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# NEWSLETTER

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### **Welcome New Full-Time Faculty**

This academic year we are pleased to welcome 23 new full-time faculty members to El Camino College. This newsletter introduces all of our outstanding educators - please take some time to meet the newest members of our campus community.



**Michael Bateman,** Mathematical Sciences, Math Instructor. Michael has a master's degree from California State University, Long Beach and a bachelor's degree from UCLA. His career experience includes faculty positions at El Camino College, Cal State Long Beach, and Cerritos College.



**Randall Von Bloomberg,** Fine Arts, Art Instructor. Michael has a master's degree from the New York Academy of Art and a bachelor's degree from the Pratt Institute in New York – both in fine art. He has taught at Santa Monica College, Pasadena City College, and Johnson County Community College in Kansas, among other colleges.



**Vera Bruce,** Industry and Technology, Fashion Design Instructor. Vera graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a master's degree; she also has a bachelor's degree from Pepperdine University. Her career background includes positions at Woodbury University, Pasadena City College, Cal Poly Pomona, and Otis College.



**Griselda Castro,** Counselor. A graduate of El Camino College, Griselda also received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Loyola Marymount University and a master's degree in counseling from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She has taught at El Camino and Cerritos colleges and will teach human development courses this year.

The mission of El Camino College is to meet the educational needs of our diverse community and ensure student success by offering quality, comprehensive educational opportunities."



**Rose Ann Cerofeci,** Humanities, Reading Instructor. Rose Ann earned her bachelor's degree in English from UCLA and has a master's degree in counseling from George Mason University and a master's in English from Cal State, Dominguez Hills. Her work experience includes teaching in El Camino College's First Year Experience program.



**Polli Chambers-Salazar,** Fine Arts, Piano/Music Instructor. Polli has bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees, all from USC's Thornton School of Music. Her background includes teaching positions at USC, Pasadena City College, College of the Canyons and the Pasadena Conservatory of Music.



**Jaymie Collette,** Health Sciences and Athletics, Sign Language Instructor. Jaymie has a bachelor's degree in speech communications and a master's degree in special education, both from California State University, Northridge. She has taught at El Camino College, Biola University, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education.



**Alice Cornelio,** Learning Resources Center, Librarian. Alice has a bachelor's degree from the University of the East, Philippines and master's degree in library and information science from California State University, San Jose. Her background includes librarian positions at Marymount College and the National Library of the Philippines.



**Sara DiFiori,** Natural Sciences, Geology/Oceanography Instructor. Sara holds bachelor's and master's degrees in geology, both from UCLA. She has taught at Mt. San Antonio College, Pasadena City College, and Glendale Community College, and is a member of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers, among other groups.



**Nelson Espinola,** EOP&S, Counselor. Nelson is a graduate of Los Angeles City College, and UCLA, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. He also has a master's degree in counseling from UCLA. Nelson's work experience includes counseling positions at El Camino, West LA, and LA Southwestern colleges.



**Randall Firestone,** Behavioral and Social Sciences, Philosophy Instructor. Randall earned a bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA, a master's in philosophy from Cal State, Los Angeles and a law degree from Hastings College of the Law. His teaching experience includes positions at Santa Monica and Long Beach City colleges.



**Briita Halonen,** Humanities, English Instructor. Briita has a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a master's degree from Claremont Graduate University - both in English literature. She has previously taught at Rio Hondo and Cypress colleges and recently participated in the UCI Writing Project Summer Institute.



Hamza A. Hamza, Mathematical Sciences, Math Instructor. Hamza has a master's and doctorate degree in math, both from Claremont Graduate University. Hamza's career experience includes teaching math at El Camino, Long Beach City, and Harbor colleges, in addition to California State University, Long Beach.



**Philip Lau,** Business, Accounting Instructor. Philip earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Pace University and a master's degree in finance from St. John's University – both located in New York. He has taught at California State University, Fullerton and is a Certified Public Accountant.



**René Lozano,** Counseling. René earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from UCLA, then a master's degree in education/multicultural counseling from California State University, San Diego. His career experience covers positions at Santa Monica, Cerritos, and Citrus colleges, in addition to working at UCLA as an admissions counselor.



Maria Teresa Martinez, Health Sciences and Athletics, Nursing Instructor. Teresa has a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines and a master's degree from the University of Phoenix. She has taught a number of medical surgical courses at ECC, in addition to nurse/administration positions at area hospitals.



**Leila Miranda Lavertu,** Health Sciences and Athletics, Nursing Instructor. A graduate of El Camino College, Leila transferred to California State University, Dominguez Hills where she earned a bachelor's degree. She also has a master's degree (family nurse practioner) from California State University, Long Beach.



Michelle Moen, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Child Development Instructor. Michelle has a master's degree from California State University, Long Beach in elementary education, specializing in early childhood education. Her professional career includes positions at California State University campuses in Long Beach and Fullerton.



**Vi Pham,** Business, Law Instructor. Vi earned a law degree from Southwestern University School of Law and a bachelor's degree in business from California State University, Fullerton. Vi is also a member of the State Bar of California, and will teach paralegal studies, legal research and business law at El Camino College.



**Kathleen Rosales,** Health Sciences and Athletics, Nursing Instructor. Kathleen is a graduate of Santa Monica College, and also has a bachelor degree from the University of Phoenix and a master's degree from Mount Saint Mary's College. She will teach a variety of courses this year, including pathophysiology and critical care nursing.



**Laura Shainian,** Health Sciences and Athletics, Nursing Instructor. Laura has a bachelor's degree from the University of West Florida and master's in nursing from the University of South Alabama. Her career experience includes positions at colleges in Georgia; at El Camino College she will teach pharmacology, among other courses.



**Shantel Thornton,** Behavioral and Social Sciences, Psychology Instructor. Shantel has a master's degree in clinical psychology from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She has taught at various colleges, including Long Beach City College, Harbor College, Santa Monica College, and Los Angeles Trade Technical College.



**Dexter Vaughn,** EOP&S, Counselor. Dexter earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University, Long Beach and a master's in education/ counseling from California State University, Dominguez Hills. His work experience includes positions at El Camino, Long Beach City, and Santa Monica colleges.

#### **Welcome New Administrators**

Four new excellent administrators have joined El Camino College since last fall. Please welcome:



**Lawrence Cox** Provost/CEO Compton Center



Jo Ann Higdon Vice President Administrative Services



**Barbara Perez**Vice President
Human Resources



Michael Trevis
Chief
ECC Police Department

## **Welcome New Managers**

Michael Blada, Facilities Services Supervisor,
Facilities Planning & Services, November 1, 2007

Julie Bourlier, Director, Bookstore, October 2, 2007

Thomas Connolly, Director, Fiscal Services, September 4, 2007

Heather Parnock, Publications Supervisor,
Public Relations & Marketing, June 2, 2008

Betty Sedor, Assistant Director, Community Advancement, June 2, 2008

Steven Waterhouse, Supervisor, Admissions and Records, June 2, 2008

#### **Welcome New Staff**

Please help us welcome the new staff members who have joined our campus since September 2007. Our exceptional staff members are listed below - welcome! **Stephanie Africano,** *Student Services Technician*,

Community Education & Development, September 2, 2008

**Lovell Alfordo,** *Academic Affairs Analyst*, Academic Affairs, December 1, 2007 **Marlene Arguello,** *Night Custodian*,

Facilities Planning & Services, November 1, 2007

Xiomara Arguello, Night Custodian,

Facilities Planning & Services, November 1, 2007

Enadine Bailey, Clerical Assistant, Admissions & Records, August 4, 2008

Theresa Barragan, Student Services Advisor,

Counseling & Student Services, January 2, 2008

Leyna Bernal, Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, May 1, 2008

Elvira Castro, Night Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, December 3, 2007

David Colon, Night Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, November 1, 2007

Michael Desanto, Police Officer, Campus Police, December 1, 2007

Ulysses Dunlap, Night Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, November 1, 2007

Earl Eiland, Night Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, February 1, 2008

Andrea Eke, Secretary, Counseling & Student Services, April 1, 2008

Ryan Elliott, Carpenter, Facilities & Planning, September 4, 2007

Kenny Galan, Police Officer, Campus Police, December 1, 2007

Erick Garcia, Electrician, Facilities Planning & Services, September 5, 2007

Darnetta Germany, Night Custodian,

Facilities Planning & Services, November 1, 2007

Patricia Jackson, Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, April 1, 2008

Deborah Kyte, Senior Clerical Assistant, Enrollment Services, July 1, 2008

Teresa Nunez, Night Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, November 1, 2007

Linda Ohara, Lab Tech II, Natural Sciences, August 21, 2007

Brian Parks, Groundskeeper/Gardener II,

Facilities Planning & Services, September 3, 2008

Ramon Parra, Night Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, December 3, 2007

Ernesto Patricio, Electrician, Facilities Planning & Services, May 1, 2008

Carolyn Pineda, Research Analyst, Institutional Research, January 7, 2008

Blanca Prado, Student Services Advisor,

Counseling & Student Services, March 3, 2008

DeVon Scott, Staff Interpreter,

Special Resource Center/Health Sciences & Athletics, June 2, 2008

Alin Sanchez, Senior Clerical Assistant,

Community Advancement, November 1, 2007

Sidney Smith, Production Coordinator, Public Relations & Marketing, March 3, 2008

**Sharilyn Thomas,** *CalWORKSs Case Management/Services Coordinator,* Student Services, December 3, 2007

Larry Veazey, Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, April 1, 2008

Maria Vicente, Night Custodian, Facilities Planning & Services, November 1, 2007

Maricela Vital, Administrative Assistant, Community Advancement, March 3, 2008

#### **CAMPUS CALENDAR**

# Board of Trustees Meeting First Day to Apply for Fall Graduation and Certificates Art Gallery Reception Last Day to Drop and be Eligible for a Refund

- Add Period Ends
- 8-11 Club Rush Week

**September** 

Holiday Season Job FairLast Day to Drop w/out Note on Permanent Record

- 19 Inter-Club Council Mixer
- 30 American Red Cross Blood Drive

#### October

- 1-2 American Red Cross Blood Drive
- 6 ECC Combined Jazz & Dance Bands
- 7 Fall Transfer Fair
- 10-11 ECC Student One-Act Plays