

Rachael Lederman DiPietro



Rachael Lederman DiPietro is the Research Specialist for the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Title V at Norwalk Community College, CT. DiPietro graduated in May 2016, with a Master of Arts in Higher and Postsecondary Education from Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City. Prior to this Rachael graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, CT in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in Educational Studies, and Norwalk Community College in May 2012 with an Associate in Science degree. DiPietro's research focuses on measuring and redefining community college student success and undocumented student experiences in postsecondary education. DiPietro has been an active leader and the grant writer for CT Students for a Dream, an organization which advocates for undocumented youth, since October, 2013. As well, DiPietro started the Food Pantry at Norwalk Community College, worked in the Office of the President at Teachers College, Columbia University, and was program coordinator of a minority impacting initiative at Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury, CT. The program had a 42 percent two-year graduation rate. She is grateful and excited to have now found her way back to Norwalk in a position where she can act as a scholar practitioner using data to inform, inspire, and tell stories.