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MVC’s African-American Administrators & Faculty

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Administrators
Dr. Foster has been a student affairs professional for over 18 years. He currently serves as the Vice President of Student Services at MVC, providing leadership to all student services areas on campus. Dr. Foster grew up in Northern California (Vacaville) and prior to coming to MVC, he has worked as an administrator in student services at Evergreen Valley College, Mt. San Antonio College, and Rio Hondo College.

Dr. Foster holds a doctorate in higher education administration from USC, a master's degree in counseling from Cal State Long Beach, and a bachelor's degree in applied behavioral science from UC Davis, where he was a member of the Aggies football team.

Dr. Foster is also the President-Elect for the African American Male Education and Network Development Organization (A²MEND), a non-profit organization focused on increasing the success of African American males in college.
Dean Eugenia Vincent graduated from Gardena High School and received her undergraduate degree from Clark Atlanta University. She received her Masters of Educational Administration from the University of Southern California.

Her career in higher education began at Iowa State University. She then moved on to start a career at Riverside Community College District back in 1989. She began as the Financial Aid Director and served as the District Dean of Student Financial Services at all three campuses for years. She now serves as the Moreno Valley Dean of Student Financial Services. She is here to support all students in having a positive and rewarding experience at Moreno Valley College.

On a personal note, she is happily married and the mother of two young adults. She is an active member in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. She enjoys her position here at Moreno Valley College and supports the mission of the College. Dean Vincent is a long standing member of the NAACP.
Dr. Rosslynn Byous has served as the director of MVC’s Physician Assistant program since May 2012. She was appointed to the Physician Assistant Committee for the Medical Board of California & the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission.

She has worked as associate dean of administration and program director at Charles Drew Medical School since 2010. She joined the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine’s Primary Care Physician Assistant Program in 2000 and was promoted to program director in 2006. Dr. Byous was faculty for the primary care assistant preparatory program at Riverside Community College since 1999.

She served as associate professor at Western University of Health Sciences from 1997 to 2002, where she previously served as instructor of physician assistant education from 1991 to 1997. She is a member of the California Academy of
Micki Poole Clowney earned her BA from UC Irvine & a Masters from USC and is currently pursuing a Doctorate at USC in Organizational Change and Leadership. Micki currently serves as the Director for the MVC Upward Bound Math & Science Program where she works with local high school students to help them prepare for college and careers in areas related to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). For nearly 25 years, Micki has worked empowering students to navigate the educational process & pursue their dreams. Her passion was ignited during her undergraduate tenure at the UC Irvine where she worked with underrepresented students & encouraged them to go to college. Since graduating from UC Irvine, Micki has worked with several colleges/universities, including the UC Riverside, Pitzer (Claremont Colleges) CSU Fullerton, & Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas State University). Over the years, Micki has developed & implemented several educational outreach & student programs to assist over 100,000 students & families navigate the road to college. Micki has taken to heart the philosophy that “Together Everyone Accomplishes More.” She truly has a knack for establishing effective partnerships and bringing people together to provide unique educational opportunities for the community. She works with several community programs, including the Empowering, Youth – Envisioning Success (EYES) Program, the Moreno Valley Unified School District African-American Advisory Council and the African-American Student Success Committee for Val Verde Unified School District. She also volunteers as the Special Projects Coordinator for the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Bernardino and is a published author of ABCs of You: Words of Inspiration and Affirmation in Celebration of Women. Micki has presented keynote speeches & conference workshops events. Her energy level is infectious and she is the proud mother of three.
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Full-Time
Faculty
James Banks has worked at Moreno Valley College for 11 years since 2002. He is the chair of the Health, Human and Public Services Department and an Associate Professor of Human Services at MVC.

He earned a Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), from University of Wisconsin, Madison & a Bachelors of Science from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

Mr. Banks has modestly build a very active program that allows students to fully engage the entire college and community. He fosters leadership in his students. Their contributions include a food bank, off campus internships, Service Learning, Advocacy Charity, Health awareness walks and an annual Veterans Day BBQ.

Professor Banks has been involved in higher education for the past 30 years. Professor Banks has taught and counseled at the University of Wisconsin, University of California-Irvine, UCLA, Cal State San Bernardino and San Bernardino Valley College. Professor Banks has been involved with the criminal justice systems in Wisconsin and California. He also has extensive experience in social services, veterans’ affairs and gang initiatives.
Dr. Cordell A. Briggs, Ph.D., returned to teaching Communications after working as the Dean of Public Safety Education and Training. He is a graduate of historically black colleges, including Howard University, from which he earned a doctorate of philosophy degree in English with emphasizes in sociolinguistics and African American literature.

He has not only taught English on the Riverside & Moreno Valley College campuses but has also served in a variety of administrative positions within the Riverside Community College District.

Dr. Briggs is a co-founder of the Renaissance Scholars Program on the Moreno Valley College campus & is the 47th Distinguished Faculty Lecturer in the Riverside Community College District. Over the years, Dr. Briggs has lectured & presented extensively on topics related to African American literature, African-American linguistics, language variation and change in the African American Community.
Terrie Hawthorne, is the Workforce Preparation Counselor/Counselor coordinator for the CalWORKs Program at Moreno Valley College. She rose above teen parenthood and life in the inner city ghetto of south central Los Angeles where she was born and raised to become a first generation college student who graduated from California State University Northridge (CSUN) with a B.S. in Home Economic emphasis in Fashion Merchandising Business option in June 1994 and went to work in corporate America.

After finding her passion in helping others Terrie graduated with a Master’s Degree in Social Work (MSW) from Loma Linda University in June 2001. She worked in a variety of capacities in traditional social work positions until she became a community college counselor/instructor in 2006.

Terrie worked at MSJC and SBVC before she joined RCCD as a faculty intern in the 2008/2009 academic year and promoted to adjunct counselor in general counseling in April 2009. She has counseled students in general counseling, Athletics, First Year Experience programs, Veterans, EOPS/CARE and CalWORKS programs, guest lectured & taught a variety of guidance courses.

Terrie was hired full-time as the Moreno Valley College CalWORKS Counselor/Coordinator in August 2011 and continues to use her role to mentor others. She actively participates in a variety of collaborative to advocate for students and social change. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the former corresponding secretary for the Inland Empire Association of Black Social Workers.
Cheryl Honoré is a Professor of Accounting at Moreno Valley College, and is a member of the Moreno Valley College Academic Senate. She is also co-advisor for the Moreno Valley College Choirs, and has been advising the Gospel Singers for over 20 years.

Before her employment at Moreno Valley College, Ms. Honoré practiced public accounting for eight years, including working for two international CPA firms and a business management firm in the entertainment industry.

Prof. Honoré received her Master of Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 1995; her B.S. degree in Accounting from Loyola Marymount University in 1981; and her CPA certificate in 1984.

Ms. Honoré was honored in the 2004 and 2005 editions of Who’s Who Among American Teachers. She is a member of National Association of Black Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

CHERYL A. HONORÉ, MBA, CPA (INACTIVE)
Dr. Kidd is an Assistant Professor at Riverside County Regional Medical Center/ Riverside Community College District - Moreno Valley College Physician Assistant Program. Dr. Kidd holds an Associate of Science Degree in natural science from Crafton Hills College, a Bachelor of Health Science Degree from California State University Dominguez Hills, a Master in Health Professions Education Degree, and a Physician Assistant Certificate of Completion from Western University of Health Sciences. Dr. Kidd has also earned an Executive Master of Public Health in Health Services Administration and Policy from UCLA, and a Doctorate in Health Science, with a Concentration in Global Health from AT Stills University, Meza, Arizona.

Dr. Kidd also completed an Orthopedic Surgical Fellowship at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and practiced for 10 years in orthopedic surgery prior to his first academic appointment at the University of Texas, Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas, where he also completed a teaching excellence fellowship. In addition to his academic and clinical practice, Dr. Kidd is also an external consultant for PA program development and participates in research activities.
Sarah Michelle Marshall is an Associate Professor of Anatomy and Physiology and the Department Math, Science and Kinesiology Chair of Department (MSK):

Shara Marshall earned a Master of Arts in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB).

During the time Shara was working on her master’s degree in 2002 she started teaching labs, doing research and her passion for the sciences unfolded.

She studied Anatomy, Physiology, Health Science, and Biology and found a passion for teaching. As her career path was being paved she decided to become a professor and really enjoys teaching. She still enjoys research, and learns more every day.

Her role as department chair continues to foster her personal and professional growth. She loves being part of the college and the interaction with students.
Ms. Moore earned her undergraduate degree, (B.S. in Home Economics-Fashion Merchandising emphasis and a minor in Business) and her graduate degree, (M.A. in Counseling-Student Services emphasis) from California State University, Fresno. Frankie comes from the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development on the campus of California State University, Fresno. Frankie has worked in the field of Student Affairs for approximately 30+ years, starting her career on the campus of UC-Santa Barbara as an Outreach Counselor, (approximately 4-years). From there she returned to her Alma Mater, Fresno State where she served as Outreach Counselor, Advisor to the Associated Student’s, Coordinator for New Student Orientation and Transitions Programs, and Advisor to numerous clubs and organizations, (approximately 19 years). Her personal goal in working with students is to reinforce the knowledge they receive in college outside in the real world for leadership, civic duties and responsibilities. She is an advocate for students, and supports their desire to participate in shared governance.

Ms. Moore was elected as President and continues to serve on the Executive Board in the role as Student Senate Liaison of the California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA). This group’s purpose is to serve as an advocate to Student Affairs personnel throughout the state and to keep personnel abreast of leadership opportunities and issues affecting community college students.

Outside of work, Frankie spends some of her time participating in community service activities as a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a not for profit philanthropic community and nation-wide organization. She was elected and served 7 years as the Western Region Vice President of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, (NBS), a not for profit organization designed to identify, develop and support athletes of color who will WIN Olympic and international winter sports competitions representing the United States and to increase participation in winter sports.

Frankie’s hobbies include traveling, attending sporting events, going to movies and live theatre productions, shopping, meeting new people and of course “skiing”.

Frankie joined the RCCD-Moreno Valley campus, as Faculty-Tenure Track & Coordinator of Student Activities Monday, September 12, 2005. She brings with her energy, a wealth of experience in the field of student services and a sincere passion to work with students.

Frankie Moore currently serves as the Student Activities Coordinator and Advisor to Student Government at the Moreno Valley College. Ms. Moore has been an invaluable asset in providing support and leadership to our district student government group, as well as providing the resources to assist students in planning special events on campus. Ms. Moore was born in Birmingham, AL to Rosa and Frank Moore, the 5th child and girl, (a 6th girl was born when Frankie was in her teens) in the family!!

Frankie Moore, M.A.
Moreno Valley College  Ms. Congeniality  Ms. Parker won the hearts of students & colleagues alike with her warm welcoming down to earth personality. Ms. Parker stepped on the California Community College scene as a professional in fall 1998 serving as a counselor at RCCD’s Norco Campus.

Most people know Ms. Parker for being a caring woman that goes against the status quo to serve and advocate on behalf of students. She has a Master’s degree in Counseling: Student Development in Higher Education from Cal State University, Long Beach (1999), Bachelor’s of Arts in Psychology (CSULB, 1995) & Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts (Long Beach City College, 1992). Her advanced degree & lifelong learning experience is parenthood. Her most significant life role is loving & fostering the development of her 5 children. Her closest acquaintances know her as “city girl with country roots”. Her upbringing took her from the streets of Los Angeles to the southern heart of Tennessee and back to Long Beach, California as a teenager full of promise. If, the saying is true “you are what you eat”, then Ms. Parker is a cast iron skillet baked piece of corn bread, deep fried smothered chicken, fresh string beans, potato salad, fried corn off the cob, macaroni & cheese, and a large helping of fresh out the oven peach cobbler with French vanilla ice cream.

As an educator she serves the MVC community as a general counselor and coordinator of the Renaissance Scholars Program. She is no stranger to the local community for she has also served as a Social Worker to the foster youth. And to the neighboring community college Mount San Jacinto she has served as a part-time athletic counselor, EOPS counselor, basic skills & general counselor. She is dedicated to academic excellence. She defines in a quote the higher educational setting as a place where we are all “United by Education, and Shaped by Culture.” (Date: Spring 2013)
My name is Paula Stafford and I am a Physician Assistant, and an Assistant Professor at the Moreno Valley College, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Physician Assistant Program. I graduated from Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School as a physician assistant in 1983. I practiced as a certified physician assistant from 1985 to 2002. I worked in the field of Family Medicine for Hawthorne Community Medical Group, Southern California Permanente Medical Group (aka – Kaiser) and Vista Medical Group.

As a clinician I enjoyed helping patients improve their health or offer some solace during desperate times. As an Assistant Professor I learned the pleasure of watching students progress from uncertainty, to highly intelligent, skilled and confident physician assistants.

It feels good to give back to society and contribute to the well being and success of people. I encourage all persons to visualize their goal and work hard at achieving it and don’t settle for anyone telling you – you can’t do it. Everyday you wake up is an opportunity to make your life better. Don’t waste time on things you cannot change or yesterday – always look forward and make your dreams a reality.
Nikki Thurston, MSW

- Nikki Thurston earned a Masters in Social Work from California State University San Bernardino in 2003, a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Studies from California Baptist University and an Associates Degree in Math and Science from Moreno Valley College. She has returned to us and is currently a Student Success Counselor at Moreno Valley College. She has also worked at Norco College, San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College with first year experience, former foster youth, CalWORKs and general student populations. She also has diverse experience as a social worker, group home therapist, foster family agency case manager and director for a non profit agency that served former foster youth.
Jeff Townsell, M.A.

- Jeff Townsell worked at Riverside City College & Moreno Valley College for ten years as the Student Financial Services Counselor. He is now exclusively Moreno Valley College in General Counseling. Jeff received his Master in Science degree from National University in Educational Counseling. He also received his Bachelor in Arts degree in Behavioral Science at National University. Jeff is a product of the Community College system where he received his Associates in Science degree from Fullerton College Business Management.

- Jeff Townsell is a Vietnam “Era” Veteran where he served in the United States Marine Corps for three years from 1973 to 1976. Jeff found his way into the Community College system at the age of 29 as a single parent. When in school, he received support through DSP&S, EOP&S and Veterans Services. After eight years of college and university classes, Jeff was the first in his family across generations to receive his Master’s degree. Jeff has 21 years of counseling experience of which nine of those years were with high school students in Long Beach, San Bernardino and Corona unified school districts. Jeff has always had a strong desire to work with students who have the greatest needs, such as first generation college students. He believes that this is easily accomplished when his target population are students who are eligible for financial assistance. His goal is to inspire students to be Patient and Persistent with the process of higher learning and to have a Passion for their career goals they are pursuing.
PART-TIME COUNSELORS
Monique Greene is the Career and Transfer Center Coordinator and adjunct general Counselor at Moreno Valley College. She has worked as a counselor in various counseling settings such as: STEM, EOPs, and CalWORKs.

Ms. Greene earned her bachelor’s degree in Communications from California State University, San Bernardino and her Master’s degree in Educational Counseling from the University of Redlands.

Ms. Greene enjoys being a mentor, counselor and a valuable resource for a diverse population of students. She feels that one of her best attributes in being a counselor is the ability to relate to students and understand the different barriers that they may be facing when trying to juggle employment, education, family and many other student responsibilities.

Monique Greene truly believes in lifelong learning, student advocacy and academic excellence. She continually tries to find innovative ideas to keep students engaged and to help guide them through their academic, career and personal goals. Ms. Greene’s goal is to help each student that she comes in contact with align their passions and their abilities towards an educational or career goal.
Gertrude (Gertia) Lopez is the Renaissance Scholars/UMOJA Program Coordinator/Counselor at Moreno Valley College. Ms. Lopez received her first Master in Sciences degree from National University in Educational Counseling, and her second Master in School Psychology with a Certification in Behavioral Analysis. She also received her Bachelor in Arts degree in Sociology from California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). With Ms. Lopez being a graduate of the Community College system she received her Associates Arts degree in Liberal Studies at Crafton Hills College. Ms. Lopez has serves as a Counselor/ Instructor for the Community College System from 1998 to present. Her goal is to help provide students with, educational and Vocational guidance.

Ms. Lopez has served as a Destino (Puente) Counselor, EOP’S Counselor at MSJC (Menifee campus) General Counselor, basic Skills Counselor, DRC (DSP&S) Counselor, Workability III Counselor/Instructor, Ujima Coordinator/Counselor, and CAP Instructor/Counselor at RCC, at Chaffey Community College Ms. Lopez worked as a General Counselor/ Instructor and Probation/Dismissal Counselor/Instructor Program, and Moreno Valley College (MVC) Ms. Lopez served as a General Counselor/Instructor, Middle College Instructor. She has also taught Sociology Courses: Introduction to Sociology, race and racism, at Menifee Campus and her very first teaching assignment was at MVC (RCCD) where she taught introduction to Education. She was also an instructor in career Exploration and Life Planning, College Success Strategies, and Introduction to College at RCC/MVC.

Ms. Lopez has been a Club CO-Advisor for over 8 years at Riverside City College (RCC) For Business Leaders of Tomorrow (BLT), Law Society and Mock trial she have also help in writing the Bylaws for Active mine at Riverside City College (RCC) and was the Advisor for Ujima (RCC), and CO-Advisor for 2 years for the Renaissance Scholars Club.

Ms. Lopez experience also includes 4 years as an Assistant Administrator of a Group Home, and Social worker for a local foster Family Agency. Her duties included individual and group counseling, caseload management, intake coordination, staff development, in-service training /coordination, and a Transitions home program.