



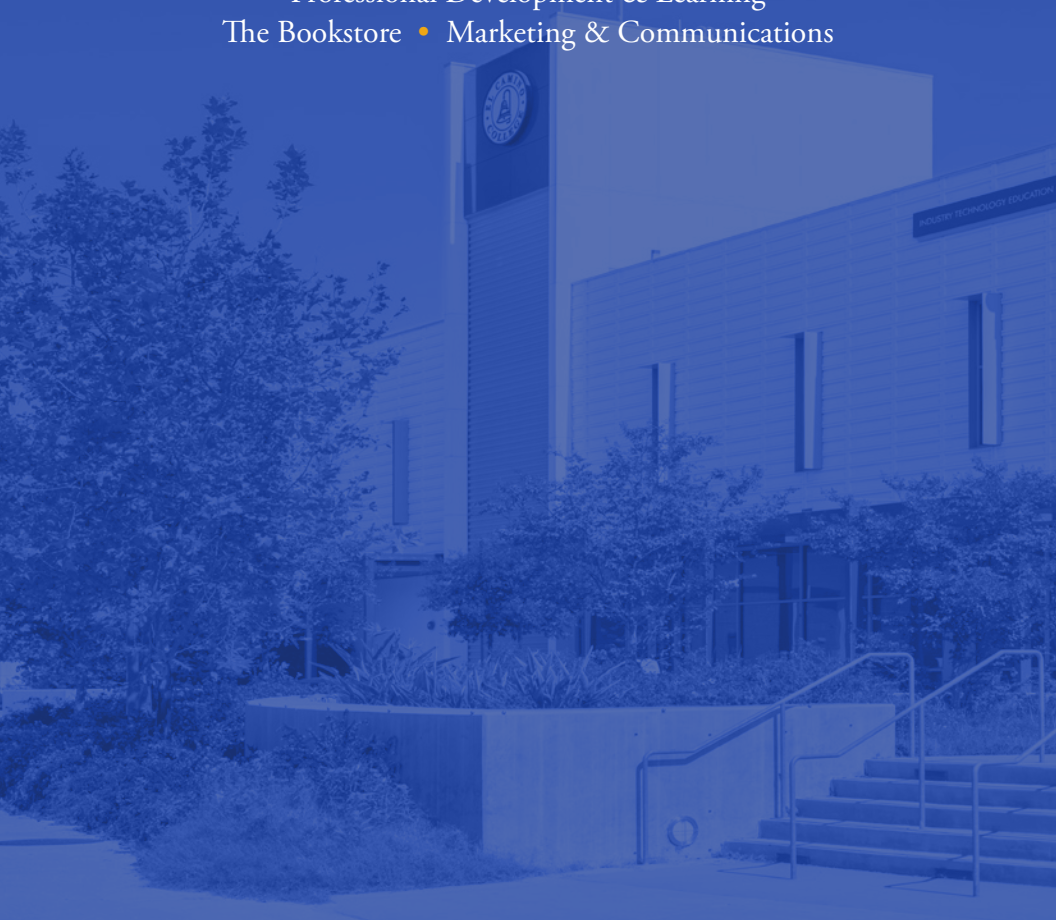
El Camino College

FIFTH ANNUAL TENURE RECEPTION

Wednesday, February 10th, 2021
12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

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NATURAL SCIENCES

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Troy Moore

COUNSELING

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Lesley Meza
Rosie Miranda
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Xiao Wang
Robert Williams

STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS

Susan Nilles





EDWIN AMBROSIO

Computer Science

Edwin Ambrosio teaches classes on C++, data structures, Java, Android, UNIX, assembly language, and computer science principles for the computer science department. In 2019, he was the principal investigator for the El Camino College team that won the inaugural NASA Minority University Research and Education Program (MUREP) Idea Tech Transfer and Innovation Competition (MITTIC), which explored the commercial use of the Portable Wireless Signal Booster (PWSB) for boosting WiFi signal. He is currently pursuing his Ed.D. at St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida, with anticipated completion in 2022. Outside of work, Edwin loves to travel, play and watch sports, and sing karaoke.



MARIA BARRIO DE MENDOZA

Spanish

Maria Barrio De Mendoza was born and raised in Perú in a family of educators. She attended Perú's Nacional Mayor de San Marcos University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in education with a biology and chemistry concentration. In the U.S., Maria earned her master's degree in Spanish literature and linguistics from CSU Long Beach. Maria has taught and at various institutions, including one high school, nine community colleges in the L.A. area and at CSU Long Beach. Maria has taught different levels of Spanish at El Camino since 2006. She feels very blessed to continue serving a community she calls home as a tenured faculty member. In her spare time, Maria enjoys traveling. She has visited several states and 14 countries around the world.





KEVIN BLICKFELDT

Music

Kevin Blickfeldt is the Head of the Classical and Broadway Voice Area at ECC. He also is the director of the college's opera workshop ensemble and produces their concerts each semester. Working with the talented young singers at El Camino has been one of the great joys of his life. In addition to his work at ECC, Kevin is an active performer, having sung with symphonies and opera companies across North and South America and Europe as well as having been on the hit TV show, "America's Got Talent." In his spare time, Kevin loves traveling, investing, reading, running, water and snow skiing, and long dinners with friends. Lastly, and most importantly, Kevin is the father to the cutest little girl in the whole world, who he raises with his dreamboat of a partner, Thomas.



CYNTHIA CERVANTES

Child Development

Cynthia Cervantes holds a B.A. in child development and an M.A. in early childhood education from CSU Northridge. She has served as the adviser for El Camino's child development club since its founding in 2017. Previously, Cynthia worked for a child care resource and referral agency coaching childhood education professionals. She is married and has three beautiful children: Clarissa, Juliette and Gregorio Jr., who was born on her birthday in July 2020. Cynthia enjoys spending time with her family and learning alongside Clarissa during her online kindergarten class.





ROBERT DIAZ

Electronics & Computer Hardware Technology

Robert Diaz attended El Camino College in the early 1970s before earning his degree in industrial technology from CSU Long Beach. Robert's industry experience includes positions with TRW, Epson America and Eizo-Nanao. Bob was a part-time instructor for 16 years before transitioning to full-time teaching. He now teaches beginning electronics, digital logic, solid-state devices, and microprocessors. His hobbies are electronics, still photography and video production. Robert is an engineer at the miniature train rides in Wilson Park, Torrance.



ROCIO DIAZ

Counselor

After graduating from Narbonne High School, Rocio Diaz began her college journey at El Camino. She spent a semester at ECC before enrolling at UC Berkeley as a spring admit. After graduation, Rocio decided to stay in education to help others. Rocio considers her role as a counselor at El Camino a dream come true and a privilege to grow alongside the community she calls home. She's honored to be a part of students' journeys and grateful they are a part of hers. Rocio's memorable moments at El Camino include commencement days, being a part of an amazing cohort, and the flex day pancake breakfast.





REBECCA DONEGAN

Geography

Rebecca Donegan earned an A.A. from Glendale Community College in 2005 and both a B.A. and M.A. in geography from CSU Northridge in 2009. She has taught at Compton College, Mt. Sac, and CSU Dominguez. For Rebecca, tenure requires a deeper

dedication to students.



MARIA GARCIA

Counselor

Maria Garcia is a proud alumna of Mount San Antonio College and CSU Long Beach. She earned her Master of Science in counseling in 2011. Since completing her studies, Maria has provided counseling services to underrepresented students at CSU and community

college campuses. Maria is delighted to serve as a full-time counselor in the EOPS, CARE and CalWORKs programs. Commencement is her favorite day of the year.





CHRISTOPHER GLOVER

English

Christopher Glover teaches composition courses and serves as the coordinator of the El Camino Writing Center. One day, a few semesters ago, a student walked into his classroom a few minutes early as he was setting up. The student put her things down, exhaled, looked at Chris and said, “I’m so happy I get to have my favorite class today!” His heart immediately warmed. He smiled a big smile, turned back to the board to continue writing the day’s agenda. Then, abruptly, he stopped. Chris turned to look at the student and asked, “Wait, you’re talking about this class, right?” “Yes!” she assured him. The lesson Chris learned: always graciously accept a compliment, and never be afraid to acknowledge your impostor syndrome.



TIMOTHY GOUGH

Sign Language/Interpreter Training

Timothy Gough looks forward to continuing to grow professionally at El Camino College. He has taught for 20 years and is enjoying his fifth year at ECC. He is very proud to be a faculty member of the college.





AMY HERRSCHAFT

Counselor

Amy Herrschaft's career at El Camino started in 2010, working in the financial aid office while completing her master's in counseling from CSU Long Beach. Today, Amy is the counselor for El Camino's international student program, where she has the privilege of meeting with students from all over the world. She expects to complete her doctorate in educational leadership at CSU Long Beach this May. Her research focus is on white racial identity development and antiracism. Amy has been married for 13 years and has two children, ages four and seven. For fun, Amy likes to travel with her family. Some of her favorite trips include London, Paris and Amsterdam.



CHRISTOPHER HURD

Counselor

Christopher Hurd is a Bruin, an LMU Lion and a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He believes El Camino's Student Equity & Achievement program has helped close equity gaps, but he recognizes that there is still work to be done. Before he retires, Chris would like to see El Camino fully embrace equity work across the campus. He has enjoyed being a part of El Camino's Student Leadership Institute, MANA, Men of Color and First Gen conferences, and other events and activities.





**ANALU KAMEEIAMOKU
CRUZE-JOSEPHIDES**
Reference Services Librarian

Analu Kameeiamoku Cruze-Josephides holds a B.A. in Hawaiian Studies focused on traditional Society and an MLISc with a concentration on Indigenous & Native Hawaiian Librarianship and preservation and conservation of archival records. His current studies as a Ph.D. student in the Graduate School of Education Information Science at State University New York at Buffalo focuses on developing an indigenous information literacy framework and how ancestral knowledge can be applied in the classroom at two-year institutions. As El Camino's reference services librarian, he oversees LibChat and LibAnswers, ECC's virtual reference platforms. Analu is also a myPATH Faculty member, MANA faculty adviser, and the Academic Senate's VP of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. He is an actor with four films under his belt, a writer working on a history project, and a genealogist who worked on PBS' "Finding Your Roots."





DARCIE McCLELLAND

Biology

Darcie McClelland teaches gen bio for non-majors and majors intro cell and molecular biology. She is also president of the Academic Senate and works passionately to promote equity at El Camino. Darcie enjoys mentoring student research involving DNA barcoding, and one of her favorite ECC memories is traveling to Stanford with her students to watch them present their research. Darcie received her B.A. in biology from University of San Diego and her Ph.D. in cell, molecular, and developmental biology from UC Riverside. She did her postdoc in the dynamic genome program at UC Riverside, which focuses on using early research experiences to promote equity in STEM. Darcie enjoys coaching softball at Rosary High School, kickboxing, tasting and collecting wine, and hiking with her dogs Simba and Sasha. She is also a die-hard Steelers fan.



GARY MEDINA

Public Access Librarian

Gary Medina's varied educational background includes an undergraduate degree in finance and master's degrees in public policy and administration and library and information science. He spent the first portion of his career at an investment newspaper before working briefly with the American Red Cross and a global test preparation company. For Gary, becoming a librarian was a culmination of personal interest in research, skill set, learning, and desire to support others in their life goals. He considers El Camino College a natural fit and feels proud of the contributions he makes to the college daily. Gary is a proud parent to a 10-year-old son and recently began his journey as an amateur woodblock printer. He also enjoys spending time traveling the west.





DYLAN MEEK

Welding

Dylan Meek is an experienced welder in the structural, earthquake retrofit and aerospace fields. He is a Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety licensed welder and an American Welding Society certified welding inspector. Dylan's teaching at El Camino focuses on structural welding techniques using the shielded metal and flux-cored arc welding processes. The most rewarding part of his work at El Camino is watching students use the skills they learned in his classroom to land well-paid jobs. Dylan has an A.S. in Welding Technology from Los Angeles Trade Tech College.



LESLEY MEZA

Counselor

Native Angelino and first-generation college graduate Lesley Meza has been a counselor at El Camino College for over five years. She double-majored in global studies and Spanish at UC Santa Barbara and obtained her graduate degree in counseling and a career education and counseling certificate from CSU Northridge. She is currently enrolled in LMU's educational leadership for social justice Ed.D. program. In her spare time, Lesley enjoys traveling and being outdoors.





ROSIE MIRANDA
Counselor

Rosie Miranda was determined to pursue higher education despite being a teen mom. She earned an associate degree from Cerritos College before obtaining her bachelor's in psychology and master's in counseling. As a product of the community college system, Rosie is proof that with the right programs, counseling and faculty mentoring, there is no limit to what one can accomplish. Rosie's previous experience includes working as an EOPS, former foster youth and financial aid counselor. She has taught career counseling success courses and is currently a general and transfer counselor. Rosie loves the Los Angeles Dodgers, hiking and searching the web for decorating ideas. She is a mother to three boys and married to her high school sweetheart.



TROY MOORE
Chemistry

Troy Moore earned a doctorate in chemistry from UC Berkeley and a bachelor's degree in pharmacological chemistry from UC San Diego. Before joining the El Camino College faculty, Troy gained teaching experience at Fullerton College, UC Berkeley, and UC San Diego.





JOHN MUFICH

Business Management

Dr. John Mufich's 35-year career includes positions in diverse and highly-regulated industries and roles in traditional businesses. John credits this experience with helping him fulfill his life-long dream of becoming a professor at El Camino College. His educational achievements include a doctorate in business administration, an M.S. in procurement management and contract law, and both an MBA and B.B.A in finance. Additionally, he is certified in project management.



SUSAN NILLES

Student Health Services

Susan Niles earned a B.A. in psychology from UC Berkeley and a master's degree in nursing from Samuel Merritt University. She also holds a post-master's certification from Western University of Health Sciences as a family nurse practitioner. Susan is also certified as an emergency nurse, a public health nurse and a nurse practitioner. She is the treasurer-elect for Health Services Association of California Community Colleges (HSA-CCC), a statewide professional organization. Her hospital specialties before college health include the emergency department and critical care units. Her teaching experience in nursing includes didactic and clinical rotations in medical/surgical nursing, emergency/disaster nursing and public health nursing.





RICHARD PERKINS
Computer Information Systems

Richard was born and raised in Gardena, California. He attended El Camino College and graduated in 2005. He transferred to Humboldt State University, where he graduated with a B.A. in journalism (broadcast news) in 2008. Richard earned his MIS from University of Phoenix in 2011. He started teaching part-time at El Camino in 2012 and began studying Cybersecurity. Richard is now teaching Cybersecurity courses such as digital forensics, cybersecurity programming and ethical hacking, amongst other classes. He also is an assistant track coach for El Camino College. Outside of work, Richard enjoys spending time with his wife of six years and going to church where he plays piano and oversees the music department.



CATHERINE SCHULT ROMAN
Mathematics

Catherine Schult Roman has a master's degree and a bachelor's degree in math from CSU Long Beach and an additional bachelor's degree in music from UCLA. In the classroom, Catherine's career experience includes teaching a variety of mathematical subjects from algebra to statistics at Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Rancho Santiago College in Santa Ana.





SERANDA SYLVERS

Counselor

Seranda Sylvers is a two-time LMU graduate, completing degrees in political science and counseling. Currently, Seranda is working on a doctorate in educational leadership at CSU Long Beach. She is deeply grateful to her boss and mentor, Dr. Cynthia Mosqueda, for extending her an internship opportunity with El Camino's First Year Experience program. As an FYE counselor, Seranda helps students navigate the hidden curriculum, uncover their skills and abilities, and discover their career and educational paths. Her most memorable moments at El Camino include creating the First-Generation Initiative and crafting the Black Lives Matter Resolution. Seranda is thankful for her husband, Joseph, who supports all of her educational, personal and professional adventures.



OSCAR VILLAREAL

Mathematics

Oscar Villareal grew up in Santa Ana in Orange County. He studied at Santa Ana College before transferring to UC Irvine to earn a degree in mathematics and, later, a Ph.D. in mathematics from UC Berkeley. Before settling at El Camino College, Oscar taught at institutions in California, Indiana, and Mexico. His most memorable experiences at El Camino have been the various student award ceremonies he's attended. When he's not teaching or working on chores around the house, Oscar enjoys woodworking, watching soccer and sailing.





XIAO WANG

Counselor

Xiao Wang received her master's degree in counseling with an emphasis in marriage and family therapy from CSU Los Angeles. She started her career at El Camino as a high school outreach counselor, then moved to the basic skills program and matriculation counseling. Xiao's latest assignment as a retention counselor for the student success program, where she serves students on academic probation, has brought deep meaning to her work. She enjoys listening to students' life stories, supports them with their individual life challenges, and has been enriched through her interactions. During the pandemic, she has picked up different hobbies and self-care, such as gardening, exercising, cooking, and spending time with her family.



ROBERT WILLIAMS

Counselor

Robert Williams completed his bachelor's degree in music/women studies at UCLA. After earning a second bachelor's degree from Argosy University, he began the Master of Science in educational psychology program at CSU Northridge. Robert's passion for social justice has led him to work with communities of color. He hopes that through this work, students will reimagine and redefine themselves as scholars throughout their lives. Robert is a native Angelino and a father to three boys. He enjoys surfing, gardening, and going on long walks with his beautiful wife.





KASSIA WOSICK

Sociology

Kassia Wosick hails from North Dakota and earned her master's and doctorate degrees from UC Irvine, where she fell in love with California and sociology. After a brief career move to New Mexico, she made her way back to Southern California for her current faculty position at El Camino. She teaches courses on sexuality, death and dying, and serves as the Honors Transfer Program Co-Director. Kassia has thoroughly enjoyed working with students, faculty and staff at El Camino. She actively embraces all that SoCal living offers: stunning beaches, great food and live music. Kassia also serves as an animal care and rescue volunteer for seals and sea lions at the Pacific Marine Mammal Center in Laguna Beach.





