2021 New Faculty
(Addendum to New Faculty Brochure)

Tonya Chacón, Psy.D.
Dr. Chacón joins The School of Education at St. John’s University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and the Site Coordinator of the New York City Coalition for Teacher Preparation (NYCCTP).

Beginning her career as a childhood education teacher, she earned a Master of Science degree in Educational Psychology and a Doctorate in School Psychology, both from the University at Albany, State University of New York. Her background is in childhood education, instructional methods, and literacy.

Dr. Chacón’s research interests include critical literacy and social justice, school-university partnerships, and the relationship between culturally responsive pedagogy and learning environments.

Elaine A. Tontoh, Ph.D.
Dr. Elaine A. Tontoh comes to St. John’s University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and Finance in The Peter J. Tobin College of Business. She is a maternal feminist theorist and a development economist, having earned her doctoral degree in Economics at the New School for Social Research, with a specialization in Development Economics.

Dr. Tontoh’s research theoretically investigates the capability perspective and economics of motherhood by respectively theorizing maternal capability suppression and maternal economic oppression. Her work develops an integrated Marxist-feminist-capability theory of motherhood which investigates maternal capability failures and maternal labor exploitation, the result of which is an original concept she advances as the triple day problem: the lack of maternal self-reproduction.

Dr. Tontoh seeks to use her path-breaking theoretical research as the basis to seek compensation for mothers and as a radical approach to achieve social and economic justice for mothers.