

Welcome to New Faculty and Staff

Academic and Student Affairs

Academic Affairs

Winfred Mbogo – Administrative Assistant

Winnie brings 20 years of administrative support experience from both the health and human services areas. She most recently worked as a human resource generalist. Winnie is an alumna of Northern Essex Community College, where she earned her associate degree in Business Management. She is currently working on her bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management.

Academic Coaching

Sara Codair – Academic Coach

Sara joins the Academic Coaching Team after working at NECC for ten years as a part-time writing tutor and adjunct English faculty member. She graduated from NECC in 2008 with an Associate in Arts degree in Journalism/Broadcasting and Writing. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in English at UMass Lowell in 2010 and her Master of Arts in English at UMass Boston in 2012. Sara is the author of three published novels and dozens of short stories.

Gretchyn Gallagher – Academic Coach

Gretchyn brings 30 years of experience in higher education to NECC. She joined NECC in 2006 as a professor in the ESL department, then transitioned to the Tutoring Center as an Academic Tutor for ESL. Prior to that, she worked at Bunker Hill Community College, Boston University, and Merrimack College. Gretchyn has created numerous workshops, orientations, and curricula for a variety of student populations in Boston and New York on an assortment of topics: Bullying, Growth Mindset, Cultural Identity, and Marine Life. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Fitchburg State University and a Master of Education in Curriculum Development and Teaching from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Health Professions

Marjorie Campbell R.N., J.D. – Executive Director for Healthcare Pathways, Tomfohrde Foundation

Marjorie comes to this role from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where she oversaw the regulation of physicians and nurses and investigated complaints. She started her career as a registered nurse, working in various settings, from the E.R. to home health care. Marjorie also has her Law Degree from Suffolk University. Marjorie resides in Salisbury.

Liberal Arts

Sarah Regan-Kelley – Center Coordinator

We are delighted to welcome Sarah to our team in Liberal Arts. Sarah is an alumna of NECC's Journalism/Communication Program and was a member of Global Scholars and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She holds a bachelor's in Communication from Southern New Hampshire University. A former team leader for Opportunity Works, Sarah also has experience in customer service and social media marketing. Already, Sarah has helped create an engaging and welcoming atmosphere for students and faculty in the Center for Liberal Arts.

Maxanne Holman Stocks – Academic Center Advisor

Maxie started at NECC as an Academic Coach with SOAR. Previously, she worked in ResLife since 2011. Maxie holds a master's in Student Affairs Counseling from Bridgewater State and a bachelor's in Sports Movement Science with a concentration in Dance from Salem State. She brings attentiveness with a counseling and wholistic lens to all aspects of someone's journey. She's already making an impact in the Center for Liberal Arts since beginning as academic advisor in October.

Library

Jacob Quiring – Academic Technology and Data Management Coordinator

Jacob will begin his new role as Academic Technology and Data Management Coordinator for the Bentley Library in Haverhill on January 17. Jacob holds a master's in Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, and has extensive experience teaching and assisting students with academic technology needs. Jacob resides in Amesbury.

Student Affairs

PK12 Partnerships

Emily Yunes – Early College 5th Year and Promise Coordinator

Emily will be joining NECC as the Coordinator for the 5th Year and Promise Program within the PK12 Partnerships department. Emily graduated from UMass Lowell and began her educational career in Manchester, New Hampshire, working for educational nonprofits that focused on College Awareness, Access, and Success programming. She holds a master's degree in Youth Development from Michigan State University.

Recruitment

Brianna Cataldo – Recruitment Counselor

Brianna joins the student recruitment team as a recruitment counselor. She graduated from Southern New Hampshire University in 2018 with a bachelor's in Education and continued her studies to obtain her master's in School Counseling in 2021 at Rivier University. She has worked as a guidance counselor in both private and public schools in the Southern New Hampshire area, at Pinkerton Academy and Easterseals New Hampshire.

SOAR (Seize Opportunities, Aspire to Rise) Program

Rachel Harnish (she/her/hers) – Academic and Transfer Advisor

Rachel is an Academic and Transfer Advisor in the SOAR program. Rachel earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and TESOL from Gordon College and a Master of Science degree in Adult and Higher Education from the University of Southern Maine. Prior to coming to NECC, Rachel held several roles in advising and student support within the community college system of New Hampshire and, most recently, at New England College in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Administration and Finance

Athletics

Nicole Curry – Assistant Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer

Nicole brings nearly 10 years of experience to the NECC Athletic Department in her role as the Assistant Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer. Nicole is coming from ATI Physical Therapy, having worked as the Ergonomic Coordinator for GE Aviation. She has prior intercollegiate experience at Bryant University, Virginia Wesleyan University, and Wagner College. Nicole earned her bachelor's degree in Athletic Training from Keene State College and her master's degree from Old Dominion University.

Buildings and Grounds

Luis Castellanos – Maintainer II

The Facilities Team recently hired Luis to work in our Maintenance Division as a full-time Maintainer II assisting our Lawrence facilities team with the daily routine maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Luis graduated from Methuen High School and attended Bridgewater State University. We welcome Luis to our team.

Jerel Rivera – Maintainer II

The Facilities Team recently hired Jerel to work with the Maintenance team as a full-time Maintainer II assisting with the daily maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Jerel will be involved with assisting with the beautification of the campus grounds and performing routine maintenance tasks assisting our maintenance staff. Jerel graduated from Lawrence High School. We welcome Jerel to our team.

Finance Department

Anthony Simonelli – Assistant Comptroller

Anthony is the college's Assistant Comptroller who reports to the Comptroller and Director of Fiscal Services in the Finance Department. In this role, he leads and manages with his team the college's enterprise-wide accounting services. Anthony performs a leadership role regarding the college's operating budget and related reporting mechanisms. Prior to joining NECC, Anthony has held various private sector accounting manager roles. Anthony's education includes both a Bachelor of Science and master's from Merrimack College, North Andover, MA. Anthony resides in NH with his wife and three children.

Jennifer Desmond – Accountant II

Jennifer joins NECC with 15 years of business expertise in the private sector. She joins the Finance Department as a member of the Procurement and Contract Management team, performing a lead role for the Accounts Payable processes for the college. Jennifer has a wealth of experience in finance, sales support, vendor management and customer service across a variety of vertical markets. Most recently, she held a position as a customer service representative for a local Haverhill company. She holds a bachelor's degree from Southern New Hampshire University. Jennifer resides in Haverhill.

Human Resources

James DiGiuseppe – HR Talent Management Coordinator

James comes to NECC following a career in banking and management and most recently as a Recruiting Manager with Robert Half. James has a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications from Quinnipiac University. James began with NECC at the end of November and has truly hit the ground running. His experience with full-life cycle recruitment from sourcing, interview preparation, offer and onboarding has already had a positive impact on our process. His jump-in approach and excellent communication skills have also proven incredibly beneficial. We are lucky to have James on our team.

Information Technology

Victoria Cushman – Data and Systems Operations Specialist

Victoria joins us from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Originally from Bridgton, Maine, she graduated from East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania with a

Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management and is currently pursuing a second Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from UMass Lowell.

Public Safety

David Hobbs – Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety

David joins our Public Safety team with 23 years of law enforcement experience. He began his career in 1999 with the Hampton Police Department and spent the last two years as Chief of Police in Hampton, New Hampshire. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and holds a master's degree from Southern New Hampshire University in Justice Studies/Public Administration. David is also a veteran of the Armed Forces, having served with the United States Marine Corps. He is a strong advocate for community policing and building strong partnerships within the community.

Institutional Advancement

Grants Development Office

Kate Howell – Associate Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations

Kate joins NECC with over thirty years of experience in education as both a teacher and administrator, coming to us from an independent school where she served on the senior administrative team and strategic planning committee. Kate has worked passionately to promote student success and well-being throughout her career and now looks forward to joining NECC's efforts to garner support for our programs, with a particular interest in helping provide more people with access to high-quality education and training. We look forward to Kate's collaborative and compassionate contributions to our grant-writing and strategic fundraising initiatives. Kate holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with a Minor in English Literature from Wittenberg University. Kate is fluent in Spanish.

Marketing Communications

Jessica Angelini – Marketing Communications Specialist

Jessica joins NECC with extensive experience marketing in the gaming and entertainment industries, with a specialization in social media strategy and event management. As an NECC alumna and high honors graduate, Jessica is excited to show how incredible NECC is and to strengthen the bonds between the students, community, and school. Jessica is a proud member of, and advocate for, the LGBTQIA+ community. Jessica holds an associate degree in Liberal Arts from NECC and a bachelor of English Literature with a minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

MassHire Career Center

Tiana Fernandez – MassHire Customer Service Representative

Tiana has customer service background in healthcare, retail, and call center environments. Her most recent experience as a voucher specialist at the Child Care Circuit in Lawrence is a valuable asset to the work of MassHire. Tiana is a graduate of Greater Lawrence Technical School.

Risobel Lourido – MassHire Accountant

In addition to providing financial management services for over 10 years for NECC's Center for Adult Education, Risobel brings years of general accounting, financial analyst, budgeting, and cost accounting experience in the biotech industry to her new role at NECC. Risobel possesses bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Puerto Rico. She is also a graduate of the NECC Leadership Academy.

Jessica Luna-White – MassHire Youth Employment Counselor

Jessica comes to NECC with a range of experience working with youth. She has served as a special projects coordinator at UTEC, milieu counselor supporting teens with mental health disorders, and respite worker. She has years of experience providing speech and language support services in public school systems. Jessica holds a bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences from Emerson College.

Lawrence Campus and Community Relations

Center for Adult Education (CAE)

Darla Lamanna – Coordinator, Returning Adults Center

Darla joined the Center for Adult Education as DESE Educational Programs Coordinator in September. She previously served as the Director of Education programs at NECC's Essex County Sheriff's Department. Darla holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Pennsylvania State University, a Master of Education in Technology for Enhanced Learning from Seton Hill University, and an Education Doctorate degree in Organizational Leadership in Higher Education from Grand Canyon University.

Esmerelda Rojas – Career Advisor

Esmerelda currently teaches ESL classes and, in addition, began working as a full time Career Advisor in the Adult Education programs in December. She has experience teaching Special Education and ESL at the middle and high school levels. Esmerelda holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bridgewater State University and a Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from UMass Boston.

Jine Roque – Staff Assistant

NECC welcomed Jine in December as a Staff Assistant in the Center for Adult Education. Jine has over 18 years of experience in providing support to operational activities and streamlining operations. An NECC alumna, Jine holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University and is a certified Tax Specialist.

Northern Essex Community College/Essex County Sheriff's Department of Corrections

Mat Campione – Learning Specialist for STAR (Supporting Transition and Reentry Program)

Mat recently joined NECC's Educational program at Essex County Sheriff's Department of Corrections as a Learning Specialist for the STAR program. He has extensive experience in education and community based educational programs and services. Mat has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Franklin Pierce University and a Master of Education degree in Curriculum & Instruction; Educational Leadership from Southern New Hampshire University.

Farewell to Our Retirees

Donna Ashbrook, Accountant V, Administration & Finance

Linda Fagan, Administrative Assistant II, Academic Affairs

Sharon McManus, Director, Center for Professional Development

Patricia Pierce, Accountant V, Administration & Finance

Ronald Taber, Assistant Vice President, Marketing Communications

