



# President's NEWS

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*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.*



## Welcome New Faculty

Please take a moment to welcome El Camino College's 20 new full-time faculty members and two new managers. Watch for the next edition of "President's News" as we introduce the college's new classified staff members. "The Messenger" will introduce new hires at ECC Compton Center. Welcome to all new employees!

### New Faculty



**Laura Almo**, Fine Arts, film/video and photo instructor. Laura earned a master's degree in documentary film production from Stanford University and a bachelor's degree in peace and conflict studies from UC Berkeley. She is a documentary film program consultant for the Sundance Institute, and regularly writes about documentary/film issues. Laura's classroom experience includes positions from middle school to the university level, including El Camino College.



**Argelia Andrade**, Humanities, Spanish instructor. Argelia has a doctorate in Hispanic languages and literature, a master's degree in linguistics, and a bachelor's degree in Spanish and linguistics, all from UCLA. Her teaching experience includes positions at Los Angeles Valley College, Santa Monica College and UCLA. Argelia is also the founder/executive director of Nuestras Raíces, a South Bay non-profit that provides an artistic space for dance and music classes.



**Yun Chu**, Behavioral & Social Sciences, human development instructor. Yun earned a doctorate in psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, a master's degree in general experimental psychology from California State University, Northridge, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from UCLA. Teaching experience includes positions at Moorpark College, State University New York, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Cal State Northridge.



**Michael Anderson**, Industry & Technology, automotive technology instructor. As an automotive technology instructor for several years, Michael taught a variety of courses at Rio Hondo College, UEI College, and El Camino College, where he also completed an associate degree. Michael has 22 years of hands-on experience diagnosing and repairing automotive systems, and has held a number of positions in the industry, from service technician to technician trainer.



**Ryan Carey**, Industry & Technology, fire technology instructor. Ryan has a master's degree in leadership from Grand Canyon University and a bachelor's degree in fire administration from Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa. He has been a firefighter, training coordinator and a fire information specialist with the United States Forest Service and other agencies, and is a basic life support instructor and owner of Lifestream CPR.



**Stefanie Frith**, Humanities Division, journalism instructor. A graduate of El Camino College, Stefanie served as the editor in chief of the "Union" newspaper and "Warrior Life" magazine. She continued her education at USC, where she earned a bachelor's degree and at California State University, Fullerton, earning a master's degree. She worked as a reporter/editor throughout Southern California and has teaching experience at El Camino, Pierce, and Glendale community colleges.



**Michelle Guta**, Health Sciences & Athletics, nursing instructor. Michelle joins the El Camino College faculty after years of experience as a staff telemetry and medical/surgical nurse at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance. A graduate of El Camino College, she also has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Western Governors University in Salt Lake City, where she also completed her master's degree in nursing.



**Andre Lee**, Business, computer information systems instructor. Andre has a master's degree in systems engineering and a bachelor's degree in information systems, both from Loyola Marymount University. His teaching experience includes positions at El Camino College and LMU, and has worked in the industry as a systems engineer, telecommunications officer and digital strategy project manager. He also mentors a high school robotics team.



**Benjamin Mitchell**, Mathematical Sciences, math instructor. Benjamin earned a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Oregon at Eugene and a bachelor's in mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley. His career background includes teaching a variety of math classes, from probability and statistics to calculus. Matthew has also served as a math tutor for several years, guiding students in coursework and study skills.



**Liz Jennison**, Business, accounting instructor. Liz earned a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in accounting, both from Loyola Marymount University. She is a certified public accountant with career experience in both private and public accounting. Liz most recently worked as an assurance manager at a public accounting firm in Torrance, where she managed and performed engagements of financial statement audits and reviews.



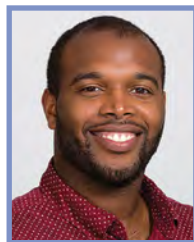
**Matthew Mata**, Mathematical Sciences, math instructor. Matthew has a doctorate from UCLA, as well as a master's and bachelor's degree from California State University, Fullerton – all in applied mathematics. His teaching experience includes positions at UCLA and UC Santa Barbara, covering a variety of topics, such as applied numerical methods, linear algebra and applications, calculus, and differential equations. He is also a longtime tutor.



**Christopher Page**, Humanities, English instructor. Before joining the El Camino College faculty, Christopher taught a variety of English courses, such as reading, composition, and basic skills at Long Beach City College and Los Angeles Southwest College. He earned a master's degree in English literature from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a bachelor's degree in creative writing from California State University, Long Beach.



**Shiny Johnson**, Health Sciences & Athletics, nursing instructor. Shiny is a registered nurse and clinical instructor who has previously taught at El Camino College, Cerritos College, and at colleges in India. She has master's degrees from the University of Phoenix and the Annai J.K.K. College of nursing in India, as well as a bachelor's degree from Oxford College of Nursing, also in India. Shiny has also worked in medical facilities in the Los Angeles area.



**Nicholas McGrue**, Business, law instructor. Nicholas has a juris doctor from Pepperdine University School of Law, a Master of Laws from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington. Before joining ECC, he taught business law classes at California Baptist University and Southern New Hampshire University. He is also a member of several professional organizations.



**Jessica Rapoza**, Health Sciences & Athletics, kinesiology instructor/head softball coach. Jessica joins the Warriors after spending the last five seasons as a co-head coach at Santa Ana College, where she helped lead the Dons to several record-breaking performances, including the program's best season in nearly two decades in 2014. She has a bachelor's degree from Point Loma Nazarene University and a master's from California University of Pennsylvania.



**Victoria Robertson,** Health Sciences & Athletics, respiratory care instructor. A graduate of El Camino College's respiratory care program,

Victoria also has a bachelor's degree in business from Howard University and a master's degree in education from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She has been a teacher with Long Beach Unified and has also worked as a respiratory care practitioner at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.



**Jane Sandor,** Humanities, English instructor. Jane has a master's degree in creative writing and English literature from the University

of Alabama and a bachelor's degree in religion and biblical literature from Smith College. Her classroom teaching experience includes positions at Mount St. Mary's College, Glendale Community College, and the University of Alabama, where she taught a variety of classes, from creative writing to literary analysis.



**Satish Singhal,** Mathematical Sciences, computer science instructor. Satish comes to El Camino College after more than 30 years as a scientist and professor. He has a doctorate in materials science and engineering from State University New York, Stony Brook, as well as a bachelor's degree from the University of Roorkie and a master's degree in metallurgy from the Indian Institute of Technology, both in India.



**Karla Villatoro,** Natural Sciences, biology instructor. Karla earned a master's degree in entomology from the University of Nebraska, as well

as bachelor's degrees in biology from the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. She previously taught various biology courses at El Camino College and at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, and has published and presented research papers on the topics of biology and entomology.



**Todd White,** Natural Sciences, microbiology instructor. Todd has a doctorate in microbiology and immunology from the University of Arizona,

as well as a bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of California, San Diego. His career experience includes teaching biology and microbiology courses and labs at Cerritos College, Cypress College, and El Camino College. He has also held positions in research.

## New Managers



**Jaynie Ishikawa,** Director, Staff and Student Diversity. Jaynie earned a Juris Doctor from Pepperdine University and a Bachelor of Arts

in psychology from Harvard University. Before ECC, Jaynie worked as a deputy attorney for the State of California Department of Transportation, handling various areas of civil litigation, including employment and personnel matters.



**Randy Totorp,** Director, Athletics and Kinesiology. Randy has a master's degree in physical education from Azusa Pacific University and a

bachelor's degree from San Diego State University. He also earned an associate degree at Long Beach City College, where he previously worked as an instructor, volleyball coach, and interim athletic director.

## Student Success:

### Grant Brings Engineering Ed to Area High Schools

El Camino College is a partner in a recently awarded multi-million dollar grant to bring engineering education to area high schools, while also creating a pathway to college and career opportunities. ECC is part of the five-college Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing, which secured a \$15 million grant from the California Department of Education through the California Career Pathways Trust, a \$250 million competitive grant program. Long Beach City College will serve as the fiscal lead on the grant project that also includes Cerritos College, Harbor College, and Pasadena City College.

ECC's share of the grant is approximately \$2.8 million, which will be used to implement the highly successful engineering technology pathway - known as Project Lead the Way (PLTW) - at the partner colleges. PLTW is already in place at ECC and Cerritos College, offering exciting courses such as principles of engineering, introduction to engineering design, and computer integrated manufacturing. For more info, click [here](#).

## Accreditation Update: SLO News

SLO Co-Coordinator Karen Whitney and Russell Serr recently reported that El Camino College faculty and staff have made significant progress on outcome assessments as the September 12 deadline approaches for spring reports to be entered into TracDat. For those who still have reports to complete, feel free to join one of the upcoming assessment workshops, set for 3:00 p.m. September 10 and 1:00 p.m. September 11 in the Library West Basement. Participants can bring data and receive assistance entering data into reports. Division facilitators are also a great resource if there are any questions. For more information, go to: <https://elcamino.tracdat.com/tracdat/>.

## ECC Scholarship Program

The El Camino College Foundation Online Scholarship Application is now open! Students with a 2.0 grade point average or better and have completed, or are in the process of completing, a minimum of six graded credit units at ECC are encouraged to apply by the December 6 deadline. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 and may be used to help pay for tuition, books and fees. El Camino College offers a diverse scholarship program with criteria including: honors and academic achievement, financial need, leadership and community service, organizational and campus club affiliation, and more. This past April, approximately \$500,000 in scholarships was awarded to more than 500 El Camino College students at the annual Foundation Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Students may apply online via **MyECC**, under the Web Services tab.

## Campus Calendar

### September

- 13 First "Home" Football Game at Redondo Union High
- 15-18 Club Rush
- 20 Planetarium Show
- 26 Club Mixer
- 28 Dane Teter, Polli Chambers-Salazar & James E. Mack Concert

### October

- 4 Distinguished Alumni Awards
- 9 Transfer Day Fair
- 10 Last Day to Apply for Fall Degrees and Certificates
- 10-11 Student One-Act Plays
- 16 Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill
- 17 Planetarium Show
- 18 Mid-Term Classes Begin
- ECC Resident Artist Series: Jason Davidson, Speech
- 20 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 21-23 Blood Drive
- 24 ECC Resident Artist Series: Ellie Choate, harp
- 27 ECC Jazz Bands

## AIMS Team Update

The newly formed AIMS Team (Assessment, Intervention and Management for Safety) is a group of individuals from several disciplines and areas who work together to maintain a safe community at ECC. Coordinated within the Emergency Preparedness Organization, the AIMS Team is co-chaired by Janet Schaeffer and Chief Michael Trevis. With the violent events that have occurred in the past two decades, even as recently as last year at nearby Santa Monica College, schools have been forming teams to address the issues involved in campus safety.

One of the main functions of AIMS is to collect as much information as possible about behaviors that are of concern to faculty, staff and students. Once a report is received by the team, the information is evaluated and a determination is made regarding the intervention, which almost always involves gathering more information. Detailed information brings additional opportunities to be proactive and effective in intervening to remedy a problem.

The AIMS Team wants to hear from you! The team can only be effective when problems are detected before they become crises: REPORT, INFORM, and SHARE. Online reporting is available at the AIMS Web page or call or email any of the team members with concerns. For a list of team members or more information, go to [www.elcamino.edu/administration/vpas/aims/contactus.asp](http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/vpas/aims/contactus.asp).