

Chairs Directory 2023–2024



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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Mathematics, Statistics, and Data Science



Kim Fouche

- MS in Applied Mathematics, University of Maryland College Park
- BS in Mathematics with a certificate in Secondary Education, Siena College

Highlights:

- Spent 15 years at UMCP teaching and advising
- At MC, served as the Program Advisor
- Co-authored a grant to provide an accelerated pathway through pre-reqs for health science majors

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Health Sciences



Tim Fuss

- **PhD in Nursing, University of North Dakota**
- **MS in Nursing, Case Western Reserve University**
- **BS in Nursing, University of Maryland**

Highlights:

- 20+ years of clinical nursing including Critical Care, Critical Care Transport & EMS
- American Heart Association Instructor for Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- Former chair of Nursing Curriculum Committee
- Research collaborator at NIH National Institute for Nursing Research (NINR)
- Former President of Maryland Community & College Simulation Users Network (MCCSUN)

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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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Visual and Performing Arts



Norberto Gomez, Jr

- **PhD in Media, Art, and Text from Virginia Commonwealth University**
- **MFA in Painting and Drawing, University of Houston**
- **BFA in Studio Art, Texas A&M University Kingsville**
- **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Professional Spanish, Towson University, 2022**

Highlights:

- Research and Scholarship: media archaeology, popular and digital culture studies, film, media studies and criticism
- Work featured in New American Paintings South #142 (June / July 2019) Recent exhibitions (select): Box 13 (Houston, TX), Rhizome DC (Wash. DC), Valet (Richmond, VA), CICA (South Korea), (e)merge D.C. (Wash. DC)
- Recent publication, “Eva Rocha: Desaparecido in the Post-Internet,” Digital Encounters: Narratives and Networks in Latin American Cyberspace, Cecily Raynor, ed. (University of Toronto Press, 2022)
- Conference presenter/chair (recent select): Southeastern College Art Conference (Lexington, KY), 2021, Northeast Modern Language Association Conference (Baltimore, MD), 2022, Digital Humanities Conference (México City) 2018, Approaching Posthumanism and the Posthuman Conference (Geneva, Switzerland), 2015
- Co-founder and editor of Sybil Press (est. 2013)

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Nursing



Brenda Knopp

- **MS in Nursing, Walden University**
- **BS in Nursing, University of Maryland**
- **BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

Highlights:

- Certified Nurse Educator
- Worked acute care in PACU, ICU, Oncology, M/S (20 years)
- Nursing Lead in the annual Interdisciplinary Mass Casualty Incident Drills
- Member Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Steering Committee

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Chemical and Biological Sciences



Valerie Lantz

- PhD in Molecular Biology, Princeton University
- MA in Molecular Biology, Princeton University
- BA in Biology, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Highlights:

- Montgomery College Outstanding Full-time Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence for the academic year 2017–2018
- Served as BIOL 150 Course Coordinator
- Served as Biological Sciences Program advisor

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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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Counseling & Advising



Julie Levinson

- MA in Learning and Performance Technology, University of Maryland Baltimore County
- MA in Counseling Psychology, emphasis on Life Transitions, University of San Francisco
- BA in Archaeology, Cornell University

Highlights:

- National Certified Counselor (NCC)
- Member of National Career Development Association (NCDA), National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) and the Middle Atlantic Career Counseling Association (MACCA)
- Recipient of the Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award in 2014 and 2021
- Co-author on several articles related to the field of advising for NACADA and an NRC academic advising guide for first year students
- Lead project manager/system administrator for Starfish and the COMM100 Live Chat/Chat Bot platforms

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Humanities



María-Elvira Luna-Escudero-Alie

- PhD in Iberian-American Literature and Culture, Georgetown University (minor in Applied Linguistics)
- BA(s) and Licenciatura(s) (Master’s equivalent) in Philosophy, Spanish Literature, and Spanish Linguistics, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Highlights:

- Served in the Academic Appeals Committee and the Sabbatical Committee
- Participated in the Scholarship in Excellence in Teaching, the Quantitative Reasoning Fellowship in the Disciplines, Learning Community Fellowship, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Open Pedagogy Fellowship, and the Smithsonian Fellowship
- Published over 45 academic articles, including 7 interdisciplinary articles co-authored with MC Mathematics full-professor Stephen Kcenich
- Certificate for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University, 2002

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



Stacey Peterson

- PhD in Communication, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- Master’s in Communication and Information Studies, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- B.S. in Magazine Journalism, Syracuse University

Highlights:

- Served as Campus-Wide Discipline Advisor since 2016
- Developed advising protocol for Communication Studies
- Developed Z-course materials for Introduction to Communication Inquiry and Theory
- Chaired Communication Studies Revision Committee

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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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Business, Economics, Accounting, Computer Applications, Hospitality Management and Paralegal Studies (G & T)



Margaret Tabiri

- DBA, University of Maryland Global Campus
- MS in Business (Finance focus); Johns Hopkins University
- MS in Education (Math focus); Johns Hopkins University
- BA in Economics; North Carolina State University

Highlights:

- Corporate experience as a financial analyst, contracts manager, and financial consultant.
- Skilled in teaching Mathematics, Statistics, Finance, Business and Management
- Department Chair 2023 – present
- Collegewide Course Coordinator 2020 - present
- Collegewide Curriculum Committee (2020 – present)
- Quality Assurance Design & Delivery Badge holder

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Physical Sciences, Engineering, Computer Science, Cybersecurity and Networking (G & T)



Alla Webb

- PhD in Systems Engineering, George Washington University
- MS in Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University
- BS & MS in Mechanical Engineering, State Technical University, St. Petersburg, Russia

Highlights:

- Computer Science and Program Coordinator (2013–2020)
- Served as Principal Investigator (PI) of the American Association of Colleges and Universities Teaching to Increase Diversity and Equity in STEM (TIDES) Grant at MC and co-Principal Investigator of a Perkins Grant
- 2018 NISOD Excellence Award
- 2017 Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient

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English and Reading



Charmaine Weston

- MA in English and Publishing, Rosemont College
- BA in English with Writing Concentration, Christopher Newport University
- AA in Liberal Arts and Business Administration, Thomas Nelson Community College

Highlights:

- 2019 Awarded Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching
- 2019 NISOD Excellence Award
- Co-Chair of Chairs (2019–present)
- Co-authored three study abroad programs
- Collaborated on multiple cross-disciplinary and cross-institution projects
- Major faculty contributor to the CCRCCA partnership between MC and MCPS

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