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Compton College Welcomes New Faculty Members for Fall 2018 Semester

Compton College is pleased to announce that eight new faculty members have been hired for the 2018-19 academic year. Each new faculty member brings extensive professional and academic expertise that will enhance student learning and help inspire students to create their own success story in the classroom and beyond.

Lynn Chung

Librarian. Lynn Chung earned a master's degree in library and information science from San Jose State University, and bachelor's degrees in both English and studio art with a minor in digital art from the University of California, Irvine. She most recently served as an adjunct librarian at El Camino College and Fullerton College. She has also worked at the Redondo Beach Public Library, Torrance Public Library, and the Dongguk University Library in Los Angeles. Chung is well versed in library management, reference services, cataloging, periodicals management, and academic instruction. She has taught bibliographic instruction orientations, embedded librarian sessions, and customized library instruction.

Shaun Cook

Chemistry instructor. Shaun Cook earned a master's degree and a bachelor's degree in chemistry, both from California State University Fullerton. Cook has held various positions teaching chemistry at the college level. His teaching experience includes Cerritos College, El Camino College and California State University, Fullerton. In addition to his teaching experience, Cook also worked as a laboratory technician and chemist for ExxonMobil and served in the United States Armed Forces as a Marine and Army sergeant. Cook also received several awards including the American Institute of Chemists award for Outstanding Undergraduate in Chemistry.

Sarah George

English instructor. Sarah George earned her doctorate degree in philosophy in cultural studies and English from Claremont Graduate University, a master's degree in English from California State University, Sacramento, and a bachelor's degree (Summa Cum Laude) in English with a minor in philosophy from California State University, San Diego. She has worked as an instructor and lecturer at California State University, Fullerton; Santiago Canyon College; Saddleback College; Victor Valley Colleg; and California State University, Sacramento. She is the author of several published academic works and an experienced lecturer who has presented on a variety of topics. George is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Modern Language Association, and the California Association of Teachers of English.

Citlali Gonzales

Guided Pathways Counselor/CalWORKs. Citlali Gonzales earned a master's degree in counseling psychology with a concentration in school counseling from the University of San Francisco, and a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in ethnic studies from Santa Clara University. Gonzales most recently worked as an adjunct counselor at Compton College, Chaffey College, Pasadena City College, and Rio Hondo Community College. She also has experience as a guidance counselor and activities director at Downtown College Preparatory High School in San Jose, Calif., and served as Upward Bound program assistant at the University of California, Riverside.

Susan Johnson

English instructor. Susan Johnson earned both a master's degree in English and bachelor's degree in English (Cum Laude) from California State University, Fullerton, and an associate degree with honors from Rancho Santiago College in Santa Ana, Calif. Johnson has experience teaching a variety of topics including introduction to literary forms, critical thinking, freshman composition, preparation for college writing, writing fundamentals, and introduction to reading skills. She has worked as an adjunct English instructor at El Camino College, the Los Angeles Community College District campuses, Cerritos College, Mt. San Antonio College, and Santa Ana College. She is a member of the California Association of Teachers of English.

Evan Skorka

Mathematics instructor. Evan Skorka earned both a master's degree and a bachelor's degree (Cum Laude) in mathematics from the University of California, Irvine. He has previously worked as an instructor of mathematics at El Camino College Compton Center and Rio Hondo College. Courses Skorka has taught include basic mathematics, basic accelerated mathematics, pre-algebra, general educational algebra, elementary algebra, intermediate algebra, college algebra, statistics, trigonometry, and pre-calculus. Skorka also served as interim mathematics professor at Compton College assisting with the collection, analysis and input of Student Learning Outcomes data.

Michael Van Overbeck

Machine Tool Technology instructor. Michael Van Overbeck earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts/3D media (metal, wood and fiber) from California State University, Long Beach, and an associate degree in cabinet and fine woodworking from El Camino College. He worked at El Camino College more than 20 years as tool room and instructional equipment attendant while earning his degrees. He has also taught life drawing and painting for El Camino College Community Education. Overbeck owns and operates a fabrication business featuring custom-made designs.

Lynda Wilkerson

Cosmetology instructor. Lynda Wilkerson earned both a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in career and technical studies from California State University, San Bernardino, and an associate degree in liberal studies from Fullerton College. She holds a California cosmetology and barber license, a cosmetology instructor training certificate, and master degree and designated subjects Career and Technical Education (CTE) credential. She has more than 17 years of professional experience in the cosmetology industry. Her teaching experience as an adjunct instructor includes intermediate and advanced cosmetology at El Camino College, cosmetology skin care and esthetics at Golden West College, and advanced cosmetology at Cerritos College.

Photo available online:

<http://www.compton.edu/campusinformation/currentnews/Photos/2018/Compton-New-Faculty-Fall-2018.jpg>

Caption:

Pictured, left to right (front row) Sarah George, Vice President Academic Affairs Stephanie Atkinson-Alston, Compton College President/CEO Keith Curry, and Lynn Chung; (back row) Shaun Cook, Lynda Wilkerson, Michael Van Overbeck, Susan Johnson, and Evan Skorka.

About Compton College

Compton College is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.