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EIGHT JOIN FACULTY THIS FALL SEMESTER

MONROE, Mich. – Eight individuals have joined Monroe County Community College as full-time faculty members effective this Fall Semester, which began Thursday.

They include **Dr. Maris Fonseca**, associate professor of biology, **Kristine Gerlach**, disability services coordinator, **Tracy Giacomini**, assistant professor of nursing, **Dr. Melissa Grey**, assistant professor of psychology, **Jason Karamol**, instructor of welding technology (grant funded position for the Welding Center of Expertise), **Edmund LaClair**, assistant professor of history, **Kimberly Lindquist**, assistant professor of nursing, and **Nicholas Prush**, instructor and director of clinical education for respiratory therapy.

Fonseca has taught as an adjunct professor in microbiology at Schoolcraft College, the University of Michigan-Dearborn and UM-Ann Arbor. She holds a doctorate in bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Puerto Rico-Humacao. Fonseca conducted a postdoctoral research project on the bacteria that causes Legionnaire's disease, a severe form of pneumonia. She has also worked as a process development scientist at the biotechnology company Amgen.

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Gerlach began her employment at MCCC in 1992 and has served as adjunct faculty for the Admissions and Guidance Office and the Learning Assistance Laboratory. She has been serving as disability services coordinator in a temporary, full-time capacity since last fall. She is a licensed professional counselor and holds an associate degree from MCCC and bachelor and master of arts degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Giacomini was employed for nine years in obstetric nursing and two years in the Progressive Care Unit at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. She has taught nursing at Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. Giacomini earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Wayne State University and master's degree in nursing from Eastern Michigan University. She also earned a certificate in adult health and education and a graduate certificate in teaching in a health system from EMU.

Grey, assistant professor of psychology, taught for the University of Michigan-Flint since January 2010. She holds a bachelor of science degree in clinical community psychology from the UM-Flint and a master's degree and doctorate in clinical psychology from Eastern Michigan University. She was a clinical health psychology fellow at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc. She has held various positions at Eastern Michigan University and interned at Michigan State University's Counseling Center.

Karamol holds an associate degree in welding from Owens Community College and certificates in gas tungsten arc welding and gas metal arc welding. He is currently working on a bachelor's degree in welding technology from Siena Heights University. He served as a contract welder for the last four years and taught welding technology as an adjunct instructor at OCC for two years. He is an American

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Welding Society-certified welding inspector and holds additional AWS certifications in pipe, vertical up and overhead, and plate open root welding.

LaClair taught history courses as an adjunct instructor at MCCC for the last two years. He holds a bachelor of science degree and master of arts degree from Central Michigan University. LaClair is working on his doctoral degree – with a certification in archival administration – at Wayne State University.

Lindquist was a member of the nursing faculty at Henry Ford Community College for four years, where she taught medical/surgical courses and the leadership/management course. She previously served as the director of nursing at an extended care facility continues to work in a contingent position at Mercy Memorial Hospital to maintain her nursing skills. Lindquist earned her associate degree in nursing from MCCC, her bachelor of science in nursing from Eastern Michigan University and her master of science in nursing degree from the University of Toledo.

Prush served as an adjunct instructor of respiratory therapy at MCCC for the past year, teaching adult critical care and assisting in the coordination of a clinical rotation. He also taught respiratory therapy in the classroom and laboratory at Oakland Community College. He has a total of eight years of critical care experience as a registered respiratory therapist from his work at three facilities: the University of Michigan Medical Center, Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital and William Beaumont Hospital at Royal Oak. He holds a bachelor's degree in respiratory therapy from Siena Heights University and is currently working on a master's degree in business administration at Walsh College.

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