



MEMORANDUM

TO: Terrence Cheng, President
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities System

FROM: Zulma R. Toro, President *ZRT*
Central Connecticut State University

DATE: January 3, 2024

RE: Sabbatical Leaves for 2025-2026 - **REVISED**

I have approved the following sabbatical leaves for instructional faculty at Central Connecticut State University for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Tatiana	Melendez-Rhodes	Associate Professor	Counselor Education and Family Therapy	Self-reflexivity among marriage and family therapists though the application of the families semantic polarities theory	Fall 2025
Amy	Gagnon	Professor	Physical Education and Human Performance	Immersing the college professor into the K-12 education system to update	Fall 2025
Walton	Brown-Foster	Professor	Political Science	African American Women and U.S. Foreign Policy	Spring 2026
Charles	Button	Professor	Geography, Anthropology and Tourism	(1) Spatial Assessment of Soil Lead Contamination at Little league Fields Throughout Connecticut and its Association with Social, Economic, and environmental Variables (2) Association of Soil Lead Contamination with Social Class and Race at Child Day Care Centers in the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Area	Fall 2025
Amanda	Fields	Associate Professor	English	A Longitudinal Study of the Discourse, Performance and Identity of You Slam Poets and Queer Rural Youth: Retrospective Interviews	Fall 2025
Sean	Gallagher	Professor	Art & Design	These Wine-Dark Warming Currents, Rising: Artistic Depictions of the Expanding Connecticut Waters	Fall 2025
Beverly	Johnson	Professor	English	Legacy and Leadership for the 21st Century: Applying Literary	Spring 2026

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				Aesthetics and Technology in African American Literature	
Amanda	Marin-Chollom	Associate Professor	Psychological Science	Preventative Health Education Evaluation and Behavioral Health Interventions	Spring 2026
Aimee	Pozorski	Professor	English	Housing Trauma: Sex, Drugs, and Gentrification in the American City	Fall 2025
Karen	Ritzenhoff	Professor	Communication	Black Cinema and African American Women Directors: A New Visual Vernacular	AY 2025-26
Brian	Sommers	Professor	Geography, Anthropology and Tourism	Manuscript Preparation for 'Innovation in Winery Tourism'	Spring 2026
Carolyn	Soper	Associate Professor	Economics	Advancing Financial & Economic Literacy: A framework for non-profits and the populations they serve	Spring 2026
Raymond	Tafrate	Professor	Criminology & Criminal Justice	Brief Interventions for Incarcerated Persons: Activities to Enhance Institutional Adjustment, Mental Health, and Re-Entry	Spring 2026
Youngseon	Kim	Professor	Marketing	Cultural Differences in the influence of social media influencers (hereafter influencers) on consumption behavior and systemic literature review of power distance belief (PDB) as a variable to affect consumer choices	Spring 2026
Lee	Lee	Professor	Management and Organization	Writing a book on Organizational Behavior in the Diverse Workplace: Focus on Critical Thinking and Hands-on Practices	AY 2025-26
Carlos	Rodriguez	Associate Professor	Accounting	Produced Assurance and Service Warranties: A Revenue Recognition Riddle Case Study	Spring 2026
Sinead	Ruane	Associate Professor	Management and Organization	Labor pains: Exploring the difficult rebirth of union organizing in the United States (<i>working title</i>)	Spring 2026
Andrew	Weinberger	Associate Professor	Accounting	Enhancing Accounting Analytic Resources: Developing Analytical Tool Mastery and Content to Enhance Skill Development	Fall 2025
Olusegun	Sogunro	Professor	Education Leadership, Policy and Instructional Technology	The Challenges Faced by Black Women Principals: A Phenomenological Study	Fall 2025
Nidal	Al-Masoud	Professor	Engineering	Bridging Theory and Practice: Transforming Fluid Mechanics Lab with New Equipment and	Spring 2026

				Automated Systems	
Khaled	Hammad	Professor	Engineering	The Correlation Between Wall Shear Stress (WSS) Patterns and Oxygen Transport Characteristics in Separated and Reattached Flow Regions of Human Blood	Spring 2026
Rahul	Singhal	Associate Professor	Physics and Engineering Physics	Transition Metal Oxides and Sulfides for Supercapacitor applications	Fall 2025
Roger	Vogeler	Associate Professor	Mathematical Sciences	A Book on Hyperbolic Tilings	Fall 2025
Chad	Williams	Associate Professor	Computer Science	Enhancing Cybersecurity Education Through Experiential Learning and Leadership Development	Fall 2025

In addition, I have also approved the following SUOAF sabbatical leave:

Douglas	Benoit	Assistant Director	Recruitment and Admissions	The Impact of NCAA Division I Membership on University Admissions	July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
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