



RACHEL RUBINSTEIN

Holyoke Community College (HCC) recently welcomed **Rachel Rubinstein** as its first vice president of Academic and Student Affairs. Prior to her arrival, Rubinstein spent 16 years at Hampshire College in Amherst, where she was a professor of American

Literature and Jewish Studies and from 2010 to 2018 served as dean of Academic Support and Advising. At HCC, she will oversee the divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs in what is a newly unified role at the college. Rubinstein holds a bachelor's degree in English from Yale University and a Ph.D. from the Department of English and American Literature and Language at Harvard University. A child

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of Mexican-born, Jewish immigrants, she grew up in a Spanish-speaking household and also studied Yiddish. Her academic studies, professional scholarship, and teaching have largely focused on immigration, migration, and multi-lingualism. She was the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship and a Whiting Foundation Travel Fellowship. She has taught at Smith College and Mount Holyoke College and also taught adult learners and high-school students through community organizations including the Jones Library and the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst. Her scholarly work includes two co-edited volumes, *Arguing the Modern Jewish Canon: Essays on Literature and Culture in Honor of Ruth R. Wisse* and the forthcoming *Teaching Jewish-American Literature*. She is the author of *Members of the Tribe: Native America in the Jewish Imagination*, which earned a Jordan Schnitzer Book Award honorable mention.