

**Sauk Valley Community College**  
**May 20, 2024**

**Action Item 4.2**

**Topic:** Faculty Appointment – Psychology

**College Health Metric:** Academics – The College provides quality, contemporary, and relevant educational opportunities to the community.

**Presented By:** Drs. David Hellmich and Jon Mandrell

**Presentation:**

The administration has been in the process of hiring a Psychology Faculty. The position was advertised on-line on Sauk Valley Community College’s website, *Indeed.com*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *HigherEdJobs.com*, and in Sauk Valley Media (the *Dixon Telegraph* and the *Daily Gazette*). The College received eighteen applications, and nine candidates were asked to submit a taped interview. Four candidates were invited for an interview. A committee was composed of Dr. Amy Jakobsen, Dr. Paul Edleman, Mandy Aldridge, and Wendy Rienstra. Dr. Patrice Hess, Dean of Transfer Programs and Academic Support Services, served as Chair.

*Academic Background:* Christy Lincoln graduated from the New College of California with a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology and from Capital University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology.

*Professional Background:* Christy has been employed as an adjunct Psychology Instructor at Sauk Valley Community College since January 2019. She also has been employed as an adjunct instructor for Southern New Hampshire University since 2021 and Kishwaukee Community College since 2022, and she has been in private practice since 2007 as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor.

**Recommendation:**

The administration recommends the Board approve the appointment of Christy Lincoln as an Assistant Professor of Psychology beginning August 9, 2024 at an annual base salary of \$54,376.83.

# Christy Lincoln

**FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

**HIRING COMMITTEE**

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Dear Hiring Committee,

I am excited to submit my application for the Psychology Faculty position at Sauk Valley Community College. I have taught at Sauk as an adjunct faculty member in the Psychology Department since 2019. The supportive environment at Sauk, for both students and faculty, easily makes it the best job I have ever had.

After 20 years in the field as a psychotherapist, I bring my experience into the classroom every day. My students love hearing about my clinical work, and I have found I love teaching. Psychology is such a fascinating field and introducing students to its concepts is a joy. I have since added two additional adjunct teaching jobs to my schedule, and practice therapy on a very part-time basis. It has been a wonderful career transition, and I will be forever grateful to Sauk for hiring me.

As a full-time faculty member, I would love to participate in curriculum development for the department. Thanks to Amy Jakobsen, I have learned a lot about the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Articulation Initiative. When I present my syllabi to students, I show them the IAI code as well as the website. Each IAI course must cover the same topics statewide. I have found that students appreciate knowing this, for both my classes and others they are taking. I would also love to restart the Psychology Club. I have had many students who plan to go into the field, and I would relish the opportunity to mentor them on a more formal basis. I have lots of ideas and resources, and I am happy to share them with you.

I have done Honors projects with my students and have really enjoyed the process. If hired full-time, I would be able to increase the number of projects I can do each semester. Past projects include mental health and Sauk athletes, language acquisition, and self-reported happiness. The last project had to

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change quickly, as my student and I transitioned to online learning in March of 2020. Her original hypothesis was that greater happiness is correlated with more time spent in face-to-face interactions. We had to not only change that to Zoom and Facetime interactions, but we also had to figure out a way to survey people virtually. We prevailed and she found a positive correlation between the two variables.

Thank you for considering me for this position. If hired, I will be able to pour all my energy into Sauk, and I believe that would benefit my students, the department, and the college. As a graduate of a private college and a private graduate school, I tell my students they are smarter than me every semester. Community colleges are a far more cost-effective way to get an education. I believe community colleges fill a vital role everywhere and I would love to focus on making the psychology department at Sauk even better.

Sincerely,

Christy Lincoln



# CHRISTY LINCOLN, LCPC

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## EXPERIENCE

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### **Advanced Placement Reader – College Board**

6/23-present

Grade individual research reports using a rubric

### **Adjunct Faculty, Psychology – Kishwaukee Community College, Malta, Illinois**

8/22-present

Introduction to Psychology

In-person classes; Brightspace LMS

### **Adjunct Faculty, Psychology – Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, New Hampshire**

8/21-present

Introduction to Psychology, Social Psychology, Theories of Personality

Online classes; Brightspace LMS

### **Adjunct Faculty, Psychology – Sauk Valley Community College**

1/19-present

Introduction to Psychology, Human Development, Social Psychology, First Year Experience, Honors Project

In person, hybrid and online classes; Canvas LMS

### **Private Practice – Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor**

2/07-present

Provide counseling services to adolescents and adults

### **Audit Specialist - United Way Metro Chicago**

9/06-1/09

Processed donations, audited accounts

**Habilitation Program Coordinator – State of Illinois, Ann Kiley Center**

8/05-8/06

Provided case management services to adults with developmental disabilities

**Pledge Processing Specialist – United Way Metro Chicago**

9/04-8/05

Processed donations

**English as a Second Language Instructor - Various schools in Japan and China**

10/02-10/03

Taught ESL to adults and children

**Case Manager – Turning Point Behavioral Health Care, Skokie, IL**

1/02-10/02

Provided case management services to adults with severe mental illness

**Social Worker – Kaleidoscope Foster Care, Chicago, IL**

10/00-12/01

Provided social work services to children in specialized foster care

**Therapist – Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, Oakland, CA**

9/99-10/00

Provided therapy to adults in substance abuse treatment

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**EDUCATION**

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- New College of California, Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology 2000
- Capital University, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Sociology 1997