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## **Compton College Welcomes New Faculty Members for Fall 2017 Semester**

Compton College is pleased to announce that four new faculty members have been hired for the 2017-18 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.

### **Domenic Capozzolo**

Reading instructor. Domenic Capozzolo earned a master's degree in English education and a second master's degree in the reading specialist program, both from Columbia University's Teachers College. He received his bachelor's degree in English literature from University of Southern California. Capozzolo has held various positions teaching English at the high school and college levels. He previously served as an English instructor at Saddleback High School and Mendocino High School, and English instructor/SAT tutor at Spartan Academy and Advance Prep Academy. In addition, he was an English instructor for Loyola Marymount University's Upward Bound Math and Science program for Los Angeles Unified School District students.

### **Don Mason**

Administration of Justice instructor. Don Mason earned his doctoral degree in organization leadership from Grand Canyon University; a master's degree in education from Capella University; and a bachelor's degree in education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He began his career in law enforcement – first as a sheriff with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and later as a police officer and sergeant with the Los Angeles School District Police. Mason then transitioned from police officer to professor. He served as an instructor and lecturer in administration of justice at Rio Hondo College, El Camino College and California State University, Los Angeles. Most recently, Mason served as the associate dean of the Business and Public Safety Division at Rio Hondo College. During his time there, he also held positions as interim dean of Arts, Cultural Programs and Continuing Education as well as associate professor/program coordinator for the online administration of justice and corrections programs.

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### **Jasmine Phillips**

Human Development instructor. Jasmine Phillips earned a master's degree in clinical psychology from Vanguard University of Southern California, and a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences with emphasis on child development and family studies from California State University, Long Beach. She has taught courses at Compton College and Santa Monica College in counseling, human development, child development and personal development, as well as psychology. In addition, she has held positions as an adjunct counselor and tenure track general counselor at several California community colleges. Most recently, she served as a regional coordinator for Umoja Community in southern California, a statewide community of educators and learners committed to facilitating academic success for students of color.

### **Sophia Tse**

Nursing instructor. Sophia Tse earned her master's degree in nursing science from California State University, Long Beach. She is a lecturer and clinical instructor with more than twenty years of experience. Most recently, she served as a clinical instructor at Compton College while also working as a nurse practitioner at the Dr. Baylon Clinic in Huntington Beach, Calif. She has held nursing positions at Garden Regional Hospital and Medical Center in Hawaiian Gardens, Calif. and Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. She has also taught nursing at California State University, Dominguez Hills and California State University, Long Beach.

**Photo available online:**

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### **Caption:**

Compton College President Keith Curry (third from left) welcomes four new full-time faculty members: From left, Domenic Capozzolo, Jasmine Phillips, Sophia Tse, and Don Mason.

### **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.

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