EQUITY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS:
Focus on Institutional Accountability and Responsibility

Ensuring equity in student success has (re)emerged as a significant priority for California’s community colleges. As mandated by Section 54220 of the California Education Code, community colleges have a responsibility to enact efforts “to close achievement gaps in access and success in underrepresented student groups.” San Diego State University professors, Drs. J. Luke Wood and Frank Harris III, will deliver a 90-minute presentation to discuss the role of community college faculty in creating the conditions that are necessary to achieve equitable student success outcomes from an institutional accountability and responsibility perspective. Immediately following the presentation will be an interactive 90-minute workshop in which the presenters will discuss notable trends and equity gaps at Moorpark College and share practices that may prove useful in addressing them. Throughout the presentation and workshop, Wood and Harris will share relevant examples from their research and practice work on student success for men of color in community colleges.

THURSDAY / AUG 13 / 9:00am - 12:00pm
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Dr. Frank Harris III is an associate professor of postsecondary education and co-director of the Minority Male Community College Collaborative (M2C3) at San Diego State University. His research is broadly focused on student development and student success in postsecondary education and explores questions related to the social construction of gender and race on college campuses, college men and masculinities, and racial/ethnic disparities in college student outcomes. He is currently engaged in a national study of productive masculinities and positive behaviors among college men. In his role as co-director of M2C3, he partners with community colleges across the United States to conduct research and design interventions to facilitate student achievement among men who have been historically marginalized in postsecondary education.

J. Luke Wood, PhD, is Associate Professor of Community College Leadership and the Director of the Doctoral Program in Community College Leadership at San Diego State University (SDSU). Dr. Wood is also Co-Director of the Minority Male Community College Collaborative (M2C3), a national research and practice center that partners with community colleges to support their capacity in advancing outcomes for men of color. M2C3 houses the National Consortium on College Men of Color (NCCMC) which host trainings, information sharing sessions, and provides resources to colleges with initiatives and programs supporting college men of color. He is also Chair-Elect for the Council on Ethnic Participation (CEP) for the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE), Director of the Center for African American Research and Policy (CAARP), and Co-Editor of the Journal of Applied Research in the Community College.

THURSDAY / AUG 13 / 12:00pm to 1:30pm
PRESIDENT’S LUNCH;
Beating the Odds by Alison J. Balter

Alison Balter was the 2012/2013 Ventura County Woman Business Owner of the Year and 2014 NAMI Exemplary Peer of the Year. She is a leading author of fifteen Microsoft Access books and SQL Server books, as well as a developer of numerous video training series on Microsoft Access and SQL Server. She is a highly experienced developer and independent trainer. She loves to take highly technical material and explain it in a way that everyone can understand. Alison develops applications using Access and SQL Server. During her 28 years in the computer industry, she has trained and consulted many people in corporations and government agencies, including Southern California Edison, Shell Oil, Cisco, the US Marines, the US Navy, University of Southern California, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Alison has accomplished all of this while battling two serious mental illnesses: Bipolar I and Borderline Personality Disorder.

Alison is extremely active in NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and speaks often for their In Our Own Voice and Ending the Silence programs. On a personal note, she enjoys spending time with her husband Dan, and children Alexis and Brendan. They all love to travel, ski (snow and water), and hike. Alison particularly enjoys walking, yoga, and weight lifting.

Moorpark College

Please RSVP for the Lunch to Andrea Rambo (arambo@vccccd.edu)