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Title NEW FACULTY HELP BOOST ACADEMICS AT GCC

Deptford Twp. – After the first two months of the fall semester, Gloucester County College’s five newest faculty members have quickly settled into their teaching positions bringing fresh ideas to the 270-acre South Jersey campus.

The faculty members, recommended by College President Williams F. Anderson and approved September 1 by the Board of Trustees, have come onboard during a time of record enrollment at GCC with attendance reaching an all-time high of 6,118 students registered for credit courses. The hiring of Mary A. Mishler, Nursing/Allied Health; Joseph R. Fitzgerald, History; Lori Joyce, Communications; Michelle L. Briles, Mathematics; and Keesha E. Patterson, Communications provides further academic support as the College’s growing popularity makes GCC the school of choice for many area students.

Joining the popular GCC Nursing/Allied Health faculty is instructor Mary A. Mishler with a BSN in nursing and MSN in Adult Health Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Joseph R. Fitzgerald, Assistant Professor of History, earned his PH.D. in African-American Studies and a graduate certificate in Women’s Studies at Temple University. Fitzgerald, who wrote his dissertation on human rights activist Gloria Richardson and her struggle against White Supremacy in Cambridge, Maryland during the early 1960s, plans to turn his work into a book as well as publish a history of the Civil Rights Movement for undergraduates.

At GCC, Fitzgerald has plans to create an oral history project where his students would interview and memorialize the stories of local individuals providing future scholars with an accurate record of the history of Gloucester County's people.

Communications Instructor Lori Joyce comes to GCC with over eight years of college teaching experience. She has taught full time at West Chester University in Pennsylvania and at Rutgers University in Camden, and as an adjunct professor at other various universities and community colleges. She has a master's degree in education from State University of New York and a master's degree in English from Rutgers University. Joyce has presented academic papers at international conferences and has had her articles printed in various commercial publications. In her spare time, Joyce volunteers her talents at the Robin's Nest, a home for teens who need a safe haven, conducting job search, resume writing, and interview skill development workshops.

Mathematics Instructor Michelle Briles brings to GCC seven years of teaching experience from Delsea Regional High School in addition to computer programmer know-how from AMS in Fairfax, Virginia. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and secondary education from Providence College and a master's degree in mathematics from Rowan University. During the past two years, she has also worked as an adjunct professor at Cumberland County College. Briles has coached high school field hockey and has been a member of the Northern Virginia Women's Rugby Club.

Keesha E. Patterson, GCC's new communications instructor, connects with her students both in and out of the classroom. When she's not teaching English Composition, Patterson can be found working with the student staff of the College's newspaper, the Gazette. Patterson has a bachelor's degree in communications from Towson University and a master's degree in English from Morgan

State University.

Gloucester County College's 270-acre campus is located on Tanyard Road in Deptford, just off Exit 56 of Route 55.

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