LSC-Kingwood reference desk while pursuing her second master's degree in library and information science. "They're going to learn a lot better if they're actually doing it," she says. McGittigan encourages students to engage with the resources available to them and to seek out group work to enhance their learning. She gets to "borrow" groups of students for her workshops on bibliographic instruction and information literacy. She loves to see students develop, tackle the tough subject matter, and come out on the other side with a new sense of confidence and accomplishment.

Shamim Arastu, Education Professor

Arastu began her LSC career in January 2006 by teaching acting and film appreciation, planning for her first master's degree in directing at the University of New Orleans a few years later and obtaining his master's in directing. He spent nearly eight years at the University of New Orleans before joining LSC in 2002 as a full-time faculty member at LSC-North Harris. Arastu has a passion for teaching and helping students achieve their goals, whether it be in English or theater. He enjoys teaching acting and film appreciation classes at LSC and enjoys connecting with his students by finding creative ways to make the classes engaging and relevant.

Nathalie Brantes, Geology Professor

Brantes, a native of New York, earned her bachelor's degree in environmental earth science at the University of California, Berkeley. She then pursued her master's degree in geology at the University of California, Davis. Brantes currently teaches geology at Lone Star College-North Harris and enjoys finding innovative ways to help students learn and understand the concepts she teaches. She loves to see her students grow and become more confident in themselves. Brantes resides in the Cypress area of Houston with her husband and two cats, Joe and Anuj.

Update: Madhulika Tandon, Education Professor

Tandon, a native of India, earned her bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Houston-Downtown. She then pursued her master's degree in education at McDaniel College and moved to Houston to begin her career as an educator. Tandon has taught at LSC-Houston North - she became the department chair for EDUC 1300 there. Starting October 2020, she began teaching at LSC-Pleasant Houston as an Educator Professor. Tandon is passionate about helping students succeed and believes that a supportive and encouraging environment is key to student success. She loves to see her students grow and become more confident in themselves. Tandon resides in the Cypress area of Houston with her husband and two adult children, Anshika and Ankit.

Patty Felkel Zachary, Mathematics Professor at Lone Star College-Tomball

Felkel Zachary is a native of Texas and earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics at the University of Houston. She then pursued her master's degree in education at the University of Houston-Victoria. Felkel Zachary teaches mathematics at Lone Star College-Tomball and enjoys helping students overcome their math fears and learn to enjoy the subject. She loves the opportunity to travel the world with a professional and has been to over 50 countries. Felkel Zachary resides in the Tomball area of Houston with her husband, Paul, and two cats, Joe and Anuj.

Erich Polack, Spanish Professor at Lone Star College-North Harris

Polack is a native of California and earned his bachelor's degree in accounting at the University of Houston and his doctorate in international law at the University of California, Berkeley. He has served in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic and the Marshall Islands and has served as a Peace Corps volunteer in 13 countries. Polack teaches Spanish at Lone Star College-North Harris and enjoys helping students overcome their language barriers and learn to speak Spanish. He is so much fun and cultural exchange because we have a very diverse and multi-cultural student body. Polack resides in the Cypress area of Houston with his wife and two cats, Joe and Anuj.