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## **El Camino College Compton Center Welcomes New Faculty for Fall 2016 Semester**

Eight new full-time faculty members and a director of Student Equity have been hired at El Camino College Compton Center for the 2016-17 academic year. These educators bring extensive knowledge and professional experience, and join ECC Compton Center in its mission to offer a welcoming environment where the diverse student population is supported to pursue and attain academic and professional excellence.

### **Emma Adams**

Anatomy/Physiology instructor. Emma Adams earned a doctorate in veterinary medical sciences from Alexandria University in Egypt, a master's degree in veterinary parasitology from Cairo University in Egypt, and a master's degree in biological sciences from Clemson University in South Carolina. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's department of molecular microbiology and immunology. She has worked as a biology instructor at Clemson University, and most recently served as an adjunct instructor at several California community colleges.

### **Arnette Edwards**

Counselor. Arnette Edwards earned a doctorate in educational leadership from California State University, Fullerton (CSUF); a master's degree in educational counseling from National University; and a bachelor's degree in human services from CSUF. Prior to joining ECC Compton Center, she worked as an adjunct counselor at Long Beach City College, Fullerton College and Cypress College. During her time at Long Beach City College, she held positions as adjunct counselor for the Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) and TRiO programs. Edwards also has experience with the Foster and Kinship Care program having worked as a foster care trainer at Saddleback College.

### **Hassan Elfarissi**

Biological Sciences instructor. Hassan Elfarissi earned his master's degree in biology at California State University, Dominguez Hills; and a bachelor's degree in biochemistry at the University of Los Angeles. He has been an adjunct biology instructor at ECC Compton Center since 2014. Prior to joining ECC Compton Center full time, he has taught at CSU Dominguez Hills, El Camino College, and Los Angeles Southwest College. Elfarissi has also worked as a life science laboratory technician at Los Angeles Southwest College since 1991.

### **Stephen Ellis**

Cosmetology instructor. Stephen Ellis earned a bachelor's degree from United States International University in San Diego, California, and an associate degree from Pasadena City College. He is a licensed cosmetologist and barber by the California State Board of Cosmetology. For the past nine years, he has served as an adjunct cosmetology instructor at El Camino College and Pasadena City College. He served on El Camino College's curriculum development committee and participated in the redevelopment of curriculum for its cosmetology department. Ellis has been a beauty salon owner for 12 years.

### **Minodora Moldoveanu**

Communications Studies instructor. Minodora Moldoveanu is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in community college leadership at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). She earned a master's degree and a bachelor's degree at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). Prior to joining ECC Compton Center, she taught communications studies at El Camino College, Santa Ana College, and Cerritos College. Moldoveanu has also served as a lecturer at CSULB and an instructor at CSUF.

### **Sean Moore**

Cosmetology instructor. Sean Moore earned a bachelor's degree in business and management from Pepperdine University, and associate degrees in cosmetology and general studies from Cerritos College. Prior to joining ECC Compton Center, Moore was an adjunct instructor of cosmetology at Fullerton College, Golden West College and Citrus College. He is a licensed cosmetologist and barber with more than 24 years of combined occupational and teaching experience.

### **Ayesha Sirajuddin**

Biological Sciences instructor. Ayesha Sirajuddin earned a doctorate degree in philosophy of environmental toxicology from the University of California, Riverside; both a master's degree and bachelor's degree in biological sciences at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; and an associate degree in natural sciences from Citrus Community College in Glendora, California. Sirajuddin has experience teaching general biology, virology, microbiology, anatomy, cellular physiology, and cell and molecular biology. She has taught at several community colleges including Long Beach City College and Mount San Antonio College, as well as teaching as an adjunct instructor at ECC Compton Center.

### **Bailey Smith**

Director of Student Equity. Bailey Smith earned a master's degree in multicultural education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Prior to joining ECC Compton Center, Smith was the director of the Learning Assistance Center at Mt. San Antonio College. She also previously served as the director of the Learning Enhancement Center at the University of La Verne. She has created and implemented Student Equity projects, is experienced in Basic Skills project management, and has served as an instructor/advisor for First Year Experience, tutor training courses, and student success workshops.

### **Juan Tavarez**

Spanish instructor. Juan Tavarez earned a master's degree in Spanish from California State University, Fullerton; a bachelor's degree in Spanish from California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH); and an associate degree from Long Beach City College. He previously served as an adjunct instructor at both CSUDH and ECC Compton Center, where he was named Adjunct Instructor of the Year in 2015. He is also the recipient of the 2015 Presidential Award for Student Advisor of the Year from CSUDH.

### **About El Camino College Compton Center**

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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