

Raquel Jacob-Almeida – Sociology

I have been teaching Sociology at Cuyamaca College for seven years now, and I am currently finishing my third year as Chair of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department. During my seven years at Cuyamaca College, I have been committed to contributing to and further developing a high quality and equitable environment for students and faculty. My commitment to my students led to me being awarded the Cuyamaca College Award for Teaching Excellence in 2019 and the Associated Student Government of Cuyamaca College Faculty of the Year Award in 2018. I also spearheaded the Annual Social Justice Conference at Cuyamaca College, which was established in Spring 2019 in order to highlight current issues of social in/justice, showcase the work of local activists and students, and connect students to local organizations actively engaged in social justice efforts. Last Fall 2020, I was part of a working group of faculty and students that put on our second Annual Social Justice Conference, which had grown since spring 2019 to be a multi-day event focusing on solidarity, intersectionality and Black consciousness-raising. I am also a member of the Student Success and Equity Council, the Professional Development Committee, the President's Task Force on Racial Equity and Social Justice, the Teaching Dialogues workgroup, the Culture and Community events workgroup, and the workgroup to create an Ethnic Studies degree at Cuyamaca College. I have also served Cuyamaca College's Academic Senate by serving as the Full-Time Faculty Officer-at-large for Instruction during the 2020/2021 Academic Year, and I am currently running for a second term in the same position. I also served as an officer for the AFT, Local 1931 for two years until 2019. I have been able to do this while also finishing my doctoral dissertation in sociology, which I successfully defended in fall of 2019, and raising my young son. I am proud of Cuyamaca College's commitment to equity, racial justice, and student success and I am grateful to be a part of that commitment. I am honored to continue being a part of this commitment by running for a second term as the Full-time Faculty Officer-at-large on the Academic Senate.