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**ACCJC Peer Review Visit Team Chair
Dr. Willard Lewallen, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President
Hartnell Community College District (Salinas, CA)**

Dr. Willard Lewallen is a native Californian and a product of the California public education system where he graduated from Garey High School in Pomona. He completed a B.S. degree with honors at California State Polytechnic University at Pomona. He was a member of the 1976 national championship baseball team that was inducted into the Cal Poly Pomona Athletics Hall of Fame and he was also honored as a Cal Poly Pomona Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Lewallen completed two master's degrees at Purdue University and a Ph.D. at UCLA.

Since 2012 Dr. Lewallen has served as the superintendent/president for the Hartnell Community College District (Salinas, CA). He has 39 years of higher education experience including 5 years at a four-year institution (Purdue University) and 34 years in the California Community College system. He has served as an accreditation team chair for numerous comprehensive evaluations and he has also served as a college accreditation liaison officer. Dr. Lewallen is currently a Commissioner for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. He served as president of the Association of California Community College Administrators during 2011-12, a professional organization representing over 1,100 administrators. He is currently serving his 5th term as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Community College Facility Coalition. His CV is available at this [link](#).



ACCJC Peer Review Visit Team Assistant
Dr. Brian Lofman
Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness
Hartnell College

Dr. Brian Lofman is Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness at Hartnell College, responsible for institutional planning, research, and effectiveness functions and serving as administrative convener for college re-design/guided pathways. He was previously the college's Accreditation Liaison Officer, and served as Interim Dean of Instruction with oversight for Math, Science, and Engineering, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Athletics, and Accreditation. He has held administrative positions as dean of schools of business and management, director of academic planning, and director of specialized accreditation at public and private institutions, for a total of 11 years of administrative leadership in postsecondary education.

Dr. Lofman was tenured and served as a full-time faculty member in marketing and international business departments for 15 years. His teaching philosophy and methods focused on team and organizational projects characterized by student ownership of learning, thereby facilitating students to exceed their self-expectations. Dr. Lofman served as faculty senate president and vice president, and chair of the American Marketing Association's Teaching and Learning Special Interest Group. He has a PhD in marketing from the University of Bradford, an MBA with concentrations in marketing and finance and an MA in sociology from UCLA, and a BA in sociology from the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Lofman leads through articulation and execution of best practices, process improvement, and system transformation within institutions and through his volunteer work in the California community college system. Previously an elected member of the board of directors for the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), he participates actively on Partnership Resource Teams through the Chancellor's Office's Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative, and recently assisted with the development and implementation of ACCJC's inaugural conference. Dr. Lofman has served on several accreditation team visits nationally and internationally, and has worked on institutional accreditation initiatives under the standards of five regional accrediting bodies.

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Ms. Shawn Abbott
Faculty, Business and Computers
College of the Siskiyous

Shawn Abbott is a full-time faculty member at College of the Siskiyous in the far north of California. Since 1999, Ms. Abbott has enjoyed teaching economics, accounting and business courses at the community college level. Ms. Abbott has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at San Diego in Economics and a Master of Business Administration from San Diego State University. In addition, as an educator, Ms. Abbott draws on her many years of experience working in the private sector as an economic consultant. Ms. Abbott is active in campus committee work associated with curriculum, online instruction and budget oversight. Kapi'olani Community College will be Ms. Abbott's seventh opportunity to serve on an accreditation team.



Mr. W. Andrew Dunn, Ed.D.
Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administrative Services
Coast Community College District

About the time Dr. Dunn figured out he wasn't going to race bicycles professionally, he had the good fortune to stumble in the front door of his local junior college. There he soon discovered another passion, in the form of architecture. He went on to complete two years of transfer work, earned a baccalaureate degree in architecture, went to work in the profession, later earning licensure, and did not look back...at least for a while.

Some 20 years later, following one of the many hiccups in the California economy, he was subjected to a reduction-in-force. After a bit of consulting work, his next full-time position was with the Los Angeles Community College District, where he oversaw their facilities planning and construction program. Having gained a bit of perspective in two decades time, along with completing graduate school, this experience brought him to a new horizon. Dr. Dunn was able to look back and see the incredible value gained through his community college experience, and saw that he could be a part of something larger than himself, and help to change the lives of others.

Of Dr. Dunn's 20 years in the California Community College system, 15 of those years have been in the capacity of a Chief Business Officer in both single college and multi-college settings. He is nearing his eighth year with the Coast District where he serves as the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services.

The past 20 years in the community college system have served as a great source of intrinsic reward and motivation for Dr. Dunn. His belief in the value of higher education, forged across his adult life, has not only helped map a path forward, but has also served as motivation to pursue and complete a doctoral degree and continue to serve our system.



Dr. Martha Garcia
Vice President & Accreditation Liaison Officer
Imperial Valley College

Dr. Martha Garcia currently serves as the ninth Superintendent/President for Imperial Valley College and as the first woman to lead the College. She previously served as IVC's Vice President for Student Services and Acting Vice President for Academic Services. Moreover, Dr. Garcia was previously responsible for developing and coordinating a 5.8 million dollar California Career Pathways Trust Grant, *Salud y Seguridad para la Comunidad* Project that enabled Imperial Valley College to create Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Level One. She has developed a multitude of categorically funded programs that focused on serving minority and underrepresented students. Through her successful grant writing competence, she has secured over 15 million dollars for Imperial Valley College, since 2009. Additionally, she has developed numerous Career Technical Education Programs that integrated a comprehensive student services approach. She has been employed at Imperial Valley College since 1999 and has held several positions under Student Services and Academic Services. Dr. Garcia earned a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in Community College Leadership from San Diego State University, and possesses a Master's Degree in Educational Counseling from National University, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from San Diego State University, and an Associate's Degree in General Major from Imperial Valley College.

Dr. Garcia is committed to making a difference for her students and her community and serves on various community organizations: she is a Board Member for Justice for Our Neighbors; Live Your Dream Scholarship Coordinator for Soroptimist International of El Centro and Member of Imperial Valley Breakfast Rotary. She will be participating in IVROP Community Foundation "Dancing with the Stars Gala" this year in an effort to help raise funding for student scholarships. Moreover, she was honored as one of the 56th California Assembly District's "2018 Woman of the Year." She is commended for her commitment, tenacity, and leadership to improve our community through continuous leadership efforts. Finally, Dr. Garcia enjoys traveling and spending time with her family who resides in Brawley.



**Dr. Derek Lerch, Ph.D.
Chief Instructional Officer
Feather River College**

Derek Lerch was raised in Chico, California where he attended and graduated from Pleasant Valley High School. He completed a bachelor's degree in Geophysics from the University of California at Berkeley. After spending two years working in research and consulting for mining companies, Derek attended Stanford University where he earned a M.S. in Geophysics and a Ph.D. in Geological and Environmental Sciences.

Since 2006, Derek has been employed by Feather River College in Quincy, California. There, he worked for five years as a faculty member in earth sciences and natural resources and as a faculty division chair. In 2011, Derek was hired as the college's chief instructional officer and accreditation liaison officer, roles that he has occupied since that time. Derek has served on five accreditation site-visit teams, chairing Standard II for the two most recent visits. He also serves as the representative to the California Community College Chief Instructional Officers executive board for the Far North (Region 1).



Ms. Cyndie Luna
Communication Instructor & Faculty Accreditation Liaison Officer
Fresno City College

Ms. Cyndie Luna currently teaches Communication and coaches Forensics at Fresno City College. She also serves as the Accreditation Liaison Officer. She has been with State Center Community College District since 1998 and has worked in institutional research, planning and program review. She has been actively involved in accreditation for twenty years and has served on several visiting teams. She previously served on the board of the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges, and holds an MA in Speech Communication from California State University, Fresno.



Ms. Virginia May
Faculty, Professor of Mathematics & Statistics
Sacramento City College

Virginia May is a professor of mathematics and statistics at Sacramento City College, one of four colleges in the Los Rios Community College District, where she has taught for more than 25 years. In her fourth year on the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC), her current roles include serving as the Treasurer, the ASCCC Curriculum Committee Chair and the California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee (5C) Co-Chair.

Over the years, Prof. May has taken on numerous leadership positions at various levels: college, district, state, and region. Such roles include President of both the college and district Academic Senates; Accreditation Faculty Chair, Curriculum Committee Chair at both the college and the district; President of the ASCCC Foundation; ACCJC Commissioner (2009-2015); and a member of many accreditation visiting teams.

Prof. May earned baccalaureate and master's degrees in mathematics from the California State University, Sacramento, and advanced to candidacy for a Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of California, Davis.



Ms. Sheri Sterner
Dean of Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness
Orange Coast College

Ms. Sheri Sterner is currently the Dean of Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, CA. As part of this role, she oversees and facilitates the college's governance and decision-making structures. Ms. Sterner has also served as the Dean of Library and Institutional Research as well as teaching in the Psychology department at Orange Coast College. She has over 20 years of experience in the California Community Colleges. Ms. Sterner has past experience with accreditation. She has served as a team member on four accreditation visits, and has served as an Accreditation Liaison Officer.

Ms. Sterner holds a BA from California State University, Long Beach in Psychology and a MEd in Adult Education from Penn State. Her background also includes significant graduate work in Psychology and a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Online Education from Penn State. Additionally, she is in the final stages of completing her doctorate at Fielding Graduate University in Educational Leadership and Change. Her doctoral research has focused on equity and change-based research models aimed at reducing achievement gaps and deficit mindsets in higher education.



Dr. Catherine Webb
Interim Dean of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness
Monterey Peninsula College

Dr. Catherine Webb joined the California Community College system in 2010, when she moved from Chicago, Illinois to accept a position at Monterey Peninsula College. Currently, Dr. Webb serves as the interim Dean of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE) at MPC. As MPC's founding Dean of PRIE, Dr. Webb has expanded the college's capacity for evidence-based planning. Prior to this role, Dr. Webb was library faculty at MPC, with responsibilities related to reference, instruction, and library systems administration.

Throughout her time at MPC, Dr. Webb has been an active member of participatory governance at both the college and system level. In addition to local committee and Academic Senate service, Dr. Webb represented the statewide Academic Senate on the advisory committee for the system-wide Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative for three years. Dr. Webb has also been active in accreditation work, and served as MPC's Accreditation Liaison Officer for two years prior to its most recent site visit. This is her third ACCJC site visit.

Dr. Webb holds a BA from Illinois Wesleyan University, an MA from the University of Chicago, and an MLIS from Dominican University in River Forest, IL. She earned a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership at Brandman University in May 2018.



Dr. Steven Reynolds
Vice President, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
ACCJC Staff Liaison

Steven Reynolds, Ed.D., began his service in 2017. He holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration/Community College Leadership from the University of Texas at Austin, an M.A. in English from California State University Stanislaus, a B.S. in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco, and an A.A. in Theater Arts from San Joaquin Delta College. Dr. Reynolds was an English Instructor at the College of the Siskiyous for eighteen years where he served as Accreditation Liaison Officer from 2001 to 2016. He has been an active volunteer with ACCJC since 2002, participating on eleven evaluation teams and serving as a Commissioner for one year before joining the team in the ACCJC office. Vice President Reynolds oversees the multiple training, workshops, and educational programming activities of the Commission.