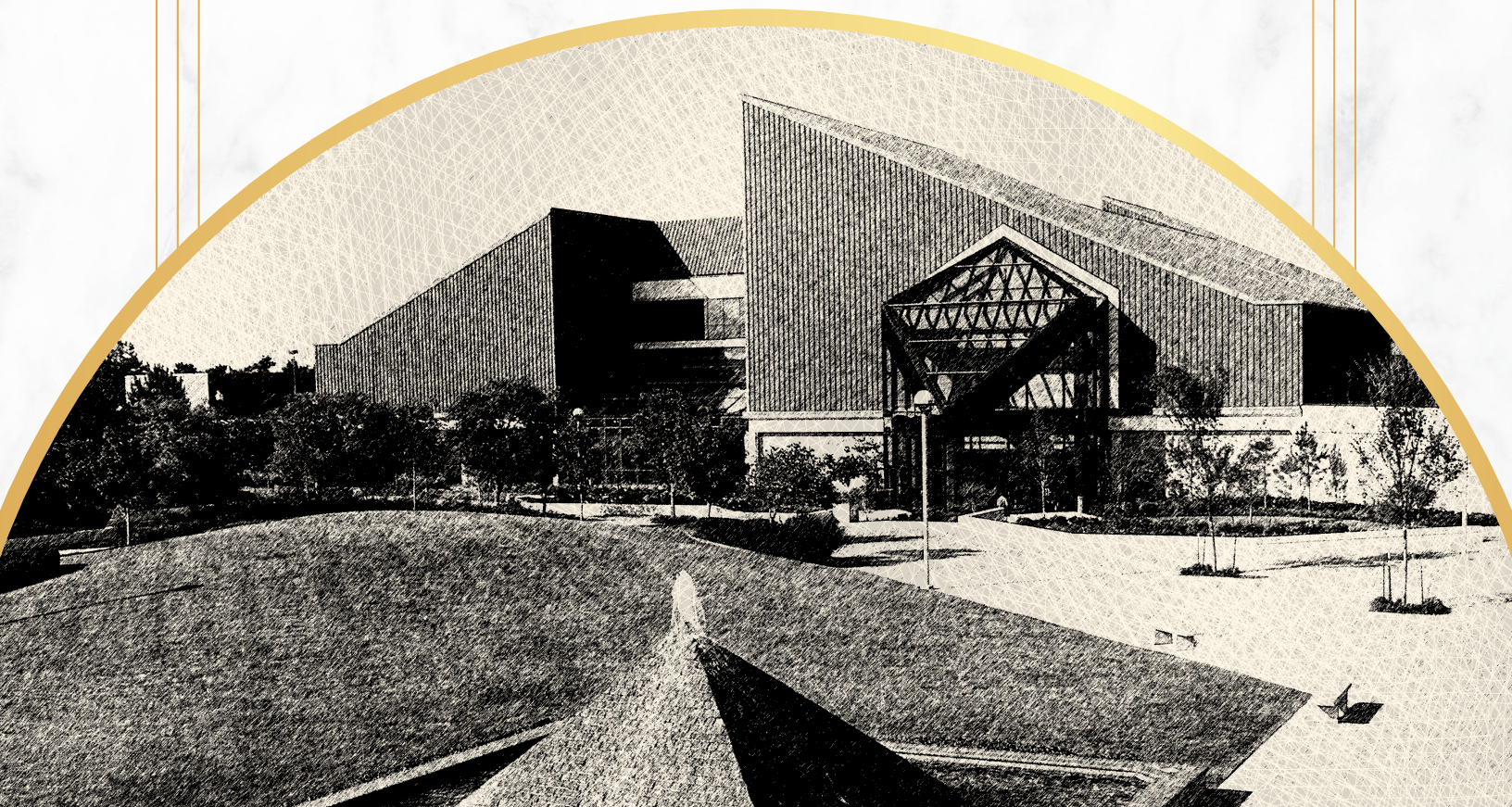




OKLAHOMA CITY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*Academic Affairs*  
**Faculty & Staff  
Recognition  
Luncheon**

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026 | 12:30 P.M.  
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER





A LETTER  
FROM THE  
*President*

## Dear Colleagues,

As we gather for our Academic Affairs Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon, I am reminded that the strength of Oklahoma City Community College has never resided in a single milestone, program, or accolade, it has always resided in you.

Over the past year, OCCC has continued to expand both its reach and its impact. We now serve more than 23,000 learners annually, including over 18,000 in credit programs and 5,000 in workforce training. Together, we have awarded over 20,000 industry-aligned micro-credentials, equipping students with the skills needed to step confidently into opportunity. More than 50% of our students are first-generation and Pell-eligible, placing their trust in us to help shape new futures for themselves and their families.

Our impact extends far beyond campus. In a recent economic impact study conducted by the University of Cincinnati Economic Research Center, OCCC contributes \$447.24 million in economic output, supports 4,882 jobs, and generates \$223.95 million in wages statewide. For every \$1 invested in our institution, \$15.95 is returned to our state's economy, a powerful testament to the value of your work.

These outcomes are not simply numbers. They are the direct result of your dedication, your scholarship, your instruction, your mentorship, and your belief in what is possible for every student who walks through our doors. From nationally ranked academic programs and healthcare pathways with 100% job placement, to our nationally recognized Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) program, ranked among the top ten in the nation. Each achievement demonstrates a community committed to excellence. Our continued strength in nursing, workforce development, and the arts further affirms our responsibility to meet both student aspirations and the evolving needs of our workforce.

Yet what distinguishes OCCC most is not only what we achieve, but how we achieve it. Our Trailblazer spirit is grounded in wellness, sustainability, collaboration, and care, and guides every decision, every interaction, and every opportunity we create. You see potential, you cultivate confidence, and you help students believe they belong in spaces they may have never imagined for themselves.

Thank you for the excellence you bring, the care you extend, and for the quiet, consistent ways you change lives. **Together, we are building opportunity, one student, one career, one community at a time.**

With appreciation and in service,

**Mautra Staley Jones, Ed.D.**  
President  
Oklahoma City Community College



A LETTER  
FROM THE  
*Vice President  
for Academic  
Affairs*

## Dear Faculty and Staff,

As we come together for this year's Academic Affairs Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for each of you. Your dedication, your passion for your work, and your steadfast commitment to our students and to one another are what transform this institution into so much more than a college. You are the reason lives are changed here every day.

Through your teaching, your service, and the countless ways you support our campus, you create moments of possibility for our students. You help them see their potential, discover new paths, and believe in their ability to succeed. Because of your efforts, Oklahoma City Community College is not only a place for learning—it is a community where people feel welcomed, supported, and empowered to grow.

Today's luncheon is a small way to honor the tremendous impact you make. I hope you'll take this time to relax, enjoy one another's company, and feel the deep gratitude that surrounds you. Please know how profoundly valued and respected you are—OCCC simply would not be what it is without you.

With appreciation,

**Dr. Liz Largent**  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Oklahoma City Community College*





# Menu

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## BEVERAGES

**B&B Unsweet Tea**

**Water**

## STARTER

**Strawberry Spring Salad**

## ENTRÉE

**Brisket**

**Garlic and Chive Whipped Red Potatoes**

**Green Beans**

## DESSERT

**Chef's Choice Dessert**

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*Dietary Accommodations Available Upon Request*

*Academic Affairs*  
**Faculty & Staff  
Recognition Luncheon**

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**Welcome** ..... **Dr. Liz Largent**  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**President's Remarks** ..... **Dr. Mautra Staley Jones**  
*President*

**Enjoy Lunch**

**Staff Address** ..... **Dr. Liz Largent**  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

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**Honoring Excellence & Dedication** ..... **Dr. Liz Largent**  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
**Mr. Mickey Jack**  
*Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**Outstanding Faculty & Adjunct Awards by Division**

Arts, English, and Humanities ..... Dean Jennifer Fike  
Business and Information Technology ..... Dean John Claybon  
Health Professions ..... Dean Kathy Wheat  
Science, Engineering, and Mathematics ..... Dean Susmita Hazra  
Social Sciences ..... Dean J Hall

**Outstanding Staff, Student Employee  
and Trailblazer Awards** ..... **Dr. Orlenthea McGowan**  
*Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**Closing Remarks**



*Their future.*  
**OUR PURPOSE.**

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# Lead Faculty for Program Reviews

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**Coordinator Dr. David Zeoli**

*Division of Arts, English, and Humanities*  
Mass Communications Annual Program Review

**Coordinator Greg Daubenspeck**

*Division of Arts, English, and Humanities*  
Liberal Studies Annual Program Review

**Department Chair Jeremy Fineman**

*Division of Arts, English, and Humanities*  
Visual Arts Annual Program Review

**Coordinator Kylie Anderson**

*Division of Arts, English, and Humanities*  
Visual Arts 5-year Program Review

**Department Chair Mary A. White.**

*Division of Health Professions*  
Curriculum Team | Designed and Completed OTA Program Revision, 2024-25  
Implemented Inaugural Online/Hybrid OTA Pathway, Spring 2026

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**Department Chair Sara Mathew**

*Division of Business and Information Technology*  
2026 CSTA PK-12 Standards Reviewer

**Department Chair Travis Draud**

*Division of Science, Engineering, and Math*  
Biology Annual Program Review

# Lead Faculty for Program Accreditation

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**Department Chair Mary A. White**

*Division of Health Professions*  
The Accreditation Council for Occupational  
Therapy Education Interim Report 2025  
Accepted Full Accreditation site visit will occur in 2028-29

**Department Chair Sara Mathew**

*Division of Business and Information Technology*  
Lead Faculty for Center for Academic Excellence in  
Cyber Defense Program Accreditation

# Transitions

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**Betty Coleman**

Professor of Mathematics

*Retiring May 2026*

**Cheryl Bristol**

Professor of Nursing/NPI

*Retiring May 2026*

**Ken Harrelson**

Professor of Mathematics

*Retiring in May 2026*

**Monica Carlisle**

HP Program Support Assistant

*Retiring in May 2026*

**Dr. Robin McMurry**

Professor of Nursing/BADNAP

*Retiring May 2026*

**Shari Arthur**

Professor of Biology

*Retiring May 2026*



# Outstanding Recognitions

## FULL-TIME FACULTY

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**Jeff Provine**

Professor of English  
*Division of Arts, English, and Humanities*

**Beth Rawlins**

Professor of Mathematics  
*Division of Science, Engineering, and Math*

**Don Ross**

Professor of Business/Economics  
*Division of Business and Information  
Technology*

**Deborah Morgan**

Professor of Sociology  
*Division of Social Sciences*

**Gale Largent**

Professor of Occupation Therapy Assistant  
*Division of Health Professions*

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## NEW FULL-TIME FACULTY

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**Laura Halstied**

Department Chair and Professor of Political Science  
*Division of Social Sciences*

## ADJUNCT FACULTY

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**Michael Robertson**

Professor of English  
*Division of Arts, English, and Humanities*

**Dr. Joshua Stewart**

Professor of Physics  
*Division of Science, Engineering, and Math*

**Dr. David Hunter**

Professor of Business  
*Division of Business and Information  
Technology*

**Tressa Wilson**

Professor of Child Development  
*Division of Social Sciences*

**Marilyn Dye**

Professor of Nursing  
*Division of Health Professions*



# Outstanding Recognitions

## STAFF

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**Melissa Davis**

Pioneer Newspaper Editor and Advisor  
*Division of Arts, English, and Humanities*

## STUDENT EMPLOYEES

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**Carly Olson**

Speech Communications Lab  
*Division of Arts, English, and Humanities*

**Jacob Morrow**

Student Library Assistant  
*Keith Leftwich Memorial Library*

**Nathan Dubuque**

OCCC gameLab  
*Division of Business and Information  
Technology*

**Ellise Wedel**

Tutor - Biology Science Center  
*Division of Science, Engineering, and Math*

Student  
SUCCESS  
Community  
ENRICHMENT



## TRAILBLAZER AWARDS

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**Dr. Changjiang Zhu**  
Professor of Chemistry  
*Division of Science,  
Engineering, and Math*

**Chloe Elimam**  
Professor of Digital Media  
Design / 3D Art  
*Division of Arts,  
English, and Humanities*

**Dr. Courtney Vahlberg**  
Professor of Chemistry  
*Division of Science,  
Engineering, and Math*

**Dana Tuley-Williams**  
Systems Librarian  
*Keith Leftwich Memorial Library*

**Deborah Morgan**  
Professor of Sociology  
*Division of Social Sciences*

**Ericka Williams**  
Professor of Nursing and  
Student Success Specialist  
*Division of Health Professions*

**Greg Mellott**  
Co-Coordinator and Professor of  
Digital Cinema Production  
*Division of Arts,  
English, and Humanities*

**Jake Nelson**  
Chair and Professor of English  
*Division of Arts,  
English, and Humanities*

**Jason Weger**  
Professor of Nursing  
*Division of Health Professions*

**Jeff Provine**  
Coordinator of English  
Pre-Education and Literature  
and Professor of English  
*Division of Arts,  
English, and Humanities*

**Jennifer Ball**  
Program Director and Professor  
of Physical Therapist Assistant  
Program  
*Division of Health Professions*

**Justin Garrett**  
Professor of Chemistry  
*Division of Science,  
Engineering, and Math*

**Leslie Jones**  
Department Chair and Professor  
of History and Geography  
*Division of Social Sciences*

**Dr. LiErin Probasco**  
Department Chair and  
Professor of Sociology  
*Division of Social Sciences*

**Lynette Houston**  
Professor of Physical Therapist  
Assistant Program  
*Division of Health Professions*

**Dr. Mayank Puri**  
Professor of Chemistry  
*Division of Science,  
Engineering, and Math*

**Dr. Meera Rajaratnam**  
Professor of Chemistry  
*Division of Science,  
Engineering, and Math*

**Natalie Bousontie**  
Professor of Biology  
and Chemistry  
*Division of Science,  
Engineering, and Math*

**Peng Wu**  
Professor of Chemistry  
*Division of Science,  
Engineering, and Math*

**Dr. Renee Thomas**  
ACCE and Professor of Physical  
Therapist Assistant Program  
*Division of Health Professions*

**Sarah Baker**  
Program Director and Professor of  
Speech-Language  
Pathology Assistant Program  
*Division of Health Professions*

**Teresa Bierig**  
Clinical Coordinator and Professor  
of Speech-Language Pathology  
Assistant Program  
*Division of Health Professions*

# External Grant Applications

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**Professor Ericka Williams and Professor Tonya Faires - Division of Health Professions**

\$4,500 Thrive: Foundations for Nursing School Success Open Education Resource grant, to create the Open Educational Resource.

**Coordinator and Professor Jeff Provine and Professor Jon Inglett - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

\$4,000 - Open Learn OK OER Creation Grant

**Coordinator Greg Daubenspeck - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

\$1,500 - Open Learn OK OER Creation Grant

**Dr. George Risinger (PI) - Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

\$63,297 - OK-INBRE Grant

**Dr. Mayank Puri - Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

\$1500 OER Creation Grant

**Dr. Kathryn Earl-Wilcox - Dean of Instructional Development**

\$800 OSRHE Travel Grants for OKLIS and OER

**Department Chair Sara Mathew, Division of Business and Information Technology**

Supercomputing for Student Success: Advancing CS Education at OCCC (in collaboration with OU and OneNet) 2025

**Dr. Susmita Hazra (PI), Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

*Participating faculty: Professor Beth Rawlins, Department Chair Chris Oehrlein, Dr. George Risinger, Dr. Greg Holland, Professor Haifeng Ji, Dr. John Goulden, Dr. Jon McHenry, Professor Kim Park, Dr. Rachel Neher, Professor Rebecka Finney, Professor Robyn Senter, and Professor Zach Austin. - Division of Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Division of Business and Information Technology Collaboration.*

\$40,300 - Oklahoma City Innovation District Grant

**Ms. Annie Tsonetokoy and Ms. Courtney Oliphant - Keith Leftwich Memorial Library**

\$2,175 - OCO Teaching and Learning Innovative Practice Grant



# Professional Development Workshops and Conferences Attended

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## **Mrs. Amanda Parker – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 Oklahoma Career Tech Just Keep Swimming: Simulation Bootcamp, Tulsa, OK

## **Department Chair Angela Cotner – Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Research Day, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
- Motivational Strategies to Help At-Risk Students
- Activate Learning: An Overview of Collaborative
- Learning, Flipped Classroom, and Bloom's Taxonomy

## **Coordinator Angela Wicker – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 ATI Lunch and Learn
- 2025 LMS In Place Training
- 2025 Professional Development Encore DISC Training
- 2025 OKC VA Medical Center Annual Affiliation Partnership

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## **Director Ann Raia – Library**

- 2025 DOERS Convening – OSRHE Representative, Denver, CO
- 2025 Open Education Conference, Denver, CO
- 2025 OK OER Summit, NSU, Broken Arrow, OK
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit, Rose State College

## **Ms. Annie Tsonetokoy – Library**

- 2025 Open Education Conference, Denver, CO
- 2025 OK-ACRL, OCCC
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit, Rose State College
- 2026 OER Essentials: From Basics to Building – OKLIS Virtual Session

## **Professor Beth Rawlins – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2025 American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) Annual Conference
- 2025 DaVinci Fall Forum
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit

## **Professor Betty Coleman – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 Oklahoma Women in Higher Education (OKWHE) Conference

## **Department Chair Brad Walker – Division of Business and Information Technology**

- 2025 Honda Conference
- 2025 IAGMASEP

## **Coordinator Brittany Smith - Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 InPlace Networks Training
- 2025 SafeColleges Admin Training
- 2025 LMS InPlace Training
- 2025 Encore - Professional Development Training; DiSC Workshop

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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## **Dr. Bryan Fulton – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 American Speech Hearing Association, Washington, DC
- 2026 UCO ELA Chair's Summit, Edmond, OK

## **Department Chair Chris Oehrlein – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2025 The Grading Conference
- 2025 Oklahoma Council of Teachers of Mathematics (OCTM)
- 2025 POGIL Beyond the Basics: Advanced Facilitation Training
- 2025 Inquiry Based Learning Special Interest Group of the MAA (IBL SIGMAA) Speaker Series
- 2025 Oklahoma OER Summit
- 2026 American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT)
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovation Summit (OKLIS)
- 2026 Oklahoma/Arkansas Section of the MAA

## **Ms. Courtney Oliphant – Library**

- 2025 UnCOILed, Rogers State University
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 OK OER Summit, NSU, Broken Arrow, OK
- 2025 OK-ACRL
- 2026 Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference, Tulsa, OK
- 2026 UCD Workshop

## **Ms. Dana Tuley-Williams - Library**

- 2025 OK-ACRL, OCCC

## **Coordinator Dean Reusser - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)

## **Professor Cory Wilson – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2025 The Grading Conference

## **Professor Douglas Ball - Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Association (OKOTA) Annual Conference
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Neonatal and Pediatric Therapists (OANAPT) Annual Conference
- 2025 American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)-OTA Fieldwork Educator Workshop Certification
- 2025 "Task Specific E-Stim: A Glimpse into the Technique"
- 2025 "Coritcal Vision Impaitment: How It Impacts Quality of Life"
- 2026 "Auditory Processing Disorder: Beyond the Ears"

## **Professor Don Ross – Division of Business and Information Technology**

- 2025 Hillsdale Free Market Forum

## **Coordinator Don Russell – Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 P3/East, "Physical Approaches to Theatre," Cape Cod, MA

## **Professor Gale Largent– Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 AOTA Education Summit, Salt Lake City

## **Professor Gena Ford – Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Research Day; Tahlequah, Oklahoma
- 2026 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Richmond, VA

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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## **Coordinator Greg Daubenspeck - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2026 Navigating the New Turnitin: Updates
- AI Across the Curriculum Workshop

## **Department Chair Ginnett Rollins - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- Educators Leadership Academy
- 2025 Oklahoma Foreign Language Teachers Association (OFLTA) Fall Conference, UCO

## **Mr. Harvey Parker - Division of Health Professions**

- REMSS - Regional Emergency Medical Services System
- UCO ELA Chair's Summit

## **Coordinator Hilde Votaw - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Foreign Language Teachers Association (OFLTA) Fall Conference, UCO, Oklahoma, OK
- 2025 American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Conference, New Orleans, LA

## **Department Chair Jeremy Fineman - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- Educators Leadership Academy

## **Mr. Johnny Hill - Library**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 OKLIS Webinar: Student Perspectives on AI
- 2025 OK-ACRL, OCCC
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit, Rose State College

## **Professor Jon Inglett - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)

## **Mr. Joshua Moore - Center for Learning and Teaching**

- 2025 OKLIS Virtual Accessibility Session: Countdown to Compliance
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)

## **Coordinator Julie Corff - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)

## **Dr. Kathryn Earl-Wilcox-Dean of Instructional Development**

- 2025 DaVinci Fall Forum
- 2025 Oklahoma Women in Higher Education, Spring and Fall Conference
- 2025 Oklahoma Learning Innovation Summit (OKLIS)
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges(OACC)
- 2025 Oklahoma AI Impact in Higher Education Conference
- 2025 OKLIS Virtual Accessibility Session: Countdown to Compliance
- 2025 Quality Matters Teaching Online Certification (Seven Course Series)
- 2025 Oklahoma Statewide Transfer Student Success Conference

## **Coordinator Kylie Anderson - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)s - 58th Annual Conference; Oklahoma City, OK

## **Department Chair Laura Halstied - Division of Social Sciences**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 Oklahoma AI Impact in Higher Education Conference
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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## **Professor Leonardo Florez Palacio - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Foreign Language Teachers Association (OFLTA) UCO, Oklahoma, OK

## **Dr. LiErin Probasco - Division of Social Sciences**

- 2025 American Sociological Association
- 2025-2026 UCO Transformative Leadership Academy
- 2025 OK-ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries)

## **Director Lindsey Baker - Center for Learning and Teaching**

- 2025 “Eastern Oklahoma State College's Syllabus Technology: What Is It and How Can My Institution Benefit?” Simple Syllabus Webinar
- 2025 Clean Catalog Syllabus Webinar
- 2025 Concourse Syllabus Webinar
- 2025 OKLIS Virtual Accessibility Session: Countdown to Compliance
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 Oklahoma AI Impact in Higher Education Conference
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit (OKLIS), Rose State College

## **Dr. Lorne Lee – Center for Learning and Teaching**

- 2025 OKLIS Virtual Accessibility Session: Countdown to Compliance
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 Kahoot AI Webinar
- 2025 Oklahoma AI Impact in Higher Education Conference

## **Ms. Marci Moore – Center for Learning and Teaching**

- 2025 OKLIS Virtual Accessibility Session: Countdown to Compliance
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 Kahoot AI Webinar
- 2025 Brisk Teaching: Developing a GenAI Adoption Plan Webinar
- 2025 Oklahoma AI Impact in Higher Education Conference
- 2025 “Think You Know Zoom for Education? Discover How Whiteboards and AI are Changing the Classroom” Webinar
- 2025 Padlet Academy Virtual Training
- 2025 Padlet Building Community Virtual Training
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit (OKLIS), Rose State College

## **Department Chair Mary A. White - Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 American Occupational Therapy Association Education Summit, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2025 Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference Served on a Panel Discussion

## **Dr. Meera Rajaratnam-Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- 2025 DaVinci Fall Forum

## **Coordinator Melissa Leon Guerrero - Division of Business and Information Technology**

- 2026 OKLIS: Open Education Resources
- 2026 OKLIS: Artificial Intelligence
- 2026 OSRHE, Course Equivalency Project (Business Communication)
- 2026 AI and Career Readiness: Stay Ahead of the Curve
- 2026 Interactive Learning Redefined with AI
- 2025 OKLIS: Students on AI in Education
- 2025 CLT: Designing Responsive Classrooms
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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## **Coordinator Michael Boyle - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2026 Jazz Education Network Conference, New Orleans, LA

## **Coordinator Michael Franco - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)s - 58th Annual Conference; Oklahoma City, OK

## **Professor Michael Maxey - Division of Social Sciences**

- 2025 Oklahoma Political Science Association Annual Meeting

## **Dr. Michelle Cole - Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovation Summit (OKLIS)

## **Assistant Program Director Mikayla Werth - Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC), Oklahoma City, OK
- 2025 UCO ELA Chair's Summit, Edmond, OK

## **Professor Nathan Kelly - Division of Social Sciences**

- 2025 Oklahoma Political Science Association Annual Meeting

## **Dr. Peng Wu - Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- 2025 DaVinci Fall Forum

## **Dr. Renee Thomas - Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC), Oklahoma City, OK
- 2025 American Physical Therapy Association - Education Leadership Conference; Kansas City, MO
- 2025 Central ACCE Consortium
- 2026 American Physical Therapy Association, Anaheim, CA
- 2026 Central ACCE Consortium, Oklahoma City, OK

## **Department Chair Sarah Baker - Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 CAPCSD Incremental Changes Not Allowed: Using the Competency Model to Disrupt Clinical Education
- 2025 Oklahoma Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Conference
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC), Oklahoma City, OK
- 2025 DaVinci Institute Fall Forum

## **Department Chair Sara Mathew - Division of Business and Information Technology**

- 2025-2026 AWS - MLU Educators Consortium
- 2025 Computing Research Association Summit
- 2025 Cybersecurity Community Symposium

## **Director Shelly Tevis - Division of Health Professions**

- 2026 Transformative Leadership Academy, UCO
- 2026 Educators Leadership Academy, Chair Summit, UCO
- 2025 Effective Communication
- 2025 Difficult Conversations
- 2025 Boundaries and Professional Behavior Etiquette
- 2025 Professional Behaviors Building Trust
- 2025 Health Conflict Employee Engagement
- 2026 Healthy Conflict - Communications, Encore

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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## **Professor Sherry Ray**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC), Oklahoma City, OK

## **Dr. Susmita Hazra-Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) UCO
- 2025 DaVinci Fall Forum
- 2025 Oklahoma Women in Higher Education Fall Conference
- 2026 Gallogly College of Engineering Transfer Conference

## **Mrs. Taylor Posey – Division of Health Professions**

- 2026 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Regional Conference, Fort Smith, AR

## **Coordinator Teresa Bierig – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 Medical Speech Pathology: The Influence of Body Systems on Cognition/Communication/Swallowing
- 2025 OK Health Careers Education Teachers Association Simulation Conference
- 2025 Improving Your Online Course (Quality Matters)
- 2025 Dysphagia Management: Strengthening Skills, Overcoming Obstacles
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC), Oklahoma City, OK
- 2025 Oklahoma Speech-Language Hearing Association annual conference
- 2025 American Speech-Language Hearing Association annual convention

## **Dr. Terry Mendez - Division of Health Professions**

- 2026 AA Chairs Academy
- 2026 DiSC training

## **Professor Thomas Routson - Division of Health Professions**

- Completed training on high fidelity simulation and implementation.

## **Department Chair Travis Draud - Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- 2025 Educator Leadership Academy for Department Chair

## **Professor Tyler Williams - Division of Health Professions**

- Completed training on high fidelity simulation and implementation.



# Academic Affairs in Action

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## **Director Ann Raia – Library**

- Open Education Association Member
- Chair - OK-Share Committee – OCALD
- Secretary – IAPC Committee
- Council for Online Learning Excellence OER Subcommittee Member
- Scholar’s Day Committee Member

## **Ms. Annie Tsonetokoy – Library**

- Oklahoma Library Association
- Open Education Association
- Council for Online Learning Excellence Accessibility Subcommittee
- Council for Online Learning Excellence OER Subcommittee

## **Behavioral Health Sciences Team: Professor Garrett Benson, Dr. Greg Parks, Dr. Jennifer Allen, Professor Jennifer Cuneo, Professor Meghan Jones, Professor Shaylee Hale – Division of Social Sciences**

- 2026 Oklahoma Online Excellence Award, Oklahoma Council for Online Learning Excellence

## **Professor Beth Rawlins - Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- Appointed as State Delegates for Oklahoma for the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC).

## **Professor Betty Coleman – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2026 Most Distinguished Advisor Award for the Oklahoma/Arkansas Region of Phi Theta Kappa.

## **Dr. Bryan Fulton – Division of Health Professions**

- Transformative Leadership Academy Microcredential, UCO - ELA, 2025
- Fellows Microcredential, UCO - ELA Fellows Academy, 2026
- 2026 Healthcare Hero, The Journal Record

## **Center for Learning and Teaching Team – Mr. Hayden Allen, Mr. Joshua Moore, Director Lindsey Baker, Dr. Lorne Lee, Ms. Marci Moore, Ms. Sabrina Valentine**

- January 2026 OCCC Faculty Association Staff Award

## **Department Chair Chris Oehrlein - Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- Received the 2025 AMATYC Teaching Excellence Award, presented by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges during the Reno conference.

## **Professor Cory Wilson - Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- Appointed as State Delegates for Oklahoma for the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC).

## **Ms. Courtney Oliphant - Library**

- Oklahoma Library Association- UCD Chair
- American Library Association
- Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries
- South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association

## **Coordinator Dana Passek - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 OCCC President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching

## **Ms. Dana Tuley-Williams – Library**

- Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Committee
- Academic OverDrive Partner Advisors (OPA)

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS IN ACTION

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### **Professor Daniel Benton – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2025 OCCC President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

### **Professor Douglas Ball – Division of Health Professions**

- Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Association (OKOTA)-Elected for 2nd term, OTA Representative and Executive Board Member-2023 to present
- Executive Team Member, OCCC Faculty Association, Division of Health Professions Representative, 2024 to present
- Implemented inaugural online/hybrid OTA Pathway, Spring 2026

### **Dr. George Risinger – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2025 OCCC President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

### **Coordinator Hilde Votaw - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 OCCC President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

### **Department Chair Jake Nelson – Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 OCCC President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

### **Professor Jason Weger – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 OCCC President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

### **Department Chair Jennifer Ball – Division of Health Professions**

- American Physical Therapy Association, PT/ATC, MHR, CCIP 2026 Trainer (Level 1)
- 2025 American Physical Therapy Association, PT/ATC, MHR, CAPTE Onsite Team Leader

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### **Dr. Jennifer Fike - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 OCCC President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

### **Professor Jennifer Inmon - Division of Health Professions**

- Certification in Healthcare Simulation Education Certification (CHSE)

### **Mr. Johnny Hill – Library**

- Oklahoma Library Association
- Oklahoma Chapter Association of College and Research Libraries
- OK-Share Committee - OCALD

### **Professor Julie Rice-Rollins – Division of Social Sciences**

- Certified advisor for the Gilman-McCain Scholarship Study Abroad Program
- Boy Scouts of America genealogy badge lecturer and guide

### **Professor Kay Wetmore – Division of Health Professions**

- Certification in Healthcare Simulation Education Certification (CHSE)
- Vice President of the Board: Parent Promise an Oklahoma Organization serving families in Oklahoma County to help provide resources, education, and support to build stronger families and prevent child abuse.
- Member of the Reaccreditation committee for Parent Promise for the National Nurse Family Partnership Organization.
- Member of the Reaccreditation committee for Parent Promise with the Department of Human Services review panel.
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner through the YWCA
- Achieved Doctorate in the Practice of Nursing Leadership (DNP) through Arkansas State University

### **Professor Kelly Cochran-Yzquierdo - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- Richmond International Film Festival, Best Original Drama Screenplay: Love Loss.
- Kerry International Film Festival, Quarterfinalist
- PAGE International Screenwriting Awards, Semifinalist: Grief.

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS IN ACTION

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## **Coordinator Kylie Anderson - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- Resonator Art Institute, Norman, OK – solo painting and art exhibit, March – April, 2025

## **Professor Layla J. Dougherty – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 OCCC President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching

## **Department Chair Leslie Jones - Division of Social Sciences**

- 2025 Conference Co-coordinator, Still Here: Voice of Indigenous Oklahomans
- Sponsor, Book Club for By the Fire We Carry by Rebecca Nagle
- 2025 OCCC President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching

## **Dr. LiErin Probasco - Division of Social Sciences**

- 2025 Conference Co-coordinator, Still Here: Voice of Indigenous Oklahomans
- Faculty Adviser, SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Acceptance) Club, OCCC.

## **Department Chair Mary A. White – Division of Health Professions**

- 2026 Healthcare Heros Award, The Journal Records
- Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
- The Oklahoma Occupational Therapists Committee was nominated and selected to serve fifth term by the Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Association Executive Board.

## **Dr. Markus Smith - Division of Social Sciences**

- Inducted into the Oklahoma African American Educators (OAAE) Hall of Fame
- Board of Directors for the OAAE Hall of Fame

## **Mathematics Faculty team Department Chair Chris Oehrlein, Professor Paul Bucklew, Professor Daniel Bakewell, Professor Daniel Benton, Professor Beth Rawlins, and Professor Cory Wilson**

- 2026 Open Education Impact award from Oklahoma Council for Online Learning Excellence

## **Coordinator Michael Boyle - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- Enid Symphony Orchestra - Carnegie Hall’s “Link Up” Program, featured guest performer/sextet.
- Oklahoma Christian University, “Mothership” by Mason Bates, featured guest soloist.
- Brightmusic Chamber Ensemble, Board of Directors

## **Coordinator Michael Franco - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 OCCC, Outstanding AEH Faculty

## **Department Chair Ramachandran Vijayan – Division of Business and Information Technology**

- 2025 OCCC President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching

## **Professor Renee Thomas - Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 OCCC President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching

## **Department Chair Sarah Baker Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 OCCC President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching

## **Mrs. Taylor Posey – Division of Health Professions**

- 2026 Phi Theta Kappa Officer

## **Coordinator Teresa Bierig – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025-2026 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Awards for Continuing Education (ACE)

## **Professor Tricia Pappé – Division of Health Professions**

- 2026 Certification in Healthcare Simulation Education Certification (CHSE)





# Conference Presentation and Publications

## **Director Ann Raia – Library**

- 2025 OK-ACRL – Digital Accessibility Panel: Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Regulations
- 2026 OER Essentials: From Basics to Building – OKLIS Virtual Session, Co-lead – Session 1: OER Basics and Session 2: Creative Commons Licensing
- 2025 UCD Learning Module: Bridging the Gap: Tools & Ideas for Inclusive Libraries

## **Professor Beth Rawlins – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2025 The Grading Conference

## **Dr. Bryan Fulton – Division of Health Professions**

- Instructor-Student Engagement and Its Impact on SLPA Student Persistence, Retention, and Completion: Improving SLPA Student Retention Through Communication
- 2025 American Speech Hearing Association Washington, DC
- 2025 Educational Theories and Practical Applications of Simulation for Anesthesia Technologists American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians
- 2025 Practical Applications of Simulation for Anesthesia Technologists American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians

## **Professor Chloé Elimam - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- Bell, Tyson. The Special Lady. Illustrated by Chloé Elimam, Watersprings Publishing, 2025.

## **Department Chair Chris Oehrlein – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2025 National Conference to Advance POGIL Practice (NCAPP), (presenter, twice)
- 2025 Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning (POGIL) Activity Writing Workshop
- 2025 United States Conference on Teaching Statistics (USCOTS)
- 2025 POGIL Collaborative Feedback Training (CFT)
- Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Mathfest 2025
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)
- 2025 American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) National Conference, Project ACCESS (Advancing Community College Careers: Education, Scholarship, and Service)
- 2025 AMATYC National Conference IGNITE!
- 2026 AMATYC Spring Executive Board Orientation

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATIONS

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### **Professor Cory Wilson – Division of Science, Engineering, and Math**

- 2025 OU/TX Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education (RUME)
- MAA Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Mathfest 2025
- 2025 American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) National Conference
- 2026 Research in Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education (RUME)

### **Ms. Courtney Oliphant - Library**

- UnCOILed- Keynote Presentation: It Takes a Village - Building an Oklahoma Peer Network
- OK-ACRL – A Spoonful of Sugar: Sneaking Important Topics Into Workshops
- Oklahoma Library Association, University and College Division Workshop – Getting the Most from LibAnswers

### **Ms. Dana Tuley-Williams – Library**

- 2025 OKACRL with Dr. LiErin Probasco “You Have to Talk to the Librarian?” Using Required Librarian Consultations to Identify Skills Gaps in Community College Students

### **Division of Social Sciences – Professor Shaylee Hale, Dr. Jennifer Allen, Professor Jennifer Cuneo, Professor Meghan Jones**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC), “From Theory to Practice: Designing Empathetic Curriculum and Scaffolding for Adult Learners in Higher Education.”

### **Professor Douglas Ball – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Association (OKOTA) Annual Conference, Panel Presenter: You Can Do This Preparing to be a Fieldwork Educator
- 2024 Oklahoma Association of Neonatal and Pediatric Therapists (OANAPT) Annual Conference, Panel Presenter: Being a Fieldwork Educator

### **Professor Ericka Williams – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 OCCA
- 2026 Oklahoma Deans and Directors

### **Professor Gale Largent – Division of Health Professions**

- 2024-2025 National Board Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) OKOTA Annual Conference

### **Dr. Greg Holland - Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges(OACC) Conference (Presenter)

### **Dr. Greg Parks – Division of Social Sciences**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)s Annual Meeting, “Motivational Strategies for At-Risk Students.”

### **Coordinator and Professor Jeff Provine - Division of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- 2025 Oklahoma OER Summit, “Crafting OER for Dream Classes: Remixing and Writing for Specialized Courses,”

### **Department Chair Jennifer Ball – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)s Fall Conference
- 2025 APTA Educational Leadership Conference, PT/ATC, MHR "Empowering PTA Students in Supervision Scenarios", Kansas City, MO
- 2026 American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting, Anaheim, CA

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATIONS

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### **Dr. Jennifer Fike, Dean of Arts, English, and Humanities**

- Dr. Madina Djuraeva and Dr. Jennifer Fike. "Cultivating First-Year Writing Investment Through a Translingual Approach at a Community College." *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, Nov. 2025, pp. 1–20.
- Dr. Madina Djuraeva and Dr. Jennifer Fike. "PhotoVoice: Centering Community-Based Literacies in First-Year Writing." *Photovoice: Using Words and Images in Qualitative Research*, Myers Educational Press, 2025.

### **Mr. Johnny Hill – Library**

- OK-ACRL – Plugged In: Lending the Tools for Academic Success (co-presented with Katie Chestnut – Technology Lending Specialist)

### **Dr. Kathryn Earl-Wilcox, Dean of Instructional Development**

- 2025 Oklahoma Women in Higher Education Fall Conference, Session Title "Lading from Where You Are: Strategies for Women Navigating Higher Education Leadership" in collaboration with Dr. Melissa Brevetti and Dr. Nancy Alexander

### **Professor Kay Wetmore - Health Professions**

- Authored research study - Arkansas State University (2025): Impact of Hidden Populations Through Faculty Identification and Intervention in Higher Education
- Three-part series micro credential - Oklahoma City Community College: Hidden Populations and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) applied to the success and executive functioning of college students.

### **Professor Layla J. Dougherty – Division of Health Professions**

- Guest Speaker for 2025 Annual Oklahoma Bar Association Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section Two-Day Seminar, TOPIC: "Rural Health Care- The Financial Health of Healthcare."
- Published Article March 2026, Oklahoma Bar Journal, "Pillars Under Pressure: The Epidemic of Violence Against Nurses."

### **Dr. LiErin Probasco – Division of Social Sciences**

- With Ms. Dana Tuley-Williams. 2025 OK-ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) Annual Meeting, "'You Have to Talk to the Librarian?' Using Required Librarian Consultations to Identify Skills Gaps in Community College Students."

### **Director Lindsey Baker – Center for Learning and Teaching**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC) Conference, "Padlet TA: Your New AI Teaching Assistant", OCCC
- 2025 Oklahoma AI Impact in Higher Education Conference, "Enhancing Personalized Learning in the Classroom with Kahoot!'s AI Features"
- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit (OKLIS), "MagicSchool Rooms: Student AI Thought Partners Made Simple", Rose State College

### **Dr. Lorne Lee – Center for Learning and Teaching**

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### **Ms. Marci Moore – Center for Learning and Teaching**

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- 2026 Oklahoma Learning Innovations Summit (OKLIS), “MagicSchool Rooms: Student AI Thought Partners Made Simple”, Rose State College

### **Professor Nathan Kelly – Division of Social Sciences**

- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC)s Annual Meeting, “Enhancing Workforce Readiness in non-STEM Fields.”
- Amazon Web Services MLU Symposium, “Bridging Expertise and Articulation Gaps for Workforce Readiness.”

### **Dr. Renee Thomas - Division of Health Professions**

- Culture and Advancement within the Academy
- 2026 American Physical Therapy Association: Academy of Education - New Faculty Development Workshop
- DCE as a Faculty Appointment
- 2026 American Physical Therapy Association: Academy of Education - New Faculty Development Workshop - DCE Workshop

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### **Department Chair Sarah Baker – Division of Health Professions**

- 2025 Oklahoma School-Based Therapy Network: Optimizing Roles of SLPAs, PTAs, and OTAs
- 2025 Oklahoma Speech-Language Hearing Annual Conference, A+ Assessments with your SLPA
- 2025 American Speech-Language-Hearing Annual Convention, Leveling Up Your Leveling Game, Washington D.C.
- OCCC 2025 Fall Kick-Off week, Work Smarter, Not Harder: Tech Tools to Boost Productivity

### **Dr. Susmita Hazra - Dean of Division of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- 2025 Oklahoma Learning Innovation Summit (OKLIS) Conference
- 2025 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges(OACC) Conference

### **Coordinator Teresa Bierig – Division of Health Professions**

- 2026 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Washington DC

### **Professor Tonya Faires – Division of Health Professions**

- 2026 Oklahoma Deans and Directors

# OCCC Honors Program

## PARTICIPATING FACULTY

Coordinator: Michael Franco

SUMMER  
2025

**Alexander Matveev**, Professor of Biology

**Allison Canfield**, Professor of English

**Joyce Geb**, Professor of Nursing

**Rachel Neher**, Professor of Physics and Physical Science

**Raul Ramirez**, Professor of Biology

**Steven Dunn**, Professor of Psychology

FALL  
2025

**Adam Knapp**, Professor of English

**Amy Post-McCorkle**, Professor of Communications

**Anna Wright**, Professor of Psychology

**Caroline Gregory**, Professor of English

**Chrystal Overton**, Professor of Nursing

**Dana Passek**, Professor of English

**Dean Reusser**, Professor of English

**Demitria Mua**, Professor of English

**Gale Largent**, Professor of Occupational  
Therapy Assistant

**Gena Ford**, Professor of English

**Greg Parks**, Professor of Psychology

**Gregory Sember**, Professor of Political Science

**Heather Hope**, Professor of Sociology

**Helen Opper**, Professor of Art

**Jake Nelson**, Chair of English

**Jeff Provine**, Professor of English

**Jeffrey Dickey**, Professor of History

**Jennifer Fillmore**, Professor of English

**Jennifer Peters**, Professor of Nursing

**Joel Hall**, Professor of Sociology

**John Ehrhardt**, Professor of History

**John Goulden**, Professor of Computer Science

**Joyce Geb**, Professor of Nursing

**Kathryn Wickham**, Professor of Nursing

**Kay Wetmore**, Professor of Nursing

**Kayla Zimmerman**, Professor of Nursing

**Layla Dougherty**, Professor of Nursing

**Mark Zindelo**, Professor of English

**Mia Debruyne**, Professor of Physical Science

**Michael Boyle**, Professor of Music

**Michael Franco**, Professor of English

**Michelle Cole**, Professor of Biology

**Rachel Neher**, Professor of Physics and  
Physical Science

**Reji Zachariah**, Professor of Computer Science

**Sarah Brown**, Professor of Nursing/Team Leader

**Shaylee Hale**, Professor of Psychology

**Sherry Ray**, Professor of Mathematics

**Stacy Doyle**, Professor of Psychology

**Terry Mendez**, Chair of EMS

**Travis Draud**, Department Chair and  
Professor of Biology

SPRING  
2026

**Aaron Gomez**, Professor of English

**Allison Canfield**, Professor of English

**Amy Post-McCorkle**, Professor of Communications

**Anna Wright**, Professor of Psychology

**Christian Mitchell**, Professor of Biology

**Chrystal Overton**, Professor of Nursing

**Daniel Benton**, Professor of Mathematics

**Elizabeth Foreman**, Professor of Political Science

**Haifeng Ji**, Professor of Computer Science

**Kathryn Wickham**, Professor of Nursing

**Keira Reimer**, Professor of Child Development

**Leslie Jones**, Professor of English

**Mark Zindelo**, Professor of English

**Max Morris**, Professor of Geography

**Mayank Puri**, Professor of Chemistry

**Michael Maxey**, Professor of Political Science

**Rebecca Schrock**, Professor of Biology

**Wesley Kramer**, Professor of Visual Arts



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## INNOVATOR'S COLLECTIVE

### **Professor Ericka Williams – Project Lead**

This project provides targeted academic and clinical support for international and English-learner nursing students. It offers a parallel support course focused on communication, cultural inclusivity, and confidence-building. Students also participate in a summer skills intensive to reinforce procedures and language skills. The goal is to increase student success, belonging, and readiness for patient-centered care. Individual Project, Division of Health Professions — Professor Ericka Williams.

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### **Professor Jason Weger – Project Lead**

This project integrates simulation actors and virtual reality to improve communication skills in nursing students. Students practice empathy, patient/family education, and trust-building in realistic care scenarios. Collaboration with theatre students enhances the authenticity of simulations. The model can be expanded to other disciplines where communication is essential. Individual Project, Division of Health Professions — Professor Jason Weger.

### **Dr. Mayank Puri – Project Lead**

This project introduces a custom chemistry chatbot that offers 24/7 support to help students understand challenging concepts. The tool increases access to help outside class hours and gives faculty insight into student difficulties. It improves both student learning and instructional decision-making. Collaborators: Division of Science, Engineering, & Math — Professor Changjiang Zhu, Professor Courtney Vahlberg, Coordinator Justin Garrett, Dr. Mayank Puri, Dr. Meera Rajaratnam, Professor Natalie Boussontie, Dr. Peng Wu, and Professor Suzanne Lapolla.

### **Department Chair Leslie Jones – Project Lead**

This cross-department writing initiative strengthens student writing skills across high-enrollment general education courses. Faculty collaborated to align expectations, share scaffolding strategies, and improve consistency in writing instruction. Students benefit from shared frameworks that support confidence and critical-thinking growth. Individual Project, Division of Social Sciences — Department Chair Leslie Jones.

### **Coordinator Jeff Provine (OER) – Project Lead**

This project creates a no-cost open educational resource for creative writing students across multiple genres. The textbook ensures equitable access to course-aligned materials while reducing student expenses. It supports student creativity and enhances the structure of genre-based writing courses. Collaborators: Division of Arts, English, & Humanities — Professor Jacob Nelson and Coordinator Jeff Provine.

### **Department Chair Sarah Baker – Project Lead**

This intensive speech camp provides hands-on clinical opportunities for online SLPA students. Students deliver therapy to elementary-aged children while practicing treatment planning, intervention, and documentation. The camp meets the need for experiential learning reported by prior SLPA cohorts. It enhances community access to speech-language services. Collaborators: Division of Health Professions — Department Chair Sarah Baker and Coordinator Teresa Bierig.

### **Coordinator Jeff Provine (Graphic Novel) – Project Lead**

This collaborative course teaches students the full process of creating graphic literature through both writing and visual art. Students complete shared assignments to understand both narrative and artistic perspectives. The course culminates in a joint comic anthology showcasing student work. Collaborators: Division of Arts, English, and Humanities — Professor Chloe Elimam and Coordinator Jeff Provine.

### **Department Chair Jennifer Ball – Project Lead**

This interprofessional project connects PT, PTA, and DPT students to build communication and scope-of-practice awareness. Activities include case handoffs, treatment planning, balance screenings, and ethics discussions. The program improves teamwork, supervisory readiness, and clinical communication. Collaborators: OCCC Division of Health Professions — Department Chair Jennifer Ball, Professor Lynette Houston, and Dr. Renee Thomas. Community Partners: Dr. Holly Jonely (OU Allied Health), Dr. Melanie Heffington (TCC), and Dr. Vince LePak (OU Allied Health).

### **Professor Greg Mellott – Project Lead**

This initiative explores meaningful integration of AI within the Digital Cinema Program to enhance creativity and production workflows. Faculty and industry partners collaborate to identify AI tools that elevate storytelling rather than replace human creativity. Students gain hands-on exposure to emerging technologies shaping the film industry. Individual Project, Division of Arts, English, and Humanities — Professor Greg Mellott.

### **Department Chair Dr. LiErin Probasco – Project Lead**

This project connects every Intro to Sociology student with a librarian to strengthen research skills. Students receive support in finding and evaluating empirical sources while completing research assignments. The initiative benefits online and in-person learners through multiple contact formats. Collaborators: Division of Social Sciences — Professor Deborah Morgan and Department Chair LiErin Probasco. Library: Ms. Dana Tuley-Williams.



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## **Institutional Committees**

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### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Chair: Mr. Dean Reusser

*Professor of English, Arts, English, and Humanities*

### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Chair: Dr. Kathryn Earl-Wilcox

*Dean of Instructional Development*

### **GENERAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

Chair: Ms. Jennifer Cuneo

*Professor of Psychology, Social Sciences*

### **INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD**

Chair: Dr. Orlenthea McGowan

*Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs*

### **INSTRUCTIONAL ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Chair: Ms. Jennifer Ball

*PTA Program Director, Health Professions*

### **SCHOLAR'S DAY COMMITTEE**

Chair: Ms. Gena Ford

*Professor of English, Arts, English, and Humanities*





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