up and Coming Leadership Award from the University Continuing Education Association and Distinguished Faculty Award from the School of Leadership and Professional Advancement at Duquesne University. He has published a number of journal articles and book chapters on distance learning and has presented his work at national and regional conferences.

Boris earned an MBA in marketing from Duquesne University and a B.S. degree in administration and management from La Roche College, both in Pittsburgh. He resides in Columbus, NJ with his wife and their two children.



Marie Lilly started at Towson University as the Associate Director for Women's Resources in May of 2011. She is responsible for coordinating campus programs that address the unique needs of female college students, providing a space for all students to discuss issues of gender, and building the leadership capacity of female and male students. Additionally, she works within the campus community to incorporate practices designed to promote gender equality and reduce individual and institutional sexism. She works closely with other members of the Center for Student Diversity to make sure gender equality is a part of discussions on the development of all college students regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or identity.

Prior to joining the faculty and staff at TU, Marie served as a Program Manager and Community Educator at TurnAround, Inc. a non-profit serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. As an educator, she conducted presentations to students of all ages in public and private schools as well as local colleges. She also wrote numerous curriculums and professional training materials on responding to violence for medical professionals, college administrators, and other community service providers. As a program manager, she developed the Survivors' Network and Trauma Prevention Program which delivered specialized services to women who were victims of violence and who were also homeless, in recovery for substance abuse, and/or incarcerated. Finally, she supervised the creation and administration of a variety of smaller programs including the Community Anti-Violence Project which addressed violence in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Communities. She also sits on the University's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Committee.

Marie has bachelor's degrees from McDaniel College (formerly Western Maryland College) in English and Religious Studies, with minors in Women's Studies, Cross-Cultural Studies, and European History. She completed her Master's in Women's Studies from Towson University with a concentration in Women, Health, and Sexuality.