

Distance Education (DE) Faculty Co-Chair Candidate Statement

Christy Douglass

I am honored to accept the nomination to serve as the Distance Education Committee Faculty Co-Chair for the 2021-2023 term.

I have been teaching online since 2018 and truly enjoy this method of instruction. It allows my students the flexibility to learn on their own time without having to worry about transportation, child care, and other barriers that keep students from being successful in on-ground classes.

Over the past few years, I participated in Moorpark's CVC-OEI work, aligning three of my courses to best practices in online education. I also serve as a Peer Online Course Reviewer, helping my colleagues align their courses. I have attended numerous DE meetings in past years, simply because I am passionate about online learning.

In addition to my adjunct role at MC, I teach at other colleges and universities. I believe my exposure to other Learning Management Systems and other institutions DE policies and procedures will help bring additional insight to the committee efforts.

Thank you for your consideration!

Christy Douglass

Professional Development (PD) Faculty Co-Chair Candidate Statement

Jamee Maxey & Beth Gillis-Smith

Dear AS Executive Board members,

As faculty sharing the co-chair position, we plan to involve ourselves with supporting innovative Professional Development opportunities and resources for the campus community. We have both been involved in online teaching, committee work, and student involvement, which will support our participation in the PD committee. We are also aware of the need for PD opportunities for the many groups at the college including classified professionals, managers, and students. We look forward to continued work with the PD committee to ensure offerings during flex week and throughout the semester that reflect the constituents and strategic direction of the college. We are also aware of the need for continued support and guidance in the shape of PD that helps to guide our campus community safely (both physically and mentally) through the post-pandemic return to campus.

Sincerely,

Jamee Maxey
Beth Gillis-Smith

Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Faculty Co-Chair

Candidate Statement

Jennie Whitlock

My name is Jennie Whitlock and I am an adjunct faculty member in the psychology department here at Moorpark College. I want to begin by thanking you for taking the time to consider me for the SEA faculty co-chair position. I am new to Moorpark College and have not had the opportunity to meet many of you since beginning in Spring 2021 due to online learning; however I am excited to build new relationships as this school year progresses with both students and staff. My interest in the SEA Committee comes from both my teaching and faculty training experience in psychology and counseling departments, and my role as a clinical mental health counselor for individuals with special needs for over 10 years. While at the George Washington University (GWU), I had the opportunity to serve on faculty committees creating DEI curriculum for undergraduate students and training instructors and student mentors on the content. From this opportunity I was able to present workshops and faculty trainings with the aim of building community in classrooms through engagement in social and personal identities, creating Brave Spaces, and understanding privilege. I also had the opportunity to work closely with first-year and transfer students, and complete both college- and university-wide assessments of the student experience. After working at GWU and Northern Virginia Community College for five years, it is important for me to continue to serve in the community college system. I believe one of the most valuable missions of community colleges is equity and providing opportunities for diverse student populations to achieve their educational and professional goals. By addressing institutional barriers to student success and retention, and providing every student with the support they need, we can close achievement gaps and improve the student experience. Currently, I am teaching Intro to Psychology to students at Ventura Youth Correctional Facility and to sophomores at the High School and Moorpark College; later this semester I will be teaching Abnormal Psychology to PACE students. I am passionate about these opportunities to work with diverse populations and hope to promote strategies and initiatives that serve them through the SEA Committee. I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to a great semester!

Jennie C. Whitlock, PhD