

FRCAE FEATURES

V. JAMES RENDA FACULTY RESOURCE CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

October 2021



WELCOME NEW AVP: DR. ESCOBAR

Dr. Fabio Escobar recently began his role as Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs at NCCC. He has a B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy from California State University and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University at Buffalo. He says: "I'm excited to begin working with FRCAE and NCCC faculty on the many exciting teaching and learning challenges that present themselves at this crucial moment in history. As a philosopher and community college teacher and administrator for the past two decades, it is a thrill to join an institution with a robust and faculty-led program of

professional development. I can't wait to dive into the day to day details and support the mission of the V. James Renda Faculty Resource Center for Academic Excellence."

What are you most looking forward to in your new role at Niagara County Community College? Working directly with faculty on curriculum and assessment.

What do you find most rewarding about working in higher education? Working on complex long-term projects that have a positive student impact.

What is your favorite part of working with non-traditional students? Learning about their path into higher education. Everyone has a unique path that led them to where they are now, and it is fascinating to see the diverse ways that lead people to improve themselves through education.

What is your favorite book and/or author? Nietzsche's *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*. It woke me up to a better understanding of the philosophical canon and how it can be questioned in a rigorous way.

What is the best advice you have ever received? To surround myself with people who complement and challenge me rather than those who are just like me.

FACULTY KEYNOTE

***Artists' Homes and Studios: Inspiring Spaces* by Professor Nancy Knechtel**

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 2:30 pm

E-142 Lecture Hall

How did archaeology at Rembrandt's house reveal new information about his painting? How did Monet create one of the most famous backyards in art history? Why did Georgia O'Keeffe have two houses in New Mexico? Join NCCC Professor Nancy Knechtel for a look at the places where artists lived and created some of their greatest work. For more information, see included poster and the event's website: <https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/frcae/artists-homes-and-studios-inspiring-spaces/>

CAROL JAMIESON AWARD

This award recognizes NCCC faculty members who best exemplify those traits exhibited by Dr. Jamieson who has been described as a veteran academician with in-depth historical perspective and acute foresight, a can-do attitude, ever-present resilience, and willingness to serve as a mentor to many.

Criteria and Eligibility. This award will be presented to a current or past full-time faculty member who has served at NCCC for at least five years and who best exemplifies outstanding professionalism and dedication in mentoring and support given to other faculty; continuous growth in the field of study ability to inspire in students independent and original thinking; enthusiasm and vitality in learning and teaching; dedication to the support of academic excellence; and dedication to the college.

Nomination Procedure. Any NCCC employee may submit a nomination by completing the nomination form on the FRCAE webpage here: <https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/frcae/awards/> Nominations must be submitted on or before October 29, 2021.

ESOL SERVICES

Students needing language assistance can inquire with Adult Literacy Instructor Wendy M. Clark in E203 for help. This service is provided by NCCC's partnership with O/N BOCES. Students can also sign up for appointments with Wendy through ACE. Beginning in mid-October, there will be a specialized ESOL class from 2pm-4pm in E203 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays which focuses on citizenship preparation. For more information, contact Wendy at 716-614-6235 or wclark@onboces.org

INFORMATION LITERACY

The newly revised SUNY General Education Framework establishes Information Literacy as a core competency required of all students. Library instruction is an ideal way to incorporate information literacy skills in your courses. Our teaching objectives address essential skills that will enable students to:

- Determine the nature and extent of information needed for a project
- Locate needed information effectively and efficiently
- Use information for a specific and intended purpose
- Recognize the legal and ethical considerations in the use of information

We are happy to customize a lesson to meet the criteria of a specific course project, or even assist in developing that project. A variety of modalities is available:

- In-person using the library instruction classroom or your assigned classroom
- Virtually – synchronous or asynchronous
- As part of an embedded program, in which an assigned librarian can provide extended assistance over the duration of the course

To schedule, please complete this form: <https://libguides.niagaracc.suny.edu/welcome/instruction> or to discuss further, contact NCCC's Instruction and Assessment Librarian: Andrew Yeager at ayeager@niagaracc.suny.edu or 716-614-6781.

PROMOTION & TENURE PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 13 at 3:30pm in FRCAE, D104.

Join us in FRCAE to review successful portfolios and to get feedback from your colleagues on your current portfolio. Bring your portfolio and bring your questions. Tenured and promoted colleagues are encouraged to attend to offer mentorship and advice.

FALL ORIENTATION SERIES

FRCAE's fall programming will be held concurrently in-person in D-104 and via zoom most Wednesdays at 2:30pm. They will also be recorded.

Here is the zoom link for all sessions:

FRCAE Orientation Series- Fall 2021

<https://zoom.us/j/98267988309>

Meeting ID: 982 6798 8309

Passcode: 85155

Student Success Center presented by Alissa Shugats-Cummings

Wednesday, October 6 at 1:30pm **please note time change**

Join us in FRCAE to learn more about what the Student Success Center can do for you and your students. Assistant Vice President of Student Services, Alissa Shugats-Cummings will provide an overview of services such as academic counseling, career or job information, internships, setting up course schedules, study abroad, transferring to a 4-year college, etc. Learn who to contact for what so that your students can succeed here @ NCCC.

DegreeWorks and New Student Advising Profile presented by Julie Schucker

Wednesday, October 13 at 2:30pm

This workshop will cover two important items so you are best prepared for the start of Spring 2022 registration. The first part of the workshop will cover the NEW STUDENT ADVISING PROFILE, which is a new landing page in Banner web to find a wealth of information about each student on a single page. The second part of the workshop will cover the DEGREE WORKS UPGRADE which was completed in June 2021. This version includes a significant update to the look and feel of Degree Works which is more mobile responsive. Attend and learn more about general navigation and where to find what you need for the start of advisement/registration.

Enrollment Center by Bob McKeown and Campus Safety presented by Ross Annable

Wednesday, October 20 at 2:30pm

Enrollment One-Stop and A-Building Office Moves Presented by Bob McKeown

Please join us in learning what functions are now housed in the Enrollment Center and updates on all of the office moves that have taken place within Student Services in the last few months...and upcoming changes.

Campus Public Safety Presented by Ross Annable

In this workshop, Chief of Campus Public Safety, Ross Annable, will review safety procedures that all faculty should be aware of.

FRCAE KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

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Room E142

October 26th @ 2:30 pm

Refreshments to follow in FRCAE, D104

This presentation is open to the public. Details, registration (not required), and maps regarding this event can be found at:

www.niagaracc.suny.edu/frcae/artists-homes-and-studios-inspiring-spaces/

For additional information contact Maren Smith at: marensmith@niagaracc.suny.edu | 716-614-6790