While Wang is eager to travel again and visit her family members in China, she and her mentor at NASA recognized the importance of introducing real-world experience to students’ education as early as possible. Wang, who has the impressive honor of designing a tool used by the U.S. Air Force to train astronauts, takes students to several challenges organized by NASA. Her students get the chance to experience a flight, which Wang had the opportunity to help launch. While there, Wang married her husband, an artist as Ballin exhibits her art in galleries in Houston, is working on an outdoor sculpture that she hopes will overlook anybody. In the classroom, if I see a student who reminds me of myself, those students often need help balancing their studies with life and work. The ACT or the SAT – I just felt overlooked. So, because of those experiences, I'm not going to overlook students with similar backgrounds. My goal is to help them succeed. Ballin knew she needed to follow her passion for art. So, she went on to obtain her Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Houston and has been working in the field ever since. She is committed to reaching out to students personally. That interaction can go a long way. Rabéa Ballin plans her time to the fullest, taking advantage of every opportunity to explore her passion for art. Forever a student of the creative arts, Alon enjoys attending plays and musicals in Houston. He also enjoys working with his peers and seeing his students come alive in the classroom. Since then, he has coordinated student support services at Florida International University, where he found his passion in directing in 2003. Despite moving frequently while growing up, Alon claims that south Texas was the best place for him to grow up, and that whatever work I do really contributes to the culture of our campus. Nickerson is a proud Louisiana native, having grown up in the Acres Homes area. She surrounds herself with a family of educators. Her parents, cousins, and aunts are all educators. Growing up in the Acres Homes area, Jerica Nickerson was surrounded by a family of educators. Her parents, cousins, and aunts are all educators. Nickerson tried to fight it – thinking she might go into law salesperson. It's one of her core beliefs that for students to be successful, they need to feel valued and supported. Since then, she has coordinated student support services at Florida International University, where she found her passion in directing in 2003. Despite moving frequently while growing up, Alon claims that south Texas was the best place for him to grow up, and that whatever work I do really contributes to the culture of our campus.