



College of SSIS Newsletter

Fall 2024

“Transition” and “reflection” are words that come to mind as I end my term as Dean of the College of SSIS in January and prepare to step away from the Dean’s Office at the end of spring 2025. I am very grateful for the past 13 years and the teams I have worked with. During this time, it has been fascinating to

observe how many things remain constant in the life of a university in spite of dramatic changes all around us. There have been trials and tests of our capacity and resilience, particularly in recent unpredictable years, and challenges and opportunities will continue. Yet, we keep moving forward and SSIS is strong. The optimist in me has faith in our ability to navigate anything if we prioritize a human-centered spirit and our relationships. During the pandemic, I frequently relied on my mantra of “grace, tolerance, and flexibility” and I come back to this often on the hard days when we are digging deep. I am unashamedly proud of the people and



the work of this college and this keeps me hopeful. The SSIS community cares about all aspects of humanity and society; we lean into critical spaces that many others shy away from and/or would rather not think about. The fall 2024 SSIS Newsletter captures many of these important moments and I am honored to witness our vital work every single day. Serving as the Dean of SSIS has been a rich, rewarding experience and has made me a better person in many ways. I am pleased that both of my partner associate deans are also in transition after years of close partnership in the SSIS Dean’s Office. Boatamo (Ati) Mosupyoe is already busy in her new role and making significant contributions as the Dean of Students and Chief Academic Officer in the new Black Honors College. The College of SSIS will be under the capable leadership of Marya Endriga as she steps up to serve as the interim Dean in upcoming semesters. I look forward to continuing to work with her and many of you in the upcoming months in support of the continued excellence of the College of SSIS.

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Photos from the Fall 2024 SSIS Convocation

New Faces in the College

New Faculty

Joyhanna Garza Anthropology



Dr. Joyhanna Yoo (she/they) is joining the Department of Anthropology as an assistant professor. She is a linguistic anthropologist who studies the circulation of Korean (popular) cultural genres with fieldwork based in Seoul, Mexico City, and Los Angeles. Her research examines the meanings generated by language as it pertains to race and gender; she also has research interests in Asian American racialization and linguistic appropriation in mediated contexts. As a first-generation student and an alumna of the CSU system, she is most looking forward to working with Sac State students. On and off-campus, she is passionate about community- and world-building, especially as it pertains to anti-imperialist and decolonial work.

Alfonso Aranda Environmental Studies



Dr. Alfonso A. Aranda joins the Department of Environmental Studies as an assistant professor. He completed his PhD at the University of California, Davis. He is a passionate scholar-activist committed to environmental justice. As the son of farmworkers, he uses community-based research to address health disparities in agricultural communities. His work combines academia and activism, empowering marginalized populations through education, research, and policy advocacy. Dr. Aranda is dedicated to fostering the next generation of environmental justice leaders.

Sigride Asseko Environmental Studies



Dr. Sigride Asseko joins the Department of Environmental Studies as an assistant professor. She received a BS in Environmental Studies, dual master's degrees in Public Administration and Global Studies from the University of Oregon, and a doctorate in Environmental Health from Oregon State University. She is an environmental epidemiologist whose research focuses broadly on environmental health literacy, exposure assessment, and epidemiology with applications to air pollution. She loves to collaborate as she believes that the most pressing environmental health issues must be addressed with interdisciplinary team science. During her free time away from work, she likes to dance, sing, and hike with her family.

Vanessa Guzman Ethnic Studies



Dr. Vanessa Guzman joins Chicana/Latina Studies in the Department of Ethnic Studies as an assistant professor. She received her PhD in American Studies from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; her MA from Claremont Graduate University; and her BA from UCLA. Her research attends to the convergence of criminal law and immigration law and how immigrants are impacted by criminalization. Her broader research interests include the politics/ethics of care, labor and social movements, and political theory.

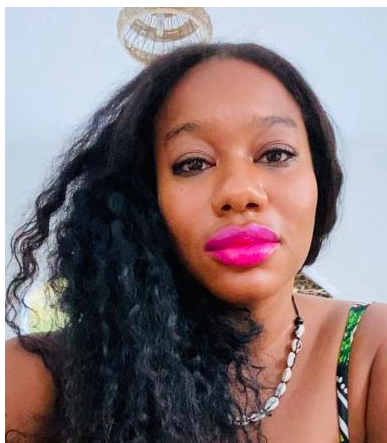
Melina Juarez Ethnic Studies



Dr. Melina Juárez Pérez (she/her) joins Chicana/Latina Studies in the Department of Ethnic Studies as an assistant professor. She is a Chicana scholar-poet-artist born and raised in Yokuts Lands (Central Valley,

CA). She earned her BA in Political Science from CSU, Stanislaus; her MA in TransAtlantic Politics from UNC-Chapel Hill; and her PhD in Political Science from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. Her work is inspired by her fat queer life and grounded in her desire for radical collective transformation, healing, and justice. You can find her poetry in *The Ana* and the *New Mexico Poetry Anthology*, and her research in journals such as the *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity and Policy Studies Journal*, among others. Her first book, *Chicana: An Autohistoria*, is set for publication in summer of 2025 through Lived Places Publishing.

Nicole Richards **Ethnic Studies**



Dr. Nicole Richards is a native of upstate New York and joins Pan African Studies in the Department of Ethnic Studies as an assistant professor. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania in English Literature before completing her Master of Arts in African American Studies at Columbia University and her PhD in American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California. Her research interests include Black fatherhood and Black queer feminism, Africana girlhood, and sites of West African memory and memorial.

Erika Salinas **Ethnic Studies**



Dr. Erika Salinas joins Native American Studies in the Department of Ethnic Studies as an assistant professor. She is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and is also Kiowa. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Social Work with a Minor in Native American Studies from Sacramento State, a Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis, and a PhD in Social Work from the University of Southern California. Her research interests include the implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act as well as behavioral health outcomes of Tribal youth. As a Sac State Alumna, she is excited to return - go Hornets!

Alyssa Maples **Family & Consumer Sciences**



Dr. Alyssa Maples is excited to join the Family Sciences and Human Development program in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences as an assistant professor. Her research centralizes around flourishing, mental health, and belonging

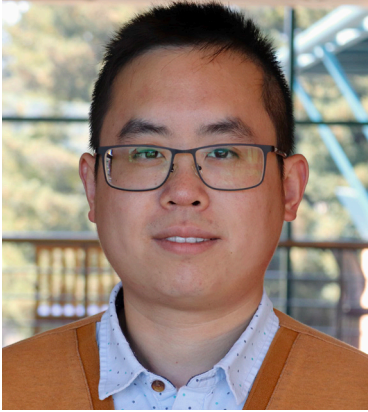
among college students, with an emphasis on social justice and inclusion through volunteerism and campus involvement. She received her PhD from the University of Minnesota in Family Social Science with an emphasis on couple and family therapy. She was previously a faculty member working with clinical graduate students, and is a practicing therapist focusing on trauma, addiction, and ambiguous loss.

Shane Nurdyke **Public Policy & Administration**



Dr. Shane Nurdyke joins the Department of Public Policy and Administration as a full professor and department chair. She received her PhD in Public Policy from Indiana University. Prior to joining Sacramento State, she was a Professor at the University of South Dakota where she was the Director of the Chiesman Center for Democracy and previously directed the Government Research Bureau. Her teaching is primarily in the areas of public policy and research methods. Her research focuses on the scholarship of teaching and learning and applied policy analysis. Outside of work, she is an avid reader, knitter, and hiker. She also loves to spend time with her family and her two dogs.

Kehan Shen **Psychology**



Dr. Kehan Shen joins the Psychology Department as an assistant professor with a specialty in Counseling Psychology. He earned his PhD from the University of Kansas and completed a clinical internship and postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley. His research interests include psychotherapy processes and outcomes, multicultural counseling, and psychosocial factors in chronic medical conditions. He has many years of clinical experience with various university counseling centers and has provided a wide range of mental health services to a diverse clientele. In his spare time, he likes traveling, cooking, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

New Staff

Raleigh Wilcox **Liberal Studies/Social Science**



Raleigh Wilcox joins the Liberal Studies and Social Science Programs as the Administrative Support Coordinator. He earned his BA in Economics at Sacramento State while working as a student assistant in University Housing Services and later in the Office of Space Management and the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. During this time, he helped students with adjusting to college life, planning events, accessing resources and services, and making them feel welcome and valued on campus. He has also worked as a valuable team member in managing large projects and programs. As the new ASC for the Liberal Studies and Social Science Programs, Raleigh plans to continue providing committed service to students, care for the office and the team, and help the university pursue its mission to prepare students to lead, serve, and succeed.

Pa Vang **Full Circle Project**



Pa Vang joins the Full Circle Project (FCP) as an Administrative Support Coordinator. She is a first-generation college student who began her academic journey at Sacramento State in 2019. During this time, she was involved in the FCP as a member of Cohort 8 and experienced a great impact on her academic and professional development through the program's provision of essential campus resources and leadership skills. Pa served as a student assistant for peer advising within FCP from her junior through senior year. In this role, she supported many APIDA students, facilitating their transition to college life. She

graduated from Sacramento State in May 2024 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, specializing in Accounting. She looks forward to continuing to contribute to FCP's mission and supporting the student community on campus.

Laura Baker **Center for California Studies**



Laura Baker joins the Center for California Studies as the new Director of the Executive Fellowship Program. Laura is a seasoned professional with a diverse public services background spanning environmental law and policy, nonprofit leadership, and academic administration. Her prior roles include Chief of Staff at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine and Assistant Dean for Career Development at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. She was a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Transportation and Air Quality and completed a detail assignment with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Her work with nonprofit organizations includes Placer Land Trust, Coalition for Clean Air, California Public Interest Research Group, and the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, where she represented underserved communities in the San Joaquin Valley. Laura holds a JD and Master of Studies in Environmental Laws from Vermont Law School and a B.A. in Communications from California State University, Fullerton.

Shannon Swanson Center for California Studies



Shannon Swanson joins the team at the Center for California Studies as Senior Outreach Specialist. Her primary role is conducting communications and recruitment efforts for the Capital Fellows programs. Shannon holds her BA in Political Science from Sacramento State and is currently in Sacramento State's Master of Public Policy and Administration program (double Stingers Up!). Prior to this role, she served as a Policy Specialist for the California State Student Association and a Legislative Aide in the California State Assembly. Shannon is particularly excited to be a part of the Capital Fellows programs because they empower people to ignite successful careers in public service. In addition to her work, she enjoys traveling and most recently visited Paris for the 2024 Olympics.

Annelise Green EdInsights



Annelise Green (she/her) joins the Education Insights Center (EdInsights) as a Research Associate. She collaborates on evaluation projects that meaningfully inform and evolve educational systems, resources, and policy. She primarily orients her work with a transformative, humanistic, and mixed-methods perspective, particularly seeking to reflect areas of opportunity to promote equitable systemic change. Prior to joining EdInsights, Annelise discovered her vocation through the intersection of a deep passion for providing youth pathways to thrive and the power of data and evaluation to accelerate impact. She obtained her Bachelor's degree as a double major in Psychology and Intercultural Communications at Pepperdine University, and her Master's in Educational Psychology with a specialization in research methods, measurement, and evaluation through the University of Connecticut. Annelise continues her studies as a lifelong learner and student of anti-racism.

Sukai Kato-Hopkins EdInsights



Sukai (pronounced "sky") Kato-Hopkins joins EdInsights as a Research Associate. She earned her BA in Applied Linguistics and her MA in Higher Education & Organizational Change from the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to EdInsights, she has worked across various subfields in higher education, including institutional research, academic advising, admissions, new student programs, and retention programs. Originally from rural Japan, Sukai is passionate about education not being a one-size-fits-all solution,

requiring continuous community engagement and partnerships to meet the needs of an increasingly diversifying student population. She is also passionate about the benefits of mentorship, continuing to mentor and support Japanese students interested in pursuing their higher education abroad.

Lada Thao EdInsights



Lada Thao joins EdInsights as an Administrative Analyst. She earned her BA in International Relations with a minor in Psychology from California State University, Chico. During her time there, Lada served as the President of the Upward Bound Alumni Association, a student organization that helps provide support to Upward Bound (UB) High school seniors through fundraising for college scholarship awards, and organizing college application and financial aid workshops to help support them in their college admission journey. She also helped organized mentorship and tutor programs to help support Chico State UB Alumni freshmen retention and helping them acclimate to University life. Lada also served as a member of the Hmong Student Association at Chico State where she helped coordinate a higher education conference for Hmong students and parents in the local community. As a first-generation college graduate herself, Lada is passionate about helping students gain access to equal educational opportunities and support to succeed in higher education.

Lara Triona
EdInsights



Dr. Lara Meyer Triona joined EdInsights in 2023 as a research associate. Lara earned her MS and PhD in Psychology from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. Her focus at EdInsights is on evaluating institutional effectiveness and program initiatives to improve students' community college experience. She is passionate about ensuring that California offers empowering and equitable educational opportunities. Her previous research focused on math and science learning by children in schools, museums, and other informal learning settings. She also has more than a decade of experience designing curriculum for various education-focused companies.

Daniel Santana
EdInsights



Daniel E. Santana joins the Education Insights Center as an Administrative Support Coordinator. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a minor in Political Science from Louisiana State University. In his current role, he is dedicated to enhancing operational

efficiencies and supporting cross-functional teams. A former Operations Team Lead in the United States Air Force, Daniel is passionate about fostering effective communication and teamwork in all aspects of his work.

Laura Brignone
Institute for Social Research



Laura Brignone joins the Institute for Social Research as a Research Analyst. She completed her BA in Music at Stanford University, and she earned her MSW and PhD in Social Welfare at UC Berkeley. She brings experience studying the role of technology in domestic and sexual violence interventions to this role, as well as an enthusiasm for applied and community-engaged research. Many of her favorite non-academic discoveries come in indie bookshops, while seated at the piano, or through dance.

Roxana Gomez
Institute for Social Research



Roxana joined The Institute for Social Research (ISR) in February 2024 as the Operations and Administrative Assistant. Prior to joining ISR, Roxana used her background in administration in various supporting roles with local, woman-owned small businesses and with several elementary schools across Sacramento, with a particular concentration on schools with a high percentage of students from low-income backgrounds. She has a passion for supporting the arts and local makers. She herself is a local maker and a self-proclaimed candle connoisseur; she uses her spare time creating candles, incense and soaps using only locally sourced ingredients. She is a snowboarder and a devout football (soccer) fan; you can usually find her, along with her husband and two kids, at a Sacramento Republic match when in season! She is thrilled to be a part of the dynamic ISR team and is excited to assist ISR's continuous efforts in transforming research into action and building stronger communities.



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
& INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Campus Faculty Awards & Grants

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS



Andrea Walters
Economics
Outstanding Teaching
Award



Zach Schudson
Psychology
Outstanding Scholarly and
Creative Activity Award



Bao Lo
Ethnic Studies
Outstanding Community
Service Award



Heidi Sarabia
Sociology
Outstanding University
Service Award

RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITY AWARDS

The Research & Creative Activity (RCA) Awards Program supports faculty research, scholarly and creative activity, and encourages faculty contributions to their disciplines. This program is funded in part through the Chancellor's Office and Academic Affairs and is administered by the RCA Subcommittee with support from the Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development.

James Crandall
Anthropology
Production of archaeological research and training of students in the Upper Amazon

Rachel Flamenbaum
Anthropology
An Ethnographic investigation of ChatGPT and transitions in digital literacies & authorship on campus

David Giguere
Psychology
Promoting reading skills in bilingual children

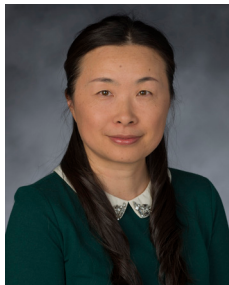
Young-Im Lee
Political Science
The Discursive Construction of Park Chung-hee Nostalgia: Analysis of Geunhwa-bo

Nandini Singh
Anthropology
Is the Russian Farm-Fox experiment a viable model to study the process of domestication?

Silvia Toscano
Ethnic Studies
Using an Andean Danza Cosmivision to Map Ancestral Identities: Reconfiguring Ethnic Studies 30 through the Use of Personal Choreographies

PEDAGOGY ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

The Pedagogy Enhancement Award is a competitive grant program that supports faculty to develop expertise, curriculum, and programs that improve the quality of teaching and learning at Sacramento State.



Dong Shen
Family & Consumer Sciences
Quality Matters Certified for FASH 137
Clothing, Society, and Culture

ANCHOR UNIVERSITY ANCHOR GRANTS AND COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS



L to R: Elisa Trimboli, Anchor University Manager, and Theresa Abah; photo courtesy of Community Engagement Center

Dr. Theresa Abah (GERO) received an Anchor University Strategic Investment Grant for “Promoting Health Lifestyle Behaviors for Older Adults in a Low-income Senior Living Community: Leveraging Inter-agency and Multidisciplinary Collaboration”. The Community Partner was Margaret McDowell Manor CCH.

Dr. Erin Rose Ellison (PSYC) received an Anchor University Strategic Investment Grant for “Morrison Creek: Fostering Youth Empowerment in South Sacramento”. The Community Partner was the Sacramento Community Land Trust and the Chinese Community Services Center.

Dr. Ann Moylan (FACS) received an Anchor University Priority Grant for the “Jumpstart Program Expansion”. The Community Partner was the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) Head Start.

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY (RSCA) FOR EARLY-CAREER FACULTY

The Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) for Early-Career Faculty is given each year by the Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development (ORIED) to recognize a colleague in the first ten years of their faculty appointment who has made significant contributions to their discipline. The award includes \$2,500 in professional development funds and three units of release time. One of the two AY 23/24 winners was Dr. Julian Fulton (ENVS) for his work on creating a curriculum and user-friendly tools, such as mobile apps, to enable non-expert participants to collect and report data on trash accumulation in their communities. This data not only contributes to better understanding of uneven distribution of litter but also informs local mitigation strategies and environmental policies. Dr. Fulton was invited to speak on his activity at an award ceremony and lecture on October 2nd. Here is a video about his work.



Sacramento State/Paris Guard

RESEARCH ENHANCED SUPPORT GRANT (RESG)

The Research Enhanced Support Grant program aims to elevate faculty research and scholarship at Sac State. Faculty can secure seed funding to support preliminary/exploratory work that will contribute new knowledge or novel scholarship to their discipline while deepening their transformational impact on and with students. The overall mission is to increase student graduation rates. The program is funded by the President’s Office and administered by Academic Affairs with support from the Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development (ORIED).

The College of SSIS congratulates our RESG recipients.

Fall 2023 Recipients:
 Itzel Aceves-Azuara (PSYC)
 Mark Brown (POLS)
 Sharon Flicker (PSYC)
 Sharon Furtak (PSYC)
 Si Gao (ENVS)
 Henry Gonzalez (FACS)
 Young-Im Lee (POLS)
 Caio Miguel (PSYC)
 Alexandra Morrison (PSYC)
 Elvia Ramirez (ETHN)

Megan Raschig (ANTH)
 Sahar Razavi (POLS)
 Christopher Rogers (SOC)
 Clara Scarry (ANTH) Ayanna Yonemura (ETHN) Brittany Young (PSYC)

Spring 2024 Recipients:
 Ahrum Chang (PPA)
 Erin Rose Ellison (PSYC)
 Paulette Garcia Peraza (PSYC)
 David Giguere (PSYC)
 Clarence George III (ETHN)
 Nancy Huante-Tzintzun (ETHN)

Jaime Jackson (POLS)
 Greg Kim-Ju (PSYC)
 Amalia Perez Martin (SOC)
 Ciobha McKeown (PSYC)
 Megan Raschig (ANTH)
 Heidi Sarabia (SOC)
 Catherine Warren (PSYC)

INTERDISCIPLINARY EXCELLENCE - FACULTY MEMBER DR. CHRIS ROGERS

Dr. Christopher Rogers hit the ground running when he joined the Department of Sociology in fall 2023. In his first semester, he immediately began integrating his connections with the Lemelson-MIT (LMIT) program in the School of Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with his work at Sacramento State. He connected with colleagues in the College of Engineering & Computer Science, the Stinger Studio MakerSpace, the Carlsen Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, and the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies to embark on "Invention Education (IvE) with the goal of expanding the involvement of social sciences disciplines in the world of STEM. Chris has already engaged students in a new course rooted in a problem-based pedagogical approach where they work with their communities to identify relevant problems, create technological solutions, and take ownership of their work by building their skills and knowledge to protect their intellectual property (IP). His scholarship and pedagogy are rooted in critical race theory (CRT), integrating an abolitionist framework with STEM invention. A long-term outcome of this work is an increase in US patent holders from marginalized backgrounds, as students will submit for a provisional patent they own. Chris is a co-principal investigator on a STEM-NET Faculty Interdisciplinary Collaborative Research Seed Grant, through the California State University Interagency Grant process, along with colleagues



Photo courtesy of Chris Rogers

Sarvenaz Sobhansarbandi, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science (principle investigator), and Rey Jeong, Assistant Professor of Art in the College of Arts and Letters (co-principal investigator). Chris has been busy with grant submissions, including a recent application in collaboration with University Advancement for a Kauffman Foundation Planning Grant and ongoing work with others on the planned submission of an NSF grant. The future looks bright when we work together across the disciplines.

Y LUEGO QUE? (AND THEN WHAT?) PROGRAM

Dr. Heidi Sarabia (Sociology), in collaboration with Dr. Debra Welkley, Dr. Nitika Sharma, Dr. Amanda Shigihara, and Dr. Amy Liu (Sociology), received a Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions (DHSI) Grant to run a new program titled "Y Luego Que? (And then what?)" designed to hold a series of workshops and events intended to guide undergraduate students in their post-graduation plans. The events have focused on reaching out, especially, to first-generation college students, working-class, and Latinx/Hispanic students in the Sociology Department to offer guidance and mentoring in their post-graduation journey. A series of webinars were held (and archived webinars), and on March 6th, 2024, they hosted a networking event with alumni with 15 alumni and close to 60 students (see all pictures here).



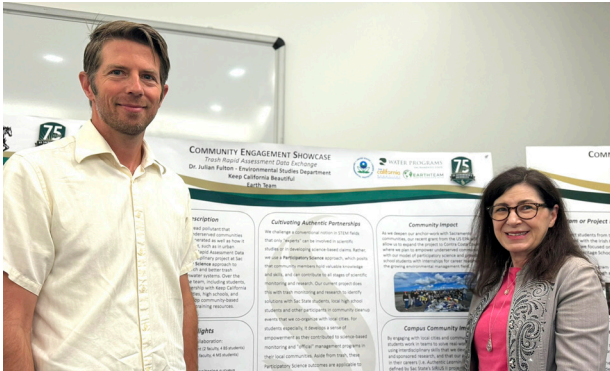
Then, on May 8th, 2024, they hosted an end of the year "Community Building Event" with alumni, students, faculty, and staff. Alumnus Mark Carnero was the keynote speaker, and more than 130 attendees enjoyed his powerful and motivational talk about how to create social change (see all pictures here). Alumnus Maryam Awad kindly donated a photo booth for the event as well (see all the photo booth pictures here). These events were also supported and cosponsored by the Soc Club, the SOC Circle Mentoring Program, and the newly established Sociology Alumni Network.

Photos courtesy of Sociology



Community and Professional Faculty Awards

Julian Fulton - EPA Award



L to R: Julian Fulton and Keep California Beautiful Executive Team Leader Cecile Carson

Julian Fulton, Environmental Studies (ENVS), was awarded his third US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant in the amount of \$742,240 for his project *Participatory Science for a Trash-Free SF Bay*, which will help reduce trash going into urban stormwater systems by utilizing a community-based monitoring system. This grant provides internships for students (high school and college) and allows the expansion of the Trash Rapid Assessment Data Exchange (TRADE) to Contra Costa County, which was also developed by Fulton, ENVS lecturer Christine Flowers, and the nonprofit Keep California Beautiful, to collect data on trash and its impact on local streams and rivers.

Meliksah Demir - CA Special Committee on Happiness

Meliksah Demir (PSYC, Rekhi Singh Endowed Professor in Happiness) provided expert witness testimony on March 12, 2024, for the Select Committee on Happiness and Public Policy Outcomes at the California State Capitol. In his testimony, Demir emphasized the numerous benefits of happiness for individuals and society, offering suggestions for how public officials can enhance the happiness of Californians (e.g., increasing access to green spaces and introducing happiness education in schools). Story on the hearing. The committee's report can be found here.



Rekhi Singh and Meliksah Demir. Photo courtesy of Tess Dyer.

Si Gao - CSUS Retirees Association's Probationary Faculty Research Award

Si Gao (ENVS) was awarded the CSUS Retirees Association Probationary Faculty Research Award for 2024. This award is a grant program that recognizes the research and scholarly activity of probationary faculty. The award is \$1000, with partial matching by the College of SSIS, and assists in supporting faculty contributions as they progress toward tenure. Some of the highlights of Si's accomplishments are her alignment with the university's Anchor Initiative, her work with the local community, being invited to speak at other universities, and her excellent teaching.



L to R: Chris Oshiro, Michelle Stevens, Ted Lascher, Si Gao, Bryan Chu, Dianne Hyson, Rebekah Rabirotff



Si Gao and Susan Holl, President of the CSUS Retirees Association

SSIS Students in Leadership

Strong SSIS Representation in ASI Student Government

NEW ASI DIRECTOR



Meet our 2024-2025 Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Director of SSIS, Colin Kemp. Colin had this to share with the college: "Hello Hornets! My name is Colin Kemp, and I've received the honor of representing you on the ASI Board of Directors as the Director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS). I am currently a Political Science major in my senior year, and have been a participant in the Sacramento Semester program. My involvement in Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) began last year when I was involved in a few ASI committees, and realized the importance of ASI and the services it offers. I'm

excited to represent you this year, and assist in offering the numerous services that ASI has to offer. It's great to see so many new Hornets exploring degrees in the College of SSIS, including our new Department of Nutrition, Food & Dietetics. ASI is for the students, by the students, and is what you make it. If you need anything this semester, feel free to reach out at anytime, I'm here to support you and be a resource. Thank you and have a great year!
STINGERS UP!"

OTHER SSIS STUDENTS IN ASI POSITIONS

Just as in previous years, SSIS is well represented in the ASI Board of Directors. This is the third year in a row that the ASI President/CEO has been an SSIS student or graduate, and all five of the executive officers represent SSIS.

Name: Sabrina Charleston
ASI Position: Vice President of University Affairs
Major: Psychology

Name: Jenn Galinato
ASI Position: Vice President of Academic Affairs
Major: Political Science - Journalism
Minor: Asian American Studies

The following student government positions in 2024-2025 are represented by students in SSIS Majors/Alumni:

Name: Colin Kemp
Position: Director of SSIS
Major: Political Science

Name: Nataly Andrade
Position: ASI President and CEO
Alumna: Political Science

Name: Gabriel Conejo Gallegos
Position: Executive Vice President
Minor: Ethnic Studies

Name: Wasim Hamdani
ASI Position: Vice President of Finance
Major: Political Science



L to R: Colin Kemp, Gabriel Conejo Gallegos, Wasim Hamdani, Nataly Andrade, Jenn Galinato, Sabrina Charleston

Dean's Award Winners

UNDERGRADUATE



Sacramento State/Hanz Sanker

Destiny Nash, Environmental Studies, was the 2024 Dean's Award* recipient. Destiny, raised in Sacramento by a single mother, overcame significant anxiety to find her voice through a passion for the environment. Despite finding it hard to communicate, she became a confident advocate for environmental issues, blending her interests in environmental psychology and social justice. Her senior thesis analyzed shark conservation through media framing, demographics,

and cultural beliefs, showcasing her interdisciplinary skills.

An accomplished ceramic artist, Destiny's work often highlights Black and LGBTQIA+ perspectives. One notable piece integrated her environmental and artistic passions, depicting a shark. Destiny notes that her final ceramic projects explored mental health, nature's evolution stages, and human personal growth. A social justice area of study was an advanced GIS mapping project focused on public library accessibility, accompanied by advocacy against library defunding.

On campus, Destiny's commitment to the environment is evident through her involvement with ASI's Green Team, where she addressed waste and microplastic issues, supported environmental proposals, and engaged in community outreach. Her extensive community service includes a 12-year tenure with the FROM organization, assisting with food, social, and school supply projects. As a SMUD Community Relations Intern, she further demonstrated her dedication.



Sacramento State/Andrea Price

Destiny aims to become a Sustainability Analyst and obtain a Data Analysis certification to address resource inequalities and promote sustainable solutions. Professor and Department Chair Wayne Linklater says, "I am convinced that Destiny will change this world. I have high hopes for her part in our future." Her journey reflects resilience, interdisciplinary expertise, and a profound commitment to social justice and environmental advocacy.

GRADUATE



Karen McMillen was the 2024 graduate Dean's Award Recipient. Karen is a Treasurer-Tax Manager for the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office in Placer County, overseeing projects, debt management, tax collections, and a \$2.4 billion investment portfolio. Previously, she managed educational programs at the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC). Balancing her career, she pursued a Master's in Public Policy and Administration at Sacramento State, maintaining a 4.0 GPA and receiving professional recognition. Karen values community involvement, evidenced by her roles in local and state organizations and her dedication to public finance education. Reflecting on her journey, she supported a young daughter while excelling academically and professionally.

Professor Rob Wassmer highlights, "Karen is not just a student; she is a leader, a mentor, a dedicated community servant, and an inspiration to those around her." Karen's commitment to public service and continuous learning underscores her contributions to the community and the public finance sector. Her ability to balance personal, academic, and professional responsibilities serves as an exemplary model for others.



The Dean's Award undergraduate and graduate recipients are also honored with the Mayada Al-Qazzaz and Sharifa Al-Qazzaz Distinguished Achievement Awards, respectively, a \$1000 award for each, contributed annually by Dr. Ayad Al-Qazzaz

New Department: Nutrition, Food and Dietetics

Nutrition, Food & Dietetics (NUFD)



Photo courtesy of NUFD

After several years in the making, the new Department of Nutrition, Food & Dietetics (NUFD) launched at the start of the fall 2024 semester. The decision to establish NUFD as a department separate from the broader Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Department reflects a unanimous consensus among faculty and was vetted through all levels of the campus process with final approval by former President Nelsen on October 13, 2022. This significant development followed extensive consultation with

current and former FACS students, faculty, staff, advisory committees, and stakeholders. The evolution facilitates a more focused approach to student advising and success, greater alignment with ongoing changes in the disciplines, improved efficiency in achieving program learning outcomes, and enhanced integration of community-engaged learning for both the new NUFD program and the programs remaining in the FACS Department (see below).

NUFD offers several programs including a BS Degree in Nutrition and Food, with the option of a BS in Nutrition and Food (Dietetics), the latter accredited for students who wish to pursue careers as Registered Dietitian Nutritionists or Diet Technicians. Other undergraduate offerings include a minor in Nutrition and Food and a Certificate in Grocery Management. The Department also administers an accredited 42-week post-baccalaureate supervised practice internship with applicants from across the nation. The Dietetics degree and Internship programs recently received continued accreditation for a seven year period by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. At the graduate level, the department started offering a MS Degree in Nutrition and Food in 2023 with high demand and great success.

Family & Consumer Sciences (FACS)

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences continues to serve three programs. These include Family and Consumer Sciences pre-credential, single subject, for future middle and high school teachers of culinary arts; child development/parenting, fashion, and more. The Family Studies and Human Development program supports students pursuing careers in family support services and graduate schools for counseling. It also offers a certificate in Family Life Education (CFLE), meets the curriculum for the National Council on Family Relations' CFLE, and provides curriculum toward academic qualification for Certified Child Life Specialist. The Fashion Merchandising and Management program is preparing students for many aspects of the global fashion industry and is expanding its focus on social and environmental sustainability.



Students from FASH 32: Fundamentals of Apparel Construction, visiting McCormack Ranch in Rio Vista, CA, one of the many climate-beneficial wool producers in the region.

Moving Forward...

The new Departments of NUFD and FACS have begun the process of remodeling their previously shared administrative space on the third floor of Mariposa Hall to align with the organization of each department. The work has been made possible by a generous donation from the Estate of Gloria Adele Pieretti, Home Economics class of 1962. The two departments look forward to the continued success and impact of their departmental offerings and remain committed to supporting students in achieving their academic and career aspirations.

President's Medal for Distinguished Service - Dr. Otis L. Scott

Dean Emeritus, Dr. Otis L. Scott, was awarded the 2024 President's Medal for Distinguished Service. He was recognized at a reception at the Julia Morgan House on April 3rd and was also recognized during the College of SSIS Commencement ceremony in May. Dr. Scott was hired at Sacramento State in 1974 and played a pivotal role in transforming the Ethnic Studies program into a full-fledged department, serving as its first chair for 21 years. He later became the Associate Dean and then Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS)

until his retirement in 2009. Dr. Scott's educational journey began at Central State University prior to his joining the Air Force. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Sacramento State, followed by a doctorate from Union Graduate School. He co-founded the Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program, focusing on Black student success, and was recognized for his teaching excellence and commitment to social justice with the 1999 Livingston Lecture. Upon retirement, the Otis L. Scott Scholarship was established in his honor.



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Lunar New Year Excellence Awards



Sacramento State / Nicole Fowler

The Sacramento State APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) Center hosted the 2024 Lunar New Year Excellence Awards on February 1, 2024. The recognition honored individuals who support and demonstrate an active commitment to Asian Pacific Islander Desi students and serve as an exemplary advocate for their academic excellence and career success. Nutrition, Food and Detetics Professor and Chair, Seunghee Wie, was the Emcee of the event and Sociology Professor and Chair Amy Liu and Associate Dean Marya Endriga were award recipients.



FASH student helps local shop

Sacramento State students are revitalizing historic Old Sacramento by working with local business owners through a fashion entrepreneurship class started by Esther Amato, a Fashion Merchandizing and Management lecturer, in 2021. The class includes a service-learning component requiring 45 hours of fieldwork. Maggie Baker, owner of Threadeco, collaborates with fashion student Allegra Polendo, who has worked at the store for two years. Baker's store sells unsold or returned clothing, and Polendo helps with various tasks, including researching eco-friendly packaging and managing social media. The Old Sacramento Waterfront, a 28-acre landmark, has struggled with high retail vacancy rates, but a \$47 million renovation project approved in 2019 aims to attract more visitors. Baker appreciates the students' help, which has provided invaluable experience and support for her business. Polendo values the practical industry knowledge gained from working at Threadeco, boosting her confidence in running a business.



Sacramento State/Bibiana Ortiz

Sankofa Artifacts Research Team



A chance meeting between two generous donors and Dr. Clarence George III, assistant professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies, led to a transformative opportunity for Sacramento State students and faculty. This encounter resulted in a donation of over 2,000 African art pieces, which hold immense cultural and historical significance. In response, Dr. George, along with a dedicated group of students, formed the Sankofa Artifacts Research Team. This team is committed to cataloging, archiving, and preserving the collection, which will be housed at Sacramento State. They are busy with the organization and documentation of the collection involving students in the hands-on archival work led. The project curator and course instructor guiding this work is Karen Dively, Collections Manager for the Archeologic Curation Facility/Anthropology Museum on campus. Dr. George III states that this project provides an important opportunity to deepen students' understanding and connection of African and diasporic cultures to contemporary issues, and promote cultural awareness and social justice through the preservation of historical artifacts. The team's efforts bridge the University and the Sacramento community, providing a platform for local engagement with African heritage and culture. The collection will not only be preserved in physical form but also transformed into a digital museum and future exhibits. This initiative promises to leave a lasting legacy for all involved. Currently housed in Mendocino Hall, the collection is accessible to students, faculty, and researchers, serving as a tangible connection to the cultural heritage it represents.



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The College of SSIS and the Department of Ethnic Studies express deep gratitude for this invaluable gift, made possible by William and Esther Finster and their daughters Shirley and Connie.



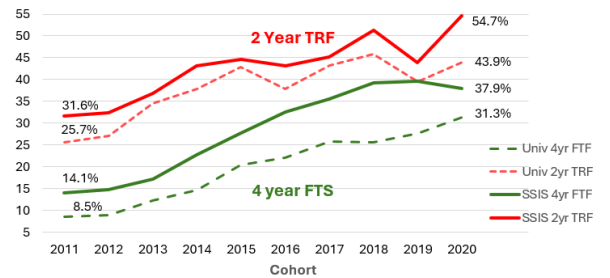
Makenzie Mayes, ETHN student

Student Success Corner

At SSIS, we are dedicated to supporting student success through timely progress, degree completion, inclusive learning opportunities, and holistic student services that promote wellness and belonging. Our faculty and staff have been working tirelessly to achieve these goals, and we are pleased to share some exciting results!

As the Graduation Initiative 2025 (GI 2025) comes to a close, we take a moment to reflect on our journey and the progress we've made. We are proud to report that our graduation rates have either met or exceeded the university's targets and CSU Chancellor's Office goals. Our First-Time Student 4-year graduation rate is 37.9%, and our Transfer 2-year graduation rate is 54.7%—both showing a remarkable increase of 23 percentage points from 2011. These gains reflect our commitment to student success.

SSIS GRADUATION RATES FOR FIRST-TIME STUDENTS AND TRANSFERS



Photos courtesy of SSIS Student Success Center



We are incredibly grateful for the hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication of our counseling interns, who are building their advising and counseling skills while providing invaluable support to our students. We warmly welcome our new 2024-2025 interns and extend our deepest appreciation to those who have moved on from the 2023-2024 cohort: Kiara Blanza, Katia Calderon, Alyssa Heeb, Rayanna Hester, Zenzi Jackson, Austin Joseph, Hopoate Koloamatangi, Lindsey Parisius, and Michelle Thai. We also want to thank our student assistant Ysabella Beltran for her outstanding contributions.

We look forward to continuing our work in supporting student success and building a campus community where all students can thrive.

Annual assessments and feedback from the Office of Academic Excellence confirm that our programs are improving student learning outcomes in key areas like communication, cultural awareness, ethics, and subject knowledge. SSIS departments are also focused on lowering DFW (Drop, Fail, Withdraw) rates, which currently stand at 10% for the spring 2024 semester, slightly higher than the university average of 9.8%. These rates disproportionately affect male, minoritized, Pell-eligible, and first-generation students. To address this, we've introduced several interventions, including peer mentors, faculty fellows, targeted tutoring, and course redesigns focused on inclusive pedagogy.

The SSIS Student Success Center (SSC) continues to play a crucial role in supporting students across all majors in our college. Last year, the SSC provided over 5,000 advising sessions, thanks to the efforts of our professional staff, faculty fellows, and counseling interns. We've expanded access to advising services, offering online and in-person appointments Monday through Friday, along with drop-in sessions and a live chat feature on our website.

SSC staff have also participated in numerous campus and community events, connecting with SSIS students as well as prospective students from local high schools and community colleges. Some of our recent outreach activities included Admitted Students Day, Future Hornet Day, Los Rios Spring Sting, as well as orientations and registration support. In February, we hosted a Welcome/Welcome Back event, where SSIS students had the chance to meet each other, receive on-the-spot advising, and relax with refreshments.



Student Awards

Social Science Student Symposium (S4)

On May 2, 2024 Sacramento State hosted the 49th Annual CSU, Social Science Research & Instructional Center (SSRIC) Social Science Student Symposium (S4). Five Sociology students, mentored by Professor Trish Morris, received awards:

Rummel Award for Best Use of Quantitative Data, second place:

Nataleigh Denning

Jazmine Flores

Kelsey Hunkins

Paper title: "Comparing the Impact of Political and Religious Beliefs Versus Group Affiliations on Abortion Attitudes: Insights from the 2022 General Social Survey"



Photo courtesy of Sociology

McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Paper, first place:

Mo Augello

Lorene Sousa

Paper title: "Unraveling the Threads: Investigating Modern Conspiracy Theories".

Model United Nations

Sacramento State's Model UN Team from Political Science attended the Conference A session in spring 2024. They represented the Oxfam International in Economic and Social Commission for Asia at the Pacific (ESCAP), Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Commission for Social Development (CSocD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and Human Rights Council (HRC). The team consisted of Ramon Arrietta, Joshua Boben, Jenn Galinato, Mai Lam, Angela Lee, Julian Mendez, Natalie Place, Anthonie Riccitiello, Niko Santana, Valentina Suarez, and Chandler Witthaus. They were awarded the Top Team Award for Outstanding Delegation Award along with the following position paper awards:

CSocD: Ramon Arrietta and Natalie Place

CSW: Mai Lam and Angela Lee

HRC: Joshua Boben and Anthonie Riccitiello

UNDP: Chandler Witthaus

UNHCR: Julian Mendez and Valentina Suarez.

Outstanding Delegate Award recognizes leadership qualities of delegates in committee during the conference and that was awarded to ECOSOC: Niko Santana.



Photos courtesy of Political Science

On May 15, 2024 the College of SSIS held its annual Master's Candidate Reception and Hooding Ceremony. This year the location moved from the Alumni Center to the University Union Ballroom and was also a special opportunity for graduating students since there was no longer any Hooding at the University Commencement ceremony. Speakers included Interim Provost Carlos Nevarez and Dean of Graduate Studies, Chevelle Newsome. Our special Guest Speaker was Karen McMillen, a graduate candidate from Public Policy & Administration, who was also the Graduate Dean's Award Recipient.

Master's Candidate Reception and Hooding Ceremony



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Scholarship Corner

Thank you to the members of last year's SSIS Scholarship committee: Theresa Abah (GERO), Martin Boston (ETHN), Meliksah Demir (PSYC), Hannah Gabriel (ECON), David Giguere (PSYC), Will Gow (ETHN), Amal Kumar (PPA), Zach Schudson (PSYC), Raul Tadle (ECON), and Kristina Victor (POLLS).

ANTHROPOLOGY

Richard H. Reeve Award

Kaitlin Jones
Hannah Leonard

John. W. Connor Scholarship

Katie Kachanov

Edgar Lee Jordan Scholarship

Ethan Ciriaco
Brittany Lockwood
Isadora Murphy



ASIAN STUDIES

Mishra Family Scholarship

Rigg Arambulo
Zoe Germano

Professor Thomas Swift Asian Studies Scholarship

Annika Butterfield
Chong Sook Lim
Grace Matayoshi
Casee Yang
Timothy Yarbrough
Ian Zentner

Mishra Family Study Abroad Scholarship

Grace Matayoshi

ECONOMICS

Professor John G. Ranlett Memorial Scholarship

Perla Mariel Tellez Perez

Professor Robert L. Curry, Jr. and Chi Ming Dana Curry Scholarship

Hajara Enayat
Benjamin Nguyen
Perla Mariel Tellez Perez

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Professor Thomas Swift
Environmental Studies Scholarship

Owen Guarienti
Yinying Wu

Patrick James Dugal Memorial Scholarship

Ngoc Nguyen
Quinn Rel

ETHNIC STUDIES

Nakatani Asian American Studies Scholarship

Jaron Dumag
Justin Hite
Summer Lomendehe
Grace Matayoshi

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Native American Studies Scholarship

Yenia Chavez Torres
Anthony Flores
Alexis Gonzales
Angelina Hinojosa
Sakae Hong
Eddie Hubbard
John Kinney
Juliet Maestas
James Navarro



FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Apparel, Marketing, and Design Scholarship

Lihong Chen
Rasanjeet Singh

GERONTOLOGY

Art & Phoebe German Gerontology Scholarship

Leanne Dawson

Eskaton Leadership and Diversity Scholarship

Leanne Dawson
Fapiena Kaho

Dolores J. Eitel Gerontology Scholarship

Leanne Dawson
Fapiena Kaho



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Prof. R. Jeffrey Lustig Memorial Prize

Brenda Abad

College Access Foundation of California Scholarship

Gurleenjot Kaur
Michael Lee-Chang
Sofia Vranchan

Douglas E. McDaniel Scholarship

Valentina Suarez Sarmiento

Donald R. Gerth Scholarship in Political Science

James Ivan Taloy
Wade R. Smith Memorial Scholarship
Lindsey Schuh
Christopher Dyer-Bennet Scholarship
Michael Lee-Chang
Professor William Ansley Dorman
Scholarship
Desiree Jauregui
Alry Matus Diaz
Jonas Minton River Preservation and
Environmental Justice Scholarship
Anna Larson



PSYCHOLOGY

Applied Behavior Consultants
Scholarship
Katelyn Ocampo
Leilani Martinez
Douglas Michell Memorial Scholarship
Salvador Canchola
Duane E. C. Johnson Memorial
Scholarship
Alexandra Bornino
Sabrina Charleston
Eugene Duka
Mariana Lara
Alexis Mclat
June Gersten Memorial Scholarship in
Psychology
India Harvey
Rebekah Williams
Shiyu Zhong
McConnell Family Psychology
Scholarship
Jocelyn Gomez
Vivianna Tejada

PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

GASPPA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Scholarship
Ruth Sosa-Martinez
Luiz Torres

COLLEGE OF SSIS

Otis L. Scott Scholarship
Grace Matayoshi
Sicilia Oseguera
BEL Foundation Scholarship
Anthony Flores
Emilee Prejean
Brittany Remington
Marie I. and Cecil L. Clement Memorial
Scholarship
Anthony Flores
Professor Erwin Kelly Scholarship
Margaret Broderick
Hifza Khan
Michael Lee-Chang
Juliana Lough

COOPER WOODSON COLLEGE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Anna J. Cooper - Carter G. Woodson
Scholarship
Laniya Dawson
Sally Trapps
Carol J. Barbee Scholarship
Leah Bell
Ryan Hardy
Chris Glenn Cooper-Woodson College
Scholarship
Julian Brock
Sharnell Martin
Cooper-Woodson College
Enhancement Program Scholarship
Julian Brock
Ashlee Green
Myles Holloway
Jannesse (Dolly) Hunt
Jania Johnson
Nia Lewis
Charles Potts, II
Sally Trapps
Brea Turner
Sharon Watson
Deborah Williams
Mary Williams

Fannie Foster Research Scholarship
Mikayla Ray
George Floyd Emergency Grant Fund
Kyleeah Howard
Ronkeisha Hurts
Jillian Love
Sally Trapps

Lesego Mosupyoe Memorial
Scholarship
Sabrina Charleston



Photos courtesy of Academic Affairs

2024 Academic Resources Conference

In May 2024, SSIS had a record number of staff attend the Academic Resources Conference (ARC), held in Palm Springs. ARC is a CSU wide conference for college and department administrative staff to discuss topics related to academic affairs budget and HR. Attendees included Andrea Adams (FACS), Pat Hughes (PSYC), Emeline Koloamatangi (formerly ETHN), Palesa Mosupyoe (formerly ETHN), Heather Mummaw (Dean's Office), Marsha Robinson (Dean's Office), Michelle Tarter (POLS), and Sovannra Yos (PPA). Heather Mummaw was asked to serve on a panel for a breakout session on Staff Council for a second time. This was also the last year for Robin Pollock, emeritus staff and founder, to attend.



Staff Recognition and Awards



Photos courtesy of Andrea Adams

Andrea Adams (FACS) was featured in the Division of Inclusive Excellence's Caught in the Act Antiracism and Inclusion Spotlight. **The Caught in the Act Spotlight** recognizes individuals (and teams) that are serving as change agents at Sacramento State. Andrea was selected because she engaged in efforts that dynamically embody the goals and objectives of our Antiracism & Inclusive Campus Plan (AICP). Andrea also helped create spaces of belonging on campus for students, staff, and faculty through her volunteer work with Legacy Black Women's Professional Collaborative and the Belonging + Bridging program. Congratulations, Andrea!

The following staff celebrated milestone service anniversaries in 2023-2024:

Sharon Jordan (ECON) - 35 years
Kristen Anderegg (LIBS) - 30 years
Mayrose Acob (Dean's Office) - 15 years
Lowela Anunciacion (EdInsights) - 15 years
Saba Kbrom (PSYC) - 10 years

Retirements:

Donna Leiva (ENVS)



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Campus Outstanding Staff Award

Karen Dively (ANTH) received the 2024 Outstanding Staff Award for Outstanding Contribution to Philanthropy and Sustainability, coordinated by the President's Office and a steering committee representing their peers. According to the Outstanding Staff Awards website, this award recognizes a staff member whose exceptional dedication enriches Sacramento State's philanthropic culture and sustainable resource development efforts. The recipient goes above and beyond to increase donations, identify funding sources, optimize operational efficiencies and promote environmental sustainability, generating vital resources that combat inequities and expand opportunities for the campus community. Karen was subsequently recognized at a reception on October 29th. Congratulations, Karen!

Staff Recognition Event

The SSIS Staff Council held its inaugural Staff Service Recognition Event on April 24th. This event was established by the Staff Council to recognize staff for their years of service to the College of SSIS. The event recognized service anniversaries of 1 year, 5 years, 10 years, and subsequent 5 year intervals. Because the university had not had a service recognition event since before the pandemic, the college chose to recognize those staff who had a college service anniversary since July 2019. The event was well attended and began a tradition that continues as an annual event every Fall. The first of those happened on October 30th and recognized staff who had a college service anniversary between July 2023 and June 2024.



Marya Endriga and Heather Mummaw



Marsha Robinson and Sandra Bernard



Sacramento State/Mayrose Acob

L to R: Rebecca Woolston, Ben Paquette-Ferguson, Joanlyn Ocampo, Madeleine Kerrick, Lowela Anunciacion, Laura Diep

Inaugural Event Recipients:

1 Year

Marya Adame
Andrea Adams
Mal Almeida
Tya Ates
Millie Ballesteros
Erika Cessna
Jeanine Cunningham
Rodrigo da Silva
Sarah Eckhardt
Jordan Etter
Alexa-Lynn Hylaris
Abigail Schmidt Jirde
Emeline Kolomatangi
PaHoua Lee
Julie Mac
Kalifa Madden
Fleur Marfori
Richard Mason
Palesa Mosupyoe
Jasmine Nguyen
Joanlyn Ocampo
Ben Paquette-Ferguson
Logan Peters
Heather Rogers
Autum Spears
Dongyu Wang
Mary Ann Wong
Rebecca Woolston
Sovannra Yos

5 Years

Breaunna Alexander
Lora Bowler
Jaquelyn Caro-Sena
Karen Dively
Aaron Eichenberger
Saba Kbrom
Madeline Kerrick
Donna Leiva
Gitego Shema

10 Years

Lowela Anunciacion
Ana Gutierrez
Pat Hughes
Anne Montgomery

15 Years

Heather Mummaw
Michelle Tarter

20 Years

Sandra Bernard
Marsha Robinson

25 Years

Kristen Anderegg



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Fall 2024 Recipients:

1 Year

Laura Diep
Jenna Westbrook-Kline
Rebekah Williams

5 Years

Mayrose Acob
Tya Ates
Rodrigo da Silva
Heather Rogers

Faculty in Action

Publications*

Journal Articles**

Denys Brand, Caio F. Miguel, and Becky Penrod (PSYC). A further investigation regarding the efficacy of and preference for positive and corrective feedback. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*

Mark Brown (POLS). Birth Strikes, Climate Responsibility, and Hannah Arendt. *The Review of Politics*

Ahrum Chang (PPA). Risk Aversion and Public Sector Employment. *Public Administration Review*

Rachel Flamenbaum (ANTH). Teaching Tech by Rote: Socialization into Digital Literacies in a Ghanaian Classroom. *African Journalism Studies*

Sharon M Flicker (PSYC). Your Happiness Is My Happiness: Predicting Positive Feelings for a Partner's Consensual Extra-Dyadic Intimate Relations. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*

Sharon M Flicker (PSYC). Initial Motivations for Engaging in Polyamorous Relationships. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*

Julian Fulton (ENVS). Machine learning to support citizen science in urban environmental management. *Heliyon: A Cell Press journal*

Sharon C. Furtak (PSYC). Editorial: Cortico-hippocampal interactions during learning and memory. *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*

Si Gao (ENVS). Methane and nitrous oxide emissions during biochar-composting are driven by biochar application rate and aggregate formation. *Global Change Biology Bioenergy*

Si Gao (ENVS). Fire exclusion, pyrogenic carbon, and ecosystem function: What

have we lost? *Anthropocene*

Si Gao (ENVS). Biochar-composting substantially reduces methane and air pollutant emissions from dairy manure. *Environmental Research Letters*

Clarence George III (ETHN). Culturally Relevant Education; Reclamation & Power the Route of Ma'at: A Response to Anti-Blackness. *Open Access Journal of Education & Language Studies*

Jonathan Kaplan (ECON). Recycling Agricultural Waste to Enhance Sustainable Greenhouse Agriculture: Analyzing the Cost-Effectiveness and Agronomic Benefits of Bokashi and Biochar Byproducts as Soil Amendments in Citrus Nursery Production. *Sustainability*

Greg M. Kim-Ju and Casey A. Knifsend (PSYC). Putting social and emotional learning into practice: Best practices in developing and implementing an SEL program through a university-1st-8th grade partnership. *Social and Emotional Learning: Research, Practice, and Policy*

Casey A Knifsend (PSYC). Intensity of activity involvement and academic outcomes during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*

Wayne Linklater (ENVS). Association of Neighborhood and Environmental Factors with Clinical Phenotypes and Outcomes in Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction. *Circulation Research*

Wayne Linklater (ENVS). A conciliatory and persuasive social campaign changes owner behavior to reduce cats' hunting. *Conservation Science and Practice: A Journal of the Society for Conservation Biology*

Cuibha A. Mckeown (PSYC). Teaching an Infant to Request Help. *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*

Caio F. Miguel (PSYC). Correspondence Between Vocal-Verbal Behavior and Go/

No-Go Responses During the Successive Matching-to-Sample Procedure. *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*

Caio F. Miguel (PSYC). The role of intraverbal bidirectional naming in the establishment of comparative relations. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*

Sujatha Moni (WGS). Dalit Feminist Literature from South India: New Models and Perspectives. *Journal of International Women's Studies*

Megan Raschig (ANTH). The Vigilant Citizen: Everyday Policing and Insecurity in Miami. *Journal for the Anthropology of North America*

Megan Raschig (ANTH). Editors' outro: Navigating anthropological knowledge/journal content in tumultuous times. *Journal for the Anthropology of North America*

Dong Shen (FACS). An Empirical Study on Consumer Awareness of Sustainable Fashion: A Longitudinal Approach. *The International Journal of Social Sustainability in Economic, Social, and Cultural Context*

Catherine Warren (PSYC). Identifying as lesbian, gay, and bisexual at work: atemporal associations between sexual identity disclosure and work team experiences. *Team Performance Management*

Catherine Warren (PSYC). Safety first! Psychological safety as a driver of learning in functionally diverse, self-assembled teams. *Team Performance Management*

Justin Wu (ASIA). Diasporic Cold Warriors: Nationalist China, Anticommunism, and the Philippine Chinese, 1930-1970s. *Public Affairs*

Books or Book Chapters

Si Gao (ENVS). Book Chapter. Biochar effects on soil nutrient transformations.

Biochar Environmental Management

William Gow (ETHN). Book. *Performing Chinatown: Hollywood, Tourism, and the Making of a Chinese American Community.*

Megan Raschig (ANTH). Book. *Healing Movementa: Chicax-indigenous activism and criminal justice in California.*

Heidy Sarabia (SOC). Book Chapter. (Re) Framing Legal Vulnerability: Identity, Abjection, and Resistance among DACAmented Immigrants in the Era of Trumpism. *Donald J Trump's Presidency*

Zach C. Schudson (PSYC). Book Chapter. Beliefs about sexuality and gender in identity discourses online. *Routledge Handbook of Sexuality, Gender, Health and Rights*

Maria Vargas and Heidy Sarabia (SOC). Book Chapter. The Dehumanizing Framing of Central American and Mexican Children and Youth Seeking Refuge in the United States. *Resistance and Abolition in the Borderlands*

Other

Marie Lorraine Mallare (ETHN) is named as one of the top law school admissions consultants for Juris Education, an admissions consulting firm with extensive experience helping

candidates get accepted to their dream law schools with scholarships.

June Hee Kwon's (ASIA) book *Borderland Dreams: The Transnational Lives of Korean Chinese Migrants* won the 2024 Francis H.K. Hsu book award from the Society for East Asian Anthropology.

Ajay S. Singh (ENVS) received funding through the state's \$80 million Climate Change Initiative administered through the UC Chancellors Office. The Collaboratory for Equity in Water Allocations (COEQWAL) project brings together expertise from across the UC system, Sacramento State, government agencies, and NGO organizations to advance access to information about California's water future under a changing climate.

Faculty Editors

Martin Boston (ETHN) is the Editor-in-Chief of *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal*

Amal Kumar (PPA) is the incoming Editor-in-Chief of the *California Journal of Politics and Policy*

Megan Raschig (ANTH) is the co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal for the Anthropology of North America* and its partner open access platform Home/Field.

Christopher Towler (POLS) is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (JREP)*, a Cambridge University Press Journal. They also published a short meet-the-editors blog post.

Tenure and Promotion

Faculty who received Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor in 2023-2024

Megan Raschig (Anthropology)
Clara Scarry (Anthropology)
Henry Gonzalez (FACS)
Sahar Razavi (Political Science)
Kristina Victor (Political Science)
Denys Brand (Psychology)
Meliksah Demir (Psychology)

Faculty who received Promotion to Full Professor in 2023-2024:

Nathan Stevens (Anthropology)
Michael Walker (Anthropology)
Katherine Chalmers (Economics)
Donna Jensen (Gerontology)
Andrew Hertzoff (Political Science)
Patricia Morris (Sociology)

Retirements/FERP

Peter Davies (Political Science)
Craig Gallet (Economics)
Ricky Green (Ethnic Studies)
George Jouganatos (Economics)
Ann Moylan (FACS)

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Alumni News

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

California State Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, who graduated from Sac State in 2003 with a degree in Government, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Sacramento State Alumni Association. Rivas, elected to the State Assembly in 2018, represents the Pajaro and Salinas valleys. Sac State Chief of External Relations Michelle Willard praised Rivas for exemplifying perseverance,

dedication, and excellence. Rivas's commitment to advancing equity, especially for farmworkers, distinguishes him as a progressive leader. He and five others were honored at a reception on Nov. 7. Rivas credits his public school education for his success and has championed affordable housing, workplace safety, and renewable energy.



RISING STAR AWARD



Noel Mora has been recognized with the Rising Star Award from the Sac State Alumni Association for his outstanding service to Sacramento State and the broader community. As an undergraduate, Mora served as president of Associated

Students Inc., representing over 31,000 students. He has consistently promoted civic engagement, supported underrepresented students, and led financial aid reform campaigns. Mora's efforts with Sac State's campus Vote Center earned him statewide awards. After earning degrees in Government and Public Policy and Administration, he began his professional career at Sac State. Currently, he works as a community partnership coordinator and serves as president of the University's Latinx Alumni chapter. Off campus, Mora is a trustee for the Natomas Unified School District, where he is the first Latino male and first

openly LGBTQ+ trustee, and vice chair of The Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento. Frances Palu, Ethnic Studies Lecturer and SSIS Alumna, who nominated him, praised Mora's dedication to community service and leadership.



OTHER ALUMNI NEWS*

Mark Krausse '89 (Government) has been appointed to the California Public Employment Relations Board.

The Sacramento Bee featured alum and Elk Grove native, **Dylan Buckor '23 (Sociology)**, as a current contestant of the 'Bachelorette' Season 21.

Douglas Thomas Moore '80 (Government) will be inducted as a Fellow of The College of Worker's Compensation Lawyers. The election represents recognition of colleagues as an outstanding professional who has made a sustained contribution to the field of workers' compensation with integrity, professionalism and character.

After working for the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) for almost 14 years, **Brajona Rashada '23 (Psychology)** has been appointed Benefits Analyst for the Risk Management and Employee Benefits Department.

Erin Rodriguez '14 (Government) has been appointed Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs at the California Public Utilities Commission.

Elk Grove Mayor **Bobbie Singh-Allen**

'94 (Government) was featured in Sacramento Business Journal for leading significant change in Elk Grove.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to appoint Acting County Executive Officer **Daniel Chatigny '95 (Government)** as the county's next CEO and authorize a three-year employment agreement.

Vivian "Vicki" Pleau* '68 (Sociology) was among this year's recipients of honorary doctorates and President's medals for distinguished service.

Dariyn Choates '19 (Sociology) spearheads Soul Project to help create pathways for youth in the solar industry.

Roy Kennedy '02 (Social Science) has been appointed Deputy Secretary of Communications at the California Government Operations Agency.

Beth Muszynski '08 (MPPA) has been appointed Assistant Director, Logistics Management at the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Hornet graduates were included among those the Sacramento Bee recognized as Asian American Pacific Islander

"Change Makers". Congratulations to **Christopher Cabaldon MPPA '94 (Public Policy and Administration)**, **Frances Losana Palu '14 (Sociology)**, **MA '21 (Government)**, and **Bobbie Singh-Allen '94 (Government)**.

Dawn Clover '05 (Government) has been appointed Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs at the California Department of Human Resources.

Gloria Sandoval '99 (Government) has been appointed Deputy Secretary for Access at the California Natural Resources Agency, who served as Deputy Director of Public Affairs at the California Department of Parks and Recreation since 2015.

Nailah Pope-Harden (Government/Journalism) has been appointed Deputy Director for Equity and Tribal Affairs at the California Department of Transportation. Pope-Harden has been Executive Director at ClimatePlan since 2021.

Dr. Angela M. Jaime '95 (Ethnic Studies) has been appointed to the role of vice-provost, Indigenous engagement at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) for a five-year term.

The following SSIS alumni were listed in

Sacramento Bee's list of Top 20 Black Change Makers this year: **Jeneba Lahai (Sociology), Marcellene L. Watson-Derbigny '93, MA '95 (Psychology), Joshua Wood '05 (Government).**

Roy Brewer '90 (Psychology) published a book sharing his experience as caregiver to his wife, Wink, and her final years with Alzheimer's Disease. All proceeds support the UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) to advancement the understanding of brain aging and related conditions.

Chao Vang '09 (Social Sciences), who is the Assistant Vice President of Sac State's Educational Equity Programs

and Student Success, was recognized for this year's Sacramento Business Journal 40 under 40.

Josh Wood '05 (Government), Co-Chair of SAC-12 Committee, shared the committee's confidence in Sac State's potential to join the PAC-12



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*Alumni info retrieved from the Alumni Association

Development Corner

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Join the movement in support of these students' path to graduation by making sure they have the resources to excel in the classroom and beyond. If you have not already: **join the Dean's Circle**, which offers unrestricted support for innovation in the classroom, experiential learning, and more. **Share your accomplishments with our team** and any advice you might offer to our current students. **Give** to one of the many scholarships in our college. Get involved by joining the **Sacramento State Alumni Association**. Scan the QR code below or email Rebekah Rabirotff at r.rabirotff@csus.edu to get started on any or all of these.

Thank you again for being part of the Hornet Family. We can't wait to hear from you!



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