

**PEOPLE IN BUSINESS**

Holyoke Community College welcomed **Adrienne Y. Smith**, of Sturbridge, as interim dean of its division of science, technology, engineering and math.

Smith brings 13 years of community college experience to the college, most recently as the dean of the School of Engineering, Technologies and Mathematics at Springfield Technical Community College. Prior to that, she served as associate professor and coordinator of electronics technology at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester.



**ADRIENNE Y. SMITH**

Her professional accomplishments span many areas of academic program development and enhancement, enrollment management and retention, diversity responsiveness, and regional and community partnership coordination.

Smith holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and master's degree in science, engineering and math from Western New England University, where she was the first African-American woman to graduate with a degree in engineering, and she earned a doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with competencies in community college leadership, educational policies and administration.

A graduate of Springfield Technical High School, Smith started her professional life as an electrical engineer (and the first female engineer) at the Digital Equipment Corporation in Springfield. She lives in Sturbridge with her husband, Curtis. They have one adult daughter and two grandchildren.

Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty and manager of the Park Square West Springfield office, announced his agency's top-producing

agents for the third quarter. The agents in the West Springfield office who were recognized for the months of July, August and September are **Tim Coughlen, Erica Herbert and Melissa Lemanski.**



**TIM COUGHLEN**



**ERICA HERBERT**



**MELISSA LEMANSKI**



**AIMEE TOMPKINS**



**DUANE DESILETS**



**TORI DENTON**

At the agency's Westfield office, Barry Boccasile, director of growth and development, said Park Square's top producers included **Aimee Tompkins, Duane Desilets and Tori Denton.**

Park Square Realty is a locally owned company with 55 agents at its two locations. Westfield State University English professor **Sophia Sarigianides** co-authored a book, "Letting Go of Literary Whiteness: Antiracist Literature Instruction for White Students," which has been published by Columbia University's Teachers College Press. The book is co-written by Carlin Borsheim-Black, an associate professor of English at Cen-

tral Michigan University.

As the description of the work reads, "Rooted in examples from their own and others' classrooms, the authors offer discipline-specific practices for implementing antiracist literature instruction in White-dominant schools." Explored in the chapters are different aspects of anti-racist literature teaching and learning, including focuses on finding literature that highlights the perspectives of people of color and how to create assessments for racial literacy.

Sarigianides is a professor the coordinator of secondary English. She earned a Ph.D. in English education from the Teachers College of Columbia University. She also holds a master's degree from University of California, Irvine and a bachelor's degree from UCLA, where she graduated summa cum laude.

Prior to working at Westfield State, she taught graduate English education courses at Teachers College at Columbia University, as well as secondary English at middle schools and high schools. In addition to studying the significance of race in English teaching, she conducts research on the effects on teacher thinking and young adult representation in its namesake genre from the constructs of adolescence.

The Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees recently welcomed two new members and a new chair, **Mary Catherine "Marikate" Murren.**

The new members are **Jynai S. McDonald**, of Springfield, who was appointed by Gov. Charlie Baker in June, and **Yanira Aviles**, of Springfield, who was elected by the student body in April.

Baker this summer named Murren as chair of the board. She replaces Christopher C. Johnson, of Agawam, whose term recently expired. He had served as a trustee since 2006.

With Johnson's term expiring, Baker named McDonald to the board. She is the family child care coordinator for Ser-

vice Employee International Union Local 509. In her role, she provides leadership training, professional development and negotiation for over 3,500 child care providers throughout the commonwealth. Previously, she served as Western Mass. regional manager for Training Resources of America, Inc. She also has worked at Hampden County Career Center and Northeast Center for Youth & Families. McDonald was honored as a rising star in the regional business community when she was named to BusinessWest's 40 Under Forty, Class of 2019.

She earned a bachelor of science in digital marketing and social media management from Bay Path University.

The new chair of the board, Murren, has served as a trustee for more than two years. An Enfield resident, she is vice president of human resources for MGM Springfield. Murren graduated from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree in economics and master's in sports management.

"I am honored to accept the responsibility as chair of Springfield Technical Community College's Board of Trustees," Murren said. "It will be a privilege to serve with my fellow trustees to continue the good work of the community college under President John Cook, the faculty and staff, and especially the students. Springfield Technical Community College is a valued partner in the city of Springfield for surrounding employers, and I am looking forward to being a part of their future success. As a new business in the area, the college was instrumental in our efforts to create thousands of jobs at MGM Springfield. It will be a pleasure to work with my fellow trustees to move

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**JYNAI McDONALD**



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