



Michelle Calderwood – Social Sciences

Dr. Michelle Calderwood joined us as a full-time psychology instructor in 2020 with a Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience from the University of California, Riverside. Dr. Calderwood teaches Physiological Psychology, Research Methods in Psychology, and she developed our Physiological Psychology Lab course in which students get hands on experience with sheep brain and eyeball dissections, and the recording of electrical potentials from the nervous systems of live insects.

Dr. Calderwood advises psychology club and system impacted intellectuals club and prioritizes the development of supportive campus communities. As a former community college transfer student, and a first-generation college student Dr. Calderwood strives to inspire her students to higher levels of academic achievement.



Aisha Conner-Gaten – Librarian

Aisha Conner-Gaten is an Instruction Librarian specializing in Distance Education at GCC Library. A two-time alumna of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she earned a BA in Anthropology, a MS in Library and Information Science, and a Special Collections Certificate while working in various libraries and museums.

At GCC Library, she manages and develops the distance education and workshop program including offerings in several modalities serving over 1,000 students each term. She also teaches information competency through the library's broader instruction program including research appointments, contextualized instruction, research help, and the chat service to reach students where they are when they need it most.

In addition to her work in distance education, Aisha is an active member of governance in both Curriculum & Instruction and the Committee on Distance Education, co-editor of the Guild newsletter Chaparral, co-advisor to the Sexuality and Gay Alliance Club, and a returning member of the Black History Month and Pride Week Planning Committees.

Outside of her work at GCC, Aisha is a co-organizer of the People of Color in Library and Information Science Summit, a conference that supports marginalized information workers in the industry. She is the moderator of the Librarians of Color-Los Angeles organizing group, a Lifelong Information Literacy Advisory Board member, and a member of the CCLC Library Services Platform Instruction Work Group. Her publications and research focus on inclusive instructional design, antiracism and diversity in the library and in teaching information competency, and the role of librarians as organizers and social justice accomplices.

When she is not teaching on Zoom, you can find her reading romance novels, growing sage for the butterflies, or playing tennis across LA. She thanks you for your support and looks forward to contributing to GCC and its thriving community of scholars.



Kevin Dimatulac – *Student Services – Student Equity*

Kevin Dimatulac is a Filipino-American, first-generation college graduate that earned his Bachelor's degree in Sociology from California State University, Northridge and his Master's degree in Educational Counseling from the University of Southern California. Prior to his tenure track role, he has worked at various colleges including CSUN, USC, PCC, LACC and GCC.

During the tenure track process, he served as cultural diversity coordinator from 2019 to 2022, helped pilot GCC's first Asian Pacific Islander and Desi American learning community, chaperoned 30 GCC students across the country to visit Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and served on several shared governance and hiring committees. More recently, he was elected as Guild Secretary and chosen to co-coordinate the Graduate Counseling Internship Program for the Student Services Division.

Kevin is happily married to his graduate school sweetheart that works in Student Affairs administration at a private four-year university. During his free time, he loves packing his truck, going camping and outdoor rock climbing.



Aleksander Kocol – *Kinesiology*

Alex Kocol earned his BA degrees from UCLA in Philosophy and Political Science. Additionally, he earned a Master of Arts in History from Cal State Northridge as well as a Master of Science in Physical Education from Azusa Pacific.

He has worked at GCC since the Fall of 2010 as an adjunct in the Health, Physical Education and Kinesiology division as well as leading courses in the Social Science Division from 2013-2022. Alex became a full-time member of the HPAK division in the Fall of 2020 as an instructor and head baseball coach. Since assuming leadership of the GCC baseball program, the Vaqueros have continued their excellence on the field and in the classroom. Coach Kocol has been named the Western State Conference South Coach of the Year in 2019, 2022, and 2023. Since joining the baseball program in the Fall of 2010, Alex has been part of 9 conference championships and has helped over 200 GCC student-athletes achieve their dreams of competing at the 4-year level.

Alex is happily married to his wife Janet—they, along with sons Colin (8) and Owen (7), welcomed their third boy, Oliver, this January.



Jorge Mena – Kinesiology

Jorge Mena earned his BA degree from Cal State Los Angeles in Spanish and Minor in History of Latin America. In addition, he earned a Master of Arts in Physical Education from Azusa Pacific.

He has worked at GCC since the Fall of 1989 as an assistant men’s soccer coach. In the Fall of 1996, Jorge was named the inaugural head coach of the GCC women’s soccer program, and he has been the head coach ever since – making him the longest tenured soccer coach in the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA).

Jorge became a full-time member of the Kinesiology division in the Fall of 2014 as an instructor and head coach of the women’s soccer program. During his leadership of the GCC women’s soccer program, his student-athletes have performed both on the pitch and also in the classroom. More than 80% of his student-athletes have transferred to a 4-year institution and many of his former players went on to receive their master’s degrees.

During his free time, he enjoys the outdoors, especially camping and hiking with his four dogs. Additionally, during the summers, Jorge loves to travel to Central and South America to connect to his roots and give back to those in need.



Krista Raimondo – Noncredit ESL

Dr. Krista Raimondo Limon is the Noncredit ESL Outreach and Retention Coordinator and an instructor of Noncredit ESL. She holds an associate’s degree from Erie Community College, a Bachelor’s degree in Spanish and a Master’s degree in TESOL from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fresno.

Krista focuses on student life and outreach and retention for Noncredit students at the Garfield Campus. Krista’s time at GCC has included: serving as a Garfield Campus Guild liaison, an EEO rep, and the GCC Faculty Development Coordinator, being a recipient of the Glendale Community College Meritorious Service Award for life-saving action in the classroom, publishing, “Noncredit ESL Student Retention: A Mixed Methods Study of Belonging at a Southern California Community College”, and presenting, “Building Community with Adult Learners” at the CATESOL Convention.

She also serves as a board member and the treasurer of the Glendale Library Arts and Culture Trust. Krista is excited to represent the Garfield campus and continue serving Noncredit students.



Jamie Sanchez – Student Services – Student Equity

Jamie Sanchez has a Bachelor’s degree in Child and Adolescent Development and minor in Psychology from California State University, Northridge, and a Master’s degree in Education with an emphasis in Counseling from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Jamie is a first-generation college student, daughter of Guatemalan parents, and was raised in the city of Los Angeles. During her tenure at GCC, she has been co-chair of the Dreamer Support Committee, taught Student Development courses, has been active in multiple committees including the Latinx Heritage Month planning committee, and is currently serving as an At-Large senator.

Jamie is married and is a proud mother to her two-year old daughter. She enjoys spending time with her family, trying new foods, and doing spinning classes.