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# Union NEWS

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## Meet the Candidates

### President

#### Anne D'Orazio

Professor D'Orazio has been at Westchester Community College for 10 years, having come originally from California on an exchange with Stanley Feingold to teach history and political science. From 1996 until 2001, she was head of the Paralegal Curriculum. In 2001, she was elected president of the WCCFT, the position for which she is currently running. In addition to teaching International Law, Global History and American Labor History, Professor D'Orazio has served on two campus committees, Affirmative Action and Adjunct Faculty. She is a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence. She is a delegate to the Westchester Putnam Central Labor Body and a member of the Policy Council of the New York State United Teachers. Over the past four years, the WCCFT has greatly expanded its vision and image. Professor D'Orazio is proud that the WCCFT Union Newsletter has won so many state and national awards for journalism. Her current focus is on launching our "Build a Union Culture" campaign to increase investment in the Union's role at Westchester Community College.

### Treasurer

#### Joyce McQuade

Associate Professor of Mathematics and Assistant Chair (Coordinator of Adjuncts), Joyce has been teaching at WCC part time since 1991 and full time since 1994. Her teaching experience includes teaching developmental courses as well as more advanced courses including The Elements of Geometry which she introduced a few years ago. In addition to her graduate degree in Mathematics, Joyce has recently been pursuing a second graduate degree in Interior Architecture including Geometry for Art and Design. She has served on the Executive Committee for WCCFT since 2001 and chaired

### Vice President

#### Richard Rosell

Professor Rosell has been teaching in the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department since 1969. He has served in a variety of union positions since the early 1970's: he was a member of the Executive Committee in the early 1970's, Vice President from 1976-78 and President from 1978-'79 and 1980-1992. After a hiatus, he rejoined the Executive Committee in 2001 and has held the post of Vice President from 2003 to the present. He also serves as the Grievance Chairperson.



the Faculty Development Committee for two years. She is the recent recipient of The Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching as well as the SUNY Chancellor's award for Excellence in Teaching. She serves on numerous committees including the Adjunct Advisory Committee, The Personal Development Award, Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day, and the President's Ad Hoc Committee for Women's Educational Opportunities.

### Secretary

#### Lynette DeBellis, R.N., M.A.

Professor DeBellis accepted her current position as Asst. Professor of Nursing in 1990. Before joining us, she graduated with a B.S. N. from Mount St. Mary College in 1985, and began work as an R.N. at Westchester Medical Center. After working there as a staff nurse, assistant head nurse, and Nurse Educator, she graduated from Columbia University-Teachers College with an M.A. in Nursing Education.

She has been involved in both Departmental and College wide activities, including: Search and Screen Committees, Middle-States Committee (1995), Committee for the Assessment of new Health-Science Curricula, Liaison between WCC Dept. of Nursing and Westchester Medical Center, and Mentor for students considering a Health-Science career. She is serving her second consecutive term as Departmental Committee Chairperson. She has been a member of the WCCFT Executive Committee since 2004.

In 2001, she was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for excellence in Teaching.

### Adjunct Rep

#### Patricia Torres

Professor Patricia Torres has taught at WCC since 1995 and is a senior adjunct instructor in the English Language Institute. During the academic year 2003-4, she began her Union activism as a member of the Adjunct Committee. In September, 2004, she filled the position of Adjunct Representative which had been vacated when the former Representative left WCC. Along with other members of the Executive Committee, Patricia attended a NYSUT conference this past October and will represent our Union in Minneapolis at the AFT conference in April.

## Board Members

### Ronald Brown

Professor Brown has been a member of the faculty for thirty years and presently holds the rank of Associate Professor. He has served in the Offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, General Counseling, and the Educational Opportunity Program as a counselor and Program Coordinator. He has also taught many courses in the Behavioral and Social Science Department, as well as College Success.

In the past thirty years, Professor Brown has served on various college committees, including the Central, Middle States, Academic Support Center, Faculty Development Day, Honors Program Steering, Union PAC and Grievance, and Personal Development Committees, just to name a few. He has also served as a faculty advisor to several Student organizations and has been an educational consultant to the "Mom and Dads" program in Mount Vernon NY, as well as serving as consultant for the Westchester Council of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Professor Brown is a recipient of the Westchester Community College Foundation Faculty Excellence Award, The SUNY Chancellor Award, The University of Wisconsin Distinguished Alumni Award and The Westchester County Distinguished Service Award.

### Barbara Wilson Chakmakjian

Barbara Wilson Chakmakjian serves as the Department Chair and Associate Professor for the Radiologic Technology Program. She is the holder of the Harvey Picker Distinguished Chair award. She received her radiography education at New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital. Professor Chakmakjian later received her baccalaureate degree in Radiological Sciences from Manhattan College and a Master of Science degree in Education from St. John's University.

Professor Chakmakjian has been most active on campus. She serves in the capacity of member of the Affirmative Action, Faculty Senate Assessment Committee, Faculty Personnel Policy Committee, Executive Committee WCCFT, and chaired the recent Faculty Committee for Middle States self study.

### Richard Courage

Richard Courage has been teaching at the college level since 1980 and has been a member of the English Dept. at WCC since 1990, teaching Basic Writing 1 and 2, Composition and Literature 1 and 2, Short Story, African American Literature, and Topics in the History of Ideas - Honors. He has a BA in philosophy from Manhattan College and MA and Ph.D. in English education from

Columbia University. He has served as a faculty senator, assistant chair of English, and a faculty assessment fellow. He serves on the advisory council of the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail and is co-director of an NEH-funded project to develop African American studies curricula for schools in Berkshire County, Mass., where he is a resident. He has an interest in labor history and is a strong believer in unions.

### Carlos Delgado

Professor Delgado has been at Westchester Community College since the Fall 2000 term. Beyond his teaching load, as the only full-time faculty member in his field he is involved in the administration of all matters related to the music program, which comprises over 20 different courses and two sites. He has always been a strong believer in the key role that unions play in society, and has watched with dismay as the labor movement has come under sustained and systematic attack in many parts of the world. He is therefore grateful for the opportunity to contribute to strengthening our union, and looks forward to doing his part in making it as responsive to the concerns of its members as it can be.

### Carolyn Di Leo

Carolyn Di Leo is Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems and Office Technologies. She began teaching full time in January 2000. Prior to that time, she was a Program Administrator for Computer programs in the division of Continuing Education and taught as an adjunct here at WCC since 1994.

Among her current responsibilities, Professor Di Leo is a member of the Faculty Senate and chairs the Academic Technology Committee. She is teaching a distance learning course in Management Information Systems, having received one of the early fellowships from the Distance Learning Title III grant and served on the Distance Learning Task Force. She also co-chairs the Academic and Administrative Technology Committee for Strategic Planning and has been on the Executive Committee of the union for three years.

### Judy Langer

Professor Langer has been a full-time member of the WCC faculty since 1975 and is a tenured full professor of mathematics. As a strong union proponent, she has served on the executive board of three different union presidents - Connie Beck, Frank Crowley

and Anne D'Orazio. She has been on negotiation teams for at least four contracts and attended numerous union conferences.

Highlights of her 30-year career at WCC include: chair of the Women's AdHoc committee for the last decade (and member for 24 years), active involvement in the establishment of the Virginia Marx Children's Center, chair of Take Our Daughters to Work Day for three years, Assistant Presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate, Math/Physics Tutorial Coordinator, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campus team leader, and Academic Support Center DC member (in addition to the math DC). Honors include: SUNY Chancellor's Award, Distance Learning Fellow, and Women's News 1997 Women of the Year. She hopes to once again be able to offer her years of experience in union issues to the executive board. She looks forward to working towards the best interests of the WCCFT membership.

### Stephen J. Nardozi

Professor Nardozi is Assistant Professor and Chairperson in the Department of Prehospital EMS. He started at WCC in January 1989 as a Program Administrator, and soon thereafter developed and implemented the Emergency Medical Services program at WCC. He currently serves on Fire and Safety Committee, Medical Advisory Committee, and the Security Advisory Committee, and also serves on the Westchester County EMS Advisory Board. In addition, Professor Nardozi has served for the past 10 years as the faculty advisor to Club Jamaica, now known as the Caribbean Student Association. He has been a Guest Lecturer at University of the West Indies, in Kingston, Jamaica, and is presently the President of the Goldens Bridge Fire Department.

### Joanna Peters

Joanna Peters has been a full time Coordinator in the Academic Support Center since 1991. She completed her undergraduate degree at Hunter College in New York. In 1996, Joanna completed a second Master's Degree in English as a Second Language. Joanna is also an adjunct professor in the English and College Reading and Study Skills Department. She received tenure in 1997 and was a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Joanna is currently serving in the Senate, is DC Chair, is on the PAC committee of the WCCFT and on the Center for Faculty Advisory Board. She is a part of the Mentoring Committee and the Multicultural Awareness Committee. Joanna looks forward to serving the Union and its constituents in this new capacity.