

Accreditation Visiting Team Bios



Dr. Rosevonne Pato, Chair
President, American Samoa Community College

Rosevonne Makaiwi Pato currently holds the position of the President of the American Samoa Community College which she has held since 2016. She has worked at the College since 2001 but has been in higher education since 1989. Throughout her 20+ years at the community college she has been the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, the Vice President of Administration, the Director of Institutional Effectiveness, a chairperson of the Health and Human Services Department and a faculty for Human Services and Social Sciences. She has worked in the American Samoa K-12 system, the Public School System (PSS) of the CNMI and the Social Services Department of the AS government. She holds a Ed D in Counseling Psychology from Argosy University, Phoenix, AZ., a M Ed in Counseling from the University of Hawaii - Manoa, and a BA in Psychology from the University of San Francisco. She has 5 children, 2 boys (39, 15) and 3 girls (34, 29, 28) and 8 grandchildren. Rosevonne's hobbies are gardening and reading. She loves animals especially dogs.



Dr. Ardis Eschenberg, Vice Chair
Chancellor, Windward Community College

Ardis Eschenberg, PhD, has served Windward Community College in Kāneʻohe, Hawaiʻi, for the past 13 years. Currently chancellor, she has also served as dean, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Previously, she served as Academic Dean at Nebraska Indian Community College, a tribal college. Ardis holds her doctorate in Linguistics from University at Buffalo (SUNY). She studied Russian and Psychology as an undergraduate at Tulane University. Dr. Eschenberg focuses on equity, poverty amelioration and reaching diverse populations. With her college team, she has helped found the WCC Hawaiian language immersion Hānaiaulu Childcare Center, early college high school, including Hawaiian language based coursework, college programs at three incarcerated institutions, free daily meals for students, Hānaikaiaulu College Friendly Workplace initiative, and a variety of other student centered, mission-driven initiatives. Ardis has a daughter Winuna, age 17, and a son, Cetan Kinyan, age 15. Nuna plays volleyball and Cetan runs track and cross country and paddles. They are coming with her for the accreditation visit. Ardis loves to swim, sew, garden and play with her dog, Emmitt Kaiپی. They are constantly working on their house.



Dr. Jill Bonds
English & ESL Faculty, West Hills College Coalinga

Dr. Bonds is an English and ESL Professor at West Hills Community College Coalinga, curriculum developer in Education, and Co-Coordinator for WHCC Puente Program. Dr. Bonds has over twenty years in teaching from secondary, post-secondary, graduate, and doctoral courses. She currently created an ESL Certificate of Achievement and an AAT in Elementary Teacher Education Degree. Bonds is an active social advocate for social justice, equity-minded grading, and authentic assessments. Bonds enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, serving on dissertation committees, and watching her boys play baseball. As a first-generation female college student from a rural area her research challenges academic norms and discourse. Bonds has published one academic book, "First Generation College Students Entering Writing Courses" and author of other academic publications.



Mr. Peter Hepburn
Head Librarian, College of the Canyons

Mr. Hepburn has been Head Librarian at the College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, California since 2013. He formerly held tenure and a succession of positions in the library at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he started his professional career in 2000. Peter earned his EdD from Arizona State University, his MLIS from McGill University, and his BA (Political Science) from the University of Victoria. His dissertation work explored the intersection of libraries, librarians, and community college leadership. Peter is an active member of the American Library Association (ALA), having been appointed and elected to numerous positions within the organization. He is the ALA Treasurer for 2022-2025. This is his fourth time as a member of an accreditation visiting team. Peter lives with his husband, Conrad, in Pasadena, California.



Dr. Brian Sanders
Interim Vice President of Instruction, Modesto Junior College

Dr. Sanders has served as a Chief Instructional Officer for the past seven years, first at Columbia College where he also served as the Accreditation Liaison Officer, and for the past nine months at Modesto Junior College. He earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2014, building on his Masters in Mathematics and Bachelors in Mathematical Sciences. He began his career as a math professor at Modesto Junior College, then served as Dean of the Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Division at MJC from 2008 to 2015, when he took a position as Interim Vice President of College and Administrative Services at Columbia College followed by his role as Vice President of Instruction at Columbia. As ALO, Dr. Sanders guided his college through the ISER-writing process, the ACCJC site visit, follow-up reports, midterm reports, substantive change proposals, and standard-setting exercises. He has served on five visiting teams with the ACCJC, starting with his first team at the College of Micronesia in Spring of 2016. He also served as part of the Review Team for the new 2024 ACCJC Standards in development and as a member of the executive board for the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers.



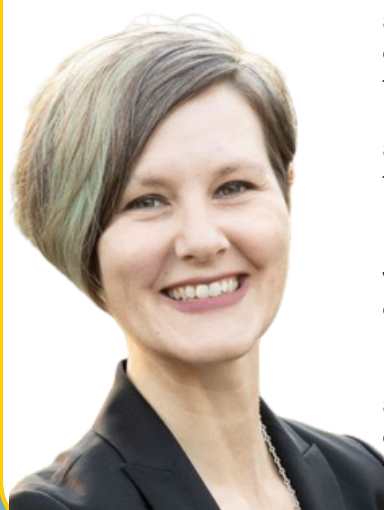
Dr. Gary Williams
Professor of Psychology, Crafton Hills College

Dr. Gary J. Williams is a Professor of Psychology at Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa, California. He has 32 years of experience in higher education at a variety of institutions, large and small, public and private. He has served on the Accreditation and Student Learning Outcomes Committee for the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges (ASCCC), as a Program Coordinator for the Basic Skills Initiative for the California Community Colleges, and a Mentor for participating institutions at the WASC Student Learning Level I & Level II Retreats. As an Instructional Assessment Specialist, he has consulted at numerous institutions across the United States in the development and implementation of learning assessment practices. In these capacities, he has helped institutions develop faculty capacity for assessment, foster dialog among campus stakeholders, establish student services and co-curricular assessment practices, and implement data management systems for organizing, reporting, storing and archiving assessment data. Dr. Williams earned his Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) from UCLA with a focus on assessment, organizational change, and organizational culture.



Mr. Stevenson Kotton
Vice President for Business and Administrative Affairs, College of the Marshall Islands

Mr. Stevenson Kotton, College of Marshall Islands (CMI) alumni, UH Hilo graduate in Business and Accounting and former Chief Financial Officer was appointed as the first CMI VPBAA in October, 2017. Among many accomplishments, Mr. Kotton was responsible for leading the implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan in 2012 which has resulted in the substantial reduction of the overall CMI budget deficit from 2012 to 2018 and improving the College's fiscal management and practices.



Dr. Catherine Webb
Vice President, ACCJC

Dr. Catherine Webb is a Vice President at ACCJC, and the ACCJC staff liaison to the College of Micronesia-FSM. Since joining ACCJC in August of 2020, Dr. Webb has worked directly with a portfolio of 46 public and private two-year colleges in California and the Western Pacific. She provides guidance, training, and assistance with a broad range of accreditation-related issues for the colleges in her portfolio. Dr. Webb also oversees ACCJC's eligibility process and is currently leading the process to redesign ACCJC's Accreditation Standards. Prior to joining ACCJC, Webb worked in the California community college system, first as a faculty librarian and then in executive dean positions with responsibility for accreditation, strategic planning, program review, outcomes assessment, and equity-focused data analysis. Dr. Webb is originally from the Midwest, and spent a decade in higher education and private industry in the greater Chicago area before relocating to California.

Webb earned an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership from Brandman University, where her research and applied work focused on factors of culture and leadership that foster transformational learning and change in community colleges. She also holds a Master's of Library and Information Science from Dominican University (River Forest, IL), an MA in Music from the University of Chicago, and a BA. in Music and English from Illinois Wesleyan University. Webb is currently completing a fellowship in the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program, where she and 30 other aspiring community college executives are focusing on applied skills for leading student success, transformational change, and innovative partnerships with the community. She resides near Monterey, CA area and can often be found birding or hiking with her partner Fred and their very stubborn dog.