



## INNOVATION.TRANSFORMATION.OPPORTUNITY

### SPRING 2016 OPENING DAY CONVOCATION

#### Our Mission

The mission of College of Alameda is to serve the educational needs of its diverse community by providing comprehensive and flexible programs and resources that empower students to achieve their goals.

THURSDAY  
JANUARY 21, 2016

Location: Building F

FRIDAY  
JANUARY 22, 2016

# **Innovation, Transformation, Opportunity**

Thursday, January 21, 2016

8:00a.m. – 8:45a.m.

## **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

8:45a.m. – 9:00a.m.

## **Welcome/Opening Remarks**

Sherrone Smith, Co-Chair of Staff Development  
Tim Karas, Vice President of Instruction  
Dr. William Watson, Interim Vice President of Student Services  
MaryBeth Benvenuti, Director of Business and  
Rochelle Olive, Academic Senate President  
LaShawn Brumfield, Classified Council President  
Denis Salazar, Associated Students President  
Maurice Jones, PFT Representatives  
Mary Shaughnessy, PFT Representatives  
Selwyn Montgomery, Local 39  
Helena Lengel, SEIU

9:00a.m. – 9:10a.m.

## **New Members to the COA Family**

### **Instruction**

Tim Karas, Vice President of Instruction

### **Student Services**

Dr. William Watson, Interim Vice President of Student Services

### **Business and Administrative Services**

MaryBeth Benvenuti, Director of Business and Administrative Services

9:15a.m. – 9:30a.m.

## **State of the College Address**

## ***Reflection, Relevance and Relationships***

Dr. Joi Lin Blake



9:30a.m. –11:00a.m.

**What's Our Response?**  
**Active Shooter Presentation**  
Alameda County Sheriff's Department

11:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

**COA Says, "Not Anymore"**  
Evan Schloss, Health Services Coordinator

11:30a.m. - 11:45a.m.

**We're Getting New Digs**  
**Drawing for Faculty Office Furniture**  
Tim Karas, Vice President of Instruction

11:45a.m. – 12:30p.m.

**Lunch**

12:30p.m.-2:00p.m.

**Division I Meeting**  
**Division II Meeting**

2:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.

**Department Meetings**

# Friday, January 22, 2016

8:00a.m. – 8:45a.m.

## Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:45a.m. – 9:00a.m.

### Welcome

Sherrone Smith, Co-Chair of Staff Development

Workshop Session I- 9:15a.m. -10:30a.m.

**The Color of Fear Movie** – Dialogue to Follow Room: D-312  
*Presenter: Sara Peterson*

**Basics of Moodle** Room: C-212  
*Presenter: Ed Lorreto*

**Counseling – Veterans information** Room: C-109  
*Presenter: Jamar Mears*

**Working with LGBTQIA2-S Students** Room: D-204  
*Presenter: Caitlin Fischer*

**New Faculty Orientation** Room: C-105  
*Presenter: Vanson Nguyen*

**Tenure Review for Chairs** Room: D-206  
*Presenter: Maurice Jones*

**Travel Requests Made Easy** Room: C-211  
*Presenter: Ava Lee*

Workshop Session II- 10:45a.m. – 12noon

**Understanding the Full-time Hiring Process** Room: C-105  
*Presenter: Vanson Nguyen*

**Open Space Forum – Faculty Thinking, Doing, and Learning** Room: D-204  
*Presenter: Carolyn Johnson*

**How to Write Simple, Focused, and Engaging Writing Assignments** Room: C-109  
*Presenter: Jay Ruben*

**Curricunet Meta** Room: C-212  
*Presenter: Drew Burgess*

**Tai Chi Workshop** Room: Gym  
*Presenter: Bishop Scott*

1:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

## Fabulous Friday

## Instruction

## Faculty

### Division 1

#### **Cady Bow: FT, Tenure Track Geography Faculty**



I am very excited to begin my new position as Instructor of Geography at the College of Alameda. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Geography/Environmental Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles and my Master's Degree in Geography from California State University, Northridge. I have nearly four years of collegiate teaching experience. Most of my experience is as an adjunct instructor. I have taught Geography courses at Long Beach City College, Cerritos College, College of the Canyons, Mt. San Jacinto College, Mt. San Antonio College, Palomar College, Imperial Valley College, and California State University, Northridge. Courses I have taught include Physical Geography, Physical Geography Lab, Weather Lab, Cultural Geography, and World Regional Geography (all face-to-face and online). I have also

been involved in the development of courses such as Introduction to GIS, Geography of Sustainability, Physical Geography Lab, and Weather Lab. My philosophy is to "teach by experience".

#### **Leslie Reiman: FT, Tenure Track Biology Faculty**



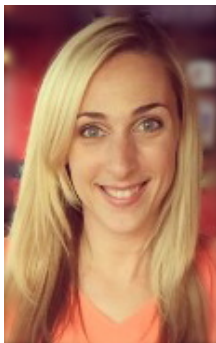
As a small child I was curious about everything, so much that I would break mercury thermometers to watch the liquid metal elegantly fall and roll on the floor. However, I fell in love with Biology when I looked through a microscope to view cells making up the thinnest layer of an onion. In turn, my curiosities about the world lead me to eventually earn a Masters of Science degree in Biology with a concentration in Microbiology and a Minor in Chemistry. However, I am proud that my education began at a Community College where my Biology Professors helped me gain the confidence to reach my goals.

As a graduate student at California State University East Bay, I was fortunate to acquire teaching experience while supervised by my Professors. It was due to my experience that I quickly transitioned to begin teaching in various Community Colleges to eventually land a tenured track position for nine years. During my teaching career I have taught a variety of courses such as, Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, Biology of Sexual Reproduction, and other Biology courses. In addition, I had the opportunity to work for John's Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth in the summer to teach gifted students Introduction to Biomedical Sciences. In turn, I have effectively served students that lacked basic skills to those who had them and everyone in between.

I am now here proud to be part of College of Alameda eager to serve our students, our community, my new colleagues, and my college.

## Division II

### **Jennifer Fowler: FT, Tenure Track Communications Faculty**

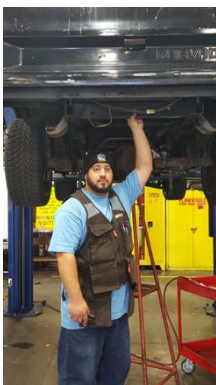


Jennifer Fowler earned her BA and MA in Communication Studies from California State University Long Beach. Her interests in the field include Rhetorical Studies, Interpersonal Communication, Organizational Communication, Family Communication, and Gender Communication. Jennifer has experience teaching Communication courses at several universities, community colleges, and career colleges including Public Speaking, Interpersonal Communication, Written Communication, Research Methods, and Argumentation. She coached collegiate speech and debate at California State University Long Beach where she was also a speech consultant at the Hauth Center for Communication Skills.

Jennifer holds a teaching certificate in online instruction and has taught distance learning courses for over 7 years. In addition to supporting online students, her background also includes training and mentoring online instructors. Although she was recently hired as a full-time faculty member at College of Alameda, she has been teaching at the college as an adjunct instructor for eight years. She is currently Department Chair of the Communications, Humanities, and Philosophy cluster at College of Alameda.

## **Classified Professional**

### **Candido Mejia: Auto Technology/ Auto Body and Paint Tool Room Keeper**



I am happy to become a permanent classified member of the Peralta/College of Alameda family. I enrolled in the ATECH (Automotive Technology) program in 2009 and graduated as an honor roll student in 2013. I have been working as a work study student for the past couple of years in the Automotive Department. I recently took on the position as “Tool Room Keeper,” and my current responsibilities are; managing/upkeep tools, in-house finance, customer service, automotive repair, tutoring up and coming students, etc. My interests are focused on engine performance. I love building engines and making them reliable.

## **Student Services**

### **Administrator**

#### **Drew Douglass, Director of Workforce Systems**



College of Alameda welcomes Mr. Drew Douglass as the new Director of Workforce Systems. Drew brings extensive direct experience in managing workforce development programs. His experience includes serving as Deputy Director of Workforce Services for Rubicon Programs; Program Director – Enterprise Development Director for Marin City Community Development Corporation; and Career Center Coordinator for the San Pablo One Stop-East Bay Works. He is currently pursuing an MPA from Villanova which he expects to complete in 2016.

## Faculty

### **Evan Schloss, Health Services Coordinator**



College of Alameda is pleased to welcome Mr. Evan Schloss to his new role as the College of Alameda Health Services Coordinator. Evan will coordinate campus physical and mental health programs to meet the needs of students and further educational attainment and equitable outcomes for the College. Mr. Schloss brings extensive direct experience in serving the COA campus in an adjunct faculty role. He joined College of Alameda as a part-time counselor in 2012 when he was awarded a WRAP Mental Health grant. After that grant ended, he remained at the College as an adjunct mental health counselor. He has played a vital role in Title IX, Clery Act, and Open Gate in addition to providing mental health services and creating a psychotherapy internship program in partnership with Argosy University. Mr. Schloss earned a M.A. in Counseling Psychology and he is both a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor.

## Business and Administrative Services

### **Classified Professionals**



#### **Lonnie Sampson – Head Custodian**

Lonnie attended Los Angeles High School, where he was All City in track & field and All Conference in football. He most recently was employed by California State University at Fullerton in Housing and Residence Life. He worked for Westminster School District for 23 years as a custodian and as Lead Custodial Supervisor. In 2010, he earned Employee of the Year for Maintenance for furthering the goals and aims of the District. While at Westminster, Lonnie developed a district-wide custodial manual. Lonnie's pastimes include playing chess. He ran a successful K-8 Championship afterschool chess program winning a state title in 2006.