

Congratulations
To Our Tenured Faculty
Fall 2022



Susan Akhavan (Fall 2018)

English as a Second Language Instructor
Languages and Learning Resources

Susan Akhavan is a native Californian who grew up in Singapore – a magical, transformative experience. She attended CSU, Fresno, earning a double major in Business/Spanish, including a year in Spain. Susan also studied six languages, biology (her future husband, now a professor at LBCC, brought her along), and graduate courses in International Relations. She started as an International Student Advisor, then worked for the Air Quality District (those bio courses paid off). When her husband was hired in southern California, Susan decided to get her master's in Linguistics (CSULB).

After teaching at various colleges, Susan began part-time at IVC (2014). As full-time faculty, she serves on the Curriculum Committee, stays involved on campus in various ways, and is part of the first E3@IVC cohort. Susan's husband and 20-year-old son inspire her greatly, and one thing that grounds her is being grateful for the large and small of life.



Judith Benavidez (Fall 2018)

Counselor (Generalist)
Guidance and Counseling

Judith was born and raised in Anaheim, CA. She earned an A.A. in Liberal Studies from Fullerton College, B.S. in Human Services from California State University, Fullerton and M.S. in Counseling, Student Development in Higher Education from California State University, Long Beach.

She started working at Irvine Valley College as an adjunct counselor in 2016, serving students in counseling appointments and in the classroom. Her committee service includes Curriculum, MAP Design Team and the IDEA Completion Team. In addition, she has worked as the assigned counselor for the UCI-IVC Engineering Academy and CSUF Raiser STEM Program. She is a proud product of the community college system and loves working at Irvine Valley College!



Lizett Bobadilla (Fall 2018)

Counselor (EOPS/Guardian Scholars)

Guidance and Counseling

Lizett was born in Los Angeles, CA, and raised primarily in the San Gabriel Valley. She was a first-generation, re-entry student and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Cal State University, Los Angeles while working full-time and being a mother. Her passion to help students with similar backgrounds motivated her to continue her education at CSU, Long Beach, where she earned her Master of Science in Counseling, Option in Student Development in Higher Education.

Before coming to IVC, she worked as an adjunct counselor for a few other community colleges with most of her experience being in EOPS and foster youth programs. In the fall of 2018, she was hired full-time by Irvine Valley College as an EOPS/Guardian Scholars Counselor. She currently serves on the Student Success & Equity Council, Student Equity and Achievement Program Committee, and SCORE. She also serves as a co-advisor for the Women of Color Collective (WOCC) and is a Puente mentor. One of her goals is to travel more with her children and already has their next trip planned to Costa Rica. ...



Leonard Lamp (Fall 2018)

Mathematics Instructor

Mathematics and Computer Sciences

Leonard Lamp was born in Montebello, California, but was raised in Hesperia California (The town you pass on the Cajon pass on the way to Vegas). Upon graduation from high school, he attended the California State University of San Bernardino where he received both his BA and MA in Mathematics.

Currently, he is working towards earning an Ed.D at Trident University International. During his four years at IVC, he has served on Academic Senate, the Academic Affairs committee, Guided Pathways, and the Data and Equity team.

When he is not in the classroom, he enjoys surfing and playing basketball as much as possible.



Marianne Wolfe (Fall 2018)

Counselor (Generalist)
Guidance and Counseling

Marianne Wolfe completed her Bachelor of Arts in Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations from California State University, Fullerton. She received her Masters of Science in Counseling with an option in Student Development in Higher Education from California State University, Long Beach.

Once joining Irvine Valley College in 2018, Marianne initiated and spearheaded establishing a Puente Project for the campus, which launched their first cohort in Fall 2021. Marianne participates regularly in campuswide programs including hosting ELEVATE workshops and events; facilitating Womxn of Color Collective monthly meet ups; and serves on multiple campuswide initiatives and committees like the Faculty Association and Guided Pathways Teams.

Marianne does not have spare time for hobbies at the moment because she has four children under the age of 7, two dogs, and four quails to keep alive – but when she takes moments of self-care, she enjoys baking, thrift store shopping, and brunch.

Breanna Wybaczynsky (Fall 2017)

Counselor (DSPS)

Guidance and Counseling

Breanna Wybaczynsky was born and raised in Whittier, California. She obtained her bachelor's degree in psychology from Cal State Long Beach University. She obtained her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from The American School of Professional Psychology and became licensed as a Clinical Psychologist. She worked part time at Saddleback College as a Certified Learning Disabilities Specialist and DSPS Counselor before being hired on full time at IVC as a DSPS Counselor. She has been with the district for 10 years.

She serves on the Guided Pathways Student Experience Design Team and the Academic Senate Guided Pathways Workgroup. In her free time, she enjoys mindfulness activities such as yoga, meditation, gardening, and music. She often incorporates these interests into stress management workshops for DSPS students. As a first-generation college student, psychologist, and advocate for accessibility, she enjoys supporting students during this formative time in their lives.



Retirees

2021-2022

Ray Chandos (Summer 2021)

Electronics Technology Instructor

Integrated Design, Engineering and Automation

Years of Services: 42 years, 7 months

Seth Hochwald (Spring 2022)

Computer Science Instructor

Mathematics and Computer Science

Years of Services: 38 years, 9 months

Martin McGrogan (Spring 2022)

Kinesiology & Health Instructor, Head Men's

Soccer Coach, Head Badminton Coach

Kinesiology, Health, and Athletics

Years of Service: 32 years, 1 month

Ronald Manuel-Ellison (Fall 2021)

Theatre Arts Instructor

The Arts

Years of Service: 31 years, 4 months

Fawn Tanriverdi (Spring 2022)

Counselor (EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs)

Guidance and Counseling

Years of Service: 30 years, 5 months

Arthur Ambrose (Spring 2022)

Chemistry Instructor

Physical Sciences and Technologies

Years of Service: 12 years, 9 months

Tenure Track Faculty In-progress

David Bugay (Spring 2019)

Business/Management Instructor
Business Sciences

Nichole Carver (Fall 2019)

Mathematics Instructor
Mathematics and Computer Science

Kelicia Galvin (Fall 2019)

English as a Second Language Instructor
Languages and Learning Resources

Luis Gutierrez (Fall 2019)

Administration of Justice Instructor
Social and Behavioral Sciences

Brandee Idleman (Fall 2019)

Librarian (Research and Instruction)
Library Services

Amanda Jerome (Fall 2019)

English as a Second Language Instructor
Languages and Learning Resources

Alice Lin (Fall 2019)

English as a Second Language Instructor
Languages and Learning Resources

Steven Nguyen (Fall 2019)

Chemistry Instructor
Physical Sciences and Technologies

Donald Perry (Fall 2019)

Chemistry Instructor
Physical Sciences and Technologies

Carolyn Rath (Fall 2019)

Geology Instructor
Physical Sciences and Technologies

William Spinella (Fall 2019)

Astronomy/Physics Instructor
Physical Sciences and Technologies

Mohamad Youssef (Fall 2019)

Mathematics Instructor
Mathematics and Computer Science

Erick Peterson (Fall 2020)
Economics Instructor
Social & Behavioral Sciences

Takeshi Takakura (Fall 2020)
Japanese Instructor
Languages and Learning Resources

Araceli Centanino (Fall 2021)
Ethnic Studies/History Instructor
Humanities

Savyonne Steindler (Fall 2021)
English as a Second Language Instructor
Languages and Learning Resources

Winnie Dinh (Fall 2021)
English as a Second Language Instructor
Languages and Learning Resources

Lindy Tannenbaum (Fall 2021)
Accounting Instructor
Business Sciences

Michael Doud (Fall 2021)
Chemistry Instructor
Physical Sciences and Technologies