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**About:** Staci Osborn has taught at Tri-C since Fall 2007 at the Eastern Campus. She predominantly teaches developmental mathematics courses because those are her passion. She strives to help everyone succeed in their beginning math courses so they can pursue their college

and career goals and knows that math is often the very scary first step. Fostering a comfortable learning environment where everyone is allowed to ask questions and work together to get the help they need is what she works towards each semester. Students may not walk out of her class loving math, but she hopes they will appreciate its value in their life.

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**About:** Professor Renfro has been teaching in some form for over thirty years and joined the faculty of Tri-C's Metropolitan Campus in 2019. Her primary focus is in teaching students who are may not love mathematics, blending a unique ability to both empower students in their abilities and challenge them in their thinking. Her research interests include dyscalculia and teaching & learning strategies which aid students with specific learning disabilities. She has served as a Fellow for the American Mathematics Association and has presented conference sessions on increasing student engagement in online classes. She currently serves the college as a Faculty Ambassador to the Division of Online Learning and Academic Technology and as a club advisor for Metro's InterVarsity Christian Fellowship student club. In 2023, Renfro was honored to receive the Ralph M. Besse Award for Teaching Excellence at Tri-C.

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Professor Rokicky currently uses his degrees to research the mathematics and astronomy of Native Americans. He often travels to wonderful places to research such as New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and even places in Ohio. He used to study the Ancient Maya of Mexico and was able to take trips to Mexico to research.

Professor Rokicky spends his free time biking, hiking, skiing, rock climbing, and travelling to National Parks.

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**About:** Cathleen Rossman began teaching mathematics at Tri-C in 2011, shortly after moving to the Cleveland area. She decided she wanted to teach at a community college after graduating from her local community college in the Hudson Valley in New York. Dr. Rossman has connected with students in scholarship programs as well as at our now-annual Math Fest! As faculty coordinator, Dr. Rossman often answers many questions about the math courses we offer at Tri-C. She appreciates math for both its useful applications as well as general skills like problem solving and critical thinking. She looks forward to helping students reach their academic and career goals at Tri-C.

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