Santa Monica College
OPENING DAY
August 27th, 2015

“Truly excellent education reaches students where they are”
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8:00am – 8:30am
Check-in & Coffee/Networking in the Pavilion

8:30am – 10:20am
Opening Session in the Pavilion
Keynote Speaker: Frank Harris, Ed.D.

10:30am – 11:50am
Workshops

12:00pm – 1:00pm
Lunch in the Quad

1:00pm – 2:20pm
Workshops

2:30pm – 3:30pm
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Special Guest Speakers

Carlos G. Gutiérrez, Ph.D.

Carlos G. Gutiérrez grew up in Los Angeles and was educated in its public schools. He studied art and film at UCLA before graduating with a B.S. in chemistry in 1971. After earning a Ph.D. at UC Davis in 1975 for work in natural product synthesis, he joined the faculty at California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA), where he is the University President’s Distinguished Professor of Chemistry. Gutierrez and his research students design and synthesize molecules useful in understanding iron acquisition and transport in bacteria, as selective MRI contrast agents, and for selective delivery of drugs. Working with Cal State LA colleagues in the natural and behavioral sciences, mathematics, and engineering, he has administered research training programs at Cal State LA for 35 years, including NIGMS MARC and MBRS RISE programs. In the past decade alone, 106 Cal State LA alumni of these programs completed a PhD at top research universities. An additional 130 are currently in Ph.D. programs nationwide. They are already making an impact on American science.

Gutiérrez was named 2005 US Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He received the 1984 CSULA Outstanding Professor Award; was honored by President William J. Clinton with a 1996 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring; and the 2000 CSU System Wang - Outstanding Faculty in the Natural Sciences Award. He is recipient of the 2001 American Chemical Society (ACS) Award for Encouraging Disadvantaged Students into Careers in the Chemical Sciences, the 2004 AAAS Lifetime Mentor Award, the 2005 Education Award from the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Award Corporation, the 2006 ACS Stanley C. Israel Award for Advancing Diversity in Chemistry, and the 2011 SACNAS Distinguished Undergraduate Mentor Award. He is a Senior Fellow of the California Council on Science and Technology, an elected Fellow of the AAAS, and a Fellow of the American Chemical Society. His animated film “Antimatter,” produced as an undergraduate with roommate Lewis Hall at UCLA, which combined his interests in art and science, received a 1973 award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Frank Harris, Ed.D.

Dr. Frank Harris III is an Associate Professor of Postsecondary Education and Co-director of the Minority Male Community College Collaborative (M2C3) at San Diego State University. His research is broadly focused on student development and student success in postsecondary education and explores questions related to the social construction of gender and race on college campuses, college men and masculinities, and racial/ethnic disparities in college student outcomes. He is currently engaged in a national study of productive masculinities and positive behaviors among college men. In his role as co-director of M2C3, he
partners with community colleges across the United States to conduct research and design interventions to facilitate student achievement among men who have been historically marginalized in postsecondary education. Harris is the recipient of several scholarly awards from national higher education and student affairs professional associations. His scholarship has been recognized by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) with the Standing Committee for Men’s 2008 Outstanding Research Award, the Emerging Scholar Award in 2010, and the 2010 Annuit Coeptis Award for Early Career Achievement.

**J. Luke Wood, Ph.D.**

J. Luke Wood, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Community College Leadership and the Director of the Doctoral Program in Community College Leadership at San Diego State University (SDSU). Dr. Wood is also Co-Director of the Minority Male Community College Collaborative (M2C3), a national research and practice center that partners with community colleges to support their capacity in advancing outcomes for men of color. M2C3 houses the National Consortium on College Men of Color (NCCMC) which host trainings, information sharing sessions, and provides resources to colleges with initiatives and programs supporting college men of color. He is also Chair-Elect for the Council on Ethnic Participation (CEP) for the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE), Director of the Center for African American Research and Policy (CAARP), and Co-Editor of the Journal of Applied Research in the Community College. His research has been featured by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans, New York Times, Chronicle of Higher Education, Huffington Post, C-SPAN, and National Press Club. Dr. Wood has authored over 90 publications, including six co-authored books, six edited books, and more than 40 peer-reviewed journal articles.

**Lluliana Alonso, Ed.D.**

Lluliana Alonso is recent doctoral graduate of UCLA’s Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. Her research focuses on the historical intersections of race, space, education and discourse, in shaping educational opportunity for Mexican students in the first half of the 20th century in South Central Los Angeles. Additionally, through her involvement as a graduate researcher in the Bill & Melinda Gates funded *Pathways for Postsecondary Success* project, Dr. Alonso’s research interests also include contemporary barriers for first-generation, low-income students in community colleges. As a former community college student herself, Dr. Alonso is particularly interested in teaching and learning in basic skills courses. An alumna of Santa Monica College, Dr. Alonso graduated and transferred to UCLA, where she received her B.A. in Political Science, M.A. in Education, and Ed.D. in education.
Laura Huober

Laura Huober is currently an M.B.A./Master of Environmental management joint-degree candidate at Yale University and is a Class of ’08 alum of Santa Monica College. In addition to researching waste-management issues in Ghana and working as a sustainability research analyst for Pax World Funds, Laura worked for the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office examining workforce training programs related to energy efficiency.

David Sanfilippo, Director of the Disabled Student Services (DSS) program at Cal State Long Beach

Dave Sanfilippo has served as the director of the Disabled Student Services (DSS) program at Cal State Long Beach for over 30 years. The DSS program at CSULB was the first program of its kind established in the California State University system and is widely recognized as one of the outstanding programs in the country. Dave has received numerous awards for his work as an advocate for students with disabilities and has established numerous programs that extend educational opportunities to them. Since 1980, Dave has served on the Executive Board of the California Association on Post-Secondary Education and Disability (CAPED), and has received service awards from them in 1983, 1991, and 2000. He has also served on a number of strategic committees that provide services and programs for the disabled such as the 1986 United States Association of Blind Athletes, 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (Handicapped Services), and Co-Director of 1981 Wheelchair Games.

Safe Zone Training by The Westside Family Health Center

Westside Family Health Center (WFHC), will facilitate a panel discussion and with the Los Angeles LGBT Center provide training for faculty who are interested in creating safe zones for our LBGTQ students. Since 1974, WFHC has been an integral part of the Westside community, serving low-income families and the uninsured population. WFHC provides reproductive health services including STI/HIV counseling and testing at SMC’s student health center the fourth Thursday of every month. WFHC also partners with SMC by facilitating sexual health presentations for SMC students and HIV risk reduction workshops for gay men. Part I of Safe Zones Training will be a panel discussion featuring speakers from Equal Action, LA LGBT Center, the Trans Youth Program at CHLA, and WFHC, and Part II is a hands on workshop that develops Safe Zone Techniques.
10:30am – 11:50am
Workshops

“Preparing Community College Students for Success in STEM Ph.D. Programs”
Dr. Carlos Gutiérrez
Location: Science 145

“Student Equity and Success at Santa Monica College: Findings from the Community College Survey of Men”
Dr. Frank Harris and Dr. J. Luke Wood
Location: Main Stage

“Success After SMC: Alumni Perspectives”
Dr. L luliana Alonso and Laura Huober
Location: Theater Arts Black Box Studio

“Safe Zone Training at SMC (Part I)”
Facilitator, Julie Kirk, Director of Community Outreach and Education at WFHC
Panel Discussion: With Annabel Agustin and Chandi Moore, Health Educators for the Trans Youth Program at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA)
Dahlia Ferlito, Co Founder of Equal Action
Mandy Litwin, Family Services Program Supervisor at the Los Angeles LGBT Center
Elias Martinez, Outreach Specialist at WFHC
Location: HSS 165

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“A Curriculum for Student Career Success: Let’s Teach Science The Way We Do Science”
Presenter: Dr. Carlos Gutiérrez
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“Perception of Individuals with Disabilities”
Presenter: David Sanfilippo, CSU Long Beach Disabled Student Services Director
This workshop will focus on how we view students with disabilities and how these views affect our ability to serve this population of students.
Location: Science 140

“Migrating from eCollege to Canvas (part 1)”
Presenters: Pete Morris and Julie Yarrish
Earlier this year, the state’s Online Education Initiative selected Instructure’s Canvas as its common course management system. As SMC enters the final year of its contract with Pearson’s eCollege/eCompanion, our Distance Education Committee is recommending that we migrate to Canvas as well. For this first of two sessions, the OEI’s Pat James and Steve Klein will join us to discuss how and why Canvas was chosen as a statewide online-learning platform and what a move to Canvas would entail for SMC.
Location: HSS 104
“Global Citizenship: What the Heck Is It?”  
*Presenters: Kelley Brayton and Gordon Dossett*  
Eight years ago near the start of the global citizenship initiative at SMC, many on campus did not know just what it was. Where are we today? Come hear about upcoming speakers from home and abroad, a new 1-unit short-term study abroad class, previous study abroad experiences from this year and 25 years ago, the annual research symposium, Fulbright opportunities, and next summer's program to Turkey. A focus of the Global Council this year will be ways of drawing in our international students, who make up 10% of our student body.  
**Location: HSS 106**

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2:30pm – 3:30pm  
Workshops  

**Safe Zone Training (Part II)**  
*Mandy Litwin, Family Services Program Supervisor at the Los Angeles LGBT Center and WFHC’s Julie Kirk Director of Community Outreach and Education (COE), Elias Martinez, Outreach Specialist, and Evelyn Torres COE Coordinator, will facilitate the second part of Safe Zones Training.*  
Participants will conduct exercises and discuss terminology to learn techniques that will enable them to become more responsive mentors to LGBT students who ask for help.  
**Location: HSS 165**

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“Migrating from eCollege to Canvas (Part II)”  
*Presenters: Pete Morris and Julie Yarrish*  
Following the first session’s conversation with leaders of the state’s Online Education Initiative, this second session will provide an open forum led by the Distance Education Committee for discussing a prospective change of SMC’s online learning platform to Canvas. Among the topics to be addressed will be the timeline for completing such a transition, the training of faculty in using Canvas, and the support that faculty should receive in migrating existing learning materials from the eCollege/eCompanion platform to Canvas.  
**Location: HSS 104**

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“Reading Mentors: Reading With Children As A Pedagogical Tool”  
*Presenters: Steven Kaufman, Erica Cuyugan, and Jennifer Boyce*  
The focus will be on helping SMC faculty and staff to become more versed in applying campus-based reading mentoring programs to their curriculum in ways that can enhance the teaching experience for all concerned. We will share ideas for service learning opportunities we have found to be successful for cultivating an enriching and dynamic classroom environment regardless of discipline taught. Members of the Santa Monica Public Library will co-present along with SMC philosophy professor Steven Kaufman.  
**Location: HSS 103**
“The SMC Bachelor’s Degree”
*Presenter: Jenny Merlic*
A bachelor’s degree from SMC? Yes!! SMC has been selected as one of fifteen California Community Colleges to offer our own Bachelor of Science degree via the state’s new pilot baccalaureate degree program. Join us to learn more about the state’s pilot project, SMC’s plans for how and when to offer the degree, and this exciting new opportunity for SMC students.
*Location: HSS 105*

“Veterans in the Classroom”
*Presenter: Todd Adamson*
A panel of student veterans will discuss the challenges they face transitioning from the military to college. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and find out how the educational experience can be made more effective for this group of students.
*Location: HSS 150*

“Financial Literacy For You And Your Students”
*Presenters: Patricia Halliday, Jenny Resnick, Ming Lu, Eleni Hioureas, Steven Sedky*
Are you aware of a financial literacy campaign launched by California’s community colleges? Do you want to educate yourself and your students about financial literacy? Come join us for a discussion on what resources are available, and how other faculty have adopted financial literacy as a teaching topic in their classes.
*Location: HSS 151*

“Program Review: What Do Department Chairs Think It Should Include?”
*Presenters: Vicki Drake and Fran Chandler*
What does the state require? What is needed for a department’s planning purposes? In what form should data and information come to departments? How should the documents be used?
*Location: HSS 152*

“Joint Center for Teaching Excellence and Grit Workshop – Fostering students’ growth mindset in your course”
*Presenters: Eric Oifer and Christine Schultz*
Please join us for a workshop in which we review the structure and content of our courses to identify opportunities to help our students develop a growth mindset. At this workshop-style session, attendees will use a provided worksheet to review their course materials. To get the most benefit from this session please bring your syllabus and other course documents.
*Location: HSS 153*
“Healthy Body = Healthy Mind”  
*Presenters: Elaine Roque, Rory Barnett, Lydia Strong, and Steve Contarsy*  
Regular activity and exercise lead to happier, healthier and more productive people. Join the Kinesiology faculty at the Fitness Center where you can learn about using the facility and work out!  
**Location: Fitness Center**

“Sabbaticals and Fellowships: Where Can Your Passion Take You?”  
*Presenters: Mary Colavito, Alan Buckley, and former sabbatical and fellowship recipients*  
Come learn the process for sabbatical and fellowship applications and hear about the enriching experiences of colleagues presenting their completed projects.  
**Location: HSS 154**

“Reaching for Success & Broadening Understanding in a Forward Direction”  
*Presenters: Judith Douglas, Jae Lee, Mark Tomasic*  
Equity, Gender & Dancer are all 6 letter words; we are all dancers and truly excellent education reaches students in their visceral core. Dance Department faculty will present tools for filling in the equity gap and helping students discover their ability to succeed. Lectures & video presentations that demonstrate equity & diversity topics encoded in the art of dance classes at SMC will be presented. Actions often speak louder than words, and dance can bridge the equity gap using the universal language of movement.  
**Location: HSS 155**

"Equity Begins at Home: Putting Equity Into Practice in Our Classrooms”  
*Presenters: Jason Bostick, facilitator*  
Achieving "equity" is not just an institutional challenge; it is a personal challenge to each instructor in each classroom. What are the ways we can adopt equitable practices in our teaching, right now, starting this semester? Come share your stories of practical methods for promoting equity in the classroom.  
**Location: HSS 156**

“Implications of the 75/25 Ratio for SMC”  
*Presenters: Peter Morse and Michael Strathearn*  
Since the signing of AB1725 in 1988, it has been acknowledged that a worthy goal is to hire more full-time faculty so they can participate in the many tasks beyond the classroom that support student success. Finally there appears to be state funding for such hiring, and this could have profound effects on the SMC community. Come and learn more about the history of "75/25", recent California legislation and budget priorities, and how we can all help shape its local implementation.  
**Location: HSS 203**
Discover The BEST Kept Secret On Campus…
The Career Services Center
Presenters: Vicki Rothman, Faculty Leader, Career Services Center & Jenna Gausman, Career Counselor, Career Services Center
Do you know where to refer students to figure out their college major?  
Do you know where to send students looking for Internships and employment?  
Come visit our premier Career Services Center located in the Counseling Village.  
Learn how we can strategically help your students find their College Majors, future Careers, Internships and Employment  
This is a great workshop for faculty and staff new to SMC!  
Location: Career Services Center in the Counseling Village

"Accreditation: Turning Data Into Action”  
**Presenters: Members of the Accreditation Steering Committee**
SMC is currently going through its seven-year accreditation cycle and a visiting team from ACCJC will visit us in Fall 2016. Key to the self-evaluation process is the use of data to identify strategies to improve student learning and success. Please join us for a lively discussion where we’ll brainstorm ideas for how the college can better turn data into action or make improvements and implement change based on evidence.  
Location: HSS 204

“SMC Turkey Professional Development Program 2016:  
We Think You Should Apply!”  
**Presenters: Teresa Garcia and 2015 SMC Turkey Trip Participants**
Immerse yourself in a very rich and complex modern Turkey! The 2015 SMC Turkey group just returned from two weeks with our host institution, Bahcesehir University in Istanbul, learning about food, religion, history, politics, social mores, education systems and an excursion to Cappadocia in central Turkey. The 2015 attendees will share stories and offer insights on the application process for those interested in experiencing Turkey in 2016.  
Location: HSS 205

**Title IX/Sexual Harassment Training**  
**Presenter: Tre’Shawn Hall-Baker**
The training will provide an overview of federal, state and local laws and policies regarding Title IX, as well as information about the different types of sexual harassment claims and best practices to avoid sexual harassment claims. In addition, we will outline the reporting process and resources for students and employees who may be victims or respondents of sexual misconduct.  
Location: HSS 206
Your Professional Development Committee:
Nate Donahue, co-chair
Kevin Menton, co-chair
Edna Chavarry, vice-chair
The Professional Development Committee

A Warm Welcome to Our New Faculty!
Luis Andrade, Vincenta Arrizon Maffris, Christopher Badger, Heather Bennett, Cieran Brewster, Delphine Broccard, Tram Dang, Timothy Dong, Kimberly Gross, Lea Hald, Matthew Hank, Hafedh Herichi, Gary Huff, Alex Ibaraki, Lorrie Ivas, Amina Khoja, Jing Liu, Elisa Meyer, Cathi Miller, Ara Montes de Vegas, Leticia Montoya, Dana Nasser, Srey Ngov Ara Nieves-Lucas, Keith Ouelette, Travis Pecorelli, Cesar Rubio, Steven Sedky, Redelia Shaw, Antippia Short, Fabiola Valcin, Audra Wells

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