



Los Angeles Valley College



Welcomes the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Accreditation Team

Message from the President

I would like to welcome the ACCJC Visiting Team to Los Angeles Valley College. LAVC last had a comprehensive visit in 2013, and between that visit and two subsequent Follow-Up visits, the College has made a great deal of progress towards meeting or exceeding the standards. The three Quality Focus Essay projects demonstrate LAVC's commitment to continuous quality improvement and our desire to create a learning environment that is both physical-ly and intellectually stimulating. We look forward to answering questions and sharing our hard work with the Visiting Team members who we know give countless hours of their time to help make LAVC the best institution it can be.

Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D.



AT A GLANCE SCHEDULE

MARCH 8, 2016

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome Reception

Skybox Conference Room

(By Invitation Only)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Accreditation Campus Forum

SSC Multi Purpose Room

MARCH 9, 2016

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Accreditation Campus Forum

SSC Multi Purpose Room

MARCH 10, 2016

1:30—2:30 p.m.

Accreditation Exit Report

Monarch Hall

Please Note:

The visiting team will be on campus from March 8-10, 2016.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

LAVC President's Office

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(818) 947-2321

MEET THE TEAM



Dr. Thomas Greene, Chair

Dr. Thomas Greene began his service as American River College President in August 2014, becoming the seventh President in the college's history. Prior to joining ARC, Thomas served as the Vice President, Academic Affairs & Student Services at Lake Tahoe Community College. In that role, he served as chief learning and student services officer, providing overall strategic leadership to instructional, continuing education, and student and academic support service operations.

Prior to his service at Lake Tahoe Community College, Thomas served as Associate Vice President, Student Services at Sacramento City College. Here he provided leadership to a wide variety of student services operations. His professional experience also includes serving as an Associate and Facilitator with The Center for the Study of Community College Student Engagement in Austin, Texas and as the Special Assistant to the President at Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida.

Thomas holds a Ph.D. in educational administration and community college leadership from the University of Texas, Austin. He also holds a B.S degree in finance and a M.S. degree in counseling from Northern Illinois University.

He has served on several accreditation visiting teams and was the Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) at Lake Tahoe Community College.



Dr. Adam Karp

serves as the Dean of Planning, Research, and Accreditation Liaison Officer at American River College. He began his tenure at American River College as a faculty member and lab coordinator in 1999, and he later served as foreign language department chair and college curriculum chair. Dr. Karp transitioned to administrative leadership in 2010 as the interim Assistant Dean of Science and Engineering. He then served as Dean of Fine and Applied Arts for over three years.

Dr. Karp holds a doctorate in Spanish linguistics and a bachelor's degree in Spanish, both from the University of California, Davis.

Karp has served on six ACCJC external evaluation visiting teams since 2010. The Los Angeles Valley College team is his seventh overall, and his first as team assistant.



Kenley Neufeld

serves as the Dean, Educational Programs at Santa Barbara City College. As Dean, he is responsible for English as a Second Language, School of Modern Languages, Physical Education and Health, the Library, and serves as the lead administrator for Faculty Professional Development, Distance Education, Scheduling, and Student Learning Outcomes. He began his tenure at Santa Barbara City College as a faculty member in 2005 and subsequently served as the Library Director and President of the Academic Senate. He has been chair or member of most campus committees. Kenley transitioned to administrative leadership in 2014.

Kenley holds a Master of Library Science degree from San Jose State University and a bachelor's degree in History from the University of California, San Diego.

This will be Kenley's second time on the ACCJC external evaluation visiting team and has been on the coordinating committee for three self evaluations.



Dr. Donna Floyd

currently serves as the Sr. Dean of Instruction and the Accreditation Liaison Officer at Contra Costa College (CCC)

which is located in San Pablo, California. In her nearly 23 years of service to the college she has held the following positions; transfer center coordinator, articulation officer, student services dean, instructional dean of the Liberal Studies and Natural, Social & Applied Sciences divisions, and interim Vice President of Students and Academic Affairs. District-wide, Donna has chaired and served on the following committees; District Governance, Ed Planning, Ethics, and the Management Executive Council. In addition, she has chaired and served on a number of college committees including SLO/AUO, Operations Council, College Council, Budget, Scheduling, and Sustainability.

Dr. Floyd grew up in the San Francisco bay area. She attended Contra Costa College and completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology at Cal State (Hayward) East Bay. Donna continued her education at the University of San Francisco, earning a MA degree in Educational Psychology with an emphasis in Counseling then in 2001 she completed her doctorate degree in clinical psychology from JFK University.

As the Accreditation Liaison Officer, Dr. Floyd had a major role in Contra Costa College's reaffirmation of accreditation in 2015. In addition, Donna served on Bakersfield College's external accreditation evaluation team visit in 2012.





Beth Gomez is the Vice President of Business Services at Norco College. For over 30 years, Ms. Gomez has been in finance and education serving as the Dean of Business Services at Mt. San Jacinto Community College District, District Budget Manager at Riverside Community College District, teacher in K-12 USD, Administrative Services Officer of a Special District and a Finance Manager.

She has previously participated on several Evaluation Teams and has co-chaired the Resources standard (III) for Norco College and Mt. San Jacinto College's Self-Evaluation.

Ms. Gomez has a master's degree in education from California Baptist University, and a bachelor's degree in business administration from California State University San Bernardino.



Ms. Michelle Johnson

serves as the Institutional Research Coordinator at Clovis Community College. She began her work in education as an adjunct faculty member in Psychology in 2008. Soon after she began working for Reedley College, which included Clovis Community College Center, by splitting her time for each campus. As Clovis transitioned into the 113th California Community College, Ms. Johnson also transitioned to being at Clovis full time. Ms. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Art in Psychology, both from California State University, Fresno. This is the second external evaluation team Ms. Johnson has served with.

Dr. James Thornburgh serves as the Professor of Drafting Technology at Merced College, and is the Division Lead for Industrial Technology. He is also heavily involved in the committee structure of the college serving as an Academic Senator, and on several other committees including: Admin Services Planning (Co-Chair), Technology (Co-Chair) Distance Education, Equity, and Educational Master Planning. Dr. Thornburgh holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership as well as a Master's and Bachelors in Industrial Technology, all from Fresno State. He also holds three associate degrees in the field of Drafting and Design from Sierra College. Dr. Thornburgh has participated in reviewing the last Self-Study and Midterm reports for Merced College



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Dr. Lisa Aguilera Lawrenson serves as the Associate Vice President of Instruction, Curriculum, and Basic Skills at American River College (2010-Present). She began her tenure at American River College as the Dean of Humanities in 2006. Prior to becoming an administrator, Dr. Lawrenson was a tenured English and Humanities Professor for eleven years at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, Washington. Dr. Lawrenson has also served as the Interim Vice President of Instruction and Student Learning at Cosumnes River College (2015) and the Interim Vice President of Student Services at American River College (2015-2016).



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Dr. Lawrenson attended American River College, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from The University of Puget Sound, a Master of Arts degree in English Literature from Western Washington University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education from Oregon State University.

Dr. Lawrenson has served as ALO, written an accreditation self-study as a faculty member. The Los Angeles Valley College visit is Dr. Lawrenson's third accreditation team visit.

Los Angeles Valley College Mission Statement

Los Angeles Valley College serves as a leader in student success, with pathways for certificates, degrees, transfer, and continuing education. We enable students to advance their education, personal development, and quality of life, empowering them to be productive and engaged members of the global community.



Dr. Judy Kasabian earned a bachelors and masters in mathematics from Loyola Marymount University and a doctorate in education from University of California Los Angeles. She has taught mathematics for decades most of which has been at the community college level. She has also taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. She has been the principal investigator on several National Science Foundation funded grants that focus on

the mathematics and science education of pre-service teachers. She received corporate sponsorship from Northrop Grumman and Washington Mutual for other projects focused on post-secondary students. She currently serves as a mentor for the Mentor-Connect Project which focuses on the preparation of competitive National Science Foundation funded grant proposals for community college faculty who have not received grants from NSF. She is still excited about teaching and knows that she has been lucky to find the perfect profession for her.



Dr. Steve Auerbach is the Director of the Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training and Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning (PCATT), at Honolulu Community College. PCATT is a consortium of the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges and is responsible for collaborating with industry to develop and provide training in advanced technology, which enhances edu-

cational and workforce development programs and initiatives in the State of Hawai'i and the Pacific Rim. Auerbach's unit also oversees management and operations of continuing education and lifelong learning programs of the college working with other college divisions to develop non-credit activities that lead into credit pathways.

Auerbach is a member of the Honolulu Community Colleges executive team and is actively engaged in campus leadership initiatives. He was involved in the Honolulu Community Colleges 2015 Mid-term Accreditation report. This will be Steve Auerbach's first ACCJC external evaluation.

Auerbach's team in collaboration with UH Manoa lead out on NSA's 2015 GenCyber Hawai'i camp. He has strong relationships with business, industry and government agencies such as NSA Hawai'i, the State of Hawai'i Chief Information Office (CIO) Council (a501(c) (3) non-profit organization) and Hawaiian Electric, among others.

Auerbach previously served in a variety of senior executive positions for Hewlett Packard Corporation. During his 20 year career with HP he worked in Educational Services, Sales, Business Development, Marketing, Product Development and Global Business Unit Management. Most recently he was leading HP's Printing and Personal Systems Groups' Accessories and Internet Services Global business unit in San Diego, CA chartered with incubating, launching and commercializing innovative products and services. Auerbach served as an entrepreneur in residence for CONNECT - Springboard San Diego - business creation and development program. He is also serving as a mentor for Everwise, a leader in workplace mentoring using an innovative platform leveraging data, tech-

nology and workforce science to dramatically improve workforce development.

Auerbach studied at the University of Oregon and earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Hawai'i.



Dr. Victoria Hinds is the Vice President of Student Services at West Valley College. Prior to her career in education, she served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a journalist on active duty and then as a reservist attached to an infantry unit. She began her career at College of the Siskiyous where she worked in the EOPS Office and the Writing Center. After many years, she moved to Shasta College to become the Director of

Student Support Services, then was promoted to Director of Research and Grants. Later she became Executive Dean of Student Services at Victor Valley College. She has written numerous successfully funded state and federal grants, including the Student Support Services Program, Upward Bound Math and Science, Upward Bound Classic, the GEAR UP Program, and Title III Strengthening Institutions Program. She also wrote several successfully funded research projects and was a 2006 Education Fellow for USDA. Her academic experience also includes teaching both at the community college and university levels.

She has Doctor of Education Degree from University of San Francisco. She also earned a Master of Arts Degree and Bachelor's of Arts Degree both in English from CSU Chico, and an Associate of Arts Degree (Journalism) from Skyline College.

In addition to her institutional accreditation experience, she has been on three previous accreditation visiting teams at both southern and northern California community colleges. She has served as the lead for Standard I, Standard II—Student Services, and Standard IV.



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IMPORTANCE OF ACCREDITATION

Los Angeles Valley College is a fully-accredited institution that complies with the standards set by the accrediting body that reviews community colleges in this region, the [Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges \(ACCJC\)](#). This "stamp of approval" provides students, faculty, staff, and the public with assurances of our integrity, quality, and effectiveness. In addition, our accredited status allows us to receive federal funding for our students and enables credit for courses to be used for transfer to other institutions.

Information on Accreditation is available on:

<http://www.lavc.edu/accreditation>