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About: Paula Allotta teaches General Chemistry I and lab, General Chemistry II and lab, and Honors General Chemistry I and II at Tri-C.

She served as an assistant professor of chemistry for five years at Dalton State College in Dalton, Georgia, before moving back home to Ohio. During graduate school, Allotta performed physical chemistry research using Raman Spectroscopy to look at catalyst deactivation.

Allotta has two sons – one whom she said dressed as carbon dioxide for Halloween when he was 6 because “he wanted to be something scary, and global warming is scary.”

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About: While studying for his doctorate in biochemistry at the Graduate School at City University of New York, Ormond Brathwaite's research interest was porphyrin biosynthesis. From 1991 to 1994, he focused on molecular oncology during a postdoctoral fellowship at New York University Medical School. During this period, he taught part-time at the Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York.

Brathwaite joined the faculty of Tri-C in 1994. He has been a mentor with Tri-C's Bridges Program since 1996. Several of his mentees have gone on to graduate school. From 2007 to 2016, he taught in Case Western Reserve University's lecture and laboratory sections of general and organic chemistry as an associate adjunct professor. In 2011, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Fellowship at Sir Arthur Lewis Community College in St. Lucia, West Indies. From 2016 to 2022, he served as the associate dean of STEM at the Western Campus. Ormond returned to the chemistry faculty at the Metropolitan Campus in Fall 2022.

Tri-C awarded him the 2009 Ralph M. Besse Award for Teaching Excellence. His research collaborations have included the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Case Western Reserve University, John Carroll

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