



Prior to joining Santa Barbara City College in 2015, Jeanette Chian worked in nonprofit for ten years running educational programs and fundraising events. Jeanette has also taught English in China and worked in Washington, D.C. as a software quality engineer.

In her role as Associate Director, Jeanette proudly oversees both the Career Skills Institute, a program which empowers individuals to enter, re-enter, upskill, or transform within the job market and the beloved Vitality Older Adult program. This initiative delivers dynamic classes to residents living at nearby independent, assisted, memory care, and developmental disability facilities who may not otherwise be able to attend class on campus.

After growing up in Atlanta, Georgia, Jeanette earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration, with a focus on Adult and Higher Education, from the University of South Dakota. In her free time, Jeanette and her husband enjoy rediscovering the beauty of our beautiful town through the eyes of their children.