

# Chairs Directory 2023–2024



## Chemistry



**Laura Anna**

- **PhD in Organic Chemistry, University of Michigan**
- **BS in Chemistry, Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

**Highlights:**

- Lead Editor, Strategies Promoting Success of Two-year College Students, American Chemical Society Symposium Series book
- Co-Editor, NMR Spectroscopy in the Undergraduate Curriculum, Volumes I – IV, American Chemical Society Symposium Series books
- ACS Division of Chemical Education, Committee for Personnel and Nominations (2015 – present); Executive Committee Alternate Councilor (2019 – present)
- ACS DivCHED Examinations Institute, Exam Committee member, 2020 and 2017 First-term Organic Chemistry Exams
- Prior to coming to MC, was Full Professor at Millersville University (PA)

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## World Languages and Philosophy



**Ivonne Bruneau-Botello**

- **MA in Second Language Acquisition and Application (SLAA), University of Maryland, College Park**
- **BA in Journalism, University of Panama**

**Highlights:**

- Director, MC Confluence Translation Conference
- Served as the Humanities Department Chair at TP/SS (2014-2021)
- Served on the MC International Studies Program Advisory Board
- Served on the General Education Restructure and Transform Committee
- Served on the Closing the Achievement Gap Task Force Steering Committee
- Served on the Collegewide General Education review for World Languages
- Elected Board member of the Maryland Foreign Language Association (MFLA)
- Prior to teaching, worked as a journalist for over 8 years

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## Collegewide Disability Support Services



**Shalawn Childs**

- MA in Mental Health Counseling, Gallaudet University
- BS in Psychology, Washington State University
- AA in Interpreting (ASL), Seattle Central Community College

**Highlights:**

- DSS counselor for 10 years including working with Deaf and hard of hearing students
- Chair of Rockville Academic Appeals for 8 years; currently serving as part of the summer and virtual collegewide academic appeals committee; part of the academic appeals workgroup for academic regulations
- Experience in crisis intervention, academic advising and counseling, and teaching study skills
- Outstanding Faculty Award for Service 2020 - 2021
- National Counselors Certification (NCC)
- Nationally Certified Sign Language Interpreter (RID-NIC)

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## Collegewide General Studies



**Christina Gentile**

- MA in Romance Languages & Literatures (Italian & Spanish), The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- BA, double major in English Language & Literature and Romance Languages & Literatures (Italian & Spanish), University of Maryland, College Park

**Highlights:**

- Served on the General Studies Leadership Team, Virtual Campus Implementation Team, Achieving the Dream Data Team, Achieving the Dream Core Team, the OER Z-Degree Cross-functional Committee, the General Studies ePortfolio Pilot, and the Transfer Scholarship Coordinating Committee
- Served as the World Languages coordinator and Digital Language Lab Liaison on the Rockville Campus
- Awarded the Montgomery College Outstanding Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching & Advising (2017) and NISOD Excellence Award (2018)
- Translated materials for National Geographic Television & Film, USPS, and the Library of Congress

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## English Language for Academic Purposes (ELAP), Linguistics, and Communication Studies



**Ray Gonzales**

- **M.A. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), American University**
- **M.A. in International Affairs, American University**
- **B.A. in Political Science, Rutgers University**

**Highlights:**

- American English Language Program Coordinator (2009–2015)
- Co-Primary Investigator of the Teaching to Increase Diversity and Equity in STEM (TIDES) Grant at MC (2014 – 2017)
- Outstanding Faculty Award recipient (2011)
- Taught English as a Foreign Language in Syria and South Korea

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## Applied Technologies and the Gudelsky Institute for Technical Education



**Kara T. Guthro**

- **BS in Construction Management Technology, University of Maryland Eastern Shore (Universities at Shady Grove)**
- **AAS in Construction Management, Montgomery College**

**Highlights:**

- Construction Management Program Coordinator (2020 – 2023)
- 20+ years of experience in construction project management, specializing in phased, occupied renovation of historic buildings for federal and institutional clients
- As an MC student, part of a four-member team that won ABC National Construction Management Competition (competing against only four-year universities)

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## Media Arts and Technologies



**Katherine Hubley**

- MA in Publications Design from the University of Baltimore
- BA in Liberal Studies from Salisbury University
- Certificate in Digital Tools from Montgomery College

**Highlights:**

- Coordinator of Digital Animation (2012–2016) and Interim Coordinator of Digital Media and Web Technologies (2016–2017)
- 2021 Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching, 2022 NISOD Excellence Award Recipient
- 20+ years in Multimedia Design focused on DC-Area businesses, organizations, and institutions including the FAA, U.S. Department of Education, and the World Bank Group
- Current research includes Inclusive Curriculum Design, Universal Design for Learning, and Non-fungible Tokens (NFTs)

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## English and Reading



**Teri Hurst**

- MS in Education, University of Dayton
- BS in Education, Pennsylvania State University

**Highlights:**

- Full-time English/Reading faculty for the Gateway to College Program for 8 years
- Served on CAPDI Committee, Academic Appeals Committees: Rockville AA committee, Summer College-wide Academic Appeals Chair, Chair of the College-wide academic appeals workgroup for academic regulations, Advising Faculty Cadre
- DEAR Committee member — developed the new integrated English, Reading and writing curriculum for the college
- Developmental English/Reading Coordinator and IERW Coordinator
- Outstanding Faculty Award for Service 2017-2018

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Art (G & R)



Tendai Johnson

- MFA, Lamar Dodd School of Art, University of Georgia
- BFA, Lamar Dodd School of Art, University of Georgia
- Highlights:**
- Work has been exhibited in both national and international venues and has been a visiting artist/lecturer at numerous institutions including Yale Graduate School of Art and the Keisho Art Association, Japan
- Faculty at Moore College of Art & Design in Philadelphia for ten years
- Lives and works in his studio in Baltimore
- Chair since 2017 and Institutional Representative for NASAD (National Accreditation of Schools of Art & Design). Led in the application and Self-Study process that successfully awarded Montgomery College NASAD accreditation status in May 2021

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Counseling and Advising



Elizabeth Kirby

- MEd in Counseling from Stephens College
- BA in Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations and Minor in Coaching from Pittsburg State University
- Highlights:**
- Excellence in Counseling and Academic Advising, Full-Time Faculty 2020-2021
- Member of the MC Innovation Grant for the Pre-Transfer Academy 2021-2022

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## Collegewide Honors Director and Chair



**Lucy E. Laufe**

- **PhD in Anthropology and a Graduate Certificate Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh**
- **MA in Anthropology, Northwestern University**
- **BA in Anthropology, Grinnell College**

**Highlights:**

- Received a Fulbright–Hays I.I.E. Dissertation Research Grant to support doctoral research in Michoacán, Mexico, and a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Fellowship to study the Maya in Guatemala and Mexico
- MC’s Representative to the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, mentoring 17 of the college’s 18 winners of the Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship
- Past–President of the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council from 2013–2017, and a Board member 2005–2021
- Board Member, Co–Chair Major Scholarship Committee and Member of the Two–Year College Committee with the National Collegiate Honors Council, and recipient of the 2017 Ron Brandolini Award for Excellence at a Two–Year Institution

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## Business, Economics, Accounting, Computer Applications and Hospitality Management



**Hoa Nguyen**

- **PhD in Economics, University of Arizona**
- **MS in Economics, University of Texas**

**Highlights:**

- Trained economists with publications on Journal of Economic Education, International Advances in Economic Research, Pennsylvania Economic Review, Vietnam Financial Times and Council of American Overseas Research Center's blog
- Smithsonian Fellow with the The Paul Peck Humanities Institute
- Participant in the USM First in the World and Civic Education Collaborative Project Grant
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Open Pedagogy Fellow
- Fellow of the Diversity, Religion and Migration in West Africa Faculty Development Seminar, Council of American Overseas Research Center
- Alpha Beta Gamma Business Honor Society advisor (Chapter Eta Rho)

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## Collegewide Health Enhancement, Exercise Science and Physical Education



**Elizabeth Ridings**

- MA in Exercise Science & Fitness Management, University of Connecticut
- BS in Exercise Physiology, James Madison University

**Highlights:**

- Worked in the health and fitness industry for ten years prior to becoming a full-time faculty member at Montgomery College
- Experience managing fitness and wellness programs in collegiate, commercial and corporate settings
- Certified by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) as a Certified Exercise Physiologist and as a Physical Activity in Public Health Specialist

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## Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice (R & T)



**Ginger Robinson**

- JD, University of Baltimore
- MS in Negotiations and Conflict Management expected May 2023, University of Baltimore
- BA in Government and Public Policy, University of Baltimore
- AA in Political Science, Harford Community College

**Highlights:**

- Past President, Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.
- Current Member, Judicial Selections Committee, Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.
- Super Lawyers Rising Star in criminal defense practice, 2013 - 2019
- Pro bono work focuses on criminal records expungement and assistance to survivors of intimate partner violence and human trafficking
- Trained mediator with advanced certificates in the mediation of family law disputes
- Former executive committee and negotiating team member, MC chapter of AAUP

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## Mathematics, Statistics, and Data Science



**Ingrid Scott**

- **MS in Mathematics, Howard University**
- **BA in Mathematics, Hampton University**

**Highlights:**

- Academic Regulations & Standards Committee Faculty Representative (2020–2022)
- Calculus I/II (MATH 181/182) Course Workgroup Rockville Lead (2018–2022)
- Montgomery College Smithsonian Faculty Fellow (2019–2020)
- Rockville Faculty Council Representative (2010–2012)
- Sonya Kovalevsky (SK) Day Coordinator (1999–2012) Awards & Recognition
- Faculty Outstanding Service Award Recipient (2015)

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## History and Political Science



**Joseph A. Stumpf**

- **PhD in Art History and Archaeology, University of Missouri – Columbia**
- **MA in Classical Archaeology, University of British Columbia**
- **BA in Classics, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill**

**Highlights:**

- Regular Member and Associate Member of American School of Classical Studies in Athens and Member of the American School of Oriental Research 2004
- Specializes in Greek and Roman history in particular the cultural history of Greece under the Roman Empire
- Fifteen seasons of experience on archaeological excavations in the US, Italy, Jordan and Greece

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## Biology



**K. Rebecca Thomas**

- PhD in Evolutionary Biology, University of Chicago, IL
- MS in Evolutionary Biology, University of Chicago, IL
- BS in Biology, Samford University, Birmingham, AL

**Highlights:**

- Trained as an evolutionary biologist with expertise in fishes
- Principle investigator and MC lead on a collaborative NSF–IUSE funded project with UMBC, AACC, CCBC, and HCC to incorporate quantitative skill–building into the biology curriculum to support success of biology transfer students
- Member of AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science), NABT (National Association of Biology Teachers), and participant in STEM Futures, an NSF–funded project to advance innovative visions of STEM education

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## Performing Arts (R & G)



**Alvin F. Trask**

- Master of Music, Howard University
- Additional studies at the Thelonious Monk Institute, Dolo, Italy, and the Eastman School of Music
- Bachelor of Music, Louisiana State University

**Highlights:**

- Visiting Evaluator for National Association of Schools of Music
- Active performer in the Washington Metropolitan area and the Mid–Atlantic Region

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## Engineering, Physical, and Computer Sciences



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- PhD in Plasma Physics, UCLA
- MS in Physics, UCLA
- BS in Physics, UNICAMP (Brazil)

**Highlights:**

- Physics Program Coordinator, 2016-2022: Common exam process development and implementation, exam preparation and assessment.
- Senior Software Architect, Marsh Creek LLC
- Senior Research Physicist, BAE Systems
- Ionospheric Physics and Hazardous Waste Plasma Remediation post-doctoral research, UCLA