

Evergreen Valley College

Accreditation Team

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Dr. Sunita Cooke, Chair
Superintendent/President
MiraCosta College

Dr. Cooke has been involved in higher education in TX and in CA for over 25 years having served as a biology/biotechnology faculty member, director, dean, associate vice chancellor of workforce, and as a community college president in San Diego County for 17 years. Having served in multi-college districts, she now serves as a Superintendent/ President of MiraCosta College (a single college district with four sites) reporting to a seven-member board of trustees. She is involved in state and national organizations focused on transformation of the community college to enhance student success and eliminate equity gaps. She serves on AACC's board of directors and its workforce and economic development commission, the CA Community College League CEO board, Biocom board of directors, and the board of CA Forward. She also focuses on supporting new CEOs within the CA Community Colleges System and chairs the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA) and its regional workforce and economic development efforts on behalf of the 10 colleges in the region.

Dr. Cooke has been active in ACCJC peer review teams since she became a president and has led numerous comprehensive review teams and led a team piloting the new formative/summative process of review.

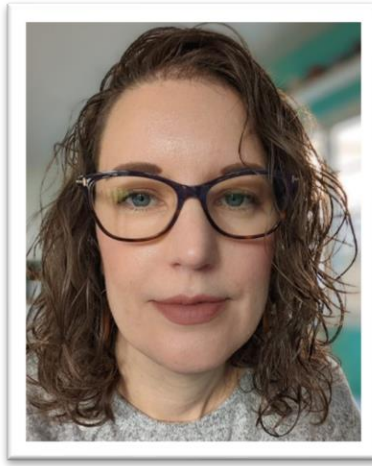


Dr. Jerry Buckley, Vice Chair
President
Reedley College

Dr. Jerry Buckley has been President of Reedley College, near Fresno, since 2019 and has served in higher education for the past 34 years. Dr. Buckley previously held the position of Assistant Superintendent, Vice President of Academic Affairs at College of the Canyons in the Santa Clarita starting in 2013. He has focused on the strategic design and delivery of instructional and student services programs, helping define guided pathway frameworks, while also implementing non-credit and contract education programs. Dr. Buckley also served as Vice President of Instruction for Miramar College in the San Diego Community College District, and as Senior Dean of Institutional Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, as well as a Professor at Grossmont College where he began his teaching career in Cardiovascular Technology. Prior to education, Dr. Buckley worked in the healthcare industry for fourteen years, coordinating clinical research and training personnel in the areas of medical imaging and investigational medical devices. Mr. Buckley earned his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from San Diego State, his M.A. in Biology from Cal State Fullerton and his B.S. in Biological Sciences from USC. He is also a graduate of the Los Angeles Community College District/UCLA Presidents Academy and a UC Davis Wheelhouse Fellow.

Dr. Buckley served on accreditation visiting teams in 2011 and 2017, and was an Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) at College of the Canyons for six years and Miramar College for two years.

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVE



Ms. Jill Bauer
ESL Professor
Cypress College

Jill Bauer has taught English to Speakers of Other Languages for over 16 years. She has been a faculty member at Cypress College in the North Orange County Community College District since 2016 and is currently serving as the College's Accreditation Faculty Chair. Prior to joining Cypress College as a full-time faculty member, she taught ESL or coordinated ESL programs at community colleges and universities in California, Missouri, and Washington State. In 2015, she co-authored an academic writing skills textbook, *Final Draft 2*, for Cambridge University Press. Ms. Bauer holds a MA-TESOL from Seattle Pacific University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Relations from Taylor University.

This is Professor Bauer's first time serving on an ACCJC peer review team.

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVE



Mr. Michael DeCarbo
Professor
Santiago Canyon College

Michael DeCarbo is a professor of communication and was hired in 2000 to create the speech and debate team at Santiago Canyon College. In 2010 he left those duties to serve on the Academic Senate Executive Team for 10 years, serving four years as Senate President. He has sat on, and chaired many committees and currently co-chairs the Student Conduct Committee.

Professor DeCarbo has performed all duties in preparation for accreditation visits and midterm reports at Santiago Canyon College. He has compiled and annotated evidence, written assessments and responses, and participated in all aspects of an accrediting team's visit. In 2020 Michael served on an accreditation visit in northern California the week before Covid hit, which was quite an experience! He has previously focused on Standard IV, specifically IVA, but also has experience contributing across the entire self-evaluation report.

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVE



Ms. Dena Martin

Librarian

Woodland Community College

Dena Martin has been a librarian at Woodland Community College since 2006. She recently completed a sabbatical (2019-2020) on E-Learning Instructional Design & Development and Reading. She collaborates with the tutoring center to organize the Academic Success Workshop series, which is a series of workshops on topics including reading, writing, technology, library, STEM, and more. She is currently faculty lead of WCC's Open Educational Resources workgroup, a member of the Distance Education Committee, and enjoys facilitating professional development workshops on technology, library, OER, and more.

Ms. Martin has participated on seven ACCJC visiting teams to various colleges in California. She contributed to the last two accreditation cycles for Woodland Community College (WCC) during 2012 and 2018. Dena was a member of the Accreditation Steering Committee and contributed to the writing, editing, and evidence organization for our self-evaluation at WCC's 2018 visit. She also helped her sister college, Yuba, with writing, editing, and organizing evidence for their 2018 visit.

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVE



Dr. Matthew Powell

*Co-Chair, Department of History
Diablo Valley College*

Matthew Powell, Ed.D. is Associate Professor of History and African American Studies at Diablo Valley College. Matthew is an Executive Board member of his faculty union. He has served as History Department Chair and on requisite associated committees for over 15 years. Matthew is an Umoja Community founder and served for over ten years on the Statewide Board and Executive Committee of the Umoja Community. In addition to earning his doctorate at UC Davis, Matthew studied West African history and French language at the Université de Cheikh Anta Diop in Senegal, West Africa, and Cuban history and Spanish at the Universidad de la Habana in Habana, Cuba. He maintains speaking and reading proficiency in Spanish. Matthew's work with students and colleagues is informed by his yoga and martial arts practices. He has earned black belts in Aikido, in Enshin Itto Ryu Battojutsu (sword), and in Jojutsu (staff). He is a 5th degree black belt (Shihan) and Certified Instructor in Jujutsu.

Dr. Powell served on a Southern California ACCJC visiting team in 2018, reviewing Standard II. He also authored portions of Diablo Valley College's ISER.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVE



Ms. Janet Houlihan

Vice President, Administrative Services
Golden West College

Janet Houlihan is the Vice President of Administrative Services at Golden West College in Huntington Beach, CA. As such, her responsibilities and expertise include all aspects of administrative services: maintenance and operations, budget planning and management, fiscal services, facilities, auxiliary operations, community services, technology support services, food services, public safety, emergency preparedness, and bond management. She is a dedicated visionary leader and college administrator with over 30 years of experience as a successful problem solver, school administrator, and a strategic planner for school improvement at the school and district level. Mrs. Houlihan also has extensive experience in professional development and in the supervision of diverse learning groups. She is an active member and holds a senior management level role on several College and District-wide committees and is the founder and chair of Golden West College's Behavioral Assessment Team. Mrs. Houlihan earned an MBA and Bachelor's degree in Accounting, and is a member of the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO). She has served on several college accreditation review teams contributing her knowledge of procedures, standards, compliance, and goals, as well as using data collected to inform institutional decision making, planning, and improvement.

Janet Houlihan has served on five peer review teams. In addition, Ms. Houlihan serves in a lead capacity on her own institutional accreditation team and has written large portions of her colleges' ISER.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVE



Dr. Joanna Oxendine

Dean, Research, Planning, & Institutional Effectiveness, Grants Oversight
San Bernardino Valley College

Dr. Joanna Oxendine currently serves as Dean of Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness with Grants Oversight at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC). Prior to joining SBVC in 2019 as Director of Grants Development and Administration, Dr. Oxendine held positions in Alumni Affairs and Institutional Research at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB), finishing her 12-year career at CSUSB as Institutional Effectiveness Associate; in this role she worked to support business operations and student services departments and programs in the establishment of missions, goals, and outcomes, as well as in the development of related measures, benchmarks, and assessment cycles, and served on the university-wide Committee on Learning Assessment for Student Success. Throughout her career in education, which began as a classroom teacher more than 20 years ago, Dr. Oxendine has worked to promote assessment and research strategies that are intentional, student-centered, and focused on continual improvement efforts. Dr. Oxendine earned a doctorate in educational leadership from California State University, San Bernardino and an M.Ed. in literacy studies and B.A. in middle grades education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Oxendine has never served on a visiting team but has had roles at several institutions in preparing for re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and ACCJC.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVE



Dr. Jason Parks

*Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs
Norco College*

Dr. Parks has more than 20 years working in California Community Colleges as an educator and champion for students. He currently serves as the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Norco College, previously he served five years as Dean of Instruction and 15 years as mathematics faculty. Through the years Dr. Parks has reshaped enrollment management and schedule development, creating a more efficient and student-centered schedule. He led the development of the college's multiple measures placement that was part of the basis for AB705 and is a leader in creating pathways to transfer for students. Dr. Parks currently resides in Anaheim with his partner and three dogs.

This will be Dr. Parks first peer review team. He has, however, served on three separate IEPI Partnership Resource Teams. Locally, Dr. Parks has been a lead on all accreditation reports at Norco, including supporting their initial accreditation as a college in 2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVE



Dr. James Todd

*Vice President Student Services
Sierra College*

Dr. James Todd has over 16 years of experience in instruction and student services in the California Community College system. He has held a variety of positions, including Professor, Academic Senate President, Accreditation Liaison Officer, Chief Student Services Officer, and Chief Instructional Officer. He has also served as an elected faculty representative on the statewide Executive Committee for the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, and he maintains a strong commitment to participatory governance and an inclusive style of educational leadership. James was previously the Assistant Superintendent and Vice President of Instruction and Planning at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton and the Vice President of Student Services at Modesto Junior College. He is currently the Assistant Superintendent and Vice President of Student Services at Sierra College.

Dr. Todd's last service as part of an accreditation peer review team was in 2019 for a Southern California community college. He has also served as ALO for Modesto Junior College (2017 External Team Visit), and as ALO for San Joaquin Delta College (2020 External Team Visit).

ACCJC STAFF LIAISON



Dr. Gohar Momjian
ACCJC Vice President

Gohar Momjian joined the ACCJC team in September 2017. Accreditation is the cornerstone of her 25+ years' experience in higher education. As Associate Vice Chancellor of Institutional Development, and Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) for City College of San Francisco from July 2012 until June 2015, she provided guidance to the College's improvement processes and demonstrated leadership in the areas of research, planning, grants, marketing, and fundraising. She later served in the San Mateo County Community College District as Interim Director of Operations at Cañada College. Dr. Momjian also gained in-depth knowledge working with the WASC Senior College and University Commission as the ALO for the American University of Armenia in its early years of development. She holds a B.A. in Psychology with a specialization in Business Administration from UCLA, an M.A. in International Education, Administration and Policy Analysis from Stanford University, and an Ed.D. in Organizational Change and Leadership from USC.