

# **LESLIE A. TIRAPELLE**

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## **EXECUTIVE PROFILE**

Senior higher education leader with more than two decades of experience advancing digital learning, academic libraries, accessibility, and student success initiatives. Proven record of leading cross-institutional programs that integrate educational technology, academic support services, and innovative learning environments to improve student outcomes and institutional effectiveness.

Experienced in strategic planning, multi-unit leadership, and the development of technology-enabled education programs serving diverse student populations in international and U.S. higher education environments.

## **LEADERSHIP IMPACT**

- Lead institution-wide initiatives integrating digital learning, academic support services, and educational technology to enhance the student experience and operational effectiveness.
- Oversee a portfolio of academic support and research units including the Library, Tutoring and Student Success programs, Testing Services, Accessibility Services, Digital Education, and the Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies (ICAS).
- Advance institutional accessibility initiatives supporting inclusive learning environments and equitable access to education for students with disabilities.

## **LEADERSHIP PORTFOLIO**

- Digital Education and Online Learning
- Library Services
- Tutoring and Student Success Programs
- Testing Services
- Accessibility Services for Students with Disabilities
- Educational Technology
- Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies (ICAS)

## **SELECTED INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES**

- Led development of technology-enabled learning initiatives supporting online, hybrid, and digitally enhanced course delivery.
- Expanded integrated academic support services including tutoring, testing services, and student success programming.
- Advanced institutional accessibility initiatives supporting students with disabilities and inclusive teaching practices.
- Strengthened digital library services and research support aligned with evolving teaching, learning, and research needs.
- Supported cross-campus academic programming and public engagement initiatives through the Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies.
- Guided institutional adoption of emerging technologies supporting digital education and improved access to academic information and services.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Vice President for Digital Education & Learning Resources - Temple University, Japan Campus**

2026 - Present

- Provide executive leadership for the university's digital learning ecosystem and academic support infrastructure.
- Guide institutional strategy for digital learning platforms, instructional technologies, and academic support services.
- Oversee tutoring, testing, accessibility services, library services, and digital education initiatives.
- Promote inclusive learning environments and accessibility across academic programs.
- Lead institution-wide initiatives integrating technology, learning resources, and student support services.
- Lead institutional initiatives supporting technology-enabled learning, accessibility, and academic support services across TUJ's academic programs.

### **Associate Dean, Library & Learning Innovation - Temple University, Japan Campus**

2021 - 2026

Oversaw library services, tutoring and academic support programs, accessibility services, distance education, and educational technology initiatives.

### **Dean of Library & Distance Education - Pasadena City College**

2010 - 2021

Provided executive leadership for library services and distance education programs at one of California's largest community colleges.

**Associate Dean, Distance Education - Pasadena City College**

**Systems Librarian - Pasadena City College**

## **EDUCATION**

- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Higher Education Administration - University of Southern California
- Master of Science, Information Systems - Claremont Graduate University
- Master of Library Science - San José State University
- Bachelor of Arts, Cultural Anthropology - University of California, San Diego

## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Digital Learning & Online Education
- Academic Libraries
- Student Success & Academic Support
- Accessibility & Inclusive Education
- Educational Technology
- Institutional Strategy & Innovation
- Higher Education Administration