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Letter from the AVP & Dean of Graduate Studies

Dear Graduate Students,

I am uplifted and inspired every spring when I have the opportunity to review the innovative research and creative projects you produce each academic year. This year your time with faculty mentors and each other in your labs, studios, classrooms and in-person meetings was suddenly cut-off when the Safer at Home Order required all of us to shelter separately to protect our health against the threat of the COVID-19 virus. Regardless of this unexpected challenge, your excellent work continued and the scholarship you produced this year was exceptional. Although we were unable to hold our annual Graduate Student and Faculty Mentor Recognition reception, we in the Office of Graduate Studies did not want the academic year to end without acknowledging your tremendous achievements. It is clear that graduate programs at Cal State L.A. play a valuable role in the development of scholars across academic disciplines. This year, department chairs and faculty recommended for acknowledgement 246 graduate students who have published or presented their work at professional conferences, performances, and exhibitions across the country and internationally.

So many of you have received research grants, summer research fellowships, academic scholarships and awards for excellence in your individual disciplines and for your professional service to the larger community of Los Angeles. We are proud that you have developed as professionals and are prepared to take on leadership roles in industry and public service in the fields of business, education, nursing, social work, public health and engineering, to name a few.

I am grateful to my faculty colleagues for the unwavering support they provided you and for their outstanding mentorship. I have a renewed sense of hope about the future of our nation knowing that you are well prepared to serve the greatest good in our communities, as scholars, professionals and leaders in your careers of choice.

Although we are unable to exchange hugs and take pictures to capture your well-deserved joy for completing significant scholarship, I applaud you for your impressive work. This year, more than ever, your scholarship reflects tenacity and an ability to thrive during unprecedented circumstances. As you review this recognition program that seeks to capture your successes, be proud of yourselves and thankful for your faculty mentors and supportive families. You are our Golden Eagles and we are gratified to watch you soar as you pursue new adventures.

Thank you and be well,

Karin Elliott Brown

LSAMP Participation - Bridge to The Doctoral Two Year Fellowship

The NSF- Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation- Bridge to the Doctorate Program (also known as LSAMP-BD) is a two- year fellowship program designed to enhance the fellow's preparation for PhD studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Program activities are designed to ensure that each LSAMP-BD fellow (1) pursues a rigorous curriculum of graduate study leading to a MS degree in a STEM discipline in two years; (2) participates in a project of original research and acquires the skills required to communicate the outcomes in written and oral formats; and (3) receives intense advising, mentoring and academic support necessary to become a confident and successful graduate student to support acceptance into a high quality PhD program.

Beatriz Aguirre
Biology
Faculty Mentor: Alexander Wright

Krisha Algoso
Biology
Faculty Mentor: Patrick Krug

Manuela Davila
Mathematics
Faculty Mentor: Michael Krebs

Ugbad Farah
Environmental Sciences
Faculty Mentor: Kristen Fisher

Amber Jolly
Biology
Faculty Mentor: Christine Scoffoni

Imelda Lopez
Biology
Faculty Mentor: Amelia Russo-Neustadt

Francisco Martinez
Mathematics
Faculty Mentor: Vladimir Akis

Neil Poole
Biology
Faculty Mentor: Edward Eivers

Tyler Powell
Biology
Faculty Mentor: Edith Porter

Cynthia Ramirez
Mathematics
Faculty Mentor: Melissa Hendrata

Yasmeen Solano Rodriguez
Biochemistry
Faculty Mentor: Xin Wen

Chad Thomas
Biology
Faculty Mentor: Robert Nissen

Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars

The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool from which the California State University draws its faculty. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter graduate programs at one of the University of California campuses. Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars work closely with a CSU faculty sponsor to develop an overall plan that ultimately leads to enrollment in a doctoral program. The California Pre-Doctoral Program provides travel funds for students and faculty sponsors to visit U.S. doctoral-granting institutions and to attend a professional meeting. It also funds summer research internships at University of California campuses and other major research universities.

Maria Cecilia Azar

English

Faculty Mentor: Maria Karailis

Bio: Maria Cecilia's research examines how vulnerability is read and inscribed onto various racialized and gendered bodies in American literature and culture. Her master's thesis, "Literary Tourism," focuses on nineteenth-century periodicals and theorizes the movement of narratives as discursive tours that borrow spatial strategies from tourism in order to gain ostensibly direct and unmediated information about oppressed bodies. She has developed her interdisciplinary approach by presenting at numerous conferences and her work is forthcoming in Palgrave McMillan's collection of essays titled Dark Tourism of the American West. In a doctoral program, she plans to extend her studies in performance studies, affect, queer, and race theory to explore tropes of vulnerability in contemporary queer and diasporic bodies, vulnerability and passing, and the moments when their interplay challenges the status quo, revealing often-masked cultural tensions.

Alejandro Guardado

History

Faculty Mentor: Enrique Ochoa

Bio: Alejandro's studies focus on the impact of liberation theology in Mexico by illuminating the roles and contributions of progressive theologians who organized grassroots movements during Mexico's New Left era. His studies aim to complicate the current historiography on Mexico's student and guerrilla uprisings during the 1960s and 1970 by interconnecting progressive religious action and ideology. In doing so, he will specifically look to research the life of Mexico's most prominent liberation theologian, Sergio Mendez Arceo. Mendez Arceo is a key figure in highlighting how progressive Catholics battled traditionally conservative interpretations of Catholicism. However, the work of Mendez Arceo and many grassroots lay organizations went beyond Catholic churches and were in solidarity with student and labor movements while also actively criticizing political violence directed towards poor people. This research aims to determine if the progressive wing of the Church was a significant element of Mexico's New Left.

Wendy Layco

Anthropology

Faculty Mentor: James E. Brady

Bio: Wendy specializes in the archaeology of religion. She utilizes a sacred landscape approach in the examination of artificial subterranean spaces in the Maya area. Informed by the sub-discipline of cave archaeology, Wendy shows that subterranean features, previously thought to be utilitarian, had a purely religious function. She has carried out research in Belize and at Chichen Itza in Yucatan, Mexico. Wendy has presented the results of her field research at the last two Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology. She also has a co-authored publication, Maya Cultural Landscapes and the subterranean: Assessing a Century of Chultun Research, in the International Journal of Archaeology.

Amir Neal

Mechanical Engineering Faculty

Mentor: Krishna Foster

Bio: In combustion chemistry, it is generally understood that species formation involves numerous collisions that come to thermal equilibrium before decomposition. Recent theoretical studies have shown that radicals with weak bounds can quickly dissociate at high temperatures and therefore impede the collisional internal energy relaxation process. Currently, there are few experimental measurements of the methoxy (CH_3O) radical decomposition reaction at temperatures above 1000 K. Thus, Amirr's research is focused on investigating the effects of prompt dissociation on methoxy radical decomposition at temperatures greater than 1000 K. Amirr is eager to utilize modern kinetic models to reanalyze the most current methoxy radical decomposition in literature from over 30 years ago.

Graduate Students Admitted to Doctoral Programs

We have seventeen graduate students who have been accepted to PhD programs. These PhD programs include Environmental systems, Ethnic Studies and Literature, Biological Sciences, Literature, English, Pharmaceutical and Translational Medicine, Climate Sciences, Anthropology, Immunology, Cancer and Cell Biology, Electrical Engineering, Theology and Education.

Beatriz Aguirre
UC Merced
Environmental Systems
Merced, CA

Cornell University
Ecology and Environmental
Biology Ithaca, NY

Maria Cecilia Azar
UC San Diego
Ethnic Studies and Literature
San Diego, CA

UC Santa Cruz
Literature
Santa Cruz, CA

UC Davis
English
Davis, CA

University of Maryland
Women Studies
College Park, MA

University of Illinois, Chicago
English
Chicago, IL

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign English
Champaign, Illinois

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
English
Milwaukee, MI

Mariam Ayad
UC Merced
Environmental Sciences
Merced, CA

Brent Beadell
University of Southern California Pharmaceutical and Translational Medicine
Los Angeles, CA

U. Missouri
Mathematics
Columbia, MO

John Deacon
University of California, Irvine
Ph.D. in Political Science
Irvine, CA

David Fonth
Ph.D. in Philosophy
Rutgers
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Southern California
Yale
Cornell

Christian Manuel Flores
California State University, Los Angeles
Doctoral in Education
Los Angeles, CA

Marc Anthony Garcia
UC Santa Barbara
Phd in Political Science
Santa Barbara, CA

Jaxon Haug
Southern Methodist University Anthropology
Dallas, TX

Sara Johnson
Ohio State University
University of Florida
Geography

Jessica Kromer
University of California, Los Angeles
Pennsylvania State University
CU Boulder
Geography, PhD

Wendy Layco
Florida Atlantic University
Comparative Studies Program
Boca Raton, FL

Christian Pelayo
University of California, San Diego PHD in
Climate Sciences
San Diego, CA

Stephanie Perez
University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
Doctoral program in
Media and Cinema Studies Champaign, IL

Tyler Powell
UC Riverside
PhD Immunology

Riverside, CA
UC Davis
PhD in Immunology
Davis, CA

Cynthia Ramirez
UC Merced
Applied Math
Merced, CA

UC Santa Cruz
Applied Math
Santa Cruz, CA

Utah State University
Math & Statistics
Logan, UT

Admitted to Doctoral Programs

Edward Ramirez
University of California San Diego
Ph.D. program in
Electrical Engineering
San Diego, CA

Cornell University
Ecology and Environmental
Biology
Ithaca, NY

Jocelyn Rodriguez
University of California, Los Angeles
Molecular Biology
Los Angeles, CA

Brown University
Molecular
Pharmacology
Providence, RI

Baylor College of
Medicine Cancer & Cell
Biology
Houston, TX

University of Pauda
Italy Cell Biology
Pauda, Italy

Brandon Sanchez
Penn State University
PhD in History
Centre County, PA

Chelsy Salas
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
Geography and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Urbana and Champaign, IL

John Salguero
Arizona State University
PhD in Sustainability
Tempe, Arizona

Nicole Sanfilippo
Boston College
Ph.D. in Theology and Education
Boston, MA

Graduate Theological Union
Ph.D. in Historical and Cultural Studies/Sociology of Religion
Berkeley, CA

Claremont Graduate University
Ph.D. in Religion/Women's
Studies Claremont, CA

Juan Alejandro Leal Doblado
RISE MS-to-PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cecilia Zurita-Lopez
UCLA, PhD Program in Physics and Biology in Medicine

Jocelyn Diane Rodriguez
NIH Bridges to the PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cecilia Zurita-Lopez
UCLA, PhD Program in Cell and Developmental Biology

Fernando Cano
NIH Bridges to the PhD
Faculty Mentor: Amelia Russo-Neustadt
UC Santa Barbara, PhD Psychological and Brain Sciences

Natalia Neris
NIH Bridges to the PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Frank Gomez
UC Santa Barbara, PhD Program in Chemistry

T'awna Williams
RISE MS-to-PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mitchell Eisen
John Jay College, CUNY Graduate Center, PhD Program in Psychology and Law

Mary Villareal
RISE MS-to-PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cecilia Zurita-Lopez
University of Michigan, PhD Program in Chemical Biology

Paola Santibañez
RISE MS–to-PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Hayes
Baylor University, PhD Program in Genetics and Genomics

Amy Valentina Vasquez
RISE MS–to-PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Eric Wood
Johns Hopkins University, PhD Program in Earth and Planetary Sciences

Katia Salgado
RISE MS–to-PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hyunsook Park
UC Riverside, PhD Program in Microbiology

Vanessa Ramírez
RISE MS–to-PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kaveri Subrahmanyam
University of Vermont, PhD Program in Clinical Psychology

Karl Liboro
RISE MS–to-PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hyunsook Park
UC Riverside, PhD Program in Molecular Biosciences

Gloria Marquez
RISE MS–to-PhD
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kaveri Subrahmanyam
University of Central Michigan, PhD Program in Clinical Psychology

Graduate Equity Fellowship Recipients

The Graduate Equity Fellowship grant is designed to increase the number of graduate degrees awarded to economically disadvantaged CSU students, especially those graduate students that are underrepresented among graduate degree recipients in their discipline and to those who are disabled. This year, thirty-one (31) graduate students received a Graduate Equity Fellowship. These students have demonstrated potential to succeed in graduate school and to complete a graduate degree program in no more than two years.

Rebecca Amavizca
Social Work

Brenda Amaya
Latin American Studies

Mariam Ayad
Environmental Sciences

Annabel Baltazar-Zarate
Social Work

Nicole Buenquechea
Psychology

Albert Jr. Dabney
Information System Professional

Sophia Dawidoff
Social Work

Ana Diaz
Social Work

Michelle Fanara
English

James Kenneth Feuer
TVFT/Acting

Paulette Hacopian
Psychology

Christina Iglesias
Anthropology

Neil Kohanski
Anthropology

Gilberto Lopez
Industrial Technology

Veronica Monarrez
Forensic Psychology

Marlen Pomposo
Social Work

Sandy Powe
Accounting

Michael Reyes
English

Chelsy Salas
Environmental Sciences

John Salguero
Environmental Sciences

Samantha Santamaria
English

Dinh Truong
Economics

Amy Vasquez
Environmental Sciences

Alexandria Vickery
Educational Foundations

Brian Waldo
Anthropology

Non-Resident Graduate Student Fee Waiver

Non-resident tuition fee waivers are granted to non-resident graduate students who are either domestic non- resident students or citizens of a foreign country. Awardees must demonstrate exceptional scholastic ability and prior scholastic achievement, as well as financial need. Recipients receive a non-resident tuition fee waiver of up to 20 units with- in an academic year. Recipients must enroll in at least 10 semester units per term or be employed by the CSU for 20 hours or more a week, but less than full time. To maintain eligibility, awardees must remain classified as an International or non-resident student. This year eighteen (18) students received the Non-Resident Graduate Student Tuition Fee Waiver.

Nilla Dahlgren
English

Giorgia Florentino
Archaeology

Qais Waddah Ahmad Gabi
Healthcare Management

Anuveer Kaur
Computer Science

Yilei Liu
Multicultural/Multilingual

Joao Machado
Civil Engineering

Nanjesh Gowda Mandya Ramesh
Information System

Chantel Mason
Education: Reading

Aaron Matthews
Kinesiology

Monika Mishra
Information System

Kristen Powell
Communication

Pandian Rajaram
Computer Science

Matthew Stepan
Television and Film Studies

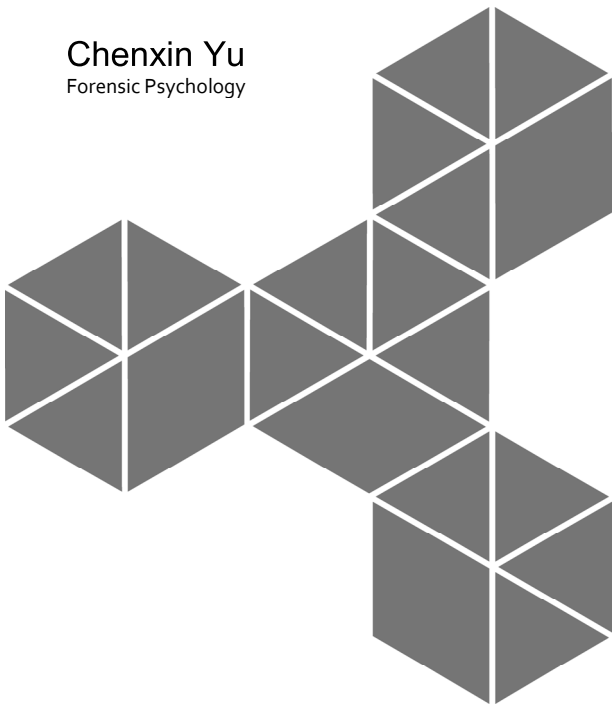
Sarah Tabassum
Electrical Engineering

Keith Taylor
Community Health and Wellness

Amy Vasquez
Environmental Sciences

Shadia Weeks
Television and Film Studies

Chenxin Yu
Forensic Psychology



Travel & Professional Development Grant

This year, forty-two (42) graduate students received travel support through the Office of Graduate Studies (Student Success Fee funds) to present their work at conferences and for professional development purposes. The Travel Support for Student Presentations is a reimbursement program designed to encourage and assist Cal State LA graduate students whose work has been accepted for presentation at a professional or academic conference. Students funded through the program will receive partial reimbursement (up to 70%) of costs for travel, lodging, and conference registration in support of their presentation.

Graduate students also received partial reimbursement (up to 50%) of costs for travel, lodging, and conference registration to attend conferences, conventions and festivals to support their professional development. Examples of travel funds to support professional development include American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Conference; Society for Neuroscience; National Communication Association Annual Conference; South Central Conference on Mesoamerica; CSCI 2019 International Conference; 2020 Joint Mathematics Meeting; and the 9th Annual Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference.

Mariam Ayad
Environmental Science

Jose Benavidez
Kinesiology

Sabrina Bensimon
Communication Studies

Selene Castillo
Communication Studies

Herbert Castillo
Biochemistry

Amy Chan
Anthropology

Daniel Chang
Computer Science

Angel Chavez
Mathematics

Jorge Cruz
Latin American Studies

Jose Cubias
English

Dalyapraz Dauletbak
Information System

Angie Enriquez
Geography

Emilio Estrada
Spanish

Tanvi Gawade
Information System

Alfredo Gonzales
Sociology

Hitoshi Horiuchi
Education

Christina Iglesias
Archaeology

Christina Iglesias
Archaeology

Te'Juana Johnson
Television Film and Theatre

Sara Johnson
Geography

Carina Kaainoa
Engineering

Jessica Kromer
Geography

Antonio Magana
Mechanical Engineering

Eduardo Martinez
Engineering

Patricia Miramontes
Chicano/Latino Studies

Miguel Navarro
Engineering

Bea Joyce Parcutela
Biology

Christian Pelayo
Geological Science

Gabriela Perez
Psychology

Lucinda Perez
Applied & Advanced Studies in Education

John Reid
Music

Hedi Rezai
Sociology

Chelsy Salas
Environmental Science

John Salguero
Environmental Science

Tatev Sarkissyan
Psychology

Saar Shahar
English

Taylor Stickle
Communication

Aakansha Tagsaonkar
Information System

Culminating Project Grant

The Culminating Project to Support Completion of Thesis, Creative Activity, or Dissertation grant is a reimbursement program designed to support Cal State LA graduate student research or scholarship conducted towards completing a thesis, project, creative activity or dissertation. Students funded through this award will receive reimbursement for approved supplies, equipment, and services. This academic year, fifteen (15) culminating projects were funded to support a wide range of topics, such as:
“Seasonal plasticity of leaf functional traits of non-perennial stream in Southern California”; “ Using NMR spectroscopy to elucidate the presence of a salt-bridge in the RKS mo- tif of histone 3”; “Parental involvement and the trajectory to mental health consequences”; and “ Superman’s Interview “(a Short Parody Comedy Film).

Jolly Amber
Biology
Seasonal plasticity of leaf functional traits of non perennial stream in Southern California

Rasem Alrashdi
Engineering
Process optimization for 3d printing cementitious materials
Faculty Mentor: Mosen Eshragi

Nicole Benquechea
Psychology
Religiosity, Sexism, & Self-Esteem
Faculty Mentor: Heidi Riggio

Hektor Gusha
Psychology
Relationships and sexuality attitudes and beliefs
Faculty Mentor: Heidi Riggio

Jonas Kulikauskas
Fine Arts
After Jesus
Faculty Mentor: Robert Martin

Juan Leal Doblado
Physics
Using NMR spectroscopy to elucidate the presence of a salt-bridge in the RKS motif of histone 3
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Claudia Kouyoundjian

Fernando Hernandez
Music
Making a Record, "Wher do All These Pieces Go?" : The Blending of Electronic and Acoustic
Faculty Mentor: Cecilia Zurita-Lopez

Morgan Oyler
Economics
Building a 21st Century Los Angeles
Faculty Mentor : Amelia Russo- Neustadt

Demi Kourtesi
Psychology
Examining Personality Traits Across Cultures
Faculty Mentor: Miles Finney

Daisy Puga
Environmental Science
Models of Nutrient Biogeochemical Processes Derived from Hyporheic Zone Studies in Coastal California Watersheds Faculty Mentor: Barry Hibbs

Supasiri Rittiron

Geosciences and Environment
Potential Impacts of Wildfires on Soil and Water Chemistry in the San Gabriel Mountains, California
Faculty Mentor: Andre Ellis

Jason Sanchez

Social Work
Parental involvement and the trajectory to mental health consequences
Faculty Mentor: Anh-Luu Huyn-Hohnbaum

Mary Villareal

Chemistry
Solid-Phase Synthesis of Peptides based on PGC-1alpha, a Regulator of Cellular Metabolism
Faculty Mentor: Cecilia Zurita-Lopez

Alex Tzarax

Biology
Role of Yeast CAsein Kinase 2 in the Governing Hyphal Formation of Candida Albicans
Faculty Mentor: Hyunsook Park

Weishan Xiao

Television, Film, Theatre
Superman's Interview (Short Parody Comedy Film)
Faculty Mentor: Meredith Greenburg

Authors on Publication

This year, department chairs and faculty recommended for acknowledgement nine (9) graduate students who have published their work.

Maria Cecilia Azar

"Recycling Death: Post-Apocalyptic Tourism in the American West." Dark Tourism of the American West. Edited by Jennifer Dawes. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. September 2019. 157- 178

Claudia Barrulas Yefremian

Yefremian, C.M.B., Arvayza, J. & O'Brien, N.F. (2020). Talk to Amber. Case Research Journal (Special Issue on Women Entrepreneurs.

Brent Beadell

(Parducho, Beadell, et al. The Antimicrobial Peptide Human Beta-Defensin 2 Inhibits Biofilm Production of Pseudomonas aeruginosa without Compromising Metabolic Activity. Manuscript ID 510094)

Geoffrey Clifford

Clifford, G., and Hibbs, B., 2020, Evaluation of water isotopes and nutrient loading in urban runoff at a Southern California residential site: in Ahmad, S., ed., Be Smart and Sustainable: Don't Gamble with your Infrastructure: American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA., in press (early June publication date).

Joshua Garrido

Preliminary Evaluation of Using Intelligent Compaction for Life Cycle Assessment and Life Cycle Cost Analysis of Pavement Structures in press by CRC Press / Balkema, Taylor & Francis Group

Anabela Kim

"Nutritional Aspect of Sex-dependent Difference in Heart Disease" by Anureet Kaur Shah, Anabela Kim and Carrie Adase for the book "Sex differences in Cardiovascular Disease" by Springer.

Carol Peralta

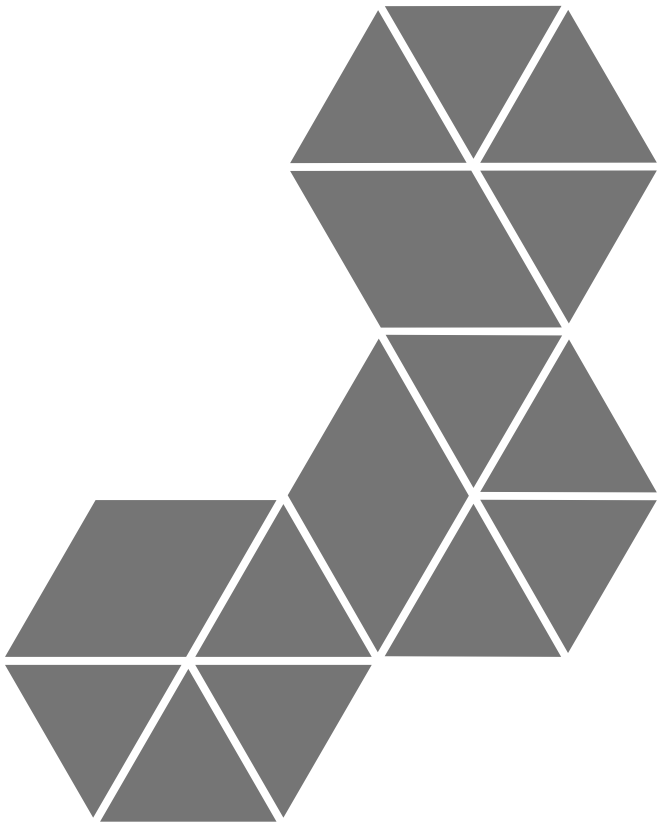
Comparison of bacteria and nutrient loading in subsurface storm drains receiving flows from groundwater seepage and dry weather urban runoff: in Ahmad, S., ed., Be Smart and Sustainable: Don't Gamble with your Infrastructure: American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA., in press (early June publication date)

Arielle Steimer-Barragán

Steimer-Barragán, Arielle D. "Las viudas de las letras: Woman Printers in Colonial Mexico." In "Lineage. Fragments. Futurity." Significations, English Department and the English Graduate Student Association, 2020

John Tamkin

R. De Salvo, M. Becker, T. Bennett, J. Blow, C.-L. Chang, S. Chao, F. Daneshgaran, L. Daneshgaran, L.-C. Kuo, S. Linker, M. Milovich- Goff, M. Mondin, B. Nayak, J. Neilson, H.-W. Pan, I. M. Pinto, M. Principe, E. Robinson, J. Tamkin, H. Themann, D. Zapata, "Problems Connected with Fempto-scatterers in Dielectric Coating Mirrors for Gravitational Wave Detectors", Proc. of the 41st PIERS, Rome, Italy, June 17-20, 2019.



Presentations at Professional Conferences

One hundred forty-seven (147) graduate students have presented their work at professional and academic conferences this year. Graduate students presented their scholarship at locations across the state and country, including: Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco, CA; College Park, MD; Waikoloa, HI; Chicago, IL; Baltimore, MD; Seattle, WA; Baton Rouge, IL; Denver, CO; Phoenix, AZ ;and Las Vegas, NV. One graduate student (John English) presented his paper entitled “Microclimate amelioration and environmental gradients in Los Angeles, CA” in Belfast, Ireland.

Beatriz Aguirre

Plant physiological responses to experimental drought stress

The 28th Annual Cal State LA Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
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Josthin Amado Hernandez

Neoliberalism and the Weakening of Unions: The US, Guatemala, and the Central American Free Trade Agreement

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Jabran Amanat-Lee

The evolution from Classical Physics to Quantum Mechanics and an epistemological critique on the Many-Worlds Interpretation

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Oscar Armando

The Influence of Parental Socio-Emotional Support on Latino Students' Transition to Postsecondary Education

American Educational Research Association San Francisco, CA | April 18, 2020

Mariam Ayad

Identifying Stormwater Runoff Plumes and Sewage Spills in Tijuana River using Remote Sensing Observations

Remote sensing Analysis and Classification of Stormwater

First International Operational Satellite Oceanography Symposium
College Park, MD | June 18-20, 2019

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Conference
San Francisco, CA | December 9-14, 2019

American Geophysical Union Ocean Science 2020
San Diego, CA | February 16, 2020

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Paula Ayala

Quetzal Beats: Centroamerica and the Dialectic Dissent in Globalized Black Sound- A Hip Hop Study

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Norman Bautista

"BevMo: Taking Credit for your own Success?""Humanyze: Behavior and Strategy Under Surveillance?"

Western Casewriters Association 2020 Waikoloa, Hawaii | March 19, 2020

Claudia Barrulas G Yefremian

Attitudes Toward Corporate Social Responsibility and The New Ecological Paradigm among Business Students in Southern California

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Los Angeles, CA | February 28, 2020

Talk to Amber

Western Casewriters Association
Waikoloa, Hawaii | March 19, 2020

Brent Beadell

Inhibition of Biofilm Formation of Pseudomonas aeruginosa by Human β-Defensin 2 and Cholesteryl Linoleate is Accompanied by Ultrastructural Lesions of the Bacterial Surface

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Jose Benavidez

Can EEG explain obesity-related cognition during exercise?

Society for Neuroscience
Chicago, Illinois | October19-23, 2019

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Presentations at Professional Conferences

Sabrina Bensimon
Uncertainty in the Context of Disability Services

National Communication Association Annual Conference
Baltimore, MD | November 14, 2019

Nicole Benquechea
Religiosity: Links with Sexism, Self-Esteem, and Self-Efficacy among Women and Men

Western Psychological Association San
Francisco, CA | May 21-24, 2020

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Denia Bradshaw
Proactive Design and Inclusive Practice: Understanding Universal Design for Learning

American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2020 San
Francisco, CA | April 20, 2020

Sushant Burde
Deep Reinforcement Learning to Navigate Autonomous Driving using Open Source Simulator Model

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Jayden Butler
Spectral Line Identification in the Class o Protostar IRAS 16293-2422

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Laura Castaneda
Using Progress Monitoring to Inform Academic Intervention in Reading Fluency

California Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference Palm
Springs, CA | October 29, 2019

Herbert Castillo
Exploring the Chemoresistant Mechanistic Pathways of High Molecular Weight Darpp-32/t-Darpp Complexes

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Nayely Castrellón
An Archive of Muxer Resistance: Movidas, Activism, and Wisdom of Elders in the Old Timers of Southern California

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Annual Conference
Seattle, WA | April 16, 2020

Amy Chan
Analyzing Vertebral Osteoarthirtis in Maya Sacrificial Victims

South Central Conference on Mesoamerica Baton
Rouge, Louisiana | October 18, 2019

Daniel Chang
Risk Prediction of Critical Vital Sgns for ICU Patients using RNN

6th Annual Conf. on Computational Science & Computational Intelligence (CSCI)
Las Vegas, Nevada | December 5-7, 2019

Angel Chavez
Optimal Radio-k-labeling of trees

2020 Joint Mathematics Meeting (JMM) Denver,
Colorado | January 15-18, 2020

The 28th Annual Cal State LA Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
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Minimal Risk Strategies for Poker Tournaments

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Yazmin Chavez
ASD, Parent and Students Participation, and Transitional Services

National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention Baltimore,
MD | February 18, 2020

Danny Clemons
Numerical Simulations of Paper-Based Fuel Cells

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Dyan Collings Ralph
Grownups Teaching Grownups: The Unique Characteristics and Challenges of the ADULT Teacher-Student Relationship in Second Language Acquisition

CATESOL 2019
San Jose, California | March 2, 2019

TESOL 2020
Denver, Colorado | March 31, 2020

Josiah Collins
Detection of Crystallite Formation in LIGO Dielectric Mirror Coatings Using Microscopy and Image Processing

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Jose Corado

High School Counseling Practices to Support Latino Gay First-Generation College Students Pursuing Postsecondary Education, The Brown Rainbow

Association for Jotería Arts, Activism and Scholarship Conference Portland, OR | October 12, 2019

Jorge Cruz

Reimagining Masculine Mexican Revolutionary Figures from a Queer Lens

9th Annual Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference
Bloomington, Indiana | February 28-29, 2020

Queer Activism in Chile
The 28th Annual Cal State LA Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
Los Angeles, CA | February 28, 2020

Jose Cubias

Developing an English Studies Department

Imaging America 20th Anniversary National Gathering Albuquerque, New Mexico | October 18-19, 2019

John David Hope Dang Oen

Positive Peace and Service Learning in Education: Through the Lens of Educational Technology

Rotary World Peace Conference, 2020.
Ontario, CA | January 17, 2020

Manuel Davila

A Kazhdan Constant Inequality With Isomorphic Graph Pairs

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Dalyapraz Dauletbak

Traffic Analysis in LA County using Big Data and Predictive Analytics

Teradata Universe Conference 2019
Denver, Colorado | October 20-24, 2019

Sophia Dawidoff

Impact of Sexual Violence on Female Survivors' Mental Health

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Laura Dickinson-Turner

Using Performance to Examine Performative Social Constructs: THRESHOLD

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Frank Diemel

An isotopic investigation of the sources of recharge in the Coachella Valley aquifer system, Riverside County, California

2019 Annual National Meeting, Geological Society of America
Phoenix AZ | September 22, 2019

John English

Effect of Urban Temperature Gradients on Grassland Microclimate Amelioration and Diversity

The 28th Annual Cal State LA Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
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Microclimate amelioration and environmental gradients in Los Angeles, CA
British Ecological Society Annual Meeting Belfast,
Ireland | Deember 10, 2019

Angelica Enriquez

The Impact of Deforestation o Carbon and water resources in the Island of Borneo

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Conference San Francisco, CA | December 9-14, 2019
28th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
California State University, Los Angeles

Isabel Escobar

Wildfire impacts on hydrologic components in Southern California using ParFlow-CLM

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Conference San Francisco, CA | December 9-14, 2019

Modeling wildfire impacts on hydrological processes using ParFlow- CLM

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Emilio Estrada

"Cavando en las entranas de la verdad: Bernal; hombre de Pluma y buena memoria"

5th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in The Humanities
Sacramento, California | October 26, 2019

Maya Evashkovsky

Strengthening Special Education Teams: Teachers and Paraeducators Supporting Each Other

CA Council for Exceptional Children Conference San Francisco, CA | October 12, 2019

Marlene Figueroa

Ethnic Differences and Similarities in Masturbation Experiences and Attitudes

2020 Annual Global Women in Data Science (WiDS) Conference Stanford, CA | March 2, 2020

Western Psychological Association
San Francisco, CA | April 30- May 3, 2020

Presentations at Professional Conferences

Luis Flores

Positive Peace and Service Learning in Education: Through the Lens of Educational Technology

Rotary World Peace Conference, 2020. Ontario, CA | January 17, 2020

Kerry Fogarty

Developing A Needs Analysis for a Community-based ESL Program CATESOL 2019
San Jose, CA | October 3-6, 2019

TESOL 202O International Convention and English Language Expo Denver, Colorado | March 31, 2020

Adaly Garcia

Plasmonic-Based Imaging of Electrochemical Reactions at Individual Prussian Blue and Gold Nanoparticles

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Faviola Garcia

Knowledge of and attitudes toward the Bible: Links with Social Dominance Orientation and religiosity.

Western Psychological Association San Francisco, CA | May, 2020

Rosendo Garcia

Detection of Crystallite Formation in LIGO Dielectric Mirror Coatings Using Microscopy and Image Processing

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Bridget Garcia Vera

Half a Century of Chicana/o Studies at Cal State LA: Who We Are, Where We Came From, and Where We are Going

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Annual Conference Seattle, WA | April 16, 2020

Joshua Garrido

Improving the Construction Quality of Unbound Pavement Layers using Intelligent Compaction Technology

Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting Washington, DC | January12-16, 2020

Tanvi Gawade

A machine learning approach for prediction of length of stay for KID's inpatient database

IEEE Big Data 2019 Los Angeles, CA

Levon Ghabuzyan

Quantifying the Effects of Convective Heat Transfer on Photovoltaic Performance and Optimal Tilt Angle

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Bridget Garcia Vera

Critical Race Feminista Praxis: Working In-Community within Los Angeles Neighborhoods

Presented at: National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Albuquerque, NM | April, 2019

Ron Glickman

Preparing Latinx College Students for Leadership in California

American Educational Research Association San Francisco, CA | April 18, 2020

Rohan Goel

Linked Learning Communities of Practice (CoP): Creating Sustainable Change

California Higher Education Sustainability Conference, 2019. Santa Barbara, CA. | July 8, 2019

Alfredo Gonzales

Paradigm Shifts in Chicano and Latino Education

California Sociological Association Conference
Sacramento, California | November15-16, 2019

Alfredo Gonzales

Detection of Crystallite Formation in LIGO Dielectric Mirror Coatings Using Microscopy and Image Processing

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Chantal Gossling

ASD, Parent and Students Participation, and Transitional Services

National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention Baltimore, MD | February 18, 2020

Romy Griepp

Queering Young Adult Literature: Heteronormativity and Homonormativity in Modern YA Novels

Far West Popular Culture Association conference Las Vegas, Nevada | February 21, 2020

The Crisis of Mental Health in Higher Education: How Faculty and Administration can Improve Cal State LA Students' Coping Mechanisms and Emotional Well-Being

Southwestern Social Science Association conference San Diego, CA | May 30, 2019

Hektor Gusha

The Sexual Shame Scale: Links with sexual outcomes among LGBTQ+ individuals

Western Psychological Association San Francisco, CA | May 21-24, 2020

Sexual Shame Among LGBTQ Adults

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Mike Harrison

Comparison of water chemistry issuing from springs in lined and unlined channels in urban areas, implications for stream restoration

2019 Annual National Meeting, Geological Society of America Phoenix AZ | September 22, 2019

Theresa Harvey

Knowledge of and attitudes toward the Bible: Links with Social Dominance Orientation and religiosity. Partnerships

Western Psychological Association San Francisco, CA| May, 2020

Alexandra Hernandez

Chemistry of Singlet Oxygen with Metal-Sulfur Nanoclusters Physical Quenching versus Chemical Reaction

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Zaide Hernandez

Political party, strength of identification, and knowledge of and attitudes toward Donald Trump.

Knowledge of and attitudes toward Donald Trump: Links with authoritarianism and related qualities.

Western Psychological Association San Francisco, CA | May, 2020

Irene Hernandez De La Cruz

Personality and Psychosocial Correlates of Happiness

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Brandon Hilliard

Unveiling the Origins of Dust Gaps and Ring Structure in Protoplanetary Disks

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Los Angeles, CA | February 28, 2020

Hitoshi Horiuchi

Developing a Needs Analysis for Community-Based Programs

The CATESOL Annual Conference
San Jose, California | October 3-6, 2019

Christina Iglesias

Recontextualizing a Sacrificial Ossuary at Chichen Itza

South Central Conference on Mesoamerica Baton Rouge, Louisiana | October 18, 2019

Cody Ising

Computational design of sensitized combustion chemistry experiments

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Fernando Jauregui

The Hidden Voices: Early European Writings of Brazilian Indigenous Voices

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Los Angeles, CA | February 28, 2020

Manson Johnson

A Collaborative Exploration of Power, Access, and Resource Distribution in Higher Education

Presented at the The 8th ACM MobiHoc2018 Workshop on Pervasive Wireless Healthcare Workshop
Vancouver, Canada | November 24, 2019

Sara Johnson

Relationship between AIRS and SSM/I Water Vapor and TRMM

Presented at the CSUPOM 2019 Conference San Francisco, CA | December 9-14, 2019

Amber Jolly

Morphological and physiological variation in Yucca brevifolia and Hesperoyucca whipplei growing across different microhabitats in the Mohave Desert

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Jayden Joshi

Lung Cancer Nodule Detection Using Convolutional Neural Networks

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Presentations at Professional Conferences

Suk Jung
Detection of Crystallite Formation in LIGO Dielectric Mirror Coatings Using Microscopy and Image Processing

2020 36 th Jim Isenberg PCGM (Pacific Coast Gravity meeting) Santa Barbara, CA | March 14, 2020

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Carina Kaainoa
Foundational Challenges and Opportunities with Turning Data into Information for Grid Modernzation

International Energy anf Sustainability Conference 2019 Long Island, NY | October 18, 2019

Neil Kohanski
Acknowledging a Teeming Sacred Landscape: Rethinking Space
South Central Conference on Mesoamerica Baton Rouge, LA | October 18, 2019

Jessica Kromer
Determining the impact of precipitation biases on the surface mass balance over Greenland

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Conference San Francisco, CA | December 9-14, 2019

Lok Sang Lam
Designing a Curriculum for a Community-Based English-Learning Program

CATESOL 2019 Annual Conference
San Jose, CA | October 3-6, 2019

TESOL 2020 International Convention and English Language Expo Denver, Colorado | March 31, 2020

Sharon Lanre-Orepo
"It's the Climb!": Academic and Social Burden Impacts Academic Self-Efficacy and Persistence in First-Year College Students

APS Annual Convention Chicago, IL | May 21-24, 2020

Wendy Layco
Acknowledging a Teeming Sacred Landscape: Rethinking Space

South Central Conference on Mesoamerica Baton Rouge, LA | October 18, 2019

Sara Lee
Understanding early career teachers' psychosocial well-being

National Association for School Psychologists
Baltimore, MD | February 18, 2020

Reilly Loayza
The Garden of Music

American Anthropological Association Vancouver, Canada | November 24, 2019

Samantha Lopez
The Sexual Shame Scale: Various Facets Linked with Sexuality Outcomes

A Collaborative Exploration of Power, Access, and Resource Distribution in Higher Education
Vancouver, Canada | November 24, 2019

Joann Ly
Data Analytics on Simulation Game Presenters

Self-efficacy as a romantic relationship partner: Links with sexual behaviors and outcomes.
San Francisco, CA | May, 2020

Erika Mcmullin
Determination of Sex Ratios from Midnight Terror Cave: A Commingle Skeletal Deposit

South Central Conference on Mesoamerica Baton Rouge, LA | October 18, 2019

Joao Machado
Comparison of Advanced Hydraulic Properties between Treated and Untreated Bauxite Residue

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Kathryn Joy Mak
A Big Data Application Model to Track Coronavirus Infected Patients: A Social Network and Spatial Analysis Approach

National Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
Phoenix AZ | October 3- November 3, 2019

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Eduardo Martinez
Competitive Adsorption of Nitrate and Phosphate on Iron Hydroxide Metals for Wastewater Treatment

National Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
Phoenix AZ | October 3- November 3, 2019

Aaron Matthews
High-intensity interval exercise while wearing a sauna suit increases Energy Expenditure

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Akilah Miller

Detection of Crystallite Formation in LIGO Dielectric Mirror Coatings Using Microscopy and Image Processing

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Joelyn Mims

Beyond a Pretty Face: The Cultural Significance of Ancient Egyptian Cosmetics

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Patricia Miramontes

Association for Joteria Arts Activism & Scholarship

Association for Joteria Arts, Activism and Scholarships Portland, Oregon | October 10-12, 2019

Alicia Moseley

"Invention/ Invasion of Spaces"

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Angela Navata

Colorism and colonial mentality among Filipinos and Filipino Americans.

Western Psychological Association Annual Convention Pasadena, CA | April 25-29, 2020

Bhavna Nayak

Characterizing Crystallization at Higher Temperatures in Nanolayered Dielectric Coatings to Improve Mirrors in Gravitational-Wave Detectors

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Irene Ng

"BevMo: Taking Credit for your own Success?""Humanyze: Behavior and Strategy Under Surveillance?"

Western Casewriters Association 2020 Waikoloa, Hawaii | March 19, 2020

Michael Oropollo

"Building Positive Self-Concept and Prosocial Relationships Among Diverse At-Risk Adolescents"

CA Council for Exceptional Children Conference San Francisco, CA | October 12, 2019

Daniel Osoy

Flirting with Supremacy: Understanding Gay Attractions to White Nationalism

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Bea Joyce Parcutela

The Effects of Adenylate Kinase 4 in the Localization of AMPK and mTOR Pathways

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Pratik Parmar

Data Analytics on Big Data from Chicago Divvy Bike Sharing Programme

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Christian Pelayo

Modeling PM2.5 Speciation Concentrations over California Using the MISR V23 Aerosol Product
American Meteorological Society 2020 Annual Meeting
Date of Presentation: Jan 15th 2020

From MISR to MAIA: Applications of NASA Satellite Data to Airborne Particulate Matter Exposure and Human Health
American Geophysical Union Fall 2019 Meeting
Date of Presentation: Dec 10th 2019

Lucinda Perez

The Importance of Popular Culture & Literacy Outside of School

International Literacy Association
New Orleans, Louisiana | October 10-13, 2019

Nancy Perez

Understanding the Intersectional lived realities of 1.5 and 2 generation immigrants navigating higher education

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Tyler Powell

The antimicrobial peptide Human Beta-Defensin 2 is highly effective against Mycobacterium smegmatis.

SACNAS 2019
Santa Clara, CA | January 16-18, 2020

Determining the mode of action of Human Beta-Defensin 2, an epithelial antimicrobial peptide, against Mycobacterium smegmatis

CSUPERB
Honolulu, Hawaii | October 29, 2019

Presentations at Professional Conferences

Daisy Puga

Groundwater loading ot toxic trace elements to streams due to oxidation of Miocene marine strata
2019 Annual Meeting of National Groundwater Association Las Vegas, NV | Deember 3-5, 2019

Cynthia Ramirez

Continuous Mathematical Model of Tumor Growth

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John Reid

Polytonality in Early Nineties Hip-Hop

2020 College Music Society Pacific Southwest Conference Flagstaff, AZ | March 13-15, 2020

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Los Angeles, CA | February 28, 2020

Jacqueline Reyes

Positive Peace and Service Learning in Education: Through the Lens of Educational Technology

Rotary World Peace Conference, 2020. Ontario, CA. | January 17, 2020

Hedi Rezai

Does Parental Income and Parental Education Affect Respondents Education

Southwestern Social Science Association
San Diego, CA | October 31- November 2, 2019

Jennifer Robles

Unpacking Colonial Mentality in Relation to the Ethnic Identity of Filipino Americans

Western Psychological Association Annual Convention San Francisco, CA | May, 2020

Gil Rodriguez

The Influence of Parental Socio-Emotional Support on Latino Students' Transition to Postsecondary Education

American Educational Research Association; San Francisco San Francisco, CA | April 18, 2020

Audra Whaley Ruben

Linked Learning Communities of Practice (CoP): Creating Sustainable Change

California Higher Education Sustainability Conference, 2019. Santa Barbara, CA | July 8, 2019

Chelsy Salas

Sensitivity of Regional Land-Atmosphere Coupling to Human Activity

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Conference San Francisco, CA | December 9-14, 2019

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John Salguero

Wildfire Trends over 30+ Years and its Relation to Climate Indices in the Western US

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Conference San Francisco, CA | December 9-14, 2019

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Ivan Salladay-Perez

How Does AK4 Regulate Bioenergetics in Cancer?

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Jason Sanchez

Biological Father vs. Father Figure Involvement: Mental Health Implications

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Nicole Sanfilippo

Traditional Schools, the Juvenile Justice System, and the Experiences of LGBTQ/GNC Identified Individuals

American Educational Research Association San Francisco, CA | April 19, 2020

Tatev Sarkissyan

Examination of Impression formation of Victims of Child Abuse

American Psychological Association
Chicago, Illinois | August 1, 2019

Perceptions of Victims of Childhood Physical and Sexual Abuse

Western Psychological Association Annual Convention San Francisco, CA | May, 2020

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Lucia Serio

Understanding early career teachers' psychosocial well-being

National Association for School Psychologists
Baltimore, MD | February 18, 2020

Saar Shahar

The Fraught Enjoyment of Suffering in Cleanness and The Siege of Jerusalem

Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association San Diego, CA | November 14-17, 2019

Shradha Ashokrao Shinde

New York Times Data Analysis Using Hive

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Abdulrahman Fahad Sindi

Linked Learning Communities of Practice (CoP): Creating Sustainable Change

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Shiroya Smit

Deep Reinforcement Learning to Navigate Autonomous Driving using Open Source Simulator Model

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Yasmeen Solano Rodriguez

Effects of Charged Residues on the Stabilization Role of Antifreeze Proteins on Alcohol Dehydrogenase

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Linray Song

Data Analytics on Big Data from Chicago Divvy Bike Sharing Programme

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Los Angeles, CA | February 28, 2020

Billy Bodin Sooksavath

Using ClassroomScreen to Engage Student & Facilitate the Classroom
TESOL 2020 Convention
Denver, CO | March 31, 2020 - April 3, 2020

Michiko Soto

Erasure and Resistance in Post-Maria Puerto Rico
The 2 th Annual Cal State LA Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
Los Angeles, CA | February 2 , 2020

Arielle Steimer-Barragan

"Las viudas de las letras: Women Printers in Colonial Mexico"
Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies
Las Cruces, NM | April 15-1 , 2020

34rd CSU Student Research Competition
ayward, CA | April 24-25, 2020

The 2 th Annual Cal State LA Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
Los Angeles, CA | February 2 , 2020

Presentations at Professional Conferences

Taylor Stickle

Surviving the Speech Situation: Applying Audience Analysis

National Communication Association 105th Annual Convention Baltimore, MD | November 14-17, 2019

Bita Sadat Faraji Tabrizi

New York Times Data Analysis Using Hive

The 28th Annual Cal State LA Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
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Aakansha Tagsaonkar

A machine learning approach for prediction of length of stay for KID's inpatient database

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Los Angeles, CA | December 9-12, 2019

Hector Teran

Understanding early career teachers' psychosocial well-being

National Association for School Psychologists
Baltimore, MD | February 18, 2020

Scarlette Tovar

Elucidating source waters and hydrochemical processes in a protected ecological habitat

2019 UCOWR/NIWR Annual Water Resources Conference
Snowbird, UT | June 11, 2019

Hai Tran

Silver Brain: Forget bingo, start virtual cardio

Society for Neuroscience
Chicago, Illinois | October19-23, 2019

Brain and muscle: the competition is on during exercise and virtual reality

Exercise as a New Strategy to Change Brain Oxygenation in Obese Individuals

You Better Be Active Even If You Play Virtual Reality Games

Virtual Reality Gaming as a Way to Increase Exercise-Induced Brain and Muscles Oxygenation for Young and Elderly individuals.

South West ACSM
Newport Beach, CA | September 1, 2019

Brain oxygenation in response to virtual reality and exercise in aging

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Diana Trujillo
Spanish in the United States

5th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in The Humanities Sacramento, California | October 26, 2019

Ambria Vasquez
Design Considerations for an Urban Intersection to Improve Safety and Reduce Congestion Using Diverging Diamond Interchanges

Presented at the "Migratory Poetics: Literature, Theory and Visual Cultures in Translation" Conference
Washington, DC | January 12-16, 2021

Melissa Venegas
Self-efficacy as a romantic relationship partner: Links with sexual behaviors and outcomes.

Western Psychological Association San Francisco, CA | May, 2020

Victoria Umana
Knowledge of and attitudes toward the Bible: Links with Social Dominance Orientation and religiosity.

Western Psychological Association San Francisco, CA | May, 2020

Alexandria Vickery
Towards a Pedagogy of Critical Joy: Assessing the Impact of a Joy-Based Education Program in its First Year

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Brian Waldo
Acknowledging a Teeming Sacred Landscape: Rethinking Space

South Central Conference on Mesoamerica
Albuquerque, New Mexico | October 18, 2019

Hassan Walukonde
Positive Peace and Service Learning in Education: Through the Lens of Educational Technology

Rotary World Peace Conference, 2020. Ontario, CA | January 17, 2020

Paige Weiss
Disruption in the Nursery: Chemical defense of Californian sea slugs alters estuarine food webs

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Emerald Williams
Racialized experiences and knowledge of Black and Latinx students studying abroad and at an HSI

American Educational Research Association San Francisco, CA | April 20, 2020

T'awna Williams
Biasing Effects of Exoneree Identification on Perceptions of Innocence and Responsibility

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Yuanxi Ye
Understanding the Unique Needs of Children with Visual Impairments and Autism Spectrum Disorder

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Rebecca Ying
Using a field-simulation approach to compare eyewitness performance when using showups vs. lineups under real world conditions.

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Joseph Zailaa
Contrasting physiological strategies to drought and salt stress in African and Asian rice.

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Lei Zhao
Cell cryopreservation by using antifreeze protein formulation

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Jiabin Zhou
Using body weight support over ground tranning system to improve locomotion following contusion spinal cord injury.

Society for Neuroscience

Chicago, Illinois | October19-23, 2019

Houhou Kevin Xu
"BevMo: Taking Credit for your own Success?""Humanyze: Behavior and Strategy Under Surveillance?"

Western Casewriters Association 2020 Waikoloa, Hawaii | March 19, 2020

This academic year, eighty-seven (87) graduate students showcased their talents through dance, music and theatre performances, art exhibits and other special presentations.

Aldo Adame
Design, Development and Implementation and Testing of a millimeter wave phase antenna array channel sounder for 6thgeneration cellular networks employing drone-based communications
Los Angeles, CA

Nikita Aggarwal
Capturing Celestial Morphologies
Los Angeles, CA

Daisy Aguirre
Cryoprotection of Model Enzymes using Beetle Antifreeze Protein from Dendroides canadensis
Los Angeles, CA

Martha Allison
Predicting Soil Structure And Condition Using Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) at UTC-UTI Workshop

Rasem Alrashdi
Design, Development and Implementation and Testing of a millimeter wave phase antenna array channel sounder for 6thgeneration cellular networks employing drone-based communications
Los Angeles, CA

Maira Anaya Lopez
The Association Between Single Motherhood and Health in Women of Color
Cal State LA Library

Christopher Aono
Community Organizing and Advocacy: A Look at Clean Air: Purple Air Sensors
Los Angeles, CA

Ruben Aurdra Whaley
Linked Learning Communities of Practice (CoP): Creating Sustainable Change
Santa Barbara, CA

Maria Cecilia Azar
Emotional Weight Performance
Pittsburgh, PA

Isaac Cano
Quality Assurance for Web Systems
Los Angeles, CA

Sarah Carlton
Voces Bilingües: Escritura Persuasiva y estudios étnicos
San Francisco, CA

Heidy Castellon
The generation of markerless gene knock-out mutants in bnfA and bnfE genes in hypervirulent Acinetobacter baumannii LAC-4 Los Angeles, CA

Amy Chan
Analyzing Vertebral Osteoarthritis in Maya Sacrificial Victims
Baton Rouge, LA

Strontium Isotope Testing of Deciduous Molars from Maya Sacrificial Victims
Los Angeles, CA

Yazmin Chavez
ASD, parent and student participation, and transitional services
Baltimore, MD

John David Hoe Dang Aoen
Positive Peace and Service Learning in Education: Through the Lens of Educational Technology
Ontario, CA

Manuel Davila
Inequalities of Kazhdan Constants on Isomorphic Graph Pairs
Denver, CO

Kevin Delao
Improving Machine Learning Accuracy for Prosthetic Devices
Los Angeles, CA

Jose Diego
Evaluation of NASA soil moisture measurements with in situ data in the Western United States
Los Angeles, CA

Weston Ding
Skills for the College Experience
Los Angeles, CA

Keyur Dhawan
Use of Recycled Tire in Cementitious Materials for Additive Manufacturing of Concrete Infrastructure Los Angeles, CA

Angelica Enriquez
Impact of Deforestation and Peatland Drainage on Borneo's Water Resources using Remote Sensing Products Los Angeles, CA

Special Presentations, Performances & Exhibits

Abdulrahman Fahad Sindi
Linked Learning Communities of Practice (CoP): Creating Sustainable Change
Santa Barbara, CA

Marlene Figueroa
Ethnic Differences and Similarities in Masturbation Experiences and Attitudes
Stanford, CA

Lizbeth Flores
Effect of d- δ Tocotrienol on HER2+ Breast Cancer – Mevalonate Suppressive Effect
Los Angeles, CA

Luis Flores
Positive Peace and Service Learning in Education: Through the Lens of Educational Technology
Ontario, CA

Faviola Garcia
Knowledge of and Attitudes toward the Bible: Link with Social Dominance Orientation and Religiosity
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Joshua Garrido
Improving the Construction Quality of Unbound Pavement Layers using Intelligent Compaction Technology
Washington, DC

Rohan Goel
Linked Learning Communities of Practice (CoP): Creating Sustainable Change
Santa Barbara, CA

Annjanae Gonzales
14th Annual Los Angeles Women's Task Force HIV/AIDS Treatment Summit
Los Angeles, CA

Chantal Gossling
ASD, parent and student participation, and transitional services
Baltimore, MA

Paulette Hacopian
The Associations among Trauma, Health, and Mental Health Therapy
Los Angeles, CA

Jaxson Haug
Gendered Faces: Male-to-Female Transgender Facial Feminization Surgeries as Applied to Sex Estimation in Forensic Anthropology
Los Angeles, CA

Christina Iglesias
Interpreting a Subterranean Feature at Chichen Itza. Paper to be presented at the 85th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas, April 10-14. 2020.
Austin, TX

Recontextualizing the Osario Infantil at Chichen Itza
Baton Rouge, LA

Sergio Iglesias Jimenez
Incorporation of Bipyridine-Ruthenium based Metal-Organic Frameworks in Photovoltaic Cells
Los Angeles, CA

Amel Kebir
Strengthening Community Engagement and Emotional Support in the Latinx Community through the use of the Promotor/a Model
San Francisco, CA

Neil Kohanski
Acknowledging a Teeming Sacred Landscape: Rethinking Sascaberas
Baton Rouge, LA

Sharon Lanre-Orepo
"It's the Climb!": Academic and Social Burden Impacts Academic Self-Efficacy and Persistence in First-Year College Students
Chicago, IL
Los Angeles, CA

Wendy Layco
Acknowledging a Teeming Sacred Landscape: Rethinking Sascaberas
Baton Rouge, LA

Anna Larionova
Choose an opsin: natural selection and compressibility of opsins in Lake Baikal sculpin
Ontario, CA

Beverly Lee
Incorporation of Bipyridine-Ruthenium based Metal-Organic Frameworks in Photovoltaic Cells
Denver, CO

Joann Ly
Self-Efficacy as a Romantic Relationship Partner: Links with Sexual Behaviors and Outcomes Los
Angeles, CA

Eduardo Martinez
Binary adsorption of nitrate and phosphate on iron hydroxide minerals for wastewater treatment
Los Angeles, CA

Erika McMullin
Determination of Sex Ratios from Midnight Terror Cave: A Commingle Skeletal Deposit
Baton Rouge, LA

Determination of Sex Ratios Using the Proximal Femur from Midnight Terror Cave, A Commingle Skeletal Deposit.
Los Angeles, CA

Claudia Ocholski
Psychosocial Correlates of Substance Use in a High-Risk Sample of Adolescents,
Los Angeles, CA

Akilah Miller
MOF Derived Porous TiO_2 for the Use of Highly Efficient Photovoltaics
Los Angeles, CA

Alicia Mosely
Dances of Protest
Los Angeles, CA

Artnight Pasadena: Dance Alumni Showcase
Pasadena, CA

Volodia Muradyan
pSmad2 (SMOX) and the TGF-β Pathway
Zoom Meeting

Daniel Olivares Zambrano
Finding the right home: Depth as a driver of adaptive evolution in the genus Sebastes
Los Angeles, CA

Cristi Perez
Comparing Parent and Teacher Responses of Multilingual Child Literacy Performances
Los Angeles, CA

Christian Pelayo
Estimating PM2.5 speciation concentrations over California using MISR V23 data" at the MISR
MISR Science Team Meeting
Feb 12th 2020

Leslie Plesetz
Comparing Parent and Teacher Responses of Multilingual Child Literacy Performances
Los Angeles, CA

Neil Poole
Investigating the involvement of Drosophila Smad2 in wing growth and development.
Los Angeles, CA

Dilip Prajapati
Development of Pervious Concrete Pavements by using Recycled Plastic Fiber (Polyethylene Terephthalate)
Los Angeles, CA

Michael Prout
Recontextualizing the Osario Infantil at Chichen Itza
Baton Rouge, LA

Cynthia Ramirez
Continuous Mathematical Model of Blood Vessel Formation
Denver, CO

Mathematical Model of Blood Vessel Formation
Big Bear, CA

Jesse Ramirez
Voces Bilingües: Escritura Persuasiva y estudios étnicos

Jacqueline Reyes
Positive Peace and Service Learning in Education: Through the Lens of Educational Technology

Ontario, CA

Supasiri Rittiron
Potential Impacts of Wildfires on Soil and Water Chemistry in the San Gabriel Mountains, California

Kraig Saito
Prospectus: The Association Between Health Behaviors, Patient-Provider Quality, and Mental Health Outcomes in Young Adult Men of Color Los Angeles, CA

Jason Sanchez
Father vs. Father Figure Involvement: Mental Health Implications
Los Angeles, CA

Liliana Sanchez Coronado
First Language Development and Attrition in Young Children Attending a Head Start Center
Los Angeles, CA

Loraine Sandoval Ascencio
Gas Dynamics in the Outer Disk Regions and Flow of Accreting Material
Los Angeles, CA

Joshua Sosha
Terpyridine-Ruthenium based Metal Organic Frameworks and their Application in Photovoltaic Cells
Los Angeles, CA

Arielle Steimer-Barragán
Women Printers in in Sixteenth-Century Mexico
Los Angeles, CA

Chad Thomas
Analysis of Casein Kinase 2 for a Potential Role in Craniofacial Development
Los Angeles, CA

Cindy Toscano
Manipulating the Antimicrobial Effector Molecule Response of Alveolar Type II Cells through Pro-inflammatory Cytokines
Los Angeles, CA

Victoria Umana
Knowledge of and Attitudes toward the Bible: Link with Social Dominance Orientation and Religiosity
Los Angeles, CA

Eduardo Vargas
Data Quality Assurance for Data Mining and Systems Health
Los Angeles, CA

Amy Vaquez
The influence of urban park features and the surrounding cityscape on biodiversity across a socioeconomic gradient
Los Angeles, CA

Melissa Venegas
Self-Efficacy as a Romantic Relationship Partner: Links with Sexual Behaviors and Outcomes
Los Angeles, CA

Brian Waldo
Acknowledging a Teeming Sacred Landscape: Rethinking Sascaberas
Baton Rouge, LA

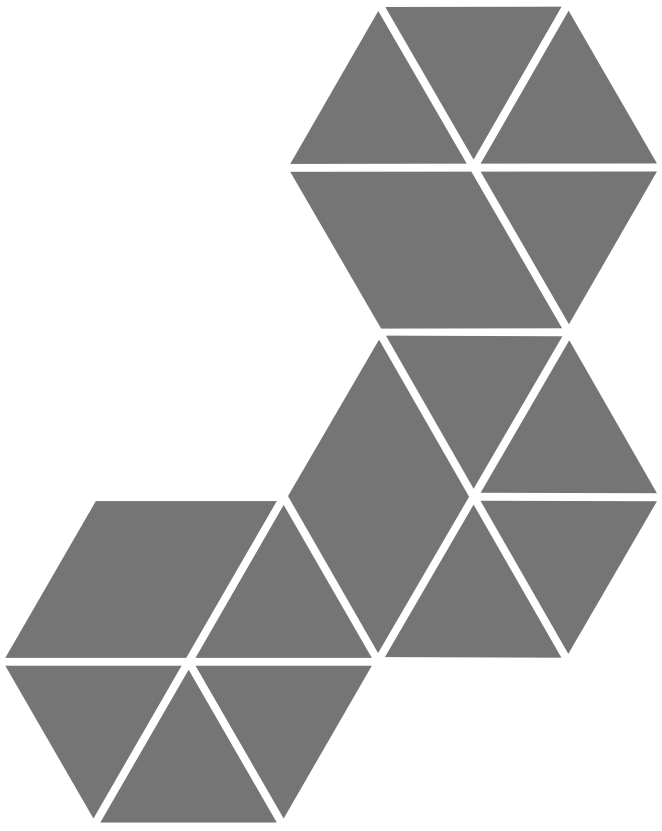
A GIS Approach to Assess the Water Resources at Chichen Itza
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Justine West
Capturing Celestial Morphologies
Los Angeles, CA

Gravesteijn Wouter
Magnetic properties of a Metallic organic framework (MOF) via NMR
Los Angeles, CA

Amanda White
Examining DYRK1B's Involvement in Craniofacial Development via Conditional Knock-out
Los Angeles, CA



Cal State LA Grad Delegates for The CSU Student Research Competition

Seven (7) graduate students were selected to represent Cal State LA at the CSU system-wide Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities competition. The Competition was held virtually, on April 24th and 25th at CSU East Bay. The event is held annually to recognize student accomplishments in research, scholarship, and creative activities, and to provide a forum for our students to gain experience in delivering a professional presentation. Our graduate student scholars presented research across a range of disciplines including Biology, Social Work, Latin American Studies, Television, Film, and Theatre, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Psychology.

Congratulations to Tatev Sarkissyan who won 1st Place in Behavioral and Social Sciences. Her research examined Perceptions of Victims of Childhood Physical and Sexual Abuse. Her faculty mentor is Dr. Heidi Riggio.

We also congratulate Arielle Steimer-Barragan who won 2nd place in Humanities and Letters. Her research was entitled “Las viudas de las letras: Women Printers in Colonial Mexico.” Her faculty mentor is Dr. Kittiya Lee.

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Jason Sanchez
Master of Social Work
Biological Father vs. Father Figure Involvement: Mental Health Implications
Faculty Mentor: Anh-Luu Huynh-Hohnbaum

Tatev Sarkissyan
M.A. Psychology
Perceptions of Victims of Childhood Physical and Sexual Abuse
Faculty Mentor: Robert Weide

Daniel Osoy
M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies
Flirting with Supremacy: Understanding Gay Attractions to White Nationalism
Faculty Mentor: Heidi Riggio

Biological and Agricultural Sciences

Brent Beadell
M.S. Biology
Inhibition of Biofilm Formation of Pseudomonas aeruginosa by Human β-Defensin 2 and Cholesteryl Linoleate is Accompanied by Ultrastructural Lesions of the Bacterial Surface
Faculty Mentor: Edith Porter

John English
M.S. Biology
Effect of Urban Temperature Gradients on Grassland Microclimate Amelioration and Diversity

Creative Arts and Design

Laura Dickinson-Turner
M.F.A. Television, Film, and Theatre
Using Performance to Examine Performative Social Constructs: THRESHOLD
Faculty Mentor: Tanya Kane- Perry

Humanities and Letters

Arielle Steimer-Barragan
M.A. Latin American Studies
“Las viudas de las letras: Women Printers in Colonial Mexico“
Faculty Mentor: M. Kittiya Lee

A special thanks to the Office of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity for supporting our graduate students.

Special Awards and Recognitions

Faculty were invited to nominate graduate students to be recognized for receiving special awards or recognition in their discipline. Graduate students were acknowledge for their academic excellence and won fellowships from various institutions to further their re-search and professional experience in their fields. Graduate students also won academic and artistic competitions and represented Cal State LA in different competitions such as the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings, and the International Colle-giate Business Strategy Competition.

Diana Aghaward
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Mariam Ayad
NASA JPL Internship Award
Faculty Mentor: JingJing Li

Paula Ayala
Current Semi-Finalist for Fullbright US Student Program – English Teaching Assistant Award in Brazil Faculty
Mentor: Ericka Verba

Brent Beadell
First Prize oral presentation during the 28th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities Faculty Mentor: Edith Porter

Claire Berstein
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Nicole Bixenman
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

David Cardiel
International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition (April 2020)
Faculty Mentor: Laura Whitcomb

Nayely Castrellón
2019-2020 CLS Department Mentoring Fellowship
2020 NACCS Chicana Caucus Student Conference Scholarship Faculty
Mentor: Dolores Delgado-Bernal

Michelle De Luna
Research Fellowship: JPL Year-Round Internship (Two-Year Extension) Fall 2019-Spring 2021
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (NASA JPL)

Giovanna Diaz
2019-2020 CLS Department Mentoring Fellowship
Faculty Mentor: Dolores Delgado-Bernal

Laura Dickinson- Turner
Association for Theatre in Higher Education/ KCACTF Innovative Teaching Award
2nd Overall Oral Presentation Phi Kappa Phi
Campus Delegate in Creative Arts to the 34th CSU Student Research Competition
Outstanding Presentation Award, Creative Arts Faculty
Mentor: Meredith Greenburg

Frank Diemel
Outstanding Poster Award, South Coast Geological Society
Faculty Mentor: Barry Hibbs

Holly Chen
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Adam Ferguson
Association for Theatre in Higher Education/ KCACTF Innovative Teaching Award
2nd Overall Oral Presentation Phi Kappa Phi
Campus Delegate in Creative Arts to the 34th CSU Student Research Competition
Outstanding Presentation Award, Creative Arts Faculty
Mentor: Meredith Greenburg

Bridget Garcia Vera
2019-2020 CLS Department Mentoring Fellowship
Faculty Mentor: Dolores Delgado-Bernal

Joshua Garrido
Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship awarded by USDOT Federal Highway Transportation Faculty
Mentor: Mehran Mazari

Romy Griepp
David Miller Scholarship

Lisa Jarvis-Gaines
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Maria Kizilova
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Gore Khachatrian
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Neil Kohanski
Margaret & Philip New Scholarship
Faculty Mentor: Dr. James Brady

Ma Ledi Ham Loot
2019 Graduate Alumni Scholarship for Superior and Distinguished Scholarship, Leadership and Academic Achievement
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition (April 2020)
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Medrick Minassian
International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition (April 2020)
Faculty Mentor: Laura Whitcomb

Wenny Nguyen
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Andrea Ogaz
Begole Archaeological Research Grant, Anza Borrego Foundation
Faculty Mentor: James Brady

Edgar Orozco
American Psychological Association Services for Transition Age Youth (STAY) Fellowship Faculty
Mentor: Elina Saeki

Carol Peralta
NSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award, CSULA
Faculty Mentor: Barry Hibbs

Angelica Perez
NASA internship at Jet Propulsion Laboratory
June 4, 2019 - August 9,2019

Fiona Phan
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Tyler Powell
2020 CSUPERB Don Eden Graduate Student Research award
2019 Emeriti Association Fellowship for Academic Excellence Faculty Mentor: Edith Porter

Nick Rivas
2019-2020 CLS Department Mentoring Fellowship

Faculty Mentor: Dolores Delgado-Bernal

Chelsy Salas
Invited to talk to JPL Management
8/8/2019
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
Graduate College Fellowship
2/14/2020
Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Internship
6/3/2019 – 05/15/2020

Jocelyn Rodriguez
Best Oral Presentation in the Life Sciences – Cancer Biology, 2019 SACNAS National Meeting Faculty
Mentor: Nathan Lanning

Diana Sainz
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Jennifer Saucedo
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Natalie Shirinian
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Arielle Steimer-Barragán
CSU Student Research Competition 2020 Winner
Outstanding Oral Presentation in Humanities and Letters; Selected as CSU Delegate at CSU Statewide Student Research Competition Faculty Mentor: Ericka Verba

Charles Tobin
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Cindy Toscano
First Prize Poster presentation 28th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities
Faculty Mentor: Edith Porter

Karina Vargas
2019-2020 CLS Department Mentoring Fellowship
Faculty Mentor: Dolores Delgado-Bernal

Peggy Williams
Case Study Presentation Winner at the Cal State LA Board of Directors Mock Budget Hearings to solve community health problems
Faculty Mentor: Barrington Hunt

Cory Winner

International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition (April 2020)
Faculty Mentor: Laura Whitcomb

Curtis Young

International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition (April 2020)
Faculty Mentor: Laura Whitcomb

Faculty Mentor Honorees

We are recognizing faculty mentors by profiling one from each college. These faculty mentors were nominated by their student mentees and their colleagues highlighting their mentorship activities that promote graduate student research, scholarship and creative activity. These honorees were carefully chosen after thorough evaluation by their respective colleges.

Dr. Kristina Ruiz-Mesa

College of Arts and Letters

Department of Communication Studies

Dr. Ruiz-Mesa is currently the Director of the Basic Course (COMM) and the Teaching Associate (TA) Supervisor since fall 2014. She mentors and trains 14-18 TAs annually, the largest number of TAs in the College of Arts & Letters. Dr. Ruiz-Mesa encourages students to submit their work to the *National Communication Association* (NCA) conference. In the last 3 years, her mentees presented over 20 papers at NCA. Her mentoring is rooted in a commitment to improving educational access and equity, and is marked by patience, kindness, and encouragement. She constantly encourages students to explore, enjoy and excel in the world of academia, and beyond. Many of her students are admitted to some of the top doctoral programs in the country and published scholarly articles. As someone committed to critical communication pedagogy designed to incorporate and value student experiences in her mentoring, Dr. Ruiz-Mesa commits substantial time and care in all of her mentoring.

Message from the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Dr. Linda Essig:

Dr. Kristina Ruiz-Mesa was recently promoted – early – to associate professor in the Department of Communication Studies. Since joining the Cal State LA faculty in 2014, Dr. Ruiz-Mesa has coordinated our Basic Course in Oral Communication, which has meant mentoring many graduate students the unique skills involved in teaching oral communication. Her research on inter-cultural communication is published in journals such as Journal of Communication Pedagogy and Learning in Higher Education. She is a frequent presenter, sometimes in collaboration with her graduate students, at national and international conferences including the National Communication Association and others. Congratulations to Dr. Kristina Ruiz-Mesa for her many accomplishments, and most especially for mentoring the next generation of Communication Studies scholars and educators.

Dr. Maria Karafalis

College of Arts and Letters

Department of English

Professor Karafilis's commitment to student success starts in the classroom. Her dedication to helping students is evident in her commitment to the success of student's writing and professionalization during and after the graduate program. She motivates students to expand their professional network, CV, and scholarly skills by encouraging them to attend conferences. Every year she urges students to form panels during the English Graduate Student Association, "Significations", where she coordinates and arranges the schedule of presentations. Her strength as a mentor comes from her ability to listen to students and help them reach their goals. Professor Karafilis is prompt to respond to students about all matters related to their academic success and guide them towards their goals. Professor Karafilis's mentorship makes students begin to regard themselves as scholars.

Message from the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Dr. Linda Essig:

Dr. Maria Karafilis has been on the faculty of the Department of English for almost twenty years. A specialist in Nineteenth-century American Literature, Dr. Karafilis's current research focuses on ethics in early nineteenth century literature and, following a second string of inquiry, temporal derangement in the works of Nathaniel Hawthorne. In addition, she is currently director of the American Communities Program, the University's interdisciplinary public humanities center. Her scholarly rigor combined with her dedication to students has made her a much sought-after mentor of graduate students, including a current Sally Casanova pre-doctoral scholar. Dr. Karafilis exemplifies the teacher/scholar/public humanist model at the core of the College of Arts & Letters. The many successes of your students are the mirror of your ability as a mentor – Congratulations!

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Dr. Jongwook Woo

College of Business and Economics

Department of Information Systems

Professor Woo teaches students and develops their skill in the study of Big Data Analysis and Prediction. This academic year, he mentored 33 graduate students. Professor Woo encourages students to participate in and present their research at the Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Symposium held on campus and at "Women in Data Science" (WiDS). His students have published at international conferences and in scholarly journals. Students leverage the rich research experiences they receive under his mentorship to successfully join industry or advanced degree programs.

Message from the Dean of the College of Business and Economics, Dr. Tye Jackson:

Dr. Jongwook Woo has been a faculty member at Cal State LA for 18 years in the College of Business and Economics' (CBE) Department of Information Systems at Cal State LA. He has successfully mentored students of which one received the best paper award at The 14th Asia Pacific International Conference on Information Science and Technology (APIC-IST 2019). Dr. Woo is a noted scholar and has published articles on big data and data science. Recently, his faculty-student team research received recognition. The research team created an interactive data visualization dashboard that forecasts the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths by region in the U.S. and around the world. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Jongwook Woo as this year's CBE's Faculty Mentor Honoree.

Dr. Adelaide Doyle-Nichols

Charter College of Education

Division of Applied and Advanced Studies in Education

Dr. Doyle-Nichols supported students from the Education and Technology Leadership program to be active in the Research and Scholarly Sym- posiums such as ORSCA, the Arcadia Innovation Summit, and the Adobe Summit. She has been active in guiding students to present their work. She also students to publish their scholarly activity as well. Professor Doyle-Nichols fully supports student to conduct independent research. Due to the recent public health COV-19 emergency, Professor Doyle-Nichols has served as a critical source of knowledge for using Canvas, Zoom, Camtasia for screen casting, and other software and web resources to ensure an optimal online learning experience. Her role in this program is indispensable and deserves to be honored especially for its contribution to our globalized technological society.

Message from the Dean of the Charter College of Education, Dr. Cheryl Ney:

Dr. Doyle-Nichols is a fearless innovator in the use of educational technology! She shares her excitement about new technologies with the CCOE students and school teachers she encounters. She is a professor in the Division of Applied and Advanced Studies in Education in the Charter Col-lege of Education. She began teaching at Cal State LA, her alma mater for her bachelor's, and Master's degrees, in 1990, after receiving her Ph.D. from USC in 1997 and a 15 year career as a High School Band and Orchestra Director.

She teaches courses in Educational Technology Leadership and the E-Learning and New Media Design. She also teaches courses in the Graduate Certificate Program in Online Teaching and Learning and Computer Applications in Schools. With her colleague, Dr. Javeri, she has been a major architect in the soon to be launched first fully online degree program at the University—an MA in Educational Technology!

Her research interests include use of virtual reality, augmented reality, educational technology, e-learning and the integration of these technologies into teacher education-- preparing educators for 21st century learning and thus impacting thousands of youth!

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Dr. He Shen

College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Dr. He Shen is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME). His research interests are in dynamics and controls; robotics and autonomous systems; modeling and simulation; mechatronics and instrumentation; image processing and computer vision. Dr. Shen is a thoughtful and reflective educator who is committed to transforming the educational experience for our students through meaningful learning experiences inside and outside of class. He is a strong researcher in the field of robotics and an excellent mentor to a wide variety of students, including high school students, undergraduates at all levels, and MS students. Dr. Shen is an active advocate of project-based experiential learning. In addition to incorporating real-world projects into his robotics and control courses, he has engaged more than 30 students in research activities and many more in activities related to engineering projects in student organizations – all focused around robotics. He is an active faculty advisor for several student organizations, including co-founding and leading the multi-disciplinary RoboSub competition team. Dr. Shen is truly an outstanding teacher and mentor to faculty and students alike. Two of his most recent MS students have gone on to engineering PhD programs at Purdue University and McGill University, after co-authoring several papers and presenting at multiple conferences. Multiple other students are working at JPL, or in robotics or vehicle industries.

Message from the Dean of the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology, Dr. Emily Allen:

Dr. He Shen is an outstanding educator. He has successfully experimented with flipped classrooms and other forms of active learning in his engineering classes, and never stops trying to improve the effectiveness of his teaching. He mentors multiple groups of students, formally in his research lab, as well as informally in the club environment of two student competition teams, both focused on robotics and autonomous vehicles. He is a highly innovative colleague, committed to the success of our undergraduates as well as our graduate students. In the words of his graduate students, ""Dr. Shen's positive attitude, outlook, and selflessness greatly impacted my goals of achieving graduate education as a first generation student. I wouldn't be where I am today without his advice and leadership. I gravitated towards his idea of endless learning, which was simple yet instrumental; his support as my advisor, mentor, and friend was and still plays a vital role in my success. His ability to engage students in academics, leadership, and teamwork resonates as former and current students look to inspire their peers as he did with us."

Dr. Ailish Sheard

College of Health and Human Services

School of Kinesiology, Nutrition and Food Science

Dr. Sheard developed the Environmental Physiology Lab and curriculum in the School of Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Food Science. Dr. Sheard's contribution has helped strengthen the program by creating opportunities for students to learn about this field and to conduct research. Her instruction in KIN 5040: Research Design has improved the overall development of research ideas for many students in our program. She also supports students in obtaining financial support for their research. Dr. Sheard is well-rounded in the field of kinesiology and nutrition in a way that allows her to give constructive feedback on these students' research proposals and literature reviews, which certainly support intellectual growth and overall student success.

Message from the Dean of the Rongxiang Xu College of Health and Human Services, Dr. Ron Vogel:

Dr. Ailish Sheard's impact on Kinesiology master's students has been significant. She has been committed to student success for years and understands that working closely with graduate students both in class and helping to guide them through their research activities is critical to their growth. She spends a great deal of time and energy working with students and we are proud that she is honored with this award. One of her students remarked that, "Dr. Sheard's advice and guidance set me up for success as a graduate student and now as a teacher". Another thanked her for, "believing in me…so that I was able to succeed as a graduate student." By providing outstanding mentoring, Dr. Sheard has helped establish a new culture of research and scholarship in the Kinesiology graduate program.

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Dr. Heidi Riggio

College of Natural and Social Sciences

Department of Psychology

Dr. Riggio joined the Psychology Department in Fall 2005. She has taught variety of courses in Psychology including Introductory Psychology, Social Psychology, Descriptive Statistics, Sex and Gender, and Theories of Personality. Dr. Riggio is an exceptional professor whose passion and enthusiasm for the subject is reflected in her inspirational, and thought-provoking lectures. Anyone who has had the pleasure of taking a class with Dr. Riggio knows that she exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding professor, who has a talent for teaching in an engaging, challenging, yet understandable manner, making learning a pleasurable experience. She has mentored more than 38 graduate students in the MA Program in Psychology at Cal State LA.

Message from the Dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences, Dr. Pamela Scott-Johnson:

Dr. Riggio, for your commitment to student training and development, and for mentoring the next generation of scholars. The College proudly salutes your support of graduate education. Congratulations to your students, who nominated you. Of note is the number of students with whom you have co-authored publications and presentations and for whom you have impacted their lives.

Students were invited to acknowledge faculty mentors who have helped them achieve their academic goals including supporting their research; co-authoring publications and presentations; and guiding them in creativity activities and professional growth.

Professor Andres Aguilar
Biological Sciences

Dr. Manuel Moreno Aguilar
Latin American Studies

Dr. Gaston Alzate
Modern Languages and Literatures

Dr. Navid Amini
Computer Science

Dr. Arun Aryal
Information Systems

Dr. Beth Felice Baker-Cristales
Anthropology

Dr. Shilpa Balan
Information Systems

Dr. Olajide Bamashigbin
Psychology

Professor Luoman Bao
Sociology

Professor Oscar Bernal
Physics and Astronomy

Dr. James Brady
Anthropology

Professor Gary Brookfield
Mathematics

Professor Michael Calabrese
English

Dr. Mario Castaneda
Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Chaterjee Choi
History

Professor Joshua Cuzzone
Geosciences and Environment

Dr. Dolores Delgado-Bernal
Chicano/a & Latina/o Studies

Dr. Jessica Dennis
Psychology

Dr. Foad Dizadji-Bahmani
Philosophy

Dr. Robin Dodds
Special Education

Dr. Timothy Doran
History

Dr. Ramani Durvasula
Psychology

Professor Mitchell Eisen
Psychology

Professor Edward Eivers
Blological Sciences

Dr. Andre Ellis
Geosciences and Environment

Dr. Erica Ellis
Communication Disorders

Dr. Mohsen Eshraghi
Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Dionne Espinoza
Liberal Studies

Dr. Gaithri Fernando
Psychology

Professor Miles Finney
Economics and Statistics

Professor Gabriela Fried-Amilivia
Sociology

Dr. Mitch Fryling
Education

Student Acknowledgments of Faculty Mentors

Professor Choi Ga-Young
Social Work

Dr. Linda Greenberg
English

Professor Meredith Greenburg
Theatre and Dance

Professor Jian Guo
Geosciences and Environment

Professor Yasuhiro Hasegawa
Computer Science

Professor Melissa Hendrata
Mathematics

Dr. Barry Hibbs
Geosciences and Environment

Dr. Kristen Hourigan
Sociology

Professor Barrington Hunt
Management and Accounting

Professor Anh-Luu Huyn-Hohnbaum
Social Work

Professor Peter Ivory
Communication Disorders

Dr. Manisha Javeri
Applied & Advanced Studies in Education

Dr. Lia Kamhi Stein
Division of Educational Foundation & Interdiv Studies

Professor Afary Kamran
Communication Studies

Professor Tanya Kane-Perry
Theatre and Dance

Professor Kasmron Karimlou
Electrical & Computer Engineering

Professor Anureet Kaur
Kinesiology and Nutritional Science

Professor Susan Kawell
Curriculum and Instruction

Professor John Kennedy
Music

Professor Stefan Keslacy
Kinesiology & Nutritional Science

Professor Arezoo Khodayari
Civil Engineering

Professor Wai Kit Choi
Sociology

Professor Mike Krebs
Mathematics

Professor Patrick Krug
Biological Sciences

Professor Mary Kubalanza
Communication Disorders

Dr. Jim Kuo
Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Wing Shun Kwan
Civil Engineering

Professor Nathan Lanning
Biological Sciences

Professor Kittiya Lee
History

Dr. Jingjing Li
Geosciences and Environment

Dr. Daphne Liu
Mathematics

Professor Sonya Lopez
Civil Engineering

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