



# Etruscan Press

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## **Cynthia Kolanowski Appointed Etruscan Press Outreach Coordinator**

**Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (May 25, 2022)** – Etruscan Press, founded in 2001 and affiliated with Wilkes University since 2006, announced the appointment of Cynthia Kolanowski of Scranton, Pa. as Outreach Coordinator.

Kolanowski will be responsible for development of Etruscan outreach initiatives, including community events, author promotion, and educational outreach for expanding the vision, mission, and values of the independent press, located on the Wilkes University campus.

Since 2007, the Etruscan Outreach Program has nurtured community engagement in reading and literature by sharing the experience of writing with community members, promoting a love of literature across multiple demographics, and increasing cultural and literary awareness.

Kolanowski will explore ways in which literature and the arts can sustain communities and create spaces for readers and writers to come together. “I look forward to developing programs and events that will connect Etruscan authors with community members, and to celebrating and promoting Etruscan’s mission to nurture a dialogue among genres, cultures, and voices,” says the Scranton resident.

Executive Director Dr. Philip Brady says, “Cynthia brings talent, energy, and experience in nonprofit leadership to this position. We are delighted to welcome her to Etruscan.”

Kolanowski grew up in Northeastern Pennsylvania, earning a BA from Carnegie Mellon University and an MFA from the University of Michigan. An educator for over twenty years, she has taught writing and literature at the secondary and post-secondary levels, and was twice named Teacher of the Year. As Director of Student Success at Regis University in Denver, Colorado, Cynthia connected students with nonprofits, organized service-learning projects, and directed and taught courses that helped students to succeed in college—work that earned her the Faculty Advisor of the Year award in 2016. She returned to Pennsylvania in 2020.

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