

An aerial photograph of the Eastern Connecticut State University campus. In the foreground, a tall brick clock tower with two clock faces and decorative windows stands prominently. The tower is labeled 'Foster Clock Tower' at its base. Behind the tower, several large, multi-story brick academic buildings with white roofs are visible. The campus is surrounded by green lawns, trees, and parking areas. In the background, a dense forest covers rolling hills under a soft, hazy sky.

Celebration of Faculty Excellence

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We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which Eastern Connecticut State University stands, and the broader land now known as the State of Connecticut, is the ancestral territory of the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation, Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mohegan Tribe, Nipmuc Tribe, and Schaghticoke Tribe, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations with great care. We honor their resilience, cultural heritage, and enduring presence. As Connecticut's public liberal arts university, we are committed to fostering greater awareness of Indigenous histories and contemporary experiences, and to building relationships grounded in respect, reciprocity, and responsibility.



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Faculty Tenure 2025

Sara Newman Carroll

Associate Professor
Health Sciences



Faculty Promotions - 2025

Associate Professor

Sara Newman Carroll, Health Sciences
Megan Stanton, Social Work

Full Professor

Courtney Broschious, Political Science
Jenna Sisco, Psychological Science
Jordan Youngblood, English



Emeritus Appointments – 2025

Kimberly Dugan, Professor, Sociology, Anthropology,
Criminology, Social Work

Marsha Davis, Professor, Math

Jeffrey Schaller, Professor, Accounting & BIS

Rita Melenczyk, Professor, English

Rochelle Gimenez, Professor, Health Sciences & Nursing

Academic Innovation Grants

"Revitalizing the History Department's Internship Program"

Caitlin Carenen

"Eastern Creative Technology Lab"

Travis Houldcroft, Kristen Morgan, and Garrett Dancik

"Senior Nursing Student Success Boot Camp: Clinical Judgement and NCLEX/NGN Readiness"

Ashley Cote

"3D Printing Integration in Art & Design"

Lora Lee

Academic Innovation Grants

"Tier 2 in Practice: Student-Led Analysis and Alignment of Writing-Intensive and Writing-Enhanced Courses at Eastern"

Christina Garcia

"Bridging Theory and Practice: An Experiential Healthcare Management Learning Model for Healthcare Management Minors"

Fatma Pakdil and Steve Muchiri

"Student-Centered Generative AI Virtual Lab for Curriculum and Pedagogy Innovation"

Garrett Dancik and Suki Grandhi

Academic Innovation Grants

"The Restorative Stories Project: A Multimodal Community Narrative Archive"

Theresa Severance and Alycia Bright Holland

"The Medieval World in Eastern's Special Collections: Building a Teaching Collection for the Medieval History of the Book"

Maeve Doyle and Tara Hurt

"Interdisciplinary Simulation-based learning with Standardized Patients"

Eunice Matthews-Armstead, Alycia Bright Holland, Christina Nadeau,
Lauren Lary

Academic Innovation Grants

“Development of the Detection and Monitoring Techniques of Toxic PFAS Chemicals in Public Water Systems”

Syed Islam and Patty Szczys

“Eastern’s Community Garden”

Bryan Connolly

“Building Community in the Major: A Structured Peer Mentoring Model”

Christopher Krebs and Caitlin Vasquez-O’Brien

Excellence Awards

Excellence in Teaching

Jennifer Leszczynski,
Professor, Psychological Science

Excellence in Creative/Scholarly Activity

Mark Fabrizi, Professor, Education



Academic Department Chairs

Niki Kunene, Accounting and Business
Information Systems

Maeve Doyle, Art & Art History

Joshua Idjadi, Biology

John Toedt, Biochemistry & Physical Sciences

Emiliano Villanueva, Business Administration

Alycia Bright Holland, Communication, Film, &
Theatre



Academic Department Chairs

Garrett Dancik, Computer Science

Maryanne Clifford, Economics & Finance

Mark Fabrizi, Education

Stephen Ferruci, English

Bryan Oakley, Environmental Earth Science

Yaw Nsiah, Health Sciences & Nursing

Caitlin Carenen, History



Academic Department Chairs

Megan Heenehan, Mathematics

Timothy Cochran, Music

Courtney Broschious, Political Science,
Philosophy, & Geography

Alita Cousins, Psychological Sciences

Theresa Severance, Sociology, Criminology,
Anthropology & Social Work

Kin Chan, World Languages & Culture

CTLA Teaching Scholars

Sara Newman Carroll, Associate Professor, Health Sciences

Miriam Chirico, Professor, English

Madeline Fugère, Professor, Psychology

Nicole Krassas, Professor, Political Science

Barbara Murdoch, Professor, Biology

Sarah Nightingale, Associate Professor, Social Work

Racheal Pesta, Associate Professor, Criminology

Kristalyn Salters-Pedneault, Professor, Psychology

T. Caitlin Vasquez-O'Brien, Associate Professor, Psychology

Sarah Walters, Assistant Professor, Health Sciences

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CSU Professor

Michèle Bacholle (2019)

Professor, French

Daniel Donaghy (2025)

Professor, English

Raouf Mama (2020)

Professor, English





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Provost's Award for Leadership and Innovation

Garrett Dancik

Professor, Computer Science



Distinguished Professor

Xing Liu

Professor, Education

