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Teacher Commission Welcomes New Members

SACRAMENTO – Kathryn Williams Browne and Edgar Orejel will join the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) as its two newest members at the October 8-10, 2014 meeting in Sacramento. The two round out the 19-member commission by filling the community college and student member seats; the Commission has just two remaining vacancies.

Kathryn Williams Browne is a tenured professor at Skyline College and the Program Coordinator of their Early Childhood Education Department. She has been an instructor in the California Community Colleges since 1990, teaching Early Childhood and Child Development courses at Canada, Foothill and DeAnza Colleges. Her educational background includes a BA in Psychology from Stanford University and an MA in Early Childhood Education from the University of Michigan. Williams Browne also holds an Elementary Certification from Michigan, a Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential from California, and a California Community College Credential. As the Coordinator of the San Mateo Region of the California Early Childhood Mentor Program, Williams Browne has expanded the number of mentors five-fold and has worked with centers throughout the region to bring experienced teachers into the Mentor Program. Additionally, she is the author and co-author of several early care and education textbooks.

Williams Browne was appointed by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC) at their September 9-10, 2014 meeting to represent them in the ex-officio position on the Commission, created last year when the Governor signed Senate Bill 576. The bill, sponsored by the Commission, provides for a CCC appointee to fill the seat previously held by a representative of the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) which was vacated when CPEC was defunded in the Governor's 2009 budget. There is no term limit for this ex-officio position on the Commission.

Edgar Orejel is a student in the Single Subject Teaching Credential preparation program at CSU Long Beach. He plans to teach Social Science and brings with him the unique background experience of previously working as a development professional focused on sustainable international economic development and foreign policy issues. Orejel holds a BA in Political Science from UC San Diego and an MS in Global Affairs from New York University.

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Orejel was selected by the Commission's Executive Committee and recommended to the Commission for appointment to its Educator Preparation Student Liaison position. Orejel will be only the second student liaison to the Commission, a seat it created just last year. The student liaison position has a one-year term.

For more information on the Commission's upcoming October 8-10 meeting, please visit our website at www.ctc.ca.gov.

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