



Dr. Carole Goldsmith

Team Chair, Dr. Carole Goldsmith, President of Fresno City College has been recognized as an expert on workforce development, community collaboration, and career technical education. She believes that great cities include high performing education systems and understands the importance of education in providing opportunity to change lives and communities. Dr. Goldsmith has spent over 20 years in a variety of educational leadership roles, currently as President of Fresno City College. Before taking the helm at FCC in August 2016, she served as President of West Hills College Coalinga. Other positions she has held include Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Workforce Development; a K-12 teacher at a small rural school; and as an administrator at an adult school and at a private post-secondary college. Dr. Goldsmith has served on a number of state and local boards. She served on the Board of Governors Task Force on Workforce, Job Creation and a Strong Economy and was appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and reappointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to serve on the Board of Directors of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. She has served on many accreditation sites visits as a peer reviewer, as well as Team Chair. She earned a bachelor's degree from Fresno State, a master's degree from National University and a Doctor of Education from the Joint Doctorate program offered by Fresno State and University of California, Davis.



Dr. David El Fattal

Dr. David El Fattal has served as an executive leader in California community colleges, K-12 schools and private industry for 30 years. He currently serves as Vice Chancellor, Business and Administrative Services for the Ventura County Community College District. Previously, he served as Vice President of Business Services/Assistant Superintendent at Cerritos Community College District and also as Assistant Superintendent, Business Services at Culver City Unified School District. El Fattal is a first-generation college student. He holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in community college leadership from California State University, Fullerton, a Master of Business Administration from Pepperdine University, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Redlands, and an Associate of Arts from Azusa Pacific University.



Christy Karau

Christy Karau (she/her/hers) is a full-time Professor and Department Chair in the Business Department at Sierra College. Christy has 20 years of higher education experience with a special interest in accreditation, curriculum and assessment. She serves on various committees with the ASCCC, most recently on the Faculty Leadership Development Committee. She previously worked as a statewide Guided Pathways facilitator and assessment consultant to community colleges (a graduate of WASC's Assessment Leadership Academy). Ms. Karau is a member of the Presidential Equity Taskforce (at Sierra College), leading the implementation plan titled, The 5 Step Model (for creating equitable learning environments). She is the co-chair of the Educational Effectiveness Committee and a member of the Accreditation Steering Committee. She is actively involved in campus activities including: Guided Pathways Strategic Planning Committee, Professional Development Committee and the Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Eric Klein

Dr. Eric Klein is Dean of Learning and Technology Resources at Grossmont College. He earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and has held several administrative positions throughout his career. Dr. Klein is actively involved in a variety of professional organizations, and is a strong believer in continuing education and professional development. For example, he has participated in the Management Development Program through the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University, as well as the Executive Leadership Academy through the Center for Studies in Higher Education at UC Berkeley. In addition, Dr. Klein has presented at numerous regional and national conferences on the topics of assessment, academic program review, course design, data and decision-making, student retention strategies, and other areas related to teaching and learning.



Wendy Koenig

Wendy Koenig has taught art history as a full-time professor since 2003. I have held positions at Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro) and North Central College (Naperville, Illinois) and I started at Long Beach City College in 2014. She has earned tenure three times! She enjoys teaching at LBCC because of the diverse student population and has a great team of colleagues in the Visual and Media Arts department. She is also the Chair of the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction and as such is directly involved in curricular decisions across campus. She is dedicated to ensuring that our courses and programs serve our students well and help them reach their goals. She holds a Ph.D. in the History of Art from The Ohio State University (Columbus), a Master's Degree in Fine Arts in Art History from Ohio University (Athens), a Diploma in Decorative Arts from the University of Glasgow (Scotland) and Christie's Auction House and a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Art History from the University of Louisville (Kentucky).





Cyndie Luna

Team Assistant, Cyndie Luna is the Dean of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts and the Accreditation Liaison Officer at Fresno City College. Prior to joining administration, she was a communication studies instructor at Fresno City College and a lecturer in communication at California State University, Fresno. She has been with State Center Community College District since 1998 and also serves as a peer evaluator for the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. She holds an MA in Speech Communication from California State University, Fresno and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program for educational leadership through CSU Fresno where she is focusing on the impact of culturally-competent teacher immediacy in the college classroom.



J. Peter Roberto

J. Peter Roberto, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., L.M.S.W. (Pete) holds a Master's Degree in Social Work and is currently Associate Dean for the School of Trades & Professional Services at the Guam Community College (GCC). Prior to his appointment, Pete served as assistant professor and department chair for the Criminal Justice and Social Sciences department and in 2019, served as Faculty Senate President. Through regional grant funding support from the U.S. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, Pete co-authored the pilot program for industry certification in 2016 for drug and alcohol counselors and prevention specialists. In 2013, he obtained a Small Assessment Grant Award as principal author for the establishment of the Associates of Science Degree in Human Services at GCC. Prior to joining GCC, Pete served in administrative and direct service roles with the Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center and Public Health & Social Services. In 2010, Pete obtained recognition as a Distinguished Alumni from the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. He is co-founder of the National Association of Social Work – Guam Chapter and maintains active membership with the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

Dr. Jeff Stephenson



Dr. Jeff Stephenson is the Vice President of Student Services at American River College. He has 22 years of higher education experience including serving as the Associate Vice President of Student Services (Grant Programs), Dean of Counseling and Transfer Services, and also as interim Dean of Equity and Educational Pathways. He was the program director/faculty of the Funeral Service Education Program at ARC, and a professor of mortuary science at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, IL. Jeff is a former department chair, curriculum committee chair and currently serves on numerous committees at the college. He oversees all student services areas at American River College and has been deeply involved in the Guided Pathways work at the college. Jeff was involved in the administrative restructuring of the Student Services Division which now includes the Library and Learning Resources Center. He has served on five previous accreditation teams and has also been the administrative lead for Standard II.B and II.C at ARC. Jeff has also participated on several Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) Peer Review Teams and recently chaired one of the teams. Prior to entering in the field of higher education he was a licensed funeral director and embalmer. Jeff holds a doctorate in education in Leadership for Higher Education from Capella University, a master's degree in education from Western Illinois University, and a bachelor's degree from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

Karen Wong



Karen Wong is a Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness and Professor of English at Skyline College. She's long been committed to student success and equity, with some of her most fulfilling experiences teaching in learning communities such as Puente, serving on the guided pathways committee, and working closely with faculty and staff to leverage SLOs and assessment as one means to strengthen their ability to best support students. Presently she coordinates operations and activities pertaining to institutional effectiveness, ranging from accreditation to program review to SLOs and assessment.