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LETTER FROM THE AVP & DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Dear Graduate Students,

It has been two academic years since we have been able to come together as a community of graduate students to acknowledge the innovative research, scholarship and creative projects you have produced under the supportive guidance of your faculty mentors. I am honored to share your tremendous achievements in this Graduate Student and Faculty Mentor Recognition Booklet. This year, department chairs and faculty recommended for acknowledgement 144 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. Your achievements reflect your tenacity and an ability to thrive during unprecedented circumstances. As you review this recognition booklet be proud of yourselves as we are very proud of you.

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you for your academic excellence and professional leadership.

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.

Andy Aleman-Alvarez

Latin American Studies
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Alejandro Villalpando**
Bio: Andy's research is to examine the college experiences of marginalized individuals. For the purpose of this research, he will focus solely on formerly incarcerated community members. In addition, his research is interested in the inspirations and discouragements that propel or withhold these constituents to flourish in academia. Furthermore, upon entry into the university, there is a challenge/invitation for system impacted folks to reflect on their views of the world. What changes happen to their values? What is their experience with this constant reflection? Lastly, Andy's research aims to illuminate this subaltern society, as well as validate its experiences and epistemologies. Despite the stereotypes and the hardships that formerly incarcerated folks face, they create beauty within these instances of destruction and terror. The academic experiences of formerly incarcerated students, must be examined in order to provide a more welcoming space for them on college campuses.

Bryan Cantero

Chicana(o)/Latina(o) Studies
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Jose Anguiano**
Bio: Bryan's research examines how Mexican-American youth enact cultural citizenship through their consumption and/or production of urban regional corridos, the contemporary take on the Mexican borderland traditional ballad focused on storytelling. He is interested in the intersection of Black hip-hop culture and contemporary corrido culture and how both Black and Brown young people understand their positionalities as expressed through music. Bryan is currently in the beginning stages of conceptualizing an urban regional corridista consciousness: the intersection of Black Hip-hop culture and contemporary corrido culture and the political claims in corridos tumbados. The corrido tumbado is a contemporary pillar of identity for South L.A. Mexican-American youth, signaling how important it is for this population to narrate their own stories and highlight their struggles for power.

SALLY CASANOVA PRE-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

Eduardo Carreon

Psychology

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Eric L. Kohatsu**

Bio: Eduardo is interested in researching the psychological outcomes of racial discrimination and its effects on identity development and resilience among minority groups (e.g., Latinx, and Native Americans/Indigenous). In addition, he is determined to explore the coping mechanisms that members of different cultural groups use to overcome social inequalities such as poverty and police brutality to achieve a better life. Currently, Eduardo is investigating how political activism and a positive sense of self could enhance or diminish resilience among undocumented Latinx individuals. As a future academic and therapist, he is committed to developing culturally sensitive and inclusive therapy, pedagogy, and conducting empirical research. He hopes the results of his academic work improve mental health theories and practices regarding underprivileged groups – LGBTQ. Lastly, Eduardo looks forward to offering a safe space and guidance to students of underrepresented communities to conduct cross-cultural research that could have positive outcomes in their communities.

Brian Moreno

Latin American Studies

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Enrique Ochoa**

Bio: Brian's studies are situated in literature, poetry, and testimonio as historical sources and forces, placing emphasis on pedagogical instruments that can be utilized to develop critical consciousness and consciousness-raising in relation to, but not limited to, healing from social/historical trauma and recovering and reclaiming the body as a decolonial praxis. His research interests are expressed in critically-engaged ethnographic accounts of the ways in which undocumented people from Central America experience forced displacement and the violence of migration and are being incorporated to the capitalistic global economy, a process manifested in the extended production of the migrant industrial complex. As a researcher in Mexico, Brian's investigation extends the scope of their project on migration processes in Latin America, focusing on the ways in which translocal social assemblages and diasporic cultural production contribute to specific forms of abolition and community organizing, class struggle, and ontological self-making.

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

We have **twenty-four (24)** graduate students who have been accepted to PhD programs. These PhD Programs include Communication Science and Disorders, Physics, Audiology, Education, Sociology, Chicana/o Studies, Ethnic Studies, Engineering, and Biomedical and Biological Sciences.

Annett Presmic Acosta
Cal State LA
Doctor of Audiology
Los Angeles, CA

Calixto Alvarado
Penn State University
Nuclear Engineering Program
University Park, PA

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

Emily Bagan
University of Wisconsin
Communication Science and Disorders
Madison, WI

Patricia Barron
UCLA
Chemistry
Los Angeles, CA

Daniel Barton
Old Dominion University
Particle Physics
Norfolk, VA

Wynter Broussard
UC Riverside
Physics and Astronomy
Riverside, CA

Dalia Carmona
University of New Mexico
Chicana/o Studies
Albuquerque, NM

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Angel Chavez
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM

Digant Chavda
Penn State University
Civil Engineering
State College, PA

Bryan I. Cantero
UCLA
Chicana/o and Central American Studies
Los Angeles, CA

UC Santa Barbara
Chicana/o Studies
Santa Barbara, CA

UC Riverside
Ethnic Studies
Riverside, CA

Jonathan Chacon-Barahona
Cornell University, Rockefeller University
Tri-Institutional Computational Biology and Medicine
New York, NY

Vanderbilt University
Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Biomedical
and Biological Sciences
Nashville, TN

UC Merced
Quantitative and Systems Biology
Merced, CA

UC Riverside
Genetics, Genomics, and Bioinformatics
Riverside, CA

Sandy Cordon
Cal State Northridge
Audiology
Northridge, CA

Hilary Frias
Cal State LA/UCLA
Joint Doctoral Program in Special Education
Los Angeles, CA

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Maya Horii
UC Berkley
Mechanical Engineering
Berkeley, CA

(Eunice) Kim Kunyoung
Cal State LA/UCLA
Joint Doctoral Program in Special Education
Los Angeles, CA

Rosa Maldonado
University of Arizona
Mexican American Studies
Tucson, AZ

Evelyn Melendez
UC Santa Barbara
Combined scientific program in Clinical, counseling,
and school psychology
Los Angeles, CA

Brian Moreno
UC Davis
Cultural Studies
Davis, CA

Claudia Ocholski
Nova Southeastern University
Clinical Psychology
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Arnaldo Rendon
Pen State University
Energy Engineering
State College, PA

Jose Rochin
Pen State University
Energy Engineering
State College, PA

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Olivia Sanchez
UC Merced
Sociology
Merced, CA

UC Davis
Sociology
Davis, CA

Portland State
Sociology
Portland, OR

Luis Sotillo
UCLA
Chicana/o and Central American Studies
Los Angeles, CA

UCSD
Sociology
San Diego, CA

Sosseh Didarloo
Cal State LA/UCLA
Joint Doctoral Program in Special Education
Los Angeles, CA

Michael Zandona
University of Florida
Audiology
Tampa, FL

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, thirty-seven (37) 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.

Ulugbek Abduvalie
Accounting

Kamela Akil
Communication Disorders

Yessica Avila Barrojas
Graphic Design

Robert Ayala
Environmental Science

Brittany Banner
Education

William Barraza
Marketing

Villy Basuki
Healthcare Management

Irene Benitez
Psychology

Marie Choi
Education

Rebecca Diaz
Art

Sosseh Didarloo
Educational Leadership

Cirilo Duarte
Sociology and Chicana/o Studies

Maria Esters
Business Administration

Francesca Garland
Counseling

Emily Gomez
Social Work

Carmen Gutierrez
Anthropology

Sandra Hernandez Andrade
Industrial Management

Muhammad Ikram
Economics

Andrea Jaime
Counseling

Ansha Le
MB

Philip Levin
Physics

Michelle Morataya
Latin American Studies

Jennifer Nazario
Economics

Thi Tuy Nguyen
Accounting

Daniel Richardson
Composition

Daisy Rodriguez
Anthropology

Rafael Rodriguez
Civil Engineering

Jeffery Rosa Figueroa
Anthropology

Natalia Sanchez
Television, Film, and Theater

Luis Sotillo
Sociology

Fatemeh Tadjiki
Communication Disorders

Hellen Tusiime
Healthcare Management

Dennise Valadez
Physics

Xiaoxin Yang
Accounting

Gerald Timothy Yelverton
Television, Film, and Theater

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, twenty-eight (28) students received theNon-Resident Graduate Student Tuition Fee Waiver.

Amanda Argueta
Child Development

Reza Arsang
MBA

Shravani Badadha
Computer Science

Daniel Bjorklund
Philosophy

Charlene Bornea
MSA

Digant Chavda
Environmental Sciences

Obianuju N. Chike
Nutritional Science

Trina Delgado
Archaeology

Megan Donham
Archaeology

Eliana Flores
History

Jelani Givens
Physics

Valentina Grassi
Communication Studies

Fawaz Iqbal
Electrical Engineering

Camille Jacob
Archaeology

Lakshmi Sindhuri Kampati
Computer Science

Krist Lau
MBA

Hoi Lam Leung
TESOL

Sean Lyon
Biology

Xinyi Luo
TESOL

Vijay Sharashchandra Naregal
Computer Science

Nicole Noa
TVFT

Laura Ocampo
Physics

Alejandra Olvera
MBA

Miranda Radovan
Special Education

Albany Gonzalez Salcedo
Psychology

Jiayuan Shen
TVFT

Gerald Yelverton
TVFT

Sooyoung Yu
Nursing

TRAVEL SUPPORT GRANT RECIPIENTS

This year, twenty-one (21) 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. Under these circumstances, the Office of Graduate Studies funded conference registrations (up to 100%) to graduate students who presented or attended a virtual conference.

Emeline Beltran
Communication Studies

Eduardo Conde
Mechanical Engineering

Ana Correa
Industrial Management

Rosa Cortes Mejia
Electrical & Computer Engineering

Darron Cunanan
Sociology

Sarah Duarte
Communication Disorders

Monique Enciso
Communication Disorders

Joe Flanders
Curriculum & Instruction

Valentina Grassi
Communication Studies

Rasha Hannouche
Communication Studies

Erin Kimble
Special Education & Counseling

Joseph Lee
Communication Studies

Makayla Shapiro
Psychology

Viviana Miglia
Communication Disorders

Reynaldo Mora
Art

Francisco Moxo Galicia
Mechanical Engineering

Rafael Rodriguez
Civil Engineering

Yadav Savita
Information Systems

Jeffrey Stein
Communication Studies

Genesis Vera
Communication Disorders

Paulina Wang
Special Education and Counseling

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 four (4) culminating projects were funded to support a wide range of topics such as *"Preparing a Choral Orchestral Work / Theorical and Practical Techniques for the Multi-Disciplinary Conductor" and* " *"Examining Heteronormativity and Gender Representation in Korean Language Textbooks".*

Michael Baum
Psychology
"Religiosity, Political Ideology, and attitudes toward science"
Faculty Mentor: **Heidi Riggio**

Perri Keyes
Television, Film, and Media Studies
"(Out from Under) The Family Tree"
Faculty Mentor: **Meredith Greenberg**

Sarah Martin
Music
"Preparing a Choral Orchestral Work / Theorical and Practical Techniques for the Multi-Disciplinary Conductor"
Faculty Mentor: **Emily Moss**

Greece Peña
TESOL
"Examining Heteronormativity and Gender Representation in Korean Language Textbooks"
Faculty Mentor: **Lia-Kamhi Stein**

AUTHORS ON PUBLICATIONS

Jivar Afshar
Civil Engineering

Afshar Jivar, Khodayari A., Liang C., "Assessing Pollutant Permeation Index (PPI) metric to understand the effect of air pollution permeation between regions in Los Angeles", Scientific Reports, under review.

Elizabeth Alvarado
Communication Disorders

Hisagi, M., Baker, M., Alvarado, E., and Shafiro, V. (Accepted) Online assessment of speech perception and auditory spectral-temporal processing in Spanish-English bilinguals. *The American Journal of Audiology (AJA).*

Jose Aranzazu
Economics

Devika Hazra, Jose Aranzazu; Crime, Correction, Education and Welfare in the U.S. – What Role Does the Government Play?, Journal of Policy Modeling, 2022

Katherine Batanero
Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies

Forthcoming in Chicana Lesbians: Re-Engaging the Iconic Text “The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About” in A Special Issue of The Journal of Lesbian Studies

Jonathan Chacon-Barahona
Biology

Chacon-Barahona JA, Salladay-Perez IA, Lanning NJ. Lung Adenocarcinoma Transcriptomic Analysis Predicts Adenylate Kinase Signatures Contributing to Tumor Progression and Negative Patient Prognosis. Metabolites. 2021; Dec 11(12), 859. PMID: 34940617

Emeline Beltran
Communication Studies

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Osvaldo Castro
Mechanical Engineering

Munguia, M, Shibata, G, Castro, O, Miesner, S, Asadi, S, De Leon, A, Hernandez, A, Molina, C, Bell, J, Lytle, M, Wolk, K, Roberts, S, Furst, B, Sunada, E, Bellardo, J, Daimaru, T, & Kuo, J. "Design, Modeling, Simulation, and Testing of Flexible Joint." Proceedings of the ASME 2021 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition. Volume 12: Mechanics of Solids, Structures, and Fluids; Micro- and Nano-Systems Engineering and Packaging. Virtual, Online. November 1–5, 2021. V012T12A026. ASME. https://doi.org/10.1115/IMECE2021-70558

Anthony De Leon
Mechanical Engineering

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Roxana Durante
Mechanical Engineering

Durantes, R., Moon, J., Pacheco, J.R., and Pacheco-Vega, A. (2022). Two-dimensional approximation of a three-dimensional wavy microchannel. 7th World Congress on Momentum, Heat and Mass Transfer (MHMT'22). Paper No. 160.

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Lindsey Eichenberger
Applied and Advanced Studies in Education

Mattheis, A., Lovos, J., Eichenberger, L., Humphrey, C., & Restrepo Nazar, C. (2021). Queering the Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards: Intersectional approaches to expanding possibilities in urban K-12 classrooms. Journal of Homosexuality. DOI: 10.1080/00918369.2021.1987748

Allan Hernandez
Mechanical Engineering

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Maya Horii
Mechanical Engineering

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Carly Humphrey
Applied and Advanced Studies in Education

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Manson Johnson
Anthropology

Lopez, S., Johnson, M., & Mattheis, A. (invited chapter, 2021). A collaborative exploration of power, access, and resource distribution in higher education. In A. Phillips and T. Gray (Eds.), Agency in Constrained Academic Spaces (pp. 70-87). Lexington Books.

Chris Molina
Mechanical Engineering

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Jessica Rodriguez
Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies

Fierce Stories Radio Show: A Radio Show about Ethnic Studies.

"Todos Somos Artistas/We are all artists; Activating Artivism in our Communities," *Fierce Stories; A Radio Show about Ethnic Studies with Iuri and Rafa.* October 29, 2021

"Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Ethnic Studies Kitchen Table Platica," Fierce Stories; A Radio Show about Ethnic Studies with Iuri and Rafa. July 21, 2021.

"Elizabeth "Betita" Martinez Presente! Honoring Her Racial Justice Movement Work," Fierce Stories; A Radio Show about Ethnic Studies with Iuri and Rafa. June 14, 2021.

"American Indian/Native Student Voices in K-20 Education," Fierce Stories; A Radio Show about Ethnic Studies with Iuri and Rafa. June 14, 2021.

"Our Communities Are Fired Up for Ethnic Studies," Fierce Stories; A Radio Show about Ethnic Studies with Iuri and Rafa. May 19, 2021.

Daniel S. Lopez
Mechanical Engineering

Lopez, D., and Pacheco-Vega, A. (2022). Thermal stability analysis of toroidal thermosyphon models with fuzzy controllers. 7th World Congress on Momentum, Heat and Mass Transfer (MHMT'22). Paper No. 161

Samantha Lopez
Applied and Advanced Studies in Education

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Joel Lovos
Applied and Advanced Studies in Education

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Cindy Mata
Latin American Studies

Reclaiming Our Stories Con Pláticas y Fotos: Pláticas as Pedagogy in K-12 History Classrooms, published in the International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education

Spencer Miesner
Mechanical Engineering

Munguia, M, Shibata, G, Castro, O, Miesner, S, Asadi, S, De Leon, A, Hernandez, A, Molina, C, Bell, J, Lytle, M, Wolk, K, Roberts, S, Furst, B, Sunada, E, Bellardo, J, Daimaru, T, & Kuo, J. "Design, Modeling, Simulation, and Testing of Flexible Joint." Proceedings of the ASME 2021 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition. Volume 12: Mechanics of Solids, Structures, and Fluids; Micro- and Nano-Systems Engineering and Packaging. Virtual, Online. November 1–5, 2021. V012T12A026. ASME. https://doi.org/10.1115/IMECE2021-70558

Kimmy Moon
Public Health

Wittenberg, E., Alabere, R. O, Beltran, E., Goldsmith, J.V., & Moledina, S. (2021). Sharing COMFORT communication training with healthcare professionals in Nairobi, Kenya: A pilot webinar series. American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Moon. K. (2021) Scams Coming to Life During a Deadly Pandemic. The Medical Care Blog.

Maria Munguia
Mechanical Engineering

Munguia, M, Shibata, G, Castro, O, Miesner, S, Asadi, S, De Leon, A, Hernandez, A, Molina, C, Bell, J, Lytle, M, Wolk, K, Roberts, S, Furst, B, Sunada, E, Bellardo, J, Daimaru, T, & Kuo, J. "Design, Modeling, Simulation, and Testing of Flexible Joint." Proceedings of the ASME 2021 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition. Volume 12: Mechanics of Solids, Structures, and Fluids; Micro- and Nano-Systems Engineering and Packaging. Virtual, Online. November 1–5, 2021. V012T12A026. ASME. https://doi.org/10.1115/IMECE2021-70558

Axel Ochoa
Latin American Studies

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Erick Rojas
Latin American Studies

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Gabriella Shibata
Mechanical Engineering

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Michael Zandona
Communication Disorders

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PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Annett Presmic Acosta
Communication Disorders

Title Effect of temporal acuity through speaking rate by English speakers and Spanish-English bilinguals
Conference: American Academy of Audiology (AAA) Annual Convention, March 2022

Elizabeth Alvarado
Communication Disorders

Title: From action to perception: Bilingual motor processing of second language
Conference: ASHA Convention. Washington D.C., April 2022

Stephanie Alvarado
Special Education

Title: Promoting Teacher Well-Being Using Mindfulness Based Interventions and CBT
Conference: Cal State LA Mental and Behavioral Health Symposium, March 2022

Gustavo Aldana

Title: Connecting Beyond the Digital: Livestreaming and Digital Drag
Conference: University Film & Video Association Conference, July 2021

Juan Avilez
Sociology

Title: Politics of Comic Book Production
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022

Carmen Barr
Communication Disorders

Title: How a Student Organization can Foster Student Involvement and Diversity in the Field
Conference: California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convergence 2022, Pasadena, CA

Title: How a Student Organization can Foster Student Involvement and Diversity
Conference: XXXII AELFA-IF International Congress & V Congress of the SLT College of Catalunya

Villy Basuki
Management

Title: Proposal to Turn Around a Financially-Challenged Medical Center
Conference: American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) / Healthcare Executives of Southern California (HCE) Statewide College Bowl

Amber Beasley
Sociology

Title: Trauma, Mass Incarceration & Their Reconciliation
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022
Title: Trauma and Mass Incarceration
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Emeline Beltran
Communication Studies

Title: Sharing COMFORT Communication Training With Healthcare Professionals in Nairobi, Kenya: A Pilot Webinar Series
Conference: National Communication Association, November 2022
Title: How are Undocumented Immigrants Documents Online
Conference: Western States Communication Association Convention, February 2022

Jonathan Chacon-Barahona
Biology

CSUPERB Don Eden Competition Talk
Biology CSUPERB Annual Meeting
City of Hope Graduate Student Symposium
"City of Hope Graduate Student Symposium Lightning Round Talk"
CSUPERB Annual Meeting
"CSUPERB Don Eden Competition Poster Session"
City of Hope Graduate Student Symposium
"City of Hope Graduate Student Symposium Poster Session"

Nouneh Boodaghian
Biology

Title: Investigating the Roles for Essential Genes in the Regulation of the Circadian Clock in Synechococcus elongatus using CRISPR interference
Conferences: Southern California American Society of Microbiology Annual Meeting, October 2021
NSF 2nd Annual CONFAB Meeting, November 2021
Cal State LA ASM Club Poster Presentation, April 2022
36th Annual CSU Student Research Competition, April 2022
Title: Dynamic Localization of Circadian Clock Proteins Rbp2, SasA and KaiB in Cyanobacteria Conference: Cal State LA ASM Club Poster Presentation, April 2022

Cindy Chen
Geography

Title: Growing an Equitable Future for L.A. Using GIS
Conference: Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, October 2021

Manuel Cobarrubias III
Sociology

Title: Adolescent Trauma and Eventual Occupational Attainment
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Jessica Cobos
Sociology

Title: The Impact of Trump's Administration Laws and Policies on the Experiences of Mexican Immigrants in Los Angeles
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022

Sandy Cordon
Sociology

Title: From action to perception: Bilingual motor processing of second language
Conference: ASHA Convention. Washington D.C., N

Meralis Cordova
Sociology

Title: Examining the Racialization Processes of Latinx Americans
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022

Darron Cunanan
Sociology

Title: Convictions and Social Ties: Political Participation Among Young Voters
Conferences: 25th Annual American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference, March 2022
American Association of Behavioral Social Science (AABSS), March 2022

Brian Castillo
Sociology

Title: YouTube Representation & Reactions to the Gender-Fluid Fashion Movement
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022
Title: Adverse Childhood Experiences Influencing Incarceration and Psychological Health Deficiencies
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Nicolás DeLeon
Latin American Studies

Title: Memoria y Resistencia: Trans, Cuír, Marica, and Lesbian Art in Guatemala City
Conference: Decolonial Possibilities and COVID: 41st Annual Student Conference on Latin American Studies at the University of Austin Texas, March 2022

Andrea Dominguez
Sociology

Title: The Connection between Green Growth Machines and Housing: How Intersectionality Is Being Ignored
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022
Title: The Connection between Green Growth Machines and Housing: How Intersectionality Is Being Ignored
Conferences: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Sarah Duarte
Communication Disorders

Title: PsychoPy: A creative way of conducting experiments and clinical assessments
Conference: Pacific California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convergence 2022, Pasadena, CA

Bridget Eason
Special Education

Title: Rebuilding Inclusive Education: Practices of Teaching Linguistically Diverse Learners
Conference: Cal State LA Charter College of Education, Mental and Behavioral Health Symposium, March 2022

Monique Enciso
Communication Disorders

Title: Check your Bias: A Hispanic Accent Perception Study
Conference: CSHA Convergence 2022, March 2022

Title: Self vs other: Judging accent
Conference: ASHA Convention. Washington D.C., November 2021

Christopher Espinoza
Geography

Title: California Highway 99: An Essential Highway for California's Economy
Conference: Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, October 2021

Jorge Felix
Sociology

Title: Analyzing Motivating Factors for Central American/Mexican Migrants in the United States
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022

Diana Flores
Sociology

Title: The Relationship between Parent Engagement and Latinx Elementary School Children's Academic Performance Post COVID-19
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Rebecca Galvan
Geography

Title: Environmentalism in Latin American Ports: A Historical Geographical Perspective
Conference: Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, October 2021

Verenice Gastelum
Special Education

Title: Promoting Teacher Well-Being Using Mindfulness Based Interventions and CBT
Conference: Cal State LA Mental and Behavioral Health Symposium, March 2022

Valentina Grassi
Communication Studies

Title: G.I.F.T.S. Presentation - "Game of Words"
Conference: National Communication Association, November 2021

Chris Gurrola
History

Title: Spanish Travelers to Alta California
Conference: SOCAL-Agro Surfs, April 2022

Sarra Ghorbal
Sociology

Titles: Islam, Gender and Immigration: Elevating the Voices of the Underrepresented Muslim Women Immigrants in the U.S
Organized Panel on Migration and Marginalization: Deconstructing Narratives of Border Domination
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022

Rasha Hannouche
Communication Studies

Title: “Don't Get Schooled!" Framing in Social Media News
Conference: National Communication Association, November 2021

Title: Invisible Identifies at Work: Dealing with Dominant Culture as a SW ANA Female Professional
Conference: Western States Communication Association Convention, February 2022

Christine Hassay
Communication Studies

Title: The cultural and linguistic diversity of communication sciences and disorders Latinx students
Conference: California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convergence 2022, Pasadena, CA, March 2022

Josieline Hernandez
Latin American Studies

Title: Pedagogy and Education
Conference: Social Theory Conference
Title: Pedagogy Art and Education
Conference: Big Data Project

Josieline Hernandez
Latin American Studies

Title: Pedagogy and Education
Conference: Social Theory Conference
Title: Pedagogy Art and Education
Conference: Big Data Project

Jennifer Hsueh
Sociology

Title: Impact on Asian American Livelihoods during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022
Title: The Impacts of COVID-19 on Asian American Communities
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Martha Joya
Sociology

Title: Managing Alone: Single Parenthood in the time of COVID-19
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Ammar Khan
Management

Title: Proposal to Turn Around a Financially Challenged Medical Center
Conference: American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) /
Healthcare Executives of Southern California (HCE) Statewide College Bowl, April 2022

Erin Kimble
Special Education

Title: HBCUs Matter: Strategies for Recruiting Black School Psychologists
Conference: National Association of School Psychologists, February 2022

Steven Luu
Management

Title: Proposal to Turn Around a Financially Challenged Medical Center
Conference: American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) /
Healthcare Executives of Southern California (HCE) Statewide College Bowl

Sarah Martin
Music

Title: Conducting Session with Gary Hill
Conference: Western/Northwestern Divisional Conference for CBDNA (College Band Director's National Association)

Eduardo Martinez

Title: Nitrate and Phosphate Adsorption by Synthesized Early Earth Iron Hydroxide Minerals
Conference: Gordon Research Conference

Cindy Mata
Latin American Studies

Titles: Reclaiming Our Stories Con Pláticas y Fotos: Platicas as Pedagogy in K–12 History Classrooms
Nothing About Us Without Us: Combating Salvadoreñx
Conference: 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association

Adam Mejia
Management

Title: Proposal to Turn Around a Financially Challenged Medical Center
Conference: American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) / Healthcare Executives of Southern California (HCE) Statewide College Bowl

Viviana Miglia
Communication Disorders

Title: Your Child Has Been Diagnosed with a Hearing Loss: A Journey of Rewarding Possibilities
Conference: AAA 2022 + Hear TECH Expo, April 2022

Francisco Moxo Galicia
Mechanical Engineering

Title: Behavior Cloning Control Using Adaptive Neural Fuzzy Inference for a Robotic Sport Camera
Conference: IMECE® International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition 2021

Maria Munguia
Mechanical Engineering

Title: Design, Modeling, Simulation, and Testing of Flexible Joint
Conference: ASME IMECE 2021

Valezka Murillo
Latin American Studies

Title: The Rainbow 17 Queer Migrant Caravan
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Angel Navarro
Sociology

Title: A Veteran's Identity: The Challenges of Reintegration
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Alenis Orozco
Sociology

Title: COVID-19 Lockdown: Using Art to Unite and Teach
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Eileen Prieto
Communication Disorders

Title: The Cal State LA bilingual oral mechanism examination forms
Title: Title: The cultural and linguistic diversity of communication sciences and disorders Latinx students
Conference: California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convergence 2022, Pasadena, CA

Title: Development and Refinement of the Cal State LA Bilingual Oral Mechanism Examination Form
Conference: ASHA Convention. Washington D.C., November 2021

Christina Ramirez
Sociology

Title: The Effects of Parental Divorces on Child Intimate Relationships
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Marisela Ramirez
Communication Disorders

Title: Development and Refinement of the Cal State LA Bilingual Oral Mechanism Examination Form
Conference: ASHA Convention. Washington D.C., November 2021

Joanna Riley
Communication Disorders

Title: The Cal State LA bilingual oral mechanism examination forms
Title: Title: The cultural and linguistic diversity of communication sciences and disorders Latinx students
Conference: California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convergence 2022, Pasadena, CA

Title: Development and Refinement of the Cal State LA Bilingual Oral Mechanism Examination Form
Topic: Exploring the strengths and educational needs of bilingual students in Communication Disorders programs
Conference: ASHA Convention. Washington D.C., November 2021

Esmeralda Rios
History

Title: Spanish Travelers to Alta California
Conference: SOCAL-Agro Surfs, April 2022

Micah Rippon
Sociology

Title: The Application of Theory to Serve the Community: An Analysis of The People's Program
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022

Marie Rivera
Sociology

Titles: Immigrant Women Perspectives Challenging Gender Roles during COVID-19 Pandemic
BIPOC Women Entrepreneurs Navigate Through the COVID-19 Pandemic
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022
Title: Difference of Receipt of Gratitude: A Comparison Study Analyzing the Experiences of Vietname and Operation Desert Storm Veterans
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Rafael Rodriguez
Civil Engineering

Title: Coupling Hydrological Models and Satellite Observations to Understand Fire-Vegetation-Hydrology Feedbacks
Conference: American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, December 2021

Leticia Romero
Sociology

Title: Gangs in East LA
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium

Jacqueline Samols
Communication Disorders

Title: From action to perception: Bilingual motor processing of second language
Conference: ASHA Convention. Washington D.C., November 2021

Jose Salas
Psychology

Title: Memorization and Performance During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence of Shifts from an Interactive Textbook
Conference: Western Psychological Association Convention 2022

Olivia Sanchez
Sociology

Title: The Impact of COVID-19 on First-Generation Students in Higher Education
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022
Title: First-Generation Students in higher Education and the Impact of COVID on their Educational Career Paths
Conference: California Sociological Association (CSA), November 2021
Title: First-Generation Students Falling Through the Cracks of Higher Education
Conference: American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS), June 2021

Tatev Sarkissyan
Special Education

Title: Empathy and Perspective Taking: Links with Religiosity, Right-Wing Authoritarianism, and Social Dominance Orientation
Conference: Western Psychological Association Convention, April 2022

Yadav Savita
Information Systems

Title: Scala Big Data Predictive Analysis for Airbnb Listing Rating
Conference: US - KOREA Conference 2021

Makayla Shapiro
Psychology

Titles: Racing to Find Equitable Solutions to End Sexual Harassment and Assault Across Trail / Ultra Running Communities
Our Bodies Our Minds: Creative Outlets for Coping with Intimate Partner Violence
A New Leaf on Life: Stage 2 of the Growing Works Project
Conference: Western Psychological Association Convention, April 2022

Stephanie Sierra
Sociology

Title: The Effects of Urbanization and Gentrification on the Latina/o Community
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Christopher Snyder
Sociology

Title: Punishing Homeless – Punitive Approaches to Rehousing in the Era of COVID-19
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022
Title: Narrative Explorations in Remote Learning: Student Efficacy and Adaptation During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Conference: Cal State LA 7th Annual Social Theory Symposium, April 2022

Luis Sotillo
Sociology

Titles: Climate Migration and the Militarization of Border Security
Organized Panel on Migration and Marginalization: Deconstructing Narratives of Border Domination Strategic Othering: From Witch Hunting to Settler Colonialism
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022

Jeffrey Stein
Communication Studies

Title: Which Theory Is It Anyway? 2: Renewing Forensics
Conference: National Communication Association, November 2021

Catherine Sturm
Special Education

Title: Reconnecting Juvenile Justice Youth: Opportunities for Growth
Conference: Cal State LA Charter College of Education, Mental and Behavioral Health Symposium, March 2022

Jimmy Tovar
Communication Disorders

Title: How a Student Organization can Foster Student Involvement and Diversity in the Field
Conference: California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convergence 2022, Pasadena, CA, March 2022

Title How a Student Organization can Foster Student Involvement and Diversity
Conference: XXXII AELFA-IF International Congress & V Congress of the SLT College of Catalunya, July 2021

Genesis Vera
Communication Disorders

Title: PsychoPy: a creative way to conduct experiments and clinical assessments
Conference: CSHA Convergence 2022, March 2022

Title: Self vs other: Judging accent
Conference: ASHA Convention. Washington D.C., November 2021

Carlos Verdugo
Communication Disorders

Title: The cultural and linguistic diversity of communication sciences and disorders Latinx students
Conference: California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convergence 2022, Pasadena, CA, March 2022

Anaid Villa
Sociology

Title: A Qualitative Study of Pandemic Impacts on College Students' Emotional States
Conference: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), April 2022

Roberto Villarta Jr.
Communication Disorders

Title: How a Student Organization can Foster Student Involvement and Diversity in the Field
Conference: California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convergence 2022, Pasadena, CA, March 2022

Title How a Student Organization can Foster Student Involvement and Diversity
Conference: XXXII AELFA-IF International Congress & V Congress of the SLT College of Catalunya, July 2021

Jonathan Yoshioka
Mechanical Engineering

Title: Temporal Evolution of Temperature Gradient and Solidification Rate in Laser Powder Bed Fusion Additive Manufacturing
Conference: 18th European Mechanics of Materials Conference (EMMC18), April 2022

Michael Zandona
Communication Disorders

Title: PsychoPy: a creative way to conduct experiments and clinical assessments
Conference: CSHA Convergence 2022, March 2022

Title: From action to perception: Bilingual motor processing of second language
Conference: ASHA Convention. Washington D.C., November 2021

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, PERFORMANCES, & EXHIBITS

This academic year, forty-eight (48) graduate students showcased their talents through special presentations, competitions, exhibits, films and performances.

Yasmeen Alkayed
Theatre and Dance
Topic Title: *"Invisible Women (Director)"*
Intimate Theatre at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex, Oct 2021

Cynthia Alonso
Chicana(o)/Latina(o)
Topic Title: *"Abuelita Pedagogies: From La Casa de Dona Soco To Higher Education"*
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference, April 2021

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

Yessica M. Avila Barojas
Chicana(o)/Latina(o)
Topic Title: *"An Invitation to A World of Queer Possibilities, Contradictions, and Healing."*
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference, April 2021

Juan Avilez
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Politics of Comic book Production"*
Pacific Sociological Association 2022 conference, April 2022

Katharine Batanero
Chicana(o)/Latina(o)
Topic Title: *"Surviving the Lockdown: Queer Latina Strategies for Cultivating Paths of Healing During the COVID-19 Pandemic"*
MALCS: Chicana/Latina Conference presentation

Emeline Beltran
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"Sharing COMFORT Communication Training with Healthcare Professionals in Nairobi, Kenya: A Pilot Webinar Series"*
National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2021

Topic Title: *"How are undocumented Immigrants Documents Online"*
Western States Communication Association Convention,
Feb 2022

Judith Bracamontes
Child Development
Topic Title: *"First Generation Latino/a College Students' Attitudes toward Help-Seeking"*
Western Psychological Association Convention, April 2022

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, PERFORMANCES, & EXHIBITS

Allen Burnett
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"CEA and the CSU: Streamlining The Prison To College Pipeline"*
Correctional Educators Association 2022 Leadership Forum, March 2022

Rebecca Catzalco Soria
Chicana(o)/Latina(o)
Topic Title: *"The Sacred Knowledge of Food and Family."*
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference, April 2022

SiTing Laura Chang
Economics
Topic Title: *"Team 1, World 5 in International"*

Digant Chavda
Geosciences and Environment
Topic Title: *"Assessing the Influence of El Niño on the California Precipitation regime during the satellite precipitation era"*
CSU Water Resources &Policy Initiatives Conference 2022, April 2022

Erandi E. Colin
Chicana(o)/Latina(o)
Topic Title: *""Reimagining 'You Are What You Eat': (Re)connecting to My Ancestors through Food."*
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference, April 2022

Theo Cordoneanu
English
Topic Title: *"Writing the International First-Gen College Experience."*
Conference on College Composition and Communication, March 2022

Prateek Daftari
Economics
Topic Title: *"Collegiate Business Strategy"*

Ashlyn Denson
Theater and Dance
Topic Title: *"Does He Like Girls?" (Actor)*
Intimate Theatre at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex, Oct 2021

Larry Eichel
Economics
Topic Title: *"Contest, Spring Semester of 2022"*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, PERFORMANCES, & EXHIBITS

Skyler Kane Ferguson
Theater and Dance
Topic Title: *"Invisible Women (Actor)"*
"Clear Differences with Similar Results: Analyzing Constellations of Connections Between Race and Generational Trauma in V.C. Andrews' Dollanganger Series." Communities in Flux: Witnessing Patterns of Renewal,
English Graduate Student Association Significations Conference, April 2022

Victor Ferrer
Political Science
Topic Title: *"Local Government Response to Demands During Summer 2020 Protests"*
Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, April 2022

Judith Charlene Gallardo
Chicana(o)/Latina(o)
Topic Title: *"¿Ya Comieron? Pedagogies of the Cocina and Cooking as A Path to Conocimiento."*
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference, April 2022

Valentina Grassi
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"G.I.F.T.S. Presentation - "Game of Words"*
National Communication Association, March 2022

Rasha Hannouche
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"Don't Get Schooled!" Framing in Social Media News"*
National Communication Association, November 2021

Topic Title: *"Invisible Identifies at work: Dealing with Dominant Culture as a SW ANA female professional"*
Western States Communication Association Convention, February 2022

Josieline Hernandez
Latin American Studies
Topic Title: *"Organizer, Mural Art Event -Featuring Artist-in-Residence Claudio Talavera Balloon"*
USU Plaza and Library North in front of Golden Eagle, March 2022

Kim Holly
Mathematics
Topic Title: *"Antimagic Trees"*
Pasadena City College PI Day, March 2022

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, PERFORMANCES, & EXHIBITS

Sergio Jimenez
Latin American Studies
Topic Title: *"Panelist, Community Conversation Supporting Street Vendors"*
CSU Bakersfield, October 2021

Perri Keyes
Theater and Dance
Topic Title: *"(Out from Under) The Family Tree (Playwright, Director)"*
Arena Theatre - Cal State LA, November 2021

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

Vicente Lossada
Mathematics
Topic Title: *" Phase Transition and Random Graphs"*
Pasadena City College PI Day, March 2022

Amy Luna-Beltran
Theater and Dance
Topic Title: *" Invisible Women (Actor)"*
Intimate Theatre at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex, October 2021

Gareth Mackay
Studio Arts
Topic Title: *" Sending Love | Ukrainian Crisis Relieve Exhibition (Group Show)/ Hiroshi Dreams in Color, 2021"*
Keystone Art Space, April 2022

Eduardo Martinez
Civil Engineering
Topic Title: *" Nitrate and phosphate adsorption by synthesized early Earth iron hydroxide minerals"*
Gordon Research Conference, January 2020

Pedro Martinez
Chicana(o)/Latina(o)
Topic Title: *"From Funny Boy to Moonlight: Breaking Faith with Colonial Memory"*
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference, April 2022

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, PERFORMANCES, & EXHIBITS

Nancy Ocana
Chicana(o)/Latina(o)
Topic Title: *"Sense of belonging: Student Voices and Connections."*
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference, April 2022

Axel Ochoa
Electrical Engineering
Topic Title: *"Classification of Post-Ischemic Tissue State Based on Electrophysiological Features"*

Rory Olivarez
English
Topic Title: *"Writing the International First-Gen College Experience."*
Conference on College Composition and Communication, March 2022

Alejandra Olvera
Economics
Topic Title: *"Contest, Spring Semester of 2022*

Emily Rodriguez
Political Science
Topic Title: *"Local Government Response to Demands During Summer 2020 Protests"*
Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, April 2022

Erick Rojas
Electrical Engineering
Topic Title: *"A Comparison Between Intrinsic and Extrinsic Accelerometers for Closed-Loop Deep Brain Stimulation to Treat Parkinson's Disease"*

Pamela Russell
Theater and Dance
Topic Title: *"Invisible Women (Playwright)"*
Intimate Theatre at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex, October 2021

Sarah Hauffen Salgado
Political Science
Topic Title: *"Equity in the Academy: Critical Issues -- Addressing the Homework Gap with an Innovative Approach"*
American Society for Public Administration, March 2022

"Local Government Response to Demands During Summer 2020 Protests"
Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, April 2022

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Jeffrey Stein
Communication Studies
Topic Title: *"Which Theory Is It Anyway? 2:Renewing Forensics"*
National Communication Association, November 2021

Topic Title: *"CEA and The CSU: Streamlining The Prison To College Pipeline"*
Correctional Educators Association 2022 Leadership Forum, March 2022

Luis Sotillo
Sociology
Topic Title: *"Let's Talk About Writing"*
Cal State LA, March 2022

Minna Suomi
Psychology
Topic Title: *"First Generation Latino/a College Students' Attitudes toward Help-Seeking"*
Western Psychological Association Convention, April 2022

Jonathan Vellanoweth
Geosciences and Environment
Topic Title: *"Monitoring Thermal Plumes from Power Plants Using ECOSTRESS and Landsat"*
American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2021, December 2021

Zoia Weiseman
Theater and Dance
Topic Title: *"Invisible Women (Actor)"*
Intimate Theatre at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex, October 2021

Claire Villanueva-Weeks
Geosciences and Environment
Topic Title: *"Validation of SMAP Level 3 soil moisture data products using ground-based measurements at agricultural sites"*
2021 UCOWR/NIWR Annual Water Resources Virtual Conference

Topic Title: *"Seasonal assessment of SMAP Level 3 and Level 4 soil moisture data products using ground-based measurements at agricultural sites"*
American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2021

STUDENT SYMPOSIUM ON RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Tehmine	Baghdasaryan	Management	Performance Implications of Effectuation in High-Tech Industry
Michael	Baum	Psychology	Religiosity Predicts Negative Personality Attributes: Links with Dogmatism, Social Dominance Orientation, and Right-Wing Authoritarianism
Laura Teresa	Huicoy Virgen	Forensic Psychology	Can Obtaining a Prior Description of the Culprit Reduce the Chances That Making a Misidentification Will Alter a Witness's Memory for the Perpetrator's Face
Yuliana	Lopez	Psychology	Sex Communication with Parents: Links with Sexual Outcomes
Eileen Alba	Prieto Loya	Communicative Disorders	Bilingual Spanish/English Oral Mechanism Examination
Gabriela	Rubalcava	Audiology	A study on self-perception of hearing loss in the Spanish Speaking community: A comparison of audiometric thresholds and HHIE-S scores
Monique	Swaby	Forensic Psychology	Differences in Racial Identity Predict Same-Race Leniency in Mock Jurors

Biological Sciences

Nouneh	Boodaghian	Biological Sciences	Investigating the roles for essential gene in the regulation of the circadian clock in Synechococcus elongatus using CRISPR interference
Sean	Lyon	Environmental Science	Leveraging Bird Specimens to Quantify the Historical Effects of Urbanization on Avifauna in Los Angeles
Sabrina	Madrigal	Biological Sciences	Identification of genetic markers associated with the NaHCO3 induced β-lactam susceptible phenotype in methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)

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Engineering and Computer Science

Andrew	Barajas	Physics	Determining The Mass Of A Class0/I Protostar L1527 Using Moment Maps
Adrian	Hernandez	Physics	Modeling Microlensing Events in the UKIRT survey (2017-2019)
Tung-Lin	Lee	Computer Science	An Application of Integrating Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning
Michael	Natalizio	Pre-Health	Theoretical Rare Gas-CO2 Spectroscopy using Machine Learning
Samuel	Yi	Computer Science	Machine Learning Based Predictions for Passenger Throughput

Humanities and Letters

Diana	Buendia	History	Ecological Grandeza: Guayaquil and Entangled Knowledge Systems
Michelle	Carballo	Latin American Studies	An early modern American story: Is there only one way to be a winner?
Esmeralda	Del Rio	History	18th Century Spanish Travelogues and the Ethnobotany of California
Christopher	Gurrola	History	Indigenous Encounters in the 18th Century: Spanish Travel Literature about Alta California
Fernando	Jauregui	History	The Tears of the Last Frontier: Cauim, Gender, Tupinambá Burials and Funerals in Sixteenth-Century Brazil.
Valezka	Murillo	Latin American Studies	Queer Memory and Resistance: The Rainbow 17 and Their Journey to Liberation
Stephanie	Pineda	Latin American Studies	Afro Central Americans Exist: Afro Central Americans Revisibilize their People, Stories, and Memories through Alternative Archives
Steven	Reyes	History	Human Sacrifice in the Early Modern Period: A Perspective on the Relationship of Ritual Violence and Social Organization (1492-1700)
Jerry	Sisneros	History	Shared Experiences and Regional Kinship Webs: Mid-Twentieth Century New Mexico, México, and Los Angeles

Physical and Mathematical Sciences

Roxana	Durantes	Mechanical Engineering	Two-Dimensional Approximation of a Three-Dimensional Wavy Microchannel
Juan	Gomez	Chemistry	Optimization of Porphyrin Based Metal-Organic Frameworks for Selective Oxidation of Sulfides
Daniel	Lopez	Mechanical Engineering	Fuzzy Logic in a Heat Convection Loop
Axel	Ochoa Aguirre	Electrical Engineering	Classification of Post-Ischemic Tissue State Based on Electrophysiological Features
Erick	Rojas-Torres	Electrical Engineering	A Comparison Between Intrinsic and Extrinsic Accelerometers for Closed-Loop Deep Brain Stimulation to Treat Parkinson's Disease
Holly	Kim	Mathematics	Anti-Magic Trees
Vicente	Lossada	Mathematics	Phase Transition in the Erdos-Renyi Random Graph

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Lily	Tran	Public Health	Assessing High School Students' Knowledge and Attitudes Towards Sex Education
Cristina	Zetino	Forensic Psychology	Religiosity: Links with Racism toward African and Latinx Americans.
Gillian Erika	Almanza De La Torre	Psychology	Sex Differences in Links between Religiosity, Sexual Shame, and Sexual Outcomes among LGBTQ Adults
Villy	Basuki	Health Care Management	Psychotherapy: Its Efficacy for ADHD Treatment in Children and Adolescents
Vanesa	Fuentes	Social Work	Impact of Social Support Services on Well-being of Survivors of Domestic Violence
Alejandro Sylvia	Hernandez Nho	Psychology	Sex Differences in Links between Religiosity, Sexual Shame, and Sexual Outcomes among Heterosexual Adults
Amber	Beasley	Sociology	Trauma and Mass Incarceration: Their Reconciliation
Emeline	Beltran	Communication Studies	Painting, Prevention, and Promotion: How Art Can Teach Public Health to Elementary Schools
Darron	Cunanan	Sociology	Friendships, Video Games, and COVID19
John	Eleby	Sociology	Economic Status as a Critical Factor in Domestic Violence

Biological Sciences

Dana	Abou Abbas	Biology	Antimicrobial Effector Molecule Response in Alveolar Type II Cells Using Pro-Inflammatory Cytokines
Harry	Bevir	Biology	Dynamic localization of circadian clock proteins Rbp2, SasA, and KaiB in cyanobacteria
Angela	Littlefield	Biology	How do the MyoD Binding Regions Upstream and Downstream of the Acta1 Gene Influence Transcription of α-actin mRNA?
Patricia Octavio Salvador	Sandoval Zaragoza Rodriguez Guerra	Kinesiology	Identification of the optimal training paradigm to facilitate recovery in spinal cord contused animals
Rafael	Rodriguez	Civil Engineering	Framework for Modeling Post-Fire Hydrology with Remote Sensing

STUDENT SYMPOSIUM ON RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Physical and Mathematical Sciences

Jin Hyeok Raymond	Yoon Lo	Chemistry	Regiochemistry of the Singlet Oxygen Ene-Reaction in Metal-Organic Frameworks
Derek	Lin	Mathematics	Anti-magic Labeling of Large Sea Urchins

CAMPUS GRAD DELEGATES FOR CSU RESEARCH COMPETITION

Five (5) Graduate students were selected to represent Cal State LA at the CSU system-wide Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Competition. The Competition will be held virtually on April 29 – 30, 2022 at San Francisco State University. 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 Communication Studies, Latin American Studies, Psychology, and Physics.

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Monique Swaby
Forensic Psychology
Differences in Racial Identity Predict Same-Race Leniency in Mock Jurors
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mitchell Eisen

Michael Baum
Psychology
Religiosity Predicts Negative Personality Attributes: Links with Dogmatism, Social Dominance Orientation, and Right-Wing Authoritarianism
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Heidi Riggio

Biological Sciences

Nouneh Boodaghian
Biological Sciences
Investigating the roles for essential genes in the regulation of the circadian clock in Synechococcus elongatus using CRISPR interference
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Susan E. Cohen

Business, Humanities, and Arts

Michelle Carballo
Latin American Studies
An early modern American story: Is there only one way to be a winner?
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kittiya Lee

Physical and Mathematical Sciences

Vicente Lossada
Mathematics
Phase Transition in the Erdos-Renyi Random Graph
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Daphne Liu

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

SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Faculty were invited to nominate graduate students to be recognized for receiving special awards or recognition in their discipline. Graduate students were acknowledged 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.

Joanna Aguayo
Communication Studies
College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

Alice Batice
Communication Studies
College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

Emeline Beltran
Communication Studies
College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation
College of Arts and Letters Angels Scholarship
Cancer for College National Scholarship Recipient
Emeriti Association Fellowship for Academic Excellence in Communication Studies
Alumni Association Scholarship
Anna Bing Arnold Children's Center Scholarship
Dale M. Schoettler Scholarship for Visually Impaired Students
Top Paper Award
Outstanding Poster Presentation: Behavioral and Social Sciences

Nouneh Boodaghian
Biology
Phi Kappa Phi RSCA Award

Vlada Castel
College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

Jonathan Chacon-Barahona
Special Recognition in Graduate Studies Award
UCLA Bruins in Genomics SEES Fellowship
UCLA Top Presentation Award in Systems Biology
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention
CSUPERB Don Eden Award Finalist

Cindy Chen
Geography
Association of Pacific Coast Geographers

Ashlyn Denson
Theater and Dance
Emeriti Fellowship Scholarship Award

Skyler Kane Ferguson
English

SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Truman Capote in Literary Trust Scholarship in Creative Writing

Jeffrey Rosas Figueroa
Anthropology
CSULA Emeriti Scholarship

Valentina Grassi
Communication Studies
College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

Rasha Hannouche
Communication Studies
Top Paper Award

Kim Holly
Outstanding Oral presentation.
Pasadena City College PI Day Conference

Mikayla Holzinger
Communication Studies
College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

Camille Jacobs
Anthropology
CSULA Emeriti Scholarship

Xochil Jauregui
Communication Studies
College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

Gareth Mackay
Studio Arts
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Kimmy Moon
Public Health
2021 Student Blog Content

Kirsten Ogden
English
2021 Finishing Line Press New Women's Voices poetry prize

Eileen Prieto
Communication Disorders
Carol J. Smallenberg Emeriti Fellowship

Joan Ramirez
Biology
David Cameron Fischer Award

SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Erik Rojas
MN Neuromodulation Symposium Travel Grant

Olivia Sanchez
University of Maryland BSOS Summer Research Initiative Candidate
Sally Casanova - Honorable Mention
Richard and Erika Nahrendorf Scholarship Award
Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities Delegate (HACU)

Luis Sotillo
Sociology
ASI Social Justice Writing Contest (Winner)
Project Rebound Academic Excellence Award

Gloria Rojas
Anthropology
CSULA Emeriti Scholarship

Taraneh Tabatabai
Communication Studies
College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

Jorge Valenzuela-Felix
Sociology
Dr. Janet Lever Endowed Sociology Scholarship

Anaid Villa
Senator of the Year

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.

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES 2019-2020

Dr. Kristina Ruiz-Mesa
College of Arts and Letters
Department of Communication Studies

Dr. Kristina 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.

Dr. Maria Karafilis
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 students' 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.

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES

Dr. Jongwook Woo
College of Business and Economics
Department of Information Systems

Professor Woo teaches students and develops their skills 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.

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 Symposiums such as ORSCA, the Arcadia Innovation Summit, and the Adobe Summit. She has been active in guiding students to present their work. She also encouraged students to publish their scholarly activity as well. Professor Doyle-Nichols fully supports the 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.

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-on robotics. He is an active faculty advisor for several student organizations, including co-founding and leading the multidisciplinary Robo-Sub 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 Ph.D. 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.

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES

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 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 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 the intellectual growth and overall student success.

Dr. Heidi Riggio
College of Natural and Social Sciences
Department of Psychology

Dr. Riggio joined the Psychology Department in Fall 2005. She has taught a variety of courses in Psychology including Introductory Psychology, Social Psychology, Descriptive Psychology, Sex and Gender, and Theories of Personality. Dr. Riggio is an exceptional professor whose passion and enthusiasm for the subject are 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.

FACULTY MENTOR HONOREES 2020-2021

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.

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.

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."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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