Welcome New Faculty, Managers and Staff!

This academic year we are pleased to welcome 20 new full-time faculty members, four managers and 18 classified staff members. This issue of President’s News introduces all of our outstanding new employees. Please take some time to meet the most recent members of our campus community.

New Faculty

**Eduardo Barajas**  
Mathematical Sciences, math instructor.  
A graduate of El Camino College, Eduardo returns to ECC as a faculty member. After graduating from ECC, he transferred to California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in math. Eduardo also has a master’s degree in math from Loyola University Chicago. He has taught math courses at Malcolm X College in Chicago and Loyola University Chicago.

**Mary Barrios**  
Counselor. Mary received a master’s degree in counseling from the University of La Verne. She is also a graduate of Mt. San Antonio College and has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from California State University, Fullerton. Her counseling experience at area community colleges includes San Bernardino Valley, Citrus, Rio Hondo and Mt. San Antonio colleges. Mary has served as a transfer counselor, tech prep counselor, and was a Puente Project coordinator.

**Monica Chaban**  
Business, computer information systems instructor. After earning a bachelor’s degree from Westfield State College in Massachusetts, Monica went on to earn a master’s degree in business administration from Western New England College, also in Massachusetts. She has taught courses at Santa Monica College and Mt. Sierra College in Monrovia, in addition to holding positions in the IT field.

**Allison Carr**  
Humanities, English instructor. Allison earned a master’s degree in English at California State University, Dominguez Hills and a bachelor’s degree in theater studies with a minor in English from the University of Texas at Austin. She has been teaching composition and reading at El Camino College since 2005. Previous career experience includes positions at California State University, Long Beach and Dominguez Hills, as well as at the middle school level.

**Yamonte Cooper**  
Counselor. Yamonte has a master’s degree in counseling and a bachelor’s degree in sociology, both from California State University, Northridge. He was a counselor and instructor at West Los Angeles College, Los Angeles City College, and Pasadena City College, where worked with students in EOP&S, the Career/Transfer Center, and community education. His classroom experience also includes several years as an elementary school teacher.

**Ross Durand**  
Industry & Technology, construction technology instructor. Ross has management and tradesman experience spanning 26 years, which includes residential, commercial, school, and hospital construction. He is a licensed general contractor, and has run his own business since 2000. He has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from California State University, Long Beach, and has taught construction technology courses at Orange Coast College.
Nathan Fernley
Health Sciences & Athletics, physical education instructor/baseball coach. Nathan has a bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young University and a master’s degree in sports science (emphasis on coaching) from the United States Sports Academy. He has been an instructor and baseball coach at ECC since 2006, and has also coached at Long Beach City College. He played professional baseball for the Cleveland Indians and Chicago Cubs organizations.

Bernadette Flameno
Counselor. Bernadette received a master’s degree in counseling and a bachelor’s degree in business administration, both from California State University, Los Angeles. Her experience in counseling includes positions at El Camino College, Mt. San Antonio College, Rio Hondo College and California State University, Los Angeles. She has served in the CalWORKs, SSTARS, Bridge Program, and transfer areas, among others.

Junko Endo Forbes
Mathematical Sciences, mathematics instructor. Junko received an associate degree from Long Beach City College, and then continued on to earn a bachelor’s and master’s degree in math from California State University, Long Beach. Her teaching experience includes positions at a variety of area colleges, including El Camino College, Coastline Community College, Long Beach City College, Rio Hondo College, East Los Angeles College, and Cerritos College.

Kurt Hull
Business, accounting instructor. Kurt earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting and a master’s degree in business administration from Providence College in Rhode Island. He has taught a variety of business and accounting classes at El Camino College, Glendale College, Florida Southern College and California State University, Los Angeles. Kurt also has many years of experience as a CPA.

Octavia Hyacinth
Health Sciences & Athletics, nursing instructor. Octavia received a master’s degree in nursing from California State University, Long Beach. She has been a registered nurse in intensive care at Little Company of Mary Hospital since 2005 and also a registered nurse in the Telemetry/Direct Observation Unit/Respiratory/Oncology at Long Beach Memorial Hospital since 2001.

Kelsey Iino
Counselor. Kelsey is a graduate of El Camino College who went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a master’s degree in counseling from UCLA. She has been a counselor at Citrus College, Santa Monica College, and El Camino College. Kelsey has counseled international students, honors transfer students, and STEM students, in addition to working with the First Year Experience program and Career Center.

Janice Ishikawa
Counselor. Janice received a master’s degree in education counseling from California State University, Dominguez Hills, in addition to a bachelor’s degree in sociology from UCLA. Her counseling experience includes positions at Los Angeles Harbor College. Her experience in working with and counseling students ranges from transfer to career training and from EOP&S to basic skills.

Scott Kushigemachi
Humanities, English instructor. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in English from Biola University, Scott continued his education at California State University, Long Beach where he earned a master’s degree in English. His classroom experience includes teaching positions at El Camino, Cypress, Cerritos, and Rio Hondo colleges, where he taught a variety of English courses, from basic skills to transfer-level writing.
Rachel Lewis
Humanities, English instructor. Rachel graduated from the University of Arizona, earning a doctorate and master’s degree in rhetoric, composition and the teaching of English. She began pursuing higher education at the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in English language and literature. She taught writing courses at Los Angeles Southwest College, West Los Angeles College, and the University of Arizona.

Alice Martinez
Mathematical Sciences, mathematics instructor. Alice has a master’s degree in applied mathematics from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and a bachelor’s in math and Spanish from Lake Forest College in Illinois. Her classroom experience includes teaching positions as a math instructor, from the elementary school to the college level. Most recently, she taught courses at El Camino College, LA Harbor College, and Cerritos College.

Martha Sandoval-Martinez
Mathematical Sciences, mathematics instructor. Martha earned a bachelor’s degree in English with a minor in math at the University of California at Davis and then continued on to complete a master’s degree in pure mathematics at California State University, Long Beach. As a math instructor at Santa Ana College, Marymount College, and CSULB, she has taught courses from basic algebra to calculus.

Rutina Taylor
Counselor. Rutina received a master’s degree in counseling and a bachelor’s degree in human services from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Her counseling experience includes working with a variety of student programs at El Camino College, San Bernardino Valley College and Norco College. In addition, she taught courses at Chaffey College and at the elementary school level.

Anne Valle
Natural Sciences, life sciences instructor. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in biology from California State University, Dominguez Hills, Anne continued her education at the University of California at San Diego, where she earned a doctorate in biomedical sciences. Her teaching experience includes positions at El Camino College, West Los Angeles College, Santa Monica College, and CSUDH, where she taught anatomy and biology courses.

Angela Willcocks
Fine Arts, Web design instructor. Angela earned a bachelor’s degree in visual communications from Sydney College of the Arts in Sydney, Australia then went on to pursue a master’s degree in drawing and painting from Georgia State University. She has an additional master’s degree in arts computation and engineering. Her classroom experience includes teaching a variety of art and multimedia courses; she has also worked in the design field for many years.

New Managers
Leisa Biggers
Director of Staff & Student Diversity
Rory Natividad
Dean, Health Sciences & Athletics
Claudia Lee
Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, El Camino College
David Vakil
Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, ECC Compton Center
New Classified Staff Members

Christina Baskin,  
Dispatch Clerk, Campus Police

Shelton Bass,  
Accounting Officer

Edwin Brooks,  
Computer Systems Support Technician

Maurillo Caro Corona,  
Custodian

Chang Woo Cha,  
Laboratory Technician II

Somphone Chen,  
Instructional Services Advisor DSPS

Ernesto De la Torre,  
Custodian

Robert Ferari,  
Library Media Technician III

Virginia Ford,  
Custodian

Matthew Hutcherson,  
Toolroom/Instructional Equipment Attendant

Sunnie Medina,  
Senior Clerical Assistant

Bonnie Mercado,  
Senior Clerical Assistant

Julie Meredith,  
Senior Clerical Assistant

LaTonya Motley,  
Instructional Media Coordinator

Harold Tyler to Address Class of 2011

We are pleased to introduce the El Camino College Commencement Speaker for 2011 – our very own Harold Tyler, director of student development. We are especially honored to have Harold address the Class of 2011, as he recently announced that he will retire in December, after 35 years of service to El Camino College.

Harold earned a bachelor’s degree in business from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and an associate degree from El Camino College, where he served as an officer with student government. The dean of men at the time, Dr. Henry Kirk, recognized Harold’s leadership potential and strongly suggested that he apply for a specialist position in the Student Activities Office when he graduated ECC in 1975. He landed the job and 13 years later became director of student development.

When not in the Student Activities Office, Harold can often be found on the courts. An avid basketball player, coach, and fan, he has been an announcer for Warrior basketball games for the past three years. As a youth, he played on the Compton High School basketball team, and was a volunteer assistant coach for the ECC basketball team from 1973-75. When he retires, Harold is looking forward to more coaching, spending time with his four grown children and grandchildren, and watching Oakland Raiders football games.

Campus Calendar

**September**

24  Last Day to Drop w/out Note on Permanent Record
25  “The Road Ahead” – ECC Foundation

**October**

4  ECC Jazz & Dance Bands
15  Last Day to Apply for Graduation and Certificates
15-16  Student One-Act Plays
16  ECC Resident Artist Series: Chris Mello, Guitar
18  Board of Trustees Meeting
16  ECC Resident Artist Series: Karin Lynge Jensen, dance

Save the Date!

Our new classified staff members will be officially introduced to the campus community during the Classified Service Awards ceremony scheduled for October 28. Photos will be shared in an upcoming President’s News.