

Bio: Jillian Campana, Ph.D.

Dr. Jillian Campana is Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and a Professor at The American University in Cairo. Her scholarship explores drama as a tool to build community, equality, and identity. She has developed applied theatre projects worldwide, including programs for people living with brain injuries in Sweden, victims of sexual trafficking in the Philippines and India, as well as initiatives for businesses and military veterans. Her climate change works was featured at the UN Climate Conference (COP27) and books include: *Acting Successful: using performance skills in everyday life*, *Western Theatre in Global Contexts: directing and teaching culturally inclusive drama around the world*, and *It's Not My Fault: five new plays on sexual harassment in Egypt*. Her work has been honored by the American College Theatre Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center, the PBS Independent Lens Award, and the European Social Fund. *Msh Zanbik*, her 2023 project, was awarded the Research Project of the Year in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for the Middle East-North Africa region by the Times Higher Education.

As a leader, Dr. Campana promotes transdisciplinary scholarship and values practical, experiential learning. She prioritizes accessible communication, collaborative problem-solving and transparent decision-making while building external connections to support student and faculty work. Her previous leadership roles include positions at the University of Montana, University of Mumbai, and the global education charity ISTA. She is an advocate for Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences as transformative fields that prepare students for rewarding, meaningful careers.