



Sachiko Oates is an enthusiastic and equity-minded educational leader. Sachiko grew up in Japan and learned English as a Foreign Language. As a first-generation college graduate, working mother, immigrant, and lifelong learner, she is a strong supporter of “nontraditional” students and noncredit education. She served on the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges [Noncredit Committee](#) and contributed to their position paper on [Noncredit Instruction](#).

Sachiko holds a bachelor’s degree in Law and a Master of Science in Education. She taught ESL at the School of Extended Learning for over 12 years before she became a coordinator. She believes in communities of practice and has trained and coached adult educators through [American Institutes for Research](#).

Sachiko means “to bring happiness” in Japanese, and that is what she strives to do. She lives with her husband, two bilingual children, and their rescue dog in Santa Barbara. On weekends, you might find her walking on the beach, biking, or trying a new restaurant in town.