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LETTER FROM THE AVP & DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Dear Graduate Students,

Every year I look forward to acknowledging the innovative research, scholarship and creative projects you produce under the supportive guidance of your faculty mentors. I applaud you for your excellent work, especially since your graduate studies were completed in a fully remote educational environment this academic year. Many of you had to change the scope or methodology of your research and projects in response to the limited access to research laboratories and other educational resources. Overcoming this unexpected challenge, you continued your scholarship, you presented at virtual professional conferences and submitted your work for publication. You persevered to pursue your academic and career goals, including applying to doctoral programs. I am very honored to share your tremendous achievements in this Graduate Student and Faculty Mentor Recognition Booklet. This year, department chairs and faculty recommended for acknowledgement 238 graduate students who published or presented their work at professional conferences, as well as shared performances and exhibits in virtual professional and public forums. Many of you have received research grants, summer research fellowships, academic scholarships and awards for excellence in your individual disciplines.

I am grateful to my faculty colleagues for the unwavering support they provided you and for their outstanding mentorship. The virtual environment did not diminish their commitment to your academic success.

Your achievements reflect your tenacity and an ability to thrive during unprecedented circumstances. As you review this recognition booklet that seeks to capture your successes, be proud of yourselves as we are very proud of you.

Sincerely,



Karin Elliott Brown, Ph.D.

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 the 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.

Tehmine Baghdasaryan
Management
Faculty Mentor: **Mohamed Hassan Award**
Bio: Tehmine's research in the academic field of entrepreneurship has attracted attention from scholars since Joseph Schumpeter's The Theory of Economic Development (1934). Tehmine is interested in innovative opportunities and their relation to profit, capital, credit, interest and business cycle. She would like to research forms of organizations that can originate from these opportunities, types of directions these organizations can take within the society and how they can trigger the political environment. Finally, as she is interested in "Theory of the World System", Tehmine wants to learn about the overall dynamics of entrepreneurship through the lens of world system theory. All these entrepreneurial theories and practices are progressively relevant to the economic development of a society in developed and developing countries. Based on her years of entrepreneurship experience, in both developed and developing countries, she realizes that entrepreneurial patterns exists in countries that are very different geographically, economically, socially and politically.

Sarra Ben Ghorbal
Sociology
Faculty Mentor: **Katie Dingeman**
Bio: Sarra's research attempts to capture the intersectionality of race, ethnicity, gender, and class in shaping the immigration experience, and its short to middle term outcomes. The study focuses on the voices of the underrepresented Muslim women immigrants and refugees, while illuminating their self-defined perspectives. Through a mixed-method study involving a survey and in-depth interviews with Muslim immigrant women, the research examines the complexity of interactions between race, ethnicity, language, and religion and its retro-amplifying, multi-dimensional effects on empowerment, integration, social and economic mobility of Muslim women immigrants in the US. Moreover, the study looks and analyzes the institutional structures supporting and/or impeding immigration experiences, interpretations of women's socioeconomic status over time as it relates to their personal empowerment and disempowerment on the one hand, and their reception by the American society on the other hand by examining how women situated at different intersectional axis points experience integration.

Jorge Cruz
Latin American Studies
Faculty Mentor: **Rafael Solorzano**
Bio: Jorge is examining the intersectionality of race, sexuality and class to investigate how queer people of color reimagine identity from a transnational and post-colonial perspective. Specifically, research focuses on the evolution of identity in the rural borderlands of Mexico and the United States, exploring how working-class queer men of color, both in Mexico and in the diaspora, challenge dominant notions of Mexican male identity through a de-colonial queer lens. Jorge has presented his research at various academic conferences, including the 2020 Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference at the University of Indiana and the 28th Annual Student Symposium at Cal State LA.

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Shelby Medina
Anthropology
Faculty Mentor: **René Vallanoweth**
Bio: Shelby's research explores the acquisition and processing of vertebrate taxa within the Santa Monica Mountains of Southern California. She is working on developing a more complete picture of the human-animal ecodynamics at play in this study area by examining species abundance within the excavated middens and their seasonally available, subsistence strategies demonstrated in oral histories and artifacts, and the taphonomy of the remains recovered from several sites. Due to the highly fragmented nature of her study materials, a major focus in her research is attempting to develop a profile on processing strategies, such as grease-extraction, and how they may differ across the region through time. In her doctoral studies she will continue pursuing similar themes in zoo archaeology and is particularly interested in sites located near the coast due to their susceptibility to damage and erasure by to both natural processes and human interferences.

Angela Patricia Navata
Psychology
Faculty Mentor: **Jessica Dennis**
Bio: Angela aims to expand research on the Filipino and Asian American community by focusing on the social, political, and economic issues that affect mental health. Her research will explore on colonial mentality, which corresponds to internalization of prejudices and feelings of inferiority resulting from colonialism. Attitudes such as condemning one's own culture and idealizing Western values are some of the responses associated with colonial mentality. Her master's thesis focuses on how colonial mentality is related to colorism and phenotypic bias among Filipino Americans, which in turn, is related to lower ethnic identity in this population. Angela is interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, with an emphasis on community-based research. Additionally, she intends to broaden her research interests to other under-represented Asian American communities to promote mental health help-seeking behaviors and the incorporation of culturally-based practices. She hopes her research will lead to greater cultural competence among clinicians.

Daniel Olivares-Zambrano
Biology
Faculty Mentor: **Andres Aguilar**
Bio: Daniel's current research interests broadly involve understanding how certain phenotypes are selected for organismal-environmental dynamics. Furthermore, he is interested in understanding how these interactions affect the function and evolution of individuals or populations of marine species. In the past Daniel has utilized experimental techniques to study coevolution of noxious newts and parasitic nematode interactions and the resistance the starlet sea anemone has to its own neurotoxins. He has also utilized MATLAB software to study coral pigmentation levels in Galapagos coral species. Currently he is using genomic techniques to scan through rockfish genomes to identify genes that may have had a significant role in their speciation. There are over a hundred species of rockfish and finding genomic evidence of speciation would contribute to the understanding of these events in the marine environment. Daniel has been using his research as an outreach tool to help increase underrepresented students in STEM fields.

Adiel Perez
Chemistry
Faculty Mentor: **Yong Ba**
Bio: Adiel's thesis is on the study of the physical mechanism of antifreeze proteins (AFPs) for developing the next generation of bio-mimicking antifreeze materials for biomedical applications, including cryopreservation of living cells, organs, tissues, etc. He uses the Site Directed Spin Labeling (SDSL) Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) method to probe the molecular details regarding the dynamic interactions of individual side chains of the amino acid residues of AFPs with the surrounding water and ice during the freezing, thawing, and recrystallization processes of AFP solutions. His research has contributed greatly in making the milestone to prove his hypothesis on the physical mechanism of AFPs' functions using the SDSL EPR method. He is now developing the next generation bio-mimicking antifreeze materials based on the theory of thermodynamics and kinetics of physical chemistry.

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Enrique Segura Carrillo
Physics
Faculty Mentor: **Oscar Bernal**
Bio: Enrique's research is about using NMR techniques to probe MOF samples and devices. I am working on automating experimental setup for fast temperature measurements as well as developing DFT-based simulations of a pair of copper ions to estimate electronic conditions of the MOF.

Kanique Thomas
Psychological Pathology from a Cross Cultural-Perspective
Faculty Mentor: **James Brady**
Bio: Kanique is investigating cross-cultural interventions for the reduction of emotional reactivity, specifically, anxious temperament (AT). AT, a trait expressed in early-life, is linked to the development of anxiety disorders. As these disorders increase in prevalence globally, her work in sorting predictive interventions that mitigate AT's progression holds heightened relevance. Born on St Kitts, she is aware of misapplied treatments due to lack of cultural sensitivity. She aims to analyze therapies from within and beyond western societies to discern culturally conscious treatments. Kanique developed a single-nuc RNA-seq protocol to identify AT output cells in the central extended amygdala (CeA). She intends to incorporate translative neuroscience findings which identify neural circuits associated with AT. Her goal, to discern minimally invasive interventions that incrementally reduce AT by promoting lasting adaptive/regulatory cognitive processes. Kanique is a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRF) awardee.

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

We have twenty-five (25) graduate students who have been accepted to PhD programs. These PhD Programs include Biomedical Sciences, Cell and Developmental Biology, Audiology, Education, Plant Physiology, Ethnic Studies, Linguistics, Geography and Immunology.

Fahad Ahmed
UC Merced
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Merced, CA

Hind Alajlan
Cal State LA & UCLA
Joint Doctoral Cal State LA and
UCLA Program in Special Education
Los Angeles, CA

Elizabeth Alvarado
Cal State LA
Doctor of Audiology
Los Angeles, CA

CSUN
Doctor of Audiology
Northridge, CA

Paula Ayala
UCLA
Chicana/o Studies and Central American Studies
Los Angeles, CA

UC Santa Barbara

UC Merced

UC Santa Cruz

University of Hawaii (Manoa)

Emily Bagan
University of WI-Madison
PhD in Audiology
Madison, WI

Abigail Calderon Garcia
Yale
History

USC

UCLA

Sandy Castaneda
Cal State LA
Doctor of Audiology
Los Angeles, CA

Angel Chavez
University of Minnesota
PhD in Math
Twin City, Minnesota

Jorge Cruz
UCLA
Chicana/o and Central American Studies
Los Angeles, CA

UC Santa Cruz

University of New Mexico

UC Davis

University of Oregon

Stephanie Morales Curiel
University of Oregon
PhD in Linguistics
Eugene, OR

Lizbeth Flores
UC Davis
PhD in Nutritional Biology

Nancy Flores
University of New Mexico
Sociology

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Regina Mae Francia
University of Illinois
PhD in Biological Sciences
Dekalb, IL

Amal Khan
Cal State LA
Doctor of Audiology
Los Angeles, CA

Jennifer Kissas
Cal State LA
Doctor of Audiology
Los Angeles, CA

Daisy Herrera
UC Riverside
History
Riverside, CA

Cherry Lee
Chapman University
PhD in Education
Orange, CA

Michelle De Luna
University of Oxford & UCLA
PhD in Geography and Environment
Oxfordshire, England

UCLA
PhD in Geography
Los Angeles, CA

Zambrano Olivares
USC
PhD in Marine Biology
& Biological Oceanography
Los Angeles, CA

Edgar Orozco
University of Montana
School of Psychology, PhD
Missoula, MT

Lindsey Ortega
UC San Diego
Communication
San Diego, CA

UC Santa Cruz

UC Irvine

Adiel Perez
Cal Tech
PhD in Chemistry
Pasadena, CA

Ivan Salladay-Perez
UCLA
Cell and Developmental Biology
Los Angeles, CA

Moises Ponce-Zepeda
USC
History
Los Angeles, CA

UC Riverside

UC Irvine

UC San Diego

Christian Ramirez
Indiana University Bloomington
History

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Arielle Steimer-Barragan
UC Irvine
PhD in History
Irvine, CA

Charissa Stone
Temple University
PhD in Media and Communication
Philadelphia, PA

Howard University
Communication Culture in
Media Studies
Washington, DC

Cindy Toscano
UC Davis
Immunology
Davis, CA

University of Iowa
Immunology
Iowa City, IA

Albert Einstein Medical College
Clinical Investigation
New York, NY

USC
Pharmaceutical and Translational Sciences
Los Angeles, CA

Giovanni Valladares
Ulm University
Plant Physiology
Ulm, Germany

Samantha Watson
Northern Arizona University
Bioinformatics
Flagstaff, AZ

Amanda White
Tulane University
Biomedical Sciences
New Orleans, LA

Mike Zandona
Cal State LA
Doctor of Audiology
Los Angeles, CA

CSUN
Doctor of Audiology
Northridge, CA

University of South Florida
PhD in Audiology
Tampa, Florida

University of Florida
PhD in Audiology
Gainesville, Florida

GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Graduate Equity Fellowship grant is designed to increase the number of graduate degrees awarded to economically disadvantage CSU students, especially those graduate students that are underrepresented among graduate degree recipients in their discipline and to those who are disabled. This year, twenty-three (23) 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 Ash-Cervantes
TESOL

Robert Montiel Ayala
Environmental Science

Brittany Banner
Education

Christian Benitez
Biology

Enrique Segura Carrillo
Physics

Lilian Chou
Biology

Jorge Cruz
Latin American Studies

Paola Delgado
Television, Film, and Media Studies

Rebecca Diaz
Art, MFA

Emily Gomez
Social Work

Sy Hearn
Curriculum and Instruction

Christina Iglesias
Anthropology

Sokdina Keo
School-Based Family Counseling

Anhsa Le
MBA

Myeongjin Lee
Mathematics

Edgar Orozco
Counseling

Sandy Powe
Healthcare Management/MBA

Noriko Smallwood
Environmental Sciences

Jocelyn Vargas
Social Work

Brian Waldo
Anthropology

Amanda White
Biology

NON-RESIDENT GRADUATE STUDENT TUITION 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 within 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, sixteen (16) students received the Non-Resident Graduate Student Tuition Fee Waiver.

Nilla Karin J. Dahlren
English

Fawaz Iqbal
Electrical Engineering

Jay Joshi
Information Systems

Hai Le
Accounting

Irene Ng
Information Systems

Jan Olsar
History

Dhruviben Patel
Information Systems

Stine Philippi
Biology

Sahar Rohanizeidanlou
Computer Science

Matthew Stephan
MFA in Television, Film, and Theater/Acting

Charissa Stone
Communication Studies

Sylwester Szymaszek
Political Science

Khan Taimoor
Information Systems

Liu Yilei
Bilingual Education

Leah Zander
Literature

Yushan Zhao
Child Development

TRAVEL SUPPORT GRANT RECIPIENTS

This year, twenty-five (25) graduate students received travel support through the Office of Graduate Studies (Student Success Fee funds) to present their work at a virtual conference 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.

The graduate students presenting who are funded through this program receive a partial reimbursement (up to 70%) of cost for travel, lodging, and conference registration in support of their presentation. The graduate students attending a conference for professional development receive a partial reimbursement (up to 50%) of cost for travel, lodging, and conference registration to attend the conference. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 all university travel has been restricted. Under these circumstances, the Office of Graduate Studies funded conference registrations (up to 100%) to graduate students who presented or attended a virtual conference.

Luis Alonso
English

Nicolas Alvear
Sociology

Eduardo Carreon
Psychology

Dyan Colligns Ralph
TESOL

Jessica Cruz
Special Education

Michelle De Luna
Geography

Marlene Figueroa
Psychology

Lauren Fischbacher
Special Education

Nicole Homerin
Special Education

Yoshimi Kono
Psychology

Ma Ledi Ham Loot
MBA

Joann Ly
Psychology

Sowmya Mareedu
Information Systems

Karolyn Maurer
Special Education

Evelyn Melendez
Psychology

Veronica Monarrez
Forensic Psychology

Claudia Ocholski
Psychology

Lee Seligmann
Communication Disorders

Arielle Steimer-Barragan
Latin American Studies

Mark Sullivan
TESOL

Minna Suomi
Psychology

Faye Tesoro
Psychology

Claire Weeks
Geospatial Science

Chiwei Yu
Psychology

Abigail Zulueta
Electrical Engineering

CULMINATING PROJECT FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

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 receive reimbursement for approved supplies, equipment, and services. This academic year fourteen (14) culminating projects were funded to support a wide range of topics such as: “Disruption in the Nursery: Defenses, palatability and mimicry of local Californian sea slug”; “Political Identification: Associations with Knowledge of and Attitudes toward Immigrants”; “Walls: An Actors Journey into auteurship during COVID-19 Global Pandemic Using Cinematic Narrative for Socio-Political Cognizance”; “Transnational Implications of Local Ideas: How Tenants Impact Los Angeles' Built Environment; and “Exploit This! The Complete History of Exploitation Cinema in America”.

Tehmine Baghdasaryan
Management
"Effectuation in High-Tech New Venture”
Faculty Mentor: **Mashid Jessri**

Caren Castleman
Counseling
"On the State of Applied Behavior Analysis Services provided to children from Bilingual and Monolingual (non-English) homes”
Faculty Mentor: **Michelle Wallace**

Eric Eichelberger
Television, Film, and Theater
"Exploit This! The Complete History of Exploitation Cinema in America”
Faculty Mentor: **Stephen Rothman**

Melissa Gonzalez
Audiology
"Quality of Personal Sound Amplification Product Dependent upon price”
Faculty Mentor: **Miwako Hisagi**

Faviola Limas Gonzalez
Psychology
"Knowledge and Attitude Towards Evolution”
Faculty Mentor: **Heidi Riggio**

Joel Martin
TVFT
"Walls: An Actors Journey into auteurship during COVID-19 Global Pandemic Using Cinematic Narrative for Socio-Political Cognizance”
Faculty Mentor: **Heather Fipps**

Anthony Morales
Anthropology
"The Archaeology of the Rose Valley Site (CA-INY-1799)”
Faculty Mentor: **James Brady**

Ivan Pantaleon
Information Systems
"Participation in Creative Activity for the United States Department of Defense Program to build autonomous and AI capable drone to aide wildfire response: Program name: "Beat the Blaze”
Faculty Mentor: **Nanda Ganesa**

Jayson Pineda
Mechanical Engineering
"The Union of Traditional Ceramic and Contemporary Technological Construction Processes”
Faculty Mentor: **Luis Bermudez**

Moises Ponce-Zepeda
History
"Transnational Implications of Local Ideas: How Tenants Impact Los Angeles' Built Environment”
Faculty Mentor: **Enrique Ochoa**

Yu Sun
Music
"On Both Sides Of The Console”
Faculty Mentor: **Adam Snow**

Melissa Venegas
Psychology
"Political Identification: Associations with Knowledge of and Attitudes toward Immigrants”
Faculty Mentor: **Heidi Riggio**

Paige Weiss
Biology
"Disruption in the Nursery: Defenses, Palatability and Mimicry of Local Californian Sea Slug”
Faculty Mentor: **Patrick Krug**

Yushan Zhao
Child Development
"The Relationship between Hookup Behaviors and Family Structure among Asian American Young Adults in the United States”
Faculty Mentor: **Jessica Dennis**

AUTHORS ON PUBLICATIONS

This year, department chairs and faculty recommended for acknowledgement eleven (11) graduate students who have published their work.

Ivan Carlo Alberto
Economics
"Too Hot or Too Cold to Study? The effect of temperature on student time allocation"

Nicole Aniceto
Public Health
"Pandemic Privileges: A Student's Perspective" Aniceto, N. B. (2021). Pandemic Privilege: A Student's Perspective. American Journal of Public Health, 11, 582-583.

Emeline Beltran
Communication Studies
"Communication and Competencies across Undergraduate BSN Programs and Curricula" Wittenberg, E., Goldsmith, J. V., Prince-Paul, M., & Beltran, E. (In press). Communication and competencies across undergraduate BSN programs and curricula. Journal of Nursing Education.

Angel Chavez
Mathematics
"Optimal Radio-k-Labeling for Trees" Chavez, Liu, Shurman, European Journal of Combinatorics, Vol 91 (2021), 130203, 13p.

Michelle De Luna
Geosciences & Environment
"Atmospheric Rivers and Precipitation in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)" Massoud, E., Massoud, T., Guan. B., Sengupta, A., Espinoza, V., De Luna, M., Raymond, C., and D. Waliser. Atmospheric Rivers in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Water, 2020.

Adaly Garcia
Chemistry and Biochemistry
"Plasmonic imaging of Oxidation and Reduction of Single Gold Nanoparticles and Their Surface Structural Dynamics" Garcia, A., Wang, S., Tao, N., Shan, X., and Wang, Y. Plasmonic imaging of Oxidation and Reduction of Single Gold Nanoparticles and Their Surface Structural Dynamics. ACS Sens. 2021, 6(2) 502–507.

Kimmy Moon
Public Health
"Scams come to life during deadly pandemic" Moon. K. (2021). Scams come to life during deadly pandemic. Medical Care Blog. Accessed: https://www.themedicalcareblog.com/scams-during-pandemic/

Jesus Ruiz
Chemistry and Biochemistry
"Exploring the anharmonic vibrational structure of carbon dioxide trimers" Ruiz, J., Misa, K., Seshappan, A., Keçeli2, M., and Sode, O. (2021). Exploring the anharmonic vibrational structure of carbon dioxide trimers. The Journal of Chemical Physics.

Shradha Shinde
Information Systems
"COVID-19: Forecasting Cases & Fatalities" Shradha Shinde, Jay Joshi, Sowmya Mareedu, Yeon Pyo Kim and Jongwook Woo, "COVID-19: Forecasting Cases & Fatalities", The Eleventh Annual Post-ICIS KrAIS Research Workshop 2020, Virtual Conference, Dec 2020

Mark Sullivan
TESOL
"100 Sample TOEFL Essays" the title is in Chinese: 托福写作话题满分范文], Dolphin Press, 2018

Samantha Watson
Biological Sciences
"The experimental manipulation of atmospheric drought: Teasing out the role of microclimate in biodiversity experiments" Aguirre, B. A., Hsieh, B., Watson, S. J. & Wright, A. J. The experimental manipulation of atmospheric drought: Teasing out the role of microclimate in biodiversity experiments. J Ecol (2021) doi:10.1111/1365-2745.13595.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

This year, one hundred twelve (112) graduate students have virtually presented their work at a professional and academic conference.

Gabriel Acosta
Psychology
Topic Title: *"My Instructor Made Me Do It: Challenges and Supports Impacting Persistence in First-Generation* "
Topic Title: *"College, Cash, or COVID-19? Proximal & Ditsal Stressors Impacting College Students of Color"*
Conference: College Students Western Psychological Association, 2021, April 2021

Topic Title: *"Gendered Paths to College Persistence: Predictors Differ for Men and Women"*
Conference: American Psychological Society, 2021, May 2021

Luis Alonso
English
Topic Title: *"Easter Eggs in Oz: An Illusion of the American Dream"*
Conference: Children's Literature Association 2021, June 2021

Elizabeth Alvarado
Communication Disorders
Topic Title: *"Spanish-English Bilinguals & English Monolinguals Linguistic vs. Non-linguistic tasks"*
Topic Title: *"Bilingual lips: Motor processing of second-language words"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities, March 2021

Topic Title: *"Online Assessment of Speech Intelligibility and Comprehension in Spanish-English Bilinguals"*
Conference: The Fifth International Meeting on Internet & Audiology, May 2021

Topic Title: *"The role of auditory processing in speech perception of Spanish-English bilinguals of varying age"*
Conference: American Academy of Audiology (AAA) Annual Convention. April 2021

Nicolas Alvear
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Virtual Activism in Chile through COVID-19"*
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association, March 2021

Topic Title: *"Virtual Activism in Chile through COVID-19" Virtual Activism in Chile through COVID-19*
Conference: IV International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology/ "Rethinking Politics in Latin America" February 2021

Maira Anaya-Lopez
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Unpacking Colonial Mentality In Relations to Ethnic Identity of Filipino Americans"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities, March 2021

Kristina Arellano-Chun
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"Stages of Love (Top 12 Great Ideas for Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S) Poster)"*
Conference: 2020 National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2020

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Rebecca Ash-Cervantes
TESOL - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Topic Title: *"Language Identity and Economic Outcomes in Spanish Bilinguals"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
March 2021

Alicia Batice
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"The Relationship Between Microaggressions and Black Students' Retention Rates"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
March 2021

Michael Baum
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Negative Beliefs About Immigrants to the U.S.: Links with Right-Wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation, and Religiosity"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
March 2021

Emeline Beltran
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"The Relationship Between Microaggressions and Black Students' Retention Rates"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
March 2021

Sanjana Boddireddy
Information Systems
Topic Title: *"Big Data Analysis and Visualization of Airbnb Listings Dataset"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
March 2021

Jessica Bradt
Applied and Advanced Studies in Education
Topic Title: *"Professional Development for Adjunct Faculty in Educational Technology"*
Conference: International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)
November 2021

Eduardo Carreon
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Undocu-Identity: Exploring and Advancing Undocumented, Identity Models"*
Conference: 2021 Western Psychological Association, April 2021

Topic Title: *"Exploring Invisibility and Colonial Mentality among Asian Americans and Latino/as"*
Conference: 2020 Western Psychological Association, October 2020

Topic Title: *"Sampling and Construct Equivalence in Measurement With Research on Latinx: A Content Analysis"*
Conference: 2020 American Psychological Association, August 2020

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Herbert Castillo
Chemistry with Biochemistry Option
Topic Title: *"Hydrolysis of a Nerve Agent Simulant using Metal-Organic Framework Composites"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Anthony Castro
Organic Chemistry
Topic Title: *"Exploring Chemoresistant Pathways Mediated by Darpp-32/t-Darpp"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Jamila Cervantes
Public Health
Topic Title: *"Food Security in East Los Angeles"*
Conference: Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship Virtual Forum, April 2021

Jonathan Chacon
Biology
Topic Title: *"Concurrent Activation of AMPK and mTOR Through Suppression of the Mitochondrial Adenylate Kinase 4"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Angel Chavez
Mathematics
Topic Title: *"K-shifted Antimagic Labeling"*
Conference: PCC PI Day Conference, March 2021
Topic Title: *"Angimagic Labelings of Graphs"*
Conference: Northern California Undergraduate Math Conference, April 2021

Cindy Chen
Environmental Science
Topic Title: *"Growing an Equitable Future for L.A. Using GIS"*
Conference: Los Angeles Citywide Data Collaborative, April 2021

Thessaly Constante
Psychology
Topic Title: 'Exploring Invisibility and Colonial Mentality among Asian Americans and Latino/as"
Conference: 2020 Western Psychological Association, October 2020

Topic Title: 'Sampling and Construct Equivalence in Measurement With Research on Latinx: A Content Analysis"
Conference: 2020 American Psychological Association, August 2020

Sandy Cordon
Communication Disorder
Topic Title: "`*Bilingual lips: Motor processing of second-language words"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Jacob Correa
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Sports integration and its affects on athlete's futures"*
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association, March 2021

Jessica Cruz
Ph.D. in Special Education
Topic Title: *"Mentoring Special Education Clear Credential Candidates: Impact on Perceived Workload Manageability"*
Topic Title: *"New Teachers' Perspectives on Good Teaching"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Michelle De Luna
Geosciences and Environment
Topic Title: *"Tropical Atmospheric Rivers"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021
Conference: American Meteorological Society's 2021 Annual Meeting, January 2021

Topic Title: *"A Synoptic-Scale Analysis of Tropical Atmospheric Rivers"*
Conference: International Atmospheric River Conference (IARC) Annual Symposium, October 2020

Melissa Deleon
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"DPAC Said What?"*
Conference: 2020 National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2020

Louis Diaz
Mathematics
Topic Title: *"Relation of Ramsey Theory, Algebraic Topology, and the Spectra of Rings"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Weston Ding
Education Technology and Leadership
Topic Title: *"CBEST Math Prep: An Enlightened Justice Approach to Math Exam Success"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities April 2021

Deedhiti Dola
Public Health
Topic Title: *"Healthy Cities Toolbox"*
Conference: Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship Virtual Forum, April 2021

Jason Downs
English
Topic Title: *"Identity Construction and Mass Media's Effect on Identity Construction"*
Conference: Children's Literature Association 202, June 2021

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Justin Enriquez
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Instagram and a Sense of Social Belonging"*
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association, March 2021

Christopher Fennessy
History
Topic Title: *""The Most Amazing Chapter in the Southland's History": Mythmaking and Boosterism in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Marlene Figueroa
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Masturbation attitudes and experiences as a function of ethnicity"*
Conference: Western Psychological Association (WPA), March 2021

Lizbeth Flores
Nutritional Science
Topic Title: *"Investigating the Effects of d- δ Tocotrienol on Breast Cancer Cells"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Rocio Flores
Sociology
Topic Title: *"How do Former Foster Youth Experiences Affect their Education"*
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association, March 2021
Topic Title: *"COVID-19 and the Establishment of Social Connectivity"*
Conference: The Dialectic of Space: Communities, Capitalism & Pandemics Social Theory Conference, April 2020

Regina Mae Francia
Biological Sciences
Topic Title: *"Microclimate amelioration: an across system comparison"*
Conference: American Naturalist Virtual Conference, January 2021

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Adaly Garcia
Chemistry
Topic Title: *"Plasmonic imaging of electrochemical reactions at individual Prussian blue nanoparticles "*
Conference: 2020 PREM Virtual Mini-Retreat, August 2020
Conference: ACS Fall 2020 Virtual Meeting, August 2020

Topic Title: *"Monitoring Membranous-level toxicity of particulate matter on A549 epithelial lung cells using scanning ion conductance microscopy"*
Conference: The 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Topic Title: *"Plasmonic imaging of reduction of hydrogen peroxide at individual Prussian blue nanoparticles"*
Conference: The 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021
Conference: The 34th Annual CSU Student Research Competition, April 2021

Salvador Guzman
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"Reassessing the Role of Online Relational Narratives on Partner Behavior: A Proposed Study"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021
Topic Title: *"Are Pictures Worth More Than Words?"*
Conference: 2020 National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2020

Andy Guzman
Mechanical Engineering
Topic Title: *"Process for FSAE Tire Selection"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities, March 2021

Mikayla Holzinger
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"The Relationship Between Macroaggressions and Black Students' Retention Rates"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities, March 2021

Nicole Homerin
Counseling
Topic Title: *"The Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool for Children with Multiple Disabilities: A Review of the Literature"*
Conference: Council for Exceptional Children Live Virtual Conference, March 2021

Christina Iglesias
Anthropology
Topic Title: *"Interpreting a Subterranean Feature at Chichen Itza"*
Conference: Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 2021

Murat Ince
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Disclosure of Status: When, How, and to Whom do Student Veterans Disclose their Status?"*
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association, March 2021

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Cody Ising
Mechanical Engineering
Topic Title: *"Computational design of sensitized combustion chemistry experiments"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Fernando Jauregui
History
Topic Title: *"The Juice of Creation: Hearing Tupi Voices in European Sources, Sixteenth-Century Brazil"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Martha Joya
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Domestic Violence during COVID-19"*
Conference: The Dialectic of Space: Communities, Capitalism & Pandemics Social Theory Conference, April 2020

Topic Title: *"Abolition Sociology"*
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association, November 2020

Nina Khawam
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Attitudes toward Guns: Relations with Accurate Knowledge and NRA Membership"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Shilpa Konde Deshmukh
Information Systems
Topic Title: *"Big Data Analysis and Visualization of Airbnb Listings Dataset"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Shuvadeep Kundu
Information Systems
Topic Title: *"Iowa Liquor Sales Predictive Analysis"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Edward Kunkle
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"Cross the Road!"*
Conference: 2020 National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2020

Sharon Lanre-Orepo
Psychology
Topic Title: *"My Instructor Made Me Do It: Challenges and Supports Impacting Persistence in First-Generation College Students"*
Conference: Western Psychological Association, 2020, October 2020
Conference: Western Psychological Association, 2021, April 2021

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Parker Le
Mathematics
Topic Title: *"Antimagic Labeling for Graphs"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021
Conference: PCC PI Day Conference, March 2021
Conference: Northern California Undergraduate Math Conference, April 2021

Philip Levin
Physics
Topic Title: *"Gravitons and Black Holes"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Faviola Limas Gonzalez
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Knowledge of and Attitudes Toward Evolution: A Persuasion Experiment"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Jin Ping Lin
Mechanical Engineering
Topic Title: *"Manganese and Copper chloride Neutral pH Aqueous Flow Battery"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Reilly Loayza
Latin American Studies
Topic Title: *"The Garden of Music: The Body, the Land, and Social Repair"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Valerie Longo
English
Topic Title: *"Creating Our Own Light: Harry Potter's Fan-Generated Realm of Queer Possibility"*
Conference: Children's Literature Association 2021, June 2021

Yuliana Lopez
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Self-efficacy as a romantic relationship partner: Links with Sexual attitudes and Self-esteem"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Joann Ly
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Self-Efficacy as a Romantic Relationship Partner: Sexual Attitudes and Outcomes"*
Topic Title: *"Self-efficacy as a romantic relationship partner: Links with Sexual attitudes and Self-esteem"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Cristal Machuca
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"Reassessing the Role of Online Relational Narratives on Partner Behavior: A Proposed Study"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Topic Title: *"Guess Our Pattern!"*
Conference: 2020 National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2020

Jeannette Marroquin
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"Cereal Box Activity"*
Conference: 2020 National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2021

Erik Martinez
Biology
Topic Title: *"Developing a Protocol to Assess Dormancy Induction in Mycobacterium smegmatis"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Brian Martinez
Materials Science and Engineering
Topic Title: *"Thiol-Substituted Porphyrin 2D MOF Thin Films for Solid State Dye Sensitized Solar Cells"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Monica Martinez-Zepeda
Mathematics
Topic Title: *"Ramsey Theory and Potential Applications"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Evelyn Melendez
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Undocu-Identity: Exploring and Advancing Undocumented Identity Models"*
Conference: 2021 Western Psychological Association, April 2021

Topic Title: *"Exploring Invisibility and Colonial Mentality among Asian Americans and Latino/as"*
Conference: 2021 Western Psychological Association, October 2020

Topic Title: *"Sampling and Construct Equivalence in Measurement With Research on Latinx: A Content Analysis"*
Conference: 2021 Western Psychological Association, August 2020

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Alex Mochizuki
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Coronavirus Conflict: The Challenge of Space and Roles"*
Conference: The Dialectic of Space: Communities, Capitalism & Pandemics Social Theory Conference, April 2020

Topic Title: *"Pandemics and the People: The Effects of the Coronavirus Among Asian-Americans"*
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association, March 2021

Samyuktha Muralidharan
Information Systems
Topic Title: *"Big Data Analysis and Visualization of Airbnb Listings Dataset"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Angela Navata
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Unpacking Colonial Mentality In Relations to Ethnic Identity of Filipino Americans"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Amirr Neal
Mechanical Engineering
Topic Title: *"Investigating the Effects of Prompt Dissociation on Methoxy (CH3O) Radical Decomposition at High Temperature"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Daniel Olivares-Zambrano
Biological Sciences
Topic Title: *"Finding the right home: Depth as a driver of speciation in the genus Sebastes"*
Conference: Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, February 2021
Conference: Western Society of Naturalists, November 2020
Conference: Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science, October 2020

Jan Olsar
History
Topic Title: ""*No More Caesars and Despotism In These Days": The Reception Of The Franco-Prussian War And The Unification Of Germany (1870-71) By German Americans In Baltimore"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Joyce Paraico
Public Health
Topic Title: *"A Sustainable Approach to Keeping Families Housed"*
Conference: Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship Virtual Forum, April 2020

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Ankita Paul
Information Systems
Topic Title: *"Iowa Liquor Sales Predictive Analysis"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Gabriela Perez
Psychology, Psychological Research
Topic Title: *"Racial Models of Vaping and the Influence of Mothers' Work"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Cristian Ramirez
History
Topic Title: *"Long Distance Trading on the Pacific Coasts of the Americas During Pre-Columbian Times"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Raam Ravi
Sociology
Topic Title: *"The Effects of Affordable Housing On Mental Health"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021
Topic Title: *"How Does One's Housing Situation Affect One's Mental Health?"*
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association, March 2021

Topic Title: *"Housing and Mental Health as Human Rights"*
Conference: 2021 Significations Conference, Presented by the English Graduate Student Association at Cal State LA**,** March 2021

John Reid
Music
Topic Title: *"Improvised Mixed Meter in American Folk Music"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Arnaldo Rendon
Mechanical Engineering
Topic Title: *"Improvised Mixed Meter in American Folk Music"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Janina Rincon-Radillo
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Theories in Sociology"*
Conference: Rio Hondo, November 2020

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Jennifer Robles
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Unpacking Colonial Mentality In Relations to Ethnic Identity of Filipino Americans"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Alexis Ruiz
Mechanical Engineering
Topic Title: *"Reinforcement Learning Control of a Humanoid Robot"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Jacqueline Samols
Communication Disorder
Topic Title: "`*Bilingual lips: Motor processing of second-language words"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Nicola San Juan
Social Work
Topic Title: "`*Resident Rights in Skilled Nursing Facilities: Issues with America's Long-term Care Programs"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Jodi Scofield
Latin American Studies
Topic Title: "`*Indigeneity, Sovereignty, Belonging"*
Conference: Everyday Anarchy: Everyday Resistance During a Pandemic of Unrest, U of Texas March 2021

Sheila Seño
Public Health
Topic Title: "`*Caregiver Resources and Health Communication Tools"*
Conference: Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship Virtual Forum, April 2021

Shradha Shinde
Information Systems
Topic Title: "`*COVID-19: Forecasting Cases & Fatalities"*
Conference: The Eleventh Annual Post-ICIS KrAIS Research Workshop 2020, Virtual Conference, December 2020

Alberto Smith
Chemistry
Topic Title: *"The Modification of Metal-Organic Frameworks for Drug Delivery"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Luis Sotillo
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Abolition Sociology"*
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association, March 2021

Taya Stewart Mounkam
Information Systems
Topic Title: *"E-Commerce Behavioral Analysis"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021
Topic Title: *"Exploring the use of Catboats for the Education and Self-care Management of Patients with Alcoholic Liver Disease"*
Conference: Northeast Decision Sciences Institute 50th Annual Conference 2021, March 2021

Arielle Steimer-Barragán
Latin American Studies
Topic Title: ""*María de Sansoric, Paradigmatic Example of a Woman Printer in 16th Century New Spain*""
Conference: Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies 68th Annual Conference, March 2021

Charissa Stone
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"Check your Privilege"*
Conference: 2020 National Communication Association Annual Convention, March 2021

Monic Swaby
Forensic Psychology
Topic Title: "`*Eyewitness Performance for Lineups and Showups under Field vs. Laboratory Conditions"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Slywester Szymaszek
Political Studies
Topic Title: *"Surging Appetite for Authoritarianism and the Paradoxically Congenial Environment Within the European Union: The Deteriorating Quality of Democracy"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Taraneh Tabatabai
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"The Relationship Between Microaggressions and Black Students' Retention Rates"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Ommay Tahera
Civil Engineering
Topic Title: *"Modeling Surface and Sub-surface Flow and Integrating Green Infrastructures to Enhance"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Cindy Toscano
Biology
Topic Title: *"Proinflammatory Cytokines Increase Antimicrobial Peptide Human Beta Defensin-2 Expression in Alveolar Type II Cells and May Augment Antimicrobial Lipid Production"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Bryce Van Ross
Mathematics
Topic Title: *"Ramsey Theory and Potential Applications"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Alyn Vasquez
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Educated Women Delaying Motherhood or Not Considering it all"*
Conference: Far West Popular and American Culture Associations, February 2021

Jonathan Vellanoweth
Environmental Science: Geospatial Science
Topic Title: *"Application of Remote Sensing for Monitoring Thermal Pollution of Nuclear Power Plants"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Melissa Venegas
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Political Identification and Strength of Identification Associations with Knowledge about Immigrants and Attitudes toward Immigrants"*
Topic Title: *"Negative Beliefs About Immigrants to the U.S.: Links with Right-Wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation, and Religiosity"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Claire Villanueva-Weeks
Environmental Science, Geospatial Science
Topic Title: *"Validation of SMAP Level 3 soil moisture data products using ground-based measurements at agricultural sites"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Roberta Villalta
Communication Disorder
Topic Title: *"Life in Graduate School: The Adventure!"*
Conference: CSUDH Student Research Conference, March 2021

Topic Title: *"Student Forum 1: Move Beyond Conversations. Fostering Diversity & Inclusion at the University Level"*
Conference: California Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CSHA) Annual Convention, March 2021

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Navaneeth Visagan
Information Systems
Topic Title: *"Tackling Alzheimer's Disease with Low Code Technology"*
Conference: Northeast Decision Sciences Institute 50th Annual Conference 2021, March 2021

Pauline Wang
Special Education and Counseling
Topic Title: *"College Students' Perceptions of Peers with Autism: Replication and Extension"*
Conference: National Association of School Psychology (NASP), February 2021

Samantha Watson
Biological Sciences
Topic Title: *"Drought effects on plant functional traits in a California Native grass experiment"*
Conference: American Naturalist Virtual Conference, January 2021

Bukie Williams
Psychology
Topic Title: *"Sampling and Construct Equivalence in Measurement With Research on Latinx: A Content Analysis"*
Conference: 2020 American Psychological Association, August 2020

Topic Title: *"Exploring Invisibility and Colonial Mentality among Asian Americans and Latino/as"*
Conference: 2020 Western Psychological Association, October 2020

Janty Woojuh
Biochemistry
Topic Title: *"Comparative Analysis of Novel CRISPR-Edited Lipid Transfer Protein Genes in Arabidopsis thaliana and Oryza sativa."*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

Michael Zandona
Communication Disorders
Topic Title: *"Perception of temporally-contrasted Japanese words by Spanish-English bilinguals and American English monolinguals."*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
Conference: Acoustic Society of America (ASA) Annual Convention, December 2020

Yushan Zhao
Child Development
Topic Title: *"Predictors of Hookup Behaviors among Chinese Americans in the United States: Using a Cultural Lens"*
Conference: Cal State LA's 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities March 2021

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, PERFORMANCES, & EXHIBITS

This academic year, thirteen (13) graduate students showcased their talents through special presentations, competitions, exhibits, films and performances.

Ivan Carlo Alberto
Economics
Topic Title: *"Too Hot or Too Cold to Study? The effect of temperature on student time allocation"*
Faculty Mentor: **Xiaohan Zhang**

Luis Alonso
English
Topic Title: *"Poetry Projects in Progress"*
Center for Contemporary Poetry and Poetics, April 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Andrew Knighton**

Mayra Carillo
Healthcare Management
Topic Title: *"Prospects in the Inland Empire: Growth Strategy"*
American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) College Bowl: 2021 Statewide Case Study, April 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Andre Avramchuk**

Leiza Castillo
English
Topic Title: *"Poetry Projects in Progress"*
Center for Contemporary Poetry and Poetics, April 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Andre Avramchuk**

Kevin Jay Ilejay
Management
Topic Title: *"UCLA Health: A Long Term Strategy for Telehealth"*
UCLA Healthcare Management Case Competition 2021, Jan 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Mengying He**

Ma Ledi Ham Loot
Management
Topic Title: *"UCLA Health: A Long Term Strategy for Telehealth"*
UCLA Healthcare Management Case Competition 2021, Jan 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Mengying He**

Emmanuel Okosisi
Management
Topic Title: *"UCLA Health: A Long Term Strategy for Telehealth"*
UCLA Healthcare Management Case Competition 2021, Jan 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Mengying He**

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Amelia Ramirez
Healthcare Management
Topic Title: *"Prospects in the Inland Empire: Growth Strategy"*
American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) College Bowl: 2021 Statewide Case Study, April 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Roger Mendoza**

Amy Robb
English
Topic Title: *"Poetry Projects in Progress"*
Center for Contemporary Poetry and Poetics, April 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Andrew Knighton**

Sabrina Sakay
Healthcare Management
Topic Title: *"Prospects in the Inland Empire: Growth Strategy"*
American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) College Bowl: 2021 Statewide Case Study, April 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Barrington Hunt**

Shradha Shinde
Information Systems
Topic Title: *"AdClick Project"*
Wider Planet Inc. in South Korea, Sept. 2020
Faculty Mentor: **Jongwook Woo**

Gerico Soller
Healthcare Management
Topic Title: *"Prospects in the Inland Empire: Growth Strategy"*
American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) College Bowl: 2021 Statewide Case Study, April 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Barrington Hunt**

Alicia Ybarra
Healthcare Management
Topic Title: *"UCLA Health: A Long Term Strategy for Telehealth"*
UCLA Healthcare Management Case Competition 2021, Jan 2021
Faculty Mentor: **Mengying He**

CAL STATE LA GRAD DELEGATES FOR THE CSU STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

Thirteen (13) 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 30 – May 1, 2021 at Cal Poly Pomona. 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 Chemistry, Audiology, and Biochemistry.

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Elizabeth Alvarado
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Audiology Assistant
Research Title: *" Bilingual lips: Motor processing of second-language words"*
Faculty Mentor: **Beatriz Barragan**

Sandy Cordon
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Audiology Assistant
Research Title: *" Bilingual lips: Motor processing of second-language words"*
Faculty Mentor: **Beatriz Barragan**

Jan Olsar
M.A. History
Research Title: *" "No More Caesars And Despotism In These Days": The Reception Of The Franco-Prussian War And The Unification Of Germany (1870-71) By German Americans In Baltimore"*
Faculty Mentor: **Sara Pugach**

Jaqueline Samols
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Audiology Assistant
Research Title: *" Bilingual lips: Motor processing of second-language words"*
Faculty Mentor: **Beatriz Barragan**

Michael Zandona
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Audiology Assistant
Research Title: *" Bilingual lips: Motor processing of second-language words"*
Faculty Mentor: **Beatriz Barragan**

CAL STATE LA GRAD DELEGATES FOR THE CSU STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

Biological Sciences

Janty Woojuh
M.S. Biochemistry
Research Title: *" Comparative Analysis of Novel CRISPR-Edited Lipid Transfer Protein Genes in Arabidopsis thaliana and Oryza sativa"*
Faculty Mentor: **Robert Vellanoweth**

Engineering, Physical, and Computer Science

Adaly Garcia
M.S. Chemistry
Research Title: *" Plasmonic imaging of reduction of hydrogen peroxide at individual Prussian blue nanoparticles."*
Faculty Mentor: **Yixian Wang**

Alberto Smith
M.S. Chemistry
Research Title: *" The Modification of Metal-Organic Frameworks for Drug Delivery."*
Faculty Mentor: **Yangyang Liu**

Business, Humanities, and Arts

Christopher Fennessy
M.A. History
Research Title: *" "The Most Amazing Chapter in the Southland's History": Mythmaking and Boosterism in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics."*
Faculty Mentor: **Christopher Endy**

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 form various institutions to further their research and professional experience in their fields. Graduate students also won academic and artistic competitions.

Richa Adhikari
Public Health
Phi Kapa Phi Honor Award
Faculty Mentor: **Melanie Sabado-Liwag**

Gustavo Aldana
TVFM
Topic Title: *"Connecting Beyond the Physical: Livestreaming and Digital Drag Shows"*
75th Conference of the University Film and Video
Faculty Mentor: **Susan Regan**

Elizabeth Alvarado
Audiology
Outstanding presentation award at the 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
Faculty Mentor: **Beatriz Barragan**

Nicolas Alvear
Sociology
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society
2020 Legacy Scholarship Recipient- Region 9 Head Start Association
Faculty Mentor: **Louis Esparza**

Sandra Hernandez Andrade
Industrial Management
First Place, SourceAmerica Design Challenge 2021 (Team 3002 Zeno Effect)
Faculty Mentor: **Paul Liu**

Jonathan Chacon
Biology
Concurrent Activation of AMPK and mTOR Through Suppression of the Mitochondrial Adenylate Kinase 4
Faculty Mentor: **Nathan Lanning**

Angel Chavez
Mathematics
Three-year College of Science and Engineering Fellowship, U of Minnesota
Faculty Mentor: **Daphne Liu**

SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Cindy Chen
Environmental Science
Los Angeles Urban Research Fellow
Faculty Mentor: **Michael Beland**

Luis Contreras
Communication Studies
Marcela Oberle Scholarship
Faculty Mentor: **Andrew Knighton**

Sandy Cordon
Audiology
Outstanding presentation award at the 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
Faculty Mentor: **Beatriz Barragan**

Jorge Cruz
Latin American Studies
Fulbright Scholarship
Cota Robles Fellowship
New World Scholarship
Faculty Mentor: **Ericka Verba**

Luis Diaz
Mathematics
Outstanding presentation award at the
29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
Poster Exhibits
Faculty Mentor: **Jose Mijares-Palacios**

Dola Deedhiti
Public Health
James M. Rosser Graduate Fellowship
Faculty Mentor: **Melanie-Sabado-Liwag**

Maria Ivy Esters
History
CSU Foundation's Glenn and Dorothy Dumke Fellowship
Faculty Mentor: **Mark Wild**

Christopher Fennessy
History
Outstanding presentation award at the
29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
Faculty Mentor: **Christopher Endy**

SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Marlene Figueroa
Psychology
William Hobson and Evelyn Troup Fund Scholarship

Rocio Flores
Sociology
Sociology Honors

Taniform Foryoung
Management
First Runner Up: International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition
Faculty Mentor: **Laura Whitcomb**

Adaly Garcia
Chemistry
1st Place Overall Oral Presentation 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities
Faculty Mentor: **Yixian Wang**

Sara Godinez
Latin American Studies
New World Scholarship

Martha Joya
Sociology
Sociology Honors

Kimble Erin
Special Education and Counseling
NASP Minority Scholarship National Association of School Psychology Annual Convention
Faculty Mentor: **Leigh Ann Tipton-Fisler**

Parker Le
Mathematics
Outstanding presentation award at the
29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
Faculty Mentor: **Daphne Liu**

SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Thittinun Lettarnapong
Management
First Runner Up: International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition
Faculty Mentor: **Laura Whitcomb**

Ma Ledi Ham Loot
Management
Cal State LA Alumni Scholarship Award
Massey Scholarship
First Runner Up: International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition
Frank J. Desantis Scholarship
Faculty Mentor: **Laura Whitcomb**

Yuliana Lopez
Psychology
Outstanding presentation award at the
29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
Poster Exhibits
Faculty Mentor: **Heidi Riggio**

Joann Ly
Psychology
Outstanding presentation award at the
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Poster Exhibits
Faculty Mentor: **Heidi Riggio**

Ma Quyen
Accounting
First Runner Up: International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition
Faculty Mentor: **Laura Whitcomb**

Isaac Marroquin
Management
First Runner Up: International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition
Faculty Mentor: **Laura Whitcomb**

Sofia Mas
Ed Leadership Technology
AP Fellows Scholarship 2021

Evelyn Melendez
Psychology
Phi Kappa Phi

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Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

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Davis-Putter Scholarship

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Stephanie Pineda
Latin American Studies
New World Scholarship
Emeriti Association Fellowship
Samuel Freeman Scholarship

Bhumi Ramani
Management
First Runner Up: International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition
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Sahar Rohanizeidanlou
Computer Science
First Place, SourceAmerica Design Challenge 2021 (Team 3002 Zeno Effect)
Faculty Mentor: **Paul Liu**

Albany Salcedo
Psychology
William Hobson and Evelyn Troup Fund Scholarship

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Faculty Mentor: **Beatriz Barragan**

Luis Sotillo
Sociology
Alpha Kappa Delta
Faculty Mentor: **Kristen Hourigan Discola**

Mark Sullivan
TESOL
Friends of the School of Education
Alice Watkins
University of Pennsylvania, Linguistic Data Consortium fee-waived access to ETS Corpus TOEFL 11

Cindy Toscano
Psychology
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Poster Exhibits
Faculty Mentor: **Edith Porter**

Alyn Vasquez
Sociology
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors

Claire Villanueva-Weeks
Environment and Geosciences
Outstanding presentation award at the
29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
Faculty Mentor: **JingJing Li**

Michael Zandona
Audiology
Outstanding presentation award at the 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities
Faculty Mentor: **Beatriz Barragan**

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES

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

DR. MICHAEL CALABRESE
College of Arts and Letters
Department of English

Dr. Calabrese has mentored numerous graduate students, especially in his introductory course on graduate research and in the TA program. As an engaged mentor he emphasizes professionalism as an important part of their development as writers. He shares with them his own writings, his writing process and his professional experience as a published scholar. In recent years, he has mentored 25 graduate students who have presented their scholarly work, in-person or virtually, at professional conferences, such as the Annual Significations Graduate Student Conference and the Medieval Association of the Pacific Conference. He presented to the graduate student group "Writing Conversations" so that students could learn about the stages of writing and submitting peer reviewed work to professional journals. He also conducted professional development workshops on how to present at conferences, how to moderate at conferences, and how to write professional emails and letters of correspondence to other participants and invited speakers. He encourages his graduate students to pursue doctoral education and helps them with the application process. Several graduate students recommended Dr. Calabrese to be acknowledged for his outstanding mentorship.

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

Dr. Michael Calabrese is a much sought-after faculty member in the Department of English. He is able, as if by magic, to make the medieval literature about which he is expert accessible to our 21st Century students. As a result, the students he teaches in the classroom and mentors through their thesis projects learn to apply close reading and critical thinking skills not only to their academic work, but to all that they do. His students are fortunate to have his guidance. Congratulations!

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES

DR. LAURA WHITCOMB
College of Business and Economics
Department of Management

Dr. Whitcomb was nominated for the Faculty Mentor Award by six members of the Cal State LA International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition team. They attribute their success to her consistent expert guidance and support as their faculty advisor. Since 2015, she helped the ICBSC team prepare for ten competitions resulting in three first place awards and three first runner awards. Dr. Whitcomb is retiring after 38 years on faculty. She is leaving a legacy of alumni in the business community who benefited from her excellence in teaching and professional mentorship.

Message from the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Dr. Ty Jackson:

Dr. Laura Whitcomb has been a dedicated and passionate teacher in management for over 35 years. She works tirelessly to create inclusive educational and policy environments through her groundbreaking work on student assessment, classroom teaching, student advising in and outside the classroom, and ongoing graduate support. She is a passionate, rigorous, and caring graduate student advisor and teacher who has had a tremendous impact on both her advisees' professional and personal development and the graduate program in business. Dr. Whitcomb is dedicated to helping students link their academic studies to research and their careers.

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES

DR. ANNA OSIPOVA
Charter College of Education
Department of Special Education and Counseling

Dr. Anna Osipova has been very involved with graduate students since joining Cal State LA as an assistant professor in 2016. During AY 2020-2021, Dr. Osipova chaired three MA students' thesis committees, served as a committee member on two Ed.D. dissertations, and chaired one doctoral dissertation. She currently serves as a committee member on three 2nd year doctoral committees. Dr. Osipova has had four graduate student mentees that have presented at professional conferences. She supervised graduate assistants who developed curricular activities for the C. Lamar Mayer Learning Center, such as literacy curriculum review, and math instruction for students with significant disabilities. This academic year she published with three graduate students on topics including, "Latinx Students and Families and AAC: A Literature Review," "The Need for Culturally and Linguistically Responsive AAC for Latinx Students.," "Re-examining Effective Reading Instruction for English Learners with Intellectual Disabilities," and "CSU special education reading courses: What we teach and how we teach it." Dr. Osipova is described by her students as having a "warm and caring mentorship style" and as being "a wonderful mentor and highly deserving of this honor for her work with graduate students."

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

Congratulations to Dr. Osipova on this recognition of her impact on the intellectual and professional development of graduate students whose paths are fortunate to cross hers! As an active scholar who publishes and presents her work, often with students, she is a great role model of a teacher-scholar in the field of Education who crossed over from K-12 education into higher education. The areas of scholarly interest for her include literacy instruction and intervention, language development and acquisition, and professional development training for special educators. She is currently serving as the Cal State LA representative to the UC/CSU California Collaborative for Neurodiversity and Learning which is "a new initiative focused on using emerging brain research to inform better practices for California's children with learning differences".

Dr. Osipova earned a B.A. in English and an M.A. in Education from the Russian State Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg Russia. She also earned an M.A. in Special Education and two teaching credentials (single subject English and education specialist) from Cal State LA and her Ph.D. is from the joint doctoral program between Cal State LA and UCLA in Special Education. Congratulations!

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES

DR. MOHSEN ESHRAGHI
College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology
Department of Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Mohsen Eshraghi began his appointment as Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering in Fall 2014. He was awarded early tenure and promotion in May 2019. His research is in additive manufacturing and microstructure formation of metal alloys, an area of investigation critical to American manufacturing, with important applications for future space travel. His work includes both laboratory experiments, including one on the space station, and computational experiments in solidification of alloys in space. To support his work, and his graduate students, he has been awarded almost $1M in research awards as PI or co-PI from NSF and NASA, much if it in collaboration with universities around the country. He has also served as senior personnel on both the $3M PREM and the $5M DIRECT-STEM grants from the National Science Foundation, both interdisciplinary ECST-NSS collaborations with significant support for graduate students. He has published two book chapters, 14 journal publications, and 29 conference publications since the start of his career at Cal State LA, many of them with student authors or student presenters. Dr. Eshraghi has mentored ten graduate students to completing their MS degrees, and is currently advising another 5 students.

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

Dr. Eshraghi has developed the Additive Manufacturing and Materials lab (AM^2L)in ECST, in which teams of undergraduate and graduate students have designed and built their own additive manufacturing devices (also known as 3D printers) for a variety of materials. He led the development and launch of a new interdisciplinary Master's degree in Materials Science and Engineering (MS MSE), and now serves as the Program Director and the academic adviser. Mohsen is a tireless, creative, and innovative team player in the College who has created many research opportunities for graduate student, many of whom are now in excellent industrial positions or PhD programs.

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES

DR. ALEJANDRO COVARRUBIAS
College of Ethnic Studies
Department of Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

During AY 2020-2021, Dr. Alejandro Covarrubias has been the mentor of two graduate students through the Graduate Assistantship Program. These research mentees had the opportunity to present their research in collaboration with Dr. Covarrubias at the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Scholars (NACCS). He is also the faculty mentor in a student curated research project known as, the GRITO Series, which is an oral history project that broadcasts interviews with ethnic studies trailblazers to the public. Within this group, there are a total of five students. His students report that without Dr. Covarrubias' research and connections in the community, the GRITO Series would not have come to fruition. Although his support and guidance are critical to the success of the GRITO Series, Dr. Covarrubias insists that all credit be attributed to the students who work on the Series. Through the GRITO Series, students gain access to important career development opportunities such as event production, event marketing/ advertising, logistical planning, event hosting, zoom facilitation, archival analysis/research, and communications. He motivates and challenges his students to use their creativity to develop projects within their field of study. Dr. Covarrubias inspires his students to engage in movement building within the classroom and outside of it. For these reasons, and many more, Dr. Covarrubias is recognized for his role as an educator, mentor, and student success catalyst.

Message from the Associate Dean of the College of Business and Economics, Dr. Trinh Pham:

Dr. Alejandro Covarrubias has been a tenure-track faculty member in the department of Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies since Fall of 2017 after having taught as a lecturer for the department for 9 years. He is deeply engaged in community-driven public scholarship and in scholarly work grounded in critical race theory. As an example of his public scholarship, Dr. Covarrubias' students collaborated with high school students on a project entitled "Desaparecidxs: Deportations and Gendered Violence," through which students researched patterns of disappearances of community members, interviewed community members who experienced such disappearances, analyzed the transcripts, and then deployed cardboard cutouts representing their findings throughout community spaces in Boyle Heights and South and East Los Angeles. Dr. Covarrubias is an active student mentor with both undergraduate and graduate students. He has served as a thesis and dissertation advisor for a number of students, supported students preparing for the comprehensive exam, and has served as the faculty advisor for a student organization. Dr. Covarrubias is an outstanding educator, and I thank him for his important work as a scholar and student mentor.

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES

DR. JESSICA DENNIS
Rongxiang Xu College of Health and Human Services
Department of Child and Development Studies

Dr. Dennis has been serving as the Chair of the Department of Child and Family Studies since 2019. Prior to this appointment, she was a faculty member in the Department of Psychology since 2005 and served as the Director of the MA in Psychology Program from 2011-2019. Dr. Dennis is a mentor to students in both the MA in Child Development and MA in Psychology programs; she is currently working with six thesis students. She fosters professional collaboration among students in her research lab, the Center for Multicultural Research. Dr. Dennis chaired a symposium at the Western Psychological Association conferences 2021 showcasing ongoing research within the lab. The symposia provide an opportunity for her students to present their research to a professional audience. Since 2016, Dr. Dennis' graduate student mentees have presented over 34 presentations at professional conferences: (14 posters and 17 oral presentations at the Western Psychological Association convention, 2 posters at the Asian American Psychological Association convention). Furthermore, her graduate students have presented 15 posters or oral presentations at the Cal State LA Symposium on Research and Scholarly Activities. Many of these students have won awards, including 2 who have been campus delegates for the CSU Research Symposium. Dr. Dennis has published 3 peer-reviewed journal articles with student mentees as co-authors, in the areas of: language brokering among Latino young adults; the role of family and community bicultural socialization in the bilingual proficiency of immigrant young adults; and bicultural competence and the Latino 2.5 generation. She has mentored nine MA students who were admitted into doctoral programs. Dr. Dennis is described as a dedicated research mentor who instills confidence in her students.

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

Dr. Dennis had a robust record of mentorship long before she joined RXHHS and she is now continuing this tradition with students in our college. She greatly values working with graduate students because it provides an opportunity to provide guidance and support to the next generation of professionals in her field. Her research expertise focuses on cross-cultural issues in development during adolescence and young adulthood, with a particular emphasis on social relationships, intersectional identity experiences, educational success, and the acculturation process. Her research lab, the Center for Multicultural Research, serves a collaborative community for students to develop their research skills and expand their knowledge with support from Dr. Dennis and each other. With all the responsibilities as Chair of the Department of Child and Family Studies, Dr. Dennis always finds time to continue mentoring students. Her efforts represent a model for our college and the university. Her continued commitment to our students is very much appreciated.

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES

DR. ENRIQUE OCHOA
College of Natural and Social Sciences
Department of Latin American Studies

Dr. Enrique Ochoa is an energetic, dedicated and effective mentor to graduate students in both the Latin American Studies Program (LAS) and the History Department. He identifies and mentors students who have the interest and abilities to become PhD's in the Social Sciences or Humanities. For over 20 years, he has helped graduate students to acquire the research and writing skills that they will need to succeed in a doctoral program. He guides them through the application process and continues to serve as unofficial mentor throughout their doctoral career. He frequently invites his mentees back to Cal State LA so that they can meet with and peer mentor potential doctoral candidates. In the last five years, Dr. Ochoa mentored 37 graduate students; 27 have presented at professional conferences; and three have published in peer-reviewed journals. In AY 2020-21, when graduate programs across the country were decreasing admissions or suspending them all together, eight of his mentees – both current students and recent alumni -- were accepted into PhD programs. Several of them were accepted into more than one doctoral program, and all of them were awarded fellowship packages covering the entirety of their programs. We received sixteen letters of support from his current and past mentees. These testimonies described Dr. Ochoa as a transformative educator who is particularly effective in mentoring first-generation college students. Two statements capture the admiration they hold toward him:

Dr. Ochoa is truly what we consider an 'eje' or an axis to our community and a role model of our lives.

Truly a transformative teacher: No other teacher or professor has impacted my academic and overall personal growth more than Enrique Ochoa.

Message from the Dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences, Dr. René L. Vellanoweth:

On behalf of the college, I extend a hearty congratulations to Dr. Enrique Ochoa on this honor. Dr. Ochoa is an invaluable faculty member in the Latin American Studies Program and the Department of History and has been instrumental in cultivating his undergraduate and graduate students' research, writing, and analysis skills. In 2018, he was named faculty coordinator of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) program at Cal State LA, where he mentored fellows who aimed to receive a Ph.D. in humanities or social sciences. His efforts with students have earned him the reputation of being accessible, approachable, and entirely dedicated to student achievement. Dr. Ochoa is also a champion of social justice, food justice, and equity issues in the community. This is evident in his partnership with the Glazer Family Dreamers Resource Center at Cal State LA, and his published op-eds in news outlets. Students, faculty, and the larger University community are lucky to count Dr. Ochoa among its ranks.

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