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El Camino College Welcomes New Managers

Eight new managers recently joined the El Camino College management team. Mateo Arguelles is a new campus police sergeant; Thurman Brown is ECC's new technical services supervisor; Elise Geraghty is the interim dean for the Humanities Division; Cesar Jimenez is the new counseling and student success associate dean; and Berkeley Price is the new dean of the Fine Arts Division.

Rebecca Russell joins El Camino College as the director of library & learning resources; Ben Traina is the interim director of the college's Center for Applied Competitive Technologies; and Nailah Smith is the new assessment testing office supervisor.

A graduate of the El Camino College Police Reserve Academy, **Mateo Arguelles** is a new campus police sergeant. His police service experience includes a position at El Camino College Compton Center for nearly 17 years where he worked to ensure the safety of students and employees on campus. In addition, he has volunteered as a reserve officer with the South Pasadena Police Department for more than 30 years and has completed advanced training with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Thurman Brown, ECC's new technical services supervisor, has nearly 20 years of experience as a senior computer systems support analyst. An El Camino College alumnus, Thurman first joined El Camino College team as a staff member in 2013, serving as a computer systems support technician. His career experience also includes running his own tech support company and restaurant, in addition to working in systems support for various organizations.

Elise Geraghty is the interim dean for the Humanities Division. She first came to ECC as an English instructor in 2007 and has served as ECC's associate dean, Humanities since 2011. Elise earned a master's degree in English literature from Loyola Marymount University, in addition to a bachelor's degree in English from UCLA and an associate degree from Santa Monica College. Her teaching experience includes a wide variety of English courses, including composition, critical analysis, and literature.

Cesar Jimenez, the new counseling and student success associate dean, was previously the director of student development at Morton College in Illinois, where he oversaw the

academic advising, counseling, workforce development, and testing departments. Cesar has a doctorate in higher education and organizational change from Benedictine University, a graduate certificate in leadership from Harvard University, and bachelor's and master's degrees from University of Illinois at Chicago.

Berkeley Price is the new dean of the Fine Arts Division. He comes to ECC from Antelope Valley College, where he was a professor of applied music, conductor/music director, and most recently, the chair of the Performing Arts Department, which includes music, commercial music, dance and theater arts. Berkeley earned a bachelor's degree in music from Brigham Young University, and a master's degree in music and a doctorate in musical arts from Eastman School of Music.

Director of Library & Learning Resources **Rebecca Russell** was previously the library and learning resources supervisor at Ventura College before joining the ECC team. She also held a learner support/IT specialist position at Argosy University and worked for Glencoe/McGraw-Hill's School Solutions Group and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publishers. Rebecca has a master's degree in library science from Florida State University, a master's degree from New York University and a bachelor's degree from State University of New York.

Ben Traina is the interim director of the college's Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT). He has more than 35 years of experience in contract management, most recently serving as a contracts director for the Aerospace Corporation. Ben has a bachelor's degree from Loyola Marymount University and a Juris Doctor from the University of West Los Angeles School of Law. In the community, he has served on the Lomita City Council for many years.

The new assessment testing office supervisor is **Nailah Smith**, who comes to ECC from a position as an eligibility worker with the County of Los Angeles. She was also a registrar and student assessment/testing administrator at the University of West Los Angeles School of Law and an elementary school teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of California, Riverside and a Juris Doctor from the University of West Los Angeles School of Law.

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