

External Evaluation Team



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External Evaluation Team Bios



Dr. Sonya Christian (Team Chair) Sonya Christian is the President of Bakersfield College. Prior to assuming this role Christian was the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Lane Community College in Oregon where she was involved with accreditation work with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Christian started her community college career as a math faculty member, then took on administrative duties as a Division Chair and Dean of Science, Engineering, Allied Health, and Mathematics. Christian earned a bachelor of science degree from University of Kerala in Kerala, India, a master of science from University of Southern California, and her doctorate from University of California, Los Angeles.



Ms. Kate Pluta (Team Assistant) Kate Pluta, Professor of English at Bakersfield College, co-chairs the Accreditation & Institutional Quality and Program Review committees. She has been Bakersfield College Academic Senate President and Kern Community College Faculty Association President. She chaired the Modern Languages Division (English, ESL, and Foreign Languages) and began her career at BC as an adjunct reference librarian. This is her ninth external evaluation visit.

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Dr. Kevin Bontenbal Kevin Bontenbal serves as Instructional Technology Librarian at Cuesta College and Academic Senate President. He has also served on the ASCCC Executive Committee. He co-chaired Cuesta's Self Evaluation and has served on four external evaluation teams.



Dr. Michael Collins Dr. Michael Collins has served as Vice President of Administrative Services at Santa Ana College for the past 2.5 years. Prior to his current role, he was the director for business services at Long Beach Community College District for six years. He served on the implementation team for TracDat at Long Beach City College and is leading the effort at Santa Ana College. His doctoral research focused on higher education finance in California Community Colleges. He was co-chair of Standards III.B and III.D at Santa Ana College in 2014.



Dr. Kevin Fleming Dr. Fleming is a Dean of Instruction, CTE at Norco College. He also serves as the Principal Investigator for the National Science Foundation's National Center for Supply Chain Technology Education. He most recently analyzed industry and workforce needs providing customized labor market research for the California Community College system through the Centers of Excellence. Dr. Fleming earned two Bachelors of Arts from Loyola Marymount University; a Master of Arts from Ohio State University, a MBA from the University of Redlands, and a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Sherrie Guerrero



Dr. Sherrie Guerrero Dr. Sherrie Guerrero currently serves as the associate superintendent of instruction and student services for Chaffey College. Prior to Chaffey College, Guerrero earned tenure at San Bernardino Valley College as a speech instructor. Guerrero holds a bachelor of arts degree in communication studies from California State University, San Bernardino; a master of arts degree in speech communication from California State University, Fullerton; and an educational doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of Southern California.



Ms. Crystal Kollross Crystal Kollross is the Director of Institutional Effectiveness at Pasadena City College (PCC). She is currently an instructor in the First Year Experience Program, the College 1- Freshman Seminar course. As the Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Crystal is responsible for all of the college's internal and external reporting requirements, including preparation of the 320 report, FFON and IPEDs. She is also responsible for the institutional research, planning, surveys, and grant evaluation at the college. She maintains the college's Board Policy and Administrative Procedures review process.

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Dr. Allison Moore Dr. Allison P. Moore, CPA is currently serving as the Academic Senate President at Los Angeles Southwest College where she teaches Accounting. In addition to her teaching and Senate responsibilities, Dr. Moore serves as a member of the Los Angeles Community College District Budget Committee. Past responsibilities have included serving as faculty co-chair of Accreditation, interim Associate Vice President of Administration, Curriculum Chair and Associated Students Organization advisor.



Trina Nahm-Mijo Trina Nahm-Mijo received her B.A., M.Ed. from University of Hawaii at Manoa and her M.P.H. and PhD. From University of California, Berkeley. She has been teaching at Hawaii Community College (HawCC) for 35 years and was recently selected as one of the UH Community College system's all-time "50 Finest" for its 50th Anniversary as a CC system. She is recognized internationally in her teaching specialty of Expressive Arts and was a Visiting Professor to Wonkwang University in South Korea in 2003 and a Fulbright Teaching Scholar to the University of Tallinn in Estonia in 2011 to share her expertise.



Ms. Meridith Randall Meridith Randall has been the Vice President of Instruction at Shasta College since 2012; previously, she worked at Mendocino College for twelve years, serving as the Vice President of Education and Student Services for the last six years. She began her community college career in 1993 as an English instructor at Palau Community College, where she became the Dean of Academic Affairs in 1996. For the past eighteen years, she has been an Accreditation Liaison Officer. She has a BA degree from Amherst College, a MA in English from Cornell University, and a law degree from New York University School of Law.



Dr. John Weispfenning John Weispfenning, Ph.D., was appointed President of Santiago Canyon College in Orange, California, in 2014. From 2012-2014, he served as the Vice President of Instruction at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, with responsibilities for all instructional activities, including curriculum, scheduling, accreditation, assessment, and academic planning. Weispfenning served previously at Santiago Canyon as a Dean of Instruction, sequentially leading three divisions covering the breadth of arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences and the library with additional responsibilities for accreditation and institutional planning.



Mr. Mark Williams Mark Williams is Vice President of Instruction at Taft College in the South San Joaquin Valley. He began his career in the community college system working as a Computer Science faculty member before transitioning to Dean of Business and Computer Information Technology, and then Dean of Career Technical Education. Both instructionally and administratively he has experience working with educational technology in areas as diverse as career pathways websites, academic support systems, gaming development, and serving as faculty webmaster and system administrator. For more than 20 years he has been involved in the development of systems for institutional effectiveness.