



Los Angeles Valley College

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Featured Announcements



[TWO LAVC PROFESSORS FEATURED AS SPEAKERS AT SAN DIEGO COMIC-CON INTERNATIONAL 2016](#)

Comic Con International 2016 featured two LAVC professors, Deanna Heikkinen and Michelle Lewis, who spoke at its "Teaching the Humanities through Comics" panel on July 24 in San Diego. The "Teaching the Humanities through Comics" panel presentation, which was part of Comic-Con's Comic Arts Conference for teachers and other Comic Con participants who are interested in the changing views and

uses of comics in American society, shared strategies and lessons learned by integrating comics and graphic novels into undergraduate course curriculum.

Deanna Heikkinen, associate professor of Humanities at LAVC, discussed the lessons that she learned from using superhero comics to teach a special topics humanities course on 20th-century America at Los Angeles Valley College. Her presentation titled "Holy Humanities Batman! Teaching 20th Century America through Superhero Comics" highlighted how the rise and fall and rise again of superhero comics in the 20th century could be seen as a pop reflection of the changing attitudes in American culture. She talked about the study of superheroes as modern mythology through characters that rose to the stature of permanent iconography, or when characters became instant sensations only to disappear into irrelevance, or for those character who failed to catch on at all serve to help us understand the concerns of multiple generations of Americans.

Michelle Lewis, associate professor of History at LAVC, explained how she integrated *Mendoza the Jew: Boxing, Manliness, and Nationalism, A Graphic History* into the Western Civilization curriculum in her presentation titled "History Gets Graphic: Using a Graphic Novel to Teach Course Content in the College History Classroom". Through integrating the graphic novel into the Western Civilization curriculum, students learned historiographical techniques including critical reading of sources, historical context, and micro vs. macro history. Topics ranging from nationalism, ethnic identity, gender roles, and the rise of spectator sports in eighteenth century England were explored in the course through the reading of *Mendoza*.

In addition, Adam Golub of CSU Fullerton discussed strategies for teaching comics as literature in the university classroom.

Comic-Con International: San Diego, which is the largest comic convention in the country, comprised of four days with events around San Diego. The Comic Arts Conference, which was founded in 1992 and has partnered with Comic-Con International since 1998, brings together comics scholars, practitioners, critics, and historians for the dynamic process of evolving an aesthetic and a criticism of the comics art form. The conference includes involvement from a broad range of disciplinary and theoretical perspectives, and includes the participation of academic and independent scholars.



[TRYING TO FIND AN OPEN CLASS? CHECK THE FALL "CLASS LIST BY SUBJECT" LISTING!](#)

The LAVC Academic Affairs Office has posted a list of classes that indicate which classes may still have open seats for the Fall Semester 2016. Students can simply check the Fall Semester 2016 "Class List by Subject" list to see which classes in each discipline have open seats. Students are encouraged to check this listing often as some classes listed as full may have open seats when other students drop the class. This information is updated daily from the Los Angeles Community College District's

LAColleges.net Web page. The listing notes every class section offered at LAVC, and notes which classes have open seats and which classes are full. For more information, visit the [LAVC Class Schedule Web page](#).

STUDENT SUCCESS TIP #1: If you wish to add a class that is listed as full by the time of your registration appointment, continue to try at a later date as seats become available as soon as someone drops the course.

STUDENT SUCCESS TIP #2: You can also attempt to add the class by attending the first day of classes to request an add card from the instructor if space is available. If you get an add card, submit it to LAVC Admissions & Records Office for processing.



[NEED TO BUY BOOKS OR PAY FEES? LAVC BOOKSTORE & BUSINESS OFFICE SUMMER HOURS](#)

The LAVC Monarch Bookstore and Business Office in the Student Union will be open during Summer 2015 to serve students, faculty and staff.

The [Monarch Bookstore](#) is located on the first floor of the Student Union, and sells new and used textbooks, software, supplies, candy, snacks, and LAVC gear and apparel. From July 18-August 12, it will be open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and closed on Saturday-Sunday.

The [Business Office](#), which is located on the first floor of the Student Union, is where students pay their registration fees and purchase their parking permits. It is currently open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m.-6:15 p.m.; hours are subject to change.

Please note: The LAVC Cafeteria, Lion Cafe, LAVC Student Health Center, and Student Psychological Services will be closed from July 16-August 28.



[DID YOU KNOW? THE MATH DEPARTMENT & MATH STEM OFFICE RELOCATED UNTIL AUGUST 25](#)

The staff in the LAVC Math Department and the LAVC Math STEM Program have been temporarily relocated to Library and Academic Resource Center (LARC) 200 from July 15-August 29.

The LAVC Maintenance and Operations Department is conducting deferred maintenance projects around the campus over the summer. It will be upgrading the air conditioning systems in the Math Science and Business Journalism buildings, and upgrading the fire alarm system in various campus buildings.

The Math Science building is currently closed to perform the air conditioning upgrades, so [Cheryl Glasband](#) of the Math Department, and [Luz Shin](#), [Miguel Sandoval](#), and Luis Melendez of the Math STEM program will work in LARC 200 to serve its students and faculty until the end of summer. The Math Department and Math STEM offices anticipate returning to the Math Science building by August 25.

Students, faculty and staff who wish to contact staff in the Math Department and Math STEM offices can reach them by email or by phone. The phones have not been forwarded yet, so the staff will be checking their messages remotely.

For more information (including emails addresses and phone numbers), visit the [LAVC Math Department Web page](#) and the [LAVC Math STEM Web page](#).



[LAVC CITIZENSHIP CENTER OFFERS CITIZENSHIP SERVICES DURING THE SUMMER](#)

The LAVC Citizenship Center offers citizenship services to students and the community. It offers assistance with citizenship forms, free E1 Civics/Citizenship test preparation classes, free ESL classes, referrals to legal entities, and study materials for the U.S. citizenship test.

All interested individuals are welcome to receive assistance through the LAVC Citizenship Program. Services are available to LAVC students and anyone in the community who is interested in becoming a U.S. citizen.

The LAVC Citizenship Program focuses on literacy skills and uses ESL methodologies to prepare learners to take and pass the United States Immigration and Naturalization Services (USCIS) test. The program includes outreach services, skills assessment, and naturalization preparation assistance. Program staff specialize in preparing various USCIS forms such as N-400, I-912, N-600, I-130, etc. Study materials approved by the USCIS are also available.

The Citizenship Center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in Bungalow 13. For more information, visit the [LAVC Citizenship Center Web page](#).



[WANT TO RECEIVE LAVC EMERGENCY ALERTS? UPDATE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO](#)

Los Angeles Valley College is asking all its students, faculty and staff to update their emergency contact information. In the event of an emergency situation on or near campus, the College may need to contact you or someone close to you. If you would like to receive emergency notifications, please check that your emergency contact

information is up to date.

Faculty/Staff—Please take a moment and enter/update your contact information on the [LACCD Portal](#). If you recall entering your information previously, please double check that your emergency contact information is correct in the Portal. [View instructions on how to your emergency contact information on the LACCD Portal](#)

Students—In an emergency, current LAVC students will be notified through their LACCD student email address (@student.laccd.edu) and the phone number(s) on file in their student records. They can set the LACCD email to be forwarded to their personal email. Students who wish to update their phone numbers on their student records will need to submit a Student Information change form to the LAVC Admissions and Records Office.

Since 2014, LAVC has been using Blackboard Connect to send emergency alert notifications to students, faculty and staff. This system allows the college to simultaneously send emergency notifications by email, voice message, and text message.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit the [LAVC Emergency Response Plan Web Page](#).



[DEADLINE TO JOIN EOPS/CARE/GUARDIAN SCHOLARS EXTENDED TO AUGUST 19](#)

The LAVC Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) and Guardian Scholars programs are accepting new students for the Fall 2016 semester. Students who meet certain criteria (see [eligibility requirements](#)) can apply to be a part of one of the following programs:

- **The EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) Program is open to students who come from backgrounds who have historically experienced economic and educational challenges.** The [EOPS program](#) assists eligible students who have historically experienced economic and educational challenges. To increase access, retention and goal completion, it provides the following "over and above" services: academic counseling, tutoring, textbook vouchers, workshops, priority registration, progress monitoring, and other services.
- **The CARE (Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education) program is open to EOPS students who are single parents.** The [CARE program](#) supports the unique needs of EOPS students who are single parents by promoting self-sufficiency and academic success through tailored workshops, additional counseling, educational materials and financial assistance for child care related expenses.
- **The Guardian Scholars is open to current and former foster youth attending Valley College.** The [Guardian Scholars program](#) is a foster youth program that provides support for current and former foster youth attending Valley College.

The EOPS/CARE/Guardian Scholars application is available to be [downloaded online](#). Applications will be accepted until Friday, August 19 at 12 p.m. in the EOPS Office on the second floor of the Student Services Center.

For more information, visit the [LAVC EOPS Web page](#), [LAVC CARE Web page](#), and [LAVC Guardian Scholars Web page](#).

Featured Upcoming Events

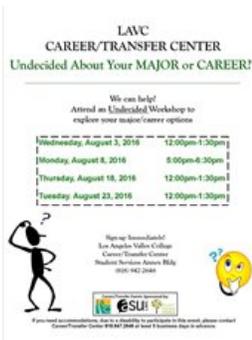
Date	Time
Monday, August 1st	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Thursday, August 4th	5:00pm - 6:30pm
Tuesday, August 9th	5:00pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday, August 10th	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Tuesday, August 16th	5:00pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday, August 17th	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Monday, August 22nd	5:00pm - 6:30pm
Thursday, August 25th	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Monday, August 29th	12:00pm - 1:30pm

[ARE YOU ON ACADEMIC PROBATION? COME TO THE PROBATION 2 WORKSHOP](#)

The LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC) will be offering "Probation 2" workshops on Monday, August 1 from 12-1:30 p.m. in the CTC located in the Student Services Annex. This workshop will help any students who are on second semester of academic probation (or Probation 2) get back on track and in good academic standing.

Can't make either day? Alternative workshop dates are August 9 at 5 p.m., August 10 at 12 p.m., August 16 at 5 p.m., August 17 at 12 p.m., August 22 at 5 p.m., August 25 at 12 p.m. and August 29 at 12 p.m.

For more information, contact the LAVC Career/Transfer Center at (818) 947-2646 or visit the [LAVC Career/Transfer Center Web page](#).



[NEED HELP DECIDING YOUR MAJOR OR CAREER? DON'T MISS THE UNDECIDED MAJOR WORKSHOP](#)

The LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC) will offer a "Undecided Major" workshop on Wednesday, August 3 from 12-1:30 p.m. in the CTC located in the Student Services Annex. This workshop is designed to help students who are undecided about their major or career to explore their options.

Can't make this workshop? This workshop will be offered again on August 8 at 5 p.m., August 18 at 12 p.m., and August 23 at 12 p.m.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact the LAVC Career/Transfer Center at (818) 778-5576 or visit the [LAVC Career/Transfer Center Web page](#).



[INTERESTED IN FREE HEALTHCARE CLASSES? LEARN MORE AT THE LAH3C INFO SESSION](#)

Los Angeles Trade Technical College and the Los Angeles Healthcare Competencies to Careers Consortium (LAH3C) will be holding an information session on its free healthcare classes on Wednesday, August 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Allied Health and Sciences Center (AHS) 332A/B.

This information session is geared towards individuals who are considering a career in any form of patient care, or are trying to better compete for an entry level healthcare position. Courses in the program are being offered online and at the Pierce College campus in Woodland Hills.

The program will be offering the following courses this Fall:

Traditional courses

- HOC 62 - Skill Set for Healthcare Professionals
- HOC 65 - Fundamentals for Healthcare Professionals

Online courses

- HOC 63 - Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professionals
- HOC 64 - Cultural and Legal Topics for Healthcare Professionals

For more information or to reserve your seat at the information session, contact Karissa Masmela at masmeln@piercecollege.edu.



[WANT TO TAKE THE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST? LAVC OFFERS THE HISET AND HISET PRACTICE TESTS](#)

The LAVC Specialized Testing Center in conjunction with the CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) Office is now accepting registrations for the official High School Equivalency Test (or HiSET®), and the HiSET® Practice Test.

The HiSET® is the new alternative to the GED; the CA State Board of Education approved the HiSET® for individuals to earn a California High School Equivalency Certificate. To be eligible to take the HiSET®, you must be a California resident, be 18 years or older, have a valid government issued identification, and not be currently enrolled in high school.

LAVC is an official HiSET® Testing Site, and it offers the following:

- The HiSET® paper-based test is held monthly on a Friday and Saturday (participants must attend both days for each session). Registration is now open for the paper-based test that will be offered on Friday-Saturday, August 19 and 20; the last day to register is August 10 in Bungalow 14. The computer-

based test is available by appointment only. The fee for the full test is \$150.00 and additional fees may apply (non-refundable). Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

- The HiSET® practice test will give you an idea of how well you may score on the official HiSET® test. The next available practice test will held on Friday, August 5 at 9 a.m. in Bungalow 14; registration is accepted on the day of the practice test. Practice tests are offered every Friday and by appointment. The fee for the test is \$10.00 (non-refundable).

For more information on HiSET® Official and Practice Testing, including registration information and all upcoming test and practice test dates and times, visit the [LAVC HiSET Test Web page](#).



[CALLING ALL NEW STUDENTS! REGISTER TODAY FOR LAVC'S WELCOME FAIR 2016 ON AUGUST 24](#)

LAVC Student Services, Associated Student Union (ASU), Office of Student Life, and Student Success and Support Programs invites all incoming students to attend Welcome Fair 2016 on Wednesday, August 24 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Monarch Hall located in the Campus Center building.

Welcome Fair 2016 is a one-day event that marks the official beginning of a new student's college experience at LAVC. He/she will discover how to Valley College's programs and services can help him/her "step forward" towards a path for success.

Participating new students will receive a free lunch, have a chance to win prizes, and go on a guided tour of the campus. In addition, participants will have opportunities to:

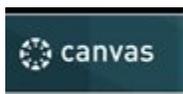
- attend workshops
- discover services and programs to help them be more successful
- get their student ID card
- learn about parking and transportation options
- meet faculty, staff and fellow students

Parents are also welcomed to attend. They will be able to attend financial aid workshops, go on a campus tour, and attend a resource fair to learn about offices/department that can help their son or daughter succeed in college.

For more information and to RSVP, visit the [Welcome Fair Web page](#).

Additional news and events are posted online at www.lavc.edu/campusnews/index/News-Blog.aspx.

Announcements for Faculty/Staff



[Attention Faculty! Sign Up for Canvas Training for Your Online, Hybrid and Web Enhanced Classes](#)

Are you teaching an online or hybrid classes this Fall? Complete your Canvas certification training (offered online, face-to-face and self-paced) before August 18. Sign up today for the Canvas Face-to-Face Training on August 5!



[Is Your Information Up-to-Date on the LAVC Online Directory?](#)

LAVC faculty, staff and administrators should check the online LAVC Phone/Email Directory to see if their department's faculty and staff are correctly noted on there. If information is found to be missing or inaccurate, notify LAVC Administrative Services.



[Faculty—LAVC to Hold its Summer Tech Fest on August 22-23](#)

Calling all faculty! Find out how you can improve your use of technology in the classroom to engage students and enhance teaching at LAVC's Summer Tech Fest on August 22-23 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in LARC 200.



[Get Prepared for the "Big One"! Sign Up for LAVC's Earthquake Preparedness Class](#)

Take your first steps to get you and your family prepared for ready next natural disaster! Register for LAVC Community Services' "Earthquake Preparedness" class on August 27 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Register online today!

Calendar of Events

The following is a list of selected campus events and meetings that are scheduled to take place at LAVC. Please contact the listed department/contact person for more detailed information. A complete list of campus activities is posted on the online LAVC calendar at <http://www.lavc.edu/calendar/Google-Calendar.aspx>.

LAVC Calendar of Events for July 31-August 6, 2016

Sunday, July 30

Monday, August 1

12pm - 1:30pm "Probation 2 Workshop" sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)

Where: Student Services Annex (Career/Transfer Center)

Contact: LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/index.aspx>

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6pm - 9pm Greater Valley Glen Council Meeting sponsored by the Greater Valley Glen Council

Where: Campus Center (Fireside Room)

Contact: Greater Valley Glen Council, <http://greatervalleyglencouncil.org/>

Calendar: Community Events

Tuesday, August 2

Wednesday, August 3

12pm - 1:30pm "Undecided Major Workshop" sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)

Where: Student Services Annex (Career/Transfer Center)

Contact: LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/index.aspx>

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1:30pm - 1:30pm LAH3C (Free Healthcare Courses) Information Session organized by LATrade Technical College and the Los Angeles Healthcare Competencies to Careers Consortium (LAH3C)

Where: Allied Health & Sciences Center (AHS) 332A/B

Contact: Karissa Masmela, Los Angeles Healthcare Competencies to Careers Consortium,

masmelkn@piercecollege.edu

Calendar: Community Events

Thursday, August 4

3pm - 4:30pm "Probation 2 Workshop" sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)
Where: Student Services Annex (Career/Transfer Center)
Contact: LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/index.aspx>
Calendar: Student Events

Friday, August 5

Saturday, August 6

9am - 4pm "Canvas Face-to-Face Training" for Faculty sponsored by LAVC Distance Education

Where: Library & Academic Resource Center 200A

Contact: LAVC Distance Education, http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/oei_training_schedule.html

Calendar: Faculty/Staff Events

9am - 12pm HiSET Practice Test sponsored by the LAVC CalWORKs (California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids) Office

Where: Bungalow 14

Contact: LAVC CalWORKs Office, (818) 947-2976, <http://www.lavc.edu/calworks/hiset.aspx>; Cost: \$10 (non-refundable)

Calendar: Community Events

MISSION STATEMENT

Los Angeles Valley College serves as a leader in student success, with pathways for certificates, degrees, transfer, and continuing education. We enable students to advance their education, personal development, and quality of life, empowering them to be productive and engaged members of the global community.

VISION STATEMENT

Los Angeles Valley College inspires, educates, and enriches our diverse community, developing critical and creative thinkers and lifelong learners.

For the LAVC Mission and Vision Statements and Core Values, visit www.lavc.edu/vision-mission/

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