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Helene Wagner
Professor of Speech Communication

Although Helene Wagner has lived and traveled all around the world as the daughter of an Air Force officer, she was raised in Germany and North Dakota. She competed with the Moorhead State University’s speech and debate team where she earned her BA in Speech Communication and in English. After competing on local and national circuits and a brief career in the corporate world, she returned to academia to earn her graduate degree in Communication Studies at California State University, Long Beach.

She is extremely thrilled to help so many students achieve success—both in and out of class! She wishes many thanks to all the wonderful students who have made, and continue to make teaching such a joy in her life. And she expresses much gratitude to the exuberant colleagues who help make work more and more of a passion, daily. Mahalo!

Message from David Fabish, Instructional Dean Liberal Arts

So much of our students’ success depends on a vibrant learning environment created by all instructors, adjuncts as much as full-time. Part-time instructors like Helene Wagner are among the best of the best. Her professionalism and devotion to students is evident in every class she teaches.

Angela Hoppe-Nagao chair of the Speech Department writes that Ms. Wagner is “one of the most reliable and professional colleagues and friends that we have at the college.” Her involvement extends to participation in Faculty Interest Groups, Learning Communities, and Community Education at Cerritos College, enriching her own teaching and the quality of instruction throughout campus.
Ann Voorhies

Professor of Nursing

Ann began her nursing career as a “nurse’s aide” in a small community hospital in Indiana. With a fear of blood and all things gooey, her desire for gainful employment convinced her to give it a try. Ann soon realized her calling and within three years completed her Associate Degree in Nursing. She specialized in cardiac-surgical nursing.

Years later, she chased the lure of endless sunshine westward to the Pacific ocean and moved to southern California. Ann soon discovered the CSU system and after twenty years returned to college to advance her nursing education. As a Registered Nurse, Ann enjoyed teaching patients, families, hospital staff and the community. Attaining her MSN opened the door to pursue her lifelong dream of teaching nursing. Ann began her academic career in the nursing department of Cerritos College in 2000. The Cerritos College community has provided the inspiration, leadership, friendship, vision and values that have allowed her to fulfill her love for teaching, support student success, and give back to the profession that she loves.

Message from Sandy Marks,
Instructional Dean of Health Occupations

The nursing student body addresses Ann by name and utilizes the “open door policy” that she has established. Students often describe “Mrs. Voorhies” as being “supportive, student focused, fair minded, and approachable”.

As she has moved into the position as department chair in 2011. Her faculty would say that her leadership style is supportive, nurturing, and fosters cohesiveness and synergy. She supports and respects the views, ideas, and talents of the faculty she leads.

Looking ahead, Ann is now ready to embark on new department goals and visions that include a federal grant partnership with Cal State LA for a seamless four-year transitional program for Cerritos College nursing students. She is rewriting a new and improved nursing curriculum to more clearly articulate current national healthcare quality and safety standards.
Terry Price

Professor of Plastics and Manufacturing Technology

Terry Price was born in Lynwood, CA. As a child he worked side by side with his father who was an engineer and contractor. His father taught him the value of a strong work ethic. As a young adult, he decided to enter an industrial arts program and to follow that career path. At that time plastics and composites was fairly new to the manufacturing industry, which sparked his interest.

Over the course of 37 years, his career has included grant writing, project management, professional training, and consulting. His tenure as an instructor includes California State University, Long Beach, Art Center School of Design, Pasadena, Long Beach City College and Plastics for local High Schools. Currently, he is the Department Chair of the Plastics Technology Program at Cerritos.

As the recipient of numerous state and national awards, he is widely recognized as an author and developer of curriculum modules for the California State Department of Education in Manufacturing Technology.

Recently he has been a contributing author for the Composite Materials merit badge for the Boy Scouts of America as well as authoring the technical manual for the FAA. He provides training and demonstrations to major companies and organizations such as Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Sandia National Laboratories, Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Department of Defense. Educational Degrees include East Los Angeles College, Industrial Education California State University Long Beach, Degree of Industrial Education and a Certificate of “Polymer Engineering and Design, University California Los Angeles, Vocational Education Program, and San Diego State University, Vocational education Program.

Terry has a passion for teaching. He wields the intuitive quality required for effective teaching as well as the knowledge, integrity, and skills necessary to teach for the future.

Message from Nick Real, Instructional Dean Technology

What makes Terry price an outstanding faculty member is his dedication to both Cerritos College and the Plastics and Composites department. His achievements in the field of plastics and composites are impressive. Most aerospace companies in southern California know Terry, and the techniques he developed for composite structures fabrication are in use every day.

Terry is also committed to the education of younger students. He collaborated with ABC Unified School District in fall 2012 to develop an introduction to plastic class that made it fun for all involved. He has shown a continuous interest in youth and has contributed to the development of the composite material merit badge for the boy scouts of America.

Terry is a committed mentor to both young students and adults that are taking his evening classes to improve their standard of living by learning new techniques. Terry’s devotion to Cerritos College is a great example for our new faculty members.

Kimberly Rosenfeld

Professor of Speech Communication

Kimberly Rosenfeld has been a full time faculty member at Cerritos College since 1999.

One of Kimberly’s passions is to guide students in overcoming their public speaking anxiety as well as to help them grow professionally.

In addition to her teaching work, Kimberly has been actively involved in many campus initiatives. She completed Cerritos College’s Falcon Leadership Academy as part of its first cohort and has been a member of the Learning Communities as well as the Teacher TRAC leadership teams.

Kimberly has also acted as chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee as well as the Speech Department. Additionally, she researched, designed and edited the Speech department’s web site, which she currently maintains, and was the first to coordinate the Speech Department’s SLOs initiative. Kimberly is a true believer in the importance of faculty development and enrichment as the linchpin to educational excellence.

Message from David Fabish, Instructional Dean Liberal Arts

Since joining Cerritos College in 1999, Professor of Speech Communication Kimberly Rosenfeld has had a remarkable record of service to the campus community, especially in faculty development. This service has led her to chair the Sabbatical Leave Committee and to serve as a participant and facilitator of Faculty Inquiry Groups.

Impressive as they are, though, those accomplishments are paled by her remarkable excellence in the classroom, amply testified to by those who would know best: her students. For example, one writes, “Thank you being such an amazing and inspiring professor.”

It is for her profound contributions to her colleagues’ professional development, and even more for extraordinary excellence in the instruction of Speech Communication that Professor Kimberly Rosenfeld is recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Member.
Trisha Raniewicz

Professor of Health, Physical Education, Dance, and Athletics

Trisha Raniewicz is in her fifth year teaching in the Health, Physical Education, Dance, and Athletics Department. She has taught a wide range of courses, including Contemporary Health Issues, both online and in a traditional classroom setting, Women in Sports, Personal Fitness, Weight Training, and Tennis. Each semester she enjoys educating her students about the dynamics of Health and Wellness.

She has coached alongside Karen Welliver as the Associate Head Coach here at Cerritos. Over the past five years the Women’s Basketball has made four consecutive State playoff appearances. Their 99-53 record has included back-to-back championships at the College of Sequoias Tournament, numerous All-State and All-Conference players, and two South Coast Conference Championships. It gives her great pride to see young women who have God given athletic ability utilize those skills to become a College graduate.

Message from Dan Smith, Instructional Dean Health, Physical Education, Dance and Athletics

Trisha is the epitome of a student centered instructor. Her philosophy promotes student success in all she does. Her pedagogical skills are well advanced and her pleasant, positive, supportive, collegial attitude insure her popularity with students, staff, and with other instructors. Her breadth and depth of experience in kinesiology is a real asset to the division. I have utilized her advanced teaching skills by assigning her to a variety of courses. At times she has numerous unrelated preparations daily. Whenever I have difficulty finding an instructor for a certain course, I know I can assign it to Trisha. As a part time assistant women’s basketball coach, she is always there for the student athletes and for the program. In addition to on court coaching, the countless hours she spends recruiting and scouting are critical to the success of our team. She is well deserving of this prestigious award.

W. Jon Bender

Professor of Automotive Technology

Jon’s excellence springs forth from his interests in the automotive field. He couldn’t wait to attend college to learn more about automotive systems. While at college he was offered a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation repairing fleet vehicles.

Not long after, he became an automotive technician. Armed with his degree, he later became the shop foreman of a large Cadillac dealership. Ten years later the opportunity to become an instructor at Cerritos Community College presented itself and he was ready.

Now, Twenty five years in, he reflects on the students he has taught and he is very proud to have been an instructor at Cerritos. As an instructor he hopes to continue helping students achieve their goals for the future.

Message from Nick Real, Instructional Dean Technology

Jon Bender has been the most consistent high achiever in the automotive department. His dedication to the students and success of the program never ceases. Jon’s development of the Ford ASSET program has proven to be a cornerstone of the partnerships developed with Ford Motor Company and the Ford dealers from Irvine to San Luis Obispo. Keeping up with the endless demands of the corporate sponsors can be extremely challenging, however Jon always excels and makes it look easy. His dedication to the partnership has kept Cerritos College ASSET program the premier ASSET program in the nation.
Froylan Cabuto

Spanish Professor
Chair, Foreign Languages Department

Froylan Cabuto has dedicated his career to making a positive impact on the world. He earned a Bachelors and Masters of Arts degrees in Spanish Literature and linguistics from California State University, Los Angeles in 1997. In 2000, Mr. Cabuto joined Cerritos College. He devotes his time and efforts to developing strong students. In 2008, his colleagues elected him to become Department Chair for the Modern Language Department.

His work at Cerritos strives to bring diversity and social awareness to the campus community. Symposium topics have included The Condition of Mexican Women through Mexican Folk Songs, Abuse of Women and Children within the Family, and Anti-Gay Bullying.

In addition to his classroom activities, he is a published poet and independent screenwriter. He continues to write and direct films that raise awareness of critical social issues.

Soloman Namala

Professor of Economics

I am, indeed, deeply honored for this recognition because there are many faculty members (classroom and non-classroom) on this campus who are far better and who are a source of inspiration for their students. Nonetheless, I accept this award in all humility and I am grateful for those who have nominated me. In many ways this award is reflective of our collective efforts as a united faculty, for our modest gains in negotiations with the District last semester. Clearly, these gains were not possible without the active support of faculty and the tireless efforts of those on the Executive Board of CCFF. In effect, then, this award is for all of us.

What can I say about myself? I have been teaching here since 1999. In terms of my academic training, I have a B.A. from Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Or and a Ph. D. in Economics from University of Utah. When I am off-campus, my life is interspersed with battles trying to defend myself as the only male in a household of five! I am blessed with three daughters (Flora 14, Francesca 10, Karuna 7) who make sure that I remain bald lest I am relieved from my CCFF duties. Lastly, I am indebted to my wife, Doris, who has had to navigate everyday life between juggling her classes as an adjunct faculty and negotiating with our three girls at home while I am on campus negotiating with the District!

Message from David Fabish, Instructional Dean Liberal Arts

A remarkable thing about Froylan Cabuto is that he performs so many roles so well, and in each with conviction, grace, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. One of his roles is that of Professor of Spanish, which he has embraced since joining Cerritos College in 2000. A second role was added in 2008 when the Modern Languages Department elected him as Department Chair, a role he has fulfilled with dedication, hard work, and determination to strengthen and build the College’s Modern Language programs.

And there are other roles. For instance, Professor Cabuto is an actor, with credits in films such as “Edgar” (2010), “116 Seconds” (2009), and “Revelación/Disclosure” (2006).

Those creative achievements, along with his deeply held commitment to issues of social justice, enrich the vibrant and rigorous teaching environment for which Froylan Cabuto is recognized today and which translates so powerfully into success for Cerritos College students.

Message from Rachel Mason, Instructional Dean of Business, Humanities & Social Sciences

Dr. Namala is an outstanding instructor for any field, but especially for economics. He has a talent for explaining very abstract concepts in economics to his students in a manner that is clear and understandable. He has a great rapport with his students and shares with them his great sense of humor and patience. He really befriends his students but maintains his objectivity on their progress throughout the course. Dr. Namala ran the economics lab for years and helped many students one on one in the tutorial sessions. Many students go out of their way to come back to visit him after they have transferred because he made such an impact on their lives. More than anything he teaches economics with a great heart—which is often lacking in the discipline of economics.
**Terrance Mullins**

**Professor of Political Science**

Terrance Mullins joined the Cerritos College community as a part-time faculty member in 2006 and was hired full-time in 2011.

Terrance recognizes that individual learning styles require various methods of instruction. This central component of Terrance’s pedagogy meets the challenges of serving the academically diverse and multicultural community of today’s adult learners. He creates an active learning environment through instructional technology, cooperative learning, and dynamic hands-on/minds-on activities. As a result, students enhance their critical thinking skills and experiences significantly in ways that apply to their everyday lives.

Terrance has been married to his wife Jo-Ann since 2004 and has two beautiful daughters – Inari and Keilana. When not in the classroom Terrance is actively involved as a contributing author to MyPoliSciLab, an interactive supplement published by Pearson Education. He is also an avid hard core video-gamer and Star Trek fanatic.

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**Frank Gaik**

**Professor of English**

Having grown up in restaurants and taverns in Wisconsin, Frank was invited by his father to carry on the business, but his mother had other ideas: “Get an education,” she said. “It is something only God can take from you.” Dr. Gaik began teaching in the department of English in 1989 and finds himself constantly surprised by joy: “Never in history have so many different people from around the world been able to think together as they do in our classrooms. They freshly interpret the classical stories, and propose innovative solutions to our persistent problems. They find their voice and become leaders. It is an honor to know our students, whose dedication inspires us all.” This is his second award.

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**Message from Rachel Mason,**
*Instructional Dean of Business, Humanities & Social Sciences*

You may have heard the saying that “many are called but few are chosen.” This certainly applies to Terrance Mullins. He was born to teach and is extremely knowledgeable in political science. Mr. Mullins is creative, innovative and proactive. He is constantly finding new ways to reach his students. Those of us who have had the opportunity to visit his classes as part of his evaluation have been amazed at his talent. His passion is infectious. The way he uses technology to enhance his teaching style and the reaction of his students is a sight to behold. We call him the department’s technology guru.

Mr. Mullins’ opinions are often sought by his colleagues on a variety of issues and is admired and respected by his division. Since coming on board a couple of years ago, he has developed a political theory course and an AA-T degree beneficial for our political science majors. The future of the political science department and Cerritos College are in good hands with Terrance Mullins. The political science department in particular is proud to be associated with this singular honor for one of its own.

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**Message from David Fabish,** *Instructional Dean Liberal Arts*

Witty, provocative, innovative, and devoted to students, Professor Frank Gaik embodies the playful celebration of language that the core of the discipline of English. Since joining the English department in 1989, Dr. Gaik has been particularly instrumental in the development of the basic skills writing course, creative writing, and curriculum design.

Working with experts from the Disabled Students Program and Services, he has developed course materials for students with a variety of needs and learning styles, and that work continues in the basic writing courses, which he teaches regularly.

At the program level, Frank has initiated the course outlines and early offerings in African-American literature, Chicano and Chicana Literature, and Current Science Fiction Literature. He has been responsible for bringing guest writers to campus, including Victor Villasenor and Michele M. Serros, and is spearheading the efforts to create a Certificate in Creative Writing for the Liberal Arts division.
Adelle Krayer

Professor of Dental Hygiene

Adelle Krayer began her career in dental hygiene, graduating with the first dental hygiene class at Cerritos College. Adelle knew she wanted to teach while still a student in the dental hygiene program. After graduation, Adelle practiced clinical dental hygiene full-time and continued her education. She earned a BA and MA in vocational education. She began teaching for Cerritos College in 1980 and joined as a full-time faculty member in 2001. Adelle is currently chair and program director. As program director, Adelle was instrumental in bringing a state-of-the-art dental simulation laboratory to campus.

Adelle was responsible for the development of state-mandated infection control protocols for the Cerritos dental hygiene program. Because of her seasoned experience and attention to detail, the Cerritos College infection control guidelines have been cited as a “Best Practice” in risk management.

Educating and mentoring dental hygiene students is truly a rewarding experience and a marvelous journey for Adelle.

Message from Sandy Marks, Instructional Dean of Health Occupations

Adelle Krayer is a master teacher who continually creates new ways to help her students succeed. In addition to upholding high standards in the classroom and clinical settings, Adelle strives to create a learning environment that is fun and applicable to daily life.

Professor Krayer was instrumental in the development of the state-of-the-art simulation lab for her dental hygiene students. Through her vision, the Cerritos College Dental Hygiene program - the only one in California - and 1 of 3 community colleges in the nation to have a surgical camera system to allow for live demonstrations.

Adelle has embraced student success and student engagement in all aspects of the dental hygiene program. Our philosophy is represented by the motto “The Caring Classroom”. We believe that students deserve to be understood, to be acknowledged, to be recognized and most importantly, to be respected and to be cared for. And so does Adelle.

Susan LePere

Associate Professor of Biology

As a graduate student, Susan taught zoology labs and she realized her passion for teaching. After teaching anatomy and physiology at Mt. Sac for five years, she joined the Biology Department at Cerritos College in 1995.

Susan enjoys teaching both the introductory and advanced levels of human anatomy and physiology. She is happiest in the classroom, interacting with her students. Their energy and enthusiasm motivate her to continuously improve her instruction. She tries to provide students with a strong foundation in anatomy and physiology, and help them develop confidence-building skills as they move forward in their studies.

She served as the Biology Department chair and in 2001 wrote and received a CCLI grant from the National Science Foundation to develop computerized inquiry-based physiology lab activities. This was Cerritos College's first NSF grant.

Susan feels fortunate to work with the exceptional Biology Department faculty. She attributes much of her classroom success to the examples set by her colleagues.

Message from Connie Boardman, Department Chair of SEM

As Department Chair, I look to Susan first for answers to questions that come up regarding a host of issues. She is an indispensable person in our department.

She is highly dedicated to her students, department, and the college. She is always ready to step up to offer assistance with new programs and projects.

Her reputation is well-earned and established. Among students, she is exuberantly demanding, very fair, and generous.

Susan has served the campus community extensively by her service on a host of committees. She has served for years on the Academic Excellence Committee and the Professional Relations Committee.

Susan was solely responsible for writing a National Science Foundation grant that provided computers for the Anatomy and Physiology students to use during lab.

She also rewrote the anatomy and physiology curriculum at the request of the nursing department. She took charge of the shift in our anatomy and physiology courses from a one semester combined course to a two-semester course with anatomy for the first semester and physiology for the second.