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Peace Scholars Visit Oslo, Norway

As mentioned in the Spring 2017 SSIS Newsletter in the article about the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, two Peace Scholars were selected by the College to attend a prestigious summer peace institute in Oslo, Norway. These students have each written an account of their experience:

Sania Kandhro

When Steinar Bryn told us not to waste our time being homesick- that these next 6 weeks will fly by so fast. He was not lying. But yet, the first week at Lillehammer felt like time was going by slow- we would all wake up, eat breakfast, go through a lecture or discussion and by the time lunch would roll around- it seemed like this morning's events were yesterday's. But it was the same day and I thought to myself "we have a lot to get through". Once we started the summer school, then yes- time was flying by ridiculously. It was exhilarating though- going to class, going to lunch, joining my Peace Scholars on field trips to the Nobel Peace Center, Norwegian Refugee Council, Peace Research Institute Oslo, Peace House (Fredhuset). I do wish I had more time but nonetheless, I would take these 6 weeks over 0 weeks. I would like to thank, Professor James Rae, Professor David Andersen-Rodgers, and Professor Patrick Cannon- for 1) sending me here and 2) motivating me to keep going. Also our Dean of Social Sciences

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Dean's Message

Welcome to the 2017-18 Academic Year! This is an exciting time for the College. We begin the fall with the advancement of Gerontology to department status, reflecting the great work and wonderful opportunities that the program's faculty and staff have provided students over the past many years. The number of significant recent departmental initiatives are too numerous to mention, but just as an example: last April the Department of Psychology hosted (and SSIS cosponsored) a large and successful Western Psychological Association conference in downtown Sacramento.

We also look forward to a mid-year opening of Sacramento State downtown, including the Downtown School of Public Affairs. Earlier this year we experienced reconstruction delays that were beyond our control. However, things are now on track for a formal opening early next calendar year, as well as the likelihood of holding spring 2018 classes and multiple events in the new venue.

Our Centers have also been busy. I am proud of such work as the cutting-edge CALSPEAKS public opinion surveys conducted by the Institute of Social Research and the innovative CSU student success network led by the Education Insights Center. I also want to express appreciation to the members of the task force to establish a new Center for Race, Immigration, and Social Justice, as they move us toward addressing issues in these critical areas.



I wish to offer a special thanks to former SSIS Dean Orn Bodvarsson for his leadership. Dr. Bodvarsson played a vital role in establishing the downtown school, spearheaded the hiring of many new faculty members, served as valued mentor to many, and moved us ahead in such areas as student success. We are grateful for his energy, good humor, and commitment.

Please feel free to contact me if you want to discuss anything pertaining to the College. In the meantime, best wishes for a new year.

Ted Lascher
Interim Dean

Deans' Award Recipient



Aja Johnson, an Ethnic Studies major, was chosen as the undergraduate Dean's Award Recipient* for the 2016-2017 academic year. Ms. Johnson graduated Magna Cum Laude with her bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies in Fall 2016. Ms. Johnson is a first generation college student and over the course of her college career, she received numerous scholarships and grants, was involved in several organizations and participated in several research projects. Ms. Johnson worked for the PRIDE Center, the Multi-Cultural Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, being on the student team that helped establish this center. She received the LGBTQ Caucus Scholarship, the College of Arts and Letters Student Faculty Research Grant, the Black

Alumni Chapter Scholarship and the 10,000 Degrees Student Scholarship. She served as Vice President of the Ethnic Students Association and was a member of the Advocates for Black Feminism and African Students' Holistic Empowerment organizations.

When asked about her next steps after graduation, she said, "I'd like to find a position working with youth and eventually want to open up a social justice arts non-profit for youth. In the fall, I plan on applying to graduate school and possibly pursuing a master's in community development." Congratulations, Aja, we are very proud and honored to have you as our 2016-2017 Deans' Award recipient!



*Ayad Al-Qazzaz contributes a \$500 cash reward each year to the best undergraduate student of the year (Mayad Al-Qazzaz award) and best graduate student of the year (Sharifa Al-Qazzaz award).

FACS Fashion Show at the Green Sports Alliance Summit

Fashion Merchandising and Design Program at Family and Consumer Sciences Department in collaborating with Student Fashion Association (SFA) designed and produced a fashion show called Ecolution focusing on sustainability and sports at the 2017 GSA Summit at Golden 1 Center on June 28, 2017.

Green Sports Alliance (GSA) is the largest and most well-respected organization that promotes sustainability through sports. Its members represent more than 300 sports teams and venues from 20 different sports leagues and 14 countries (greensportsalliance.org). The annual Green Sports Alliance Summit is the world's largest and most influential gathering for the sports community to unite around sustainability. Led and directed by Dr. Dong Shen, the program coordinator of the fashion program, and the faculty advisor of SFA, the current fashion students and alumni designed and produced a fashion show highlighting seven designers inspired by sustainable fashion and sports.

In congruence with the University's goal toward the highest standards of environmental stewardship, this

fashion show promoted sustainability to students and our community. Sac State is one of the 21 schools nationwide that made 2017 Green Honor Roll in our Green Rating tallies this year. Here at Sac State, one of our top priorities is to have a joint effort by uniting students, faculty, and staff not just to make the campus more sustainable, but to create a culture where sustainability is second nature.

This fashion show on sustainability and sports had hundreds of Sac State students and community members involved in creating, promoting, producing, and presenting stages, provided an opportunity for Sac State programs to collaborate with local businesses and companies. It had a large audience composed of politicians, policy makers, and leaders from professional sports teams, collegiate programs, venue management companies, and other pioneers in environmental stewardship on a national platform, which brought tremendous impact on our campus, our community, our region, and even on a national level.



Staff member's son works on project for Children's Center

Claire Bunch works with the Center for California Studies and her son Jamison is an Eagle Scout who has been working on a project at the ASI Children's Center of building a playhouse/shed.

Eagle Projects must demonstrate leadership of others and provide service to a worthy institution other than the Boy Scouts, such as a religious institution, school, or community group. The project must have a definite impact for the organization for whom they are doing the project and the organization defines the need.

Jamison decided to ask the Children's Center if they needed a project to be done. He worked with their director, Sherry Velte, and other staff to come up with an idea. Although they had a couple in mind, the playhouse is the one he chose. The playhouse/shed can hold large wooden building blocks that were previously sitting out under a tarp in the weather. When the blocks are taken out of the shed, the children can use the structure as a playhouse.

Jamison worked on the design of the building with the Construction Management Department Chair, Mikael Anderson. Great job, Jamison!!



Jamison
on Day 1



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Fall Conference to Explore Homelessness in California



Sacramento Mayor, Darrell Steinberg, Keynote Speaker

Thursday, October 5, 2017 Tsakopoulos Library Galleria 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA Crossroads: Homelessness in California

The Center for California Studies will be holding its 28th annual Envisioning California conference on Thursday, October 5, at the Tsakopoulos Galleria in downtown Sacramento. The theme of this year's conference is homelessness in California.

Homelessness has been a persistent problem in California's communities, exacerbated by various forces and phenomena such as the great migration from the Dust Bowl in the 1930s, the deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill in the 1960s, and the collapse of the housing market in the early 2000s. Today California finds itself at a crossroads on the homelessness issue, facing tough choices on housing subsidies, community and transportation planning, substance abuse programs, and other policy questions.

As it does each year, the Envisioning California conference brings together a diverse range of perspectives from state and local government leaders, academics, advocates, media experts, and others to explore these issues of critical importance to our state. This year's all-day program includes

five panel discussions, a keynote presentation by Mayor Darrell Steinberg, a catered luncheon, and various displays highlighting aspects of homelessness in California. The conference will conclude with a reception in the afternoon marking the 35th anniversary of the Center for California Studies as well as milestone anniversaries of its Capital Fellows Programs.

"The Envisioning California is a unique event each year, bringing together a broad range of individuals who don't often have an opportunity to interact directly," noted Steve Boilard, Executive Director of the Center for California Studies. "And this year's topic is especially timely, given rising housing prices, uncertainty about ready access to health care, and shifts in community attitudes about homelessness. Everyone who cares about our state will be challenged with new perspectives, and, I hope, will leave with a better understanding of where we should go from here."

All are invited to attend this free event. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/> by September 25.

March for Babies

Students in the Nutrition and Food/Dietetics concentrations of Family and Consumer Sciences volunteered at the April March for Babies to recruit members to the March of Dimes advocacy team. March of Dimes advocates for legislation at the state and federal levels to support healthy pregnancies and babies. Associate Professor Lynn Hanna has been advocating with the March of Dimes since 2007, and is the faculty advisor for the March for Babies student club.

Tashira Alexander and Carmen Carbajal





This past March during the week of spring break the Government Department's Model United Nations (UN) delegation traveled to New York to participate in the 2017 National Model UN conference. The students earned several awards in recognition of their hard work.

Distinguished Delegation Award

Third World Network:
Trevor Merris-Coots
Thomas Ayotte
Hamed Hafezy

Outstanding Position Paper Award

ECOSOC (AWID): Wyatt Mince, Johnnie Pina
UN-Habitat (AWID): Sydney Sloan, Deja Crozier

Honorable Mention Delegation Award

Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID):
Wyatt Mince
Johnnie Pina
Lauren McCutcheon
Malissa Kekaku
Zohra Mir
Sedina Sinanovic
Noel Mora
Vanessa La Londe
Deja Crozier
Sydney Sloan

Best Delegates in Committee Awards

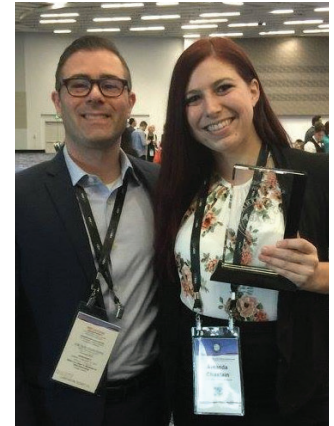
CSW (AWID): Lauren McCutcheon, Malissa Kekaku
UN-Habitat (AWID): Sydney Sloan, Deja Crozier



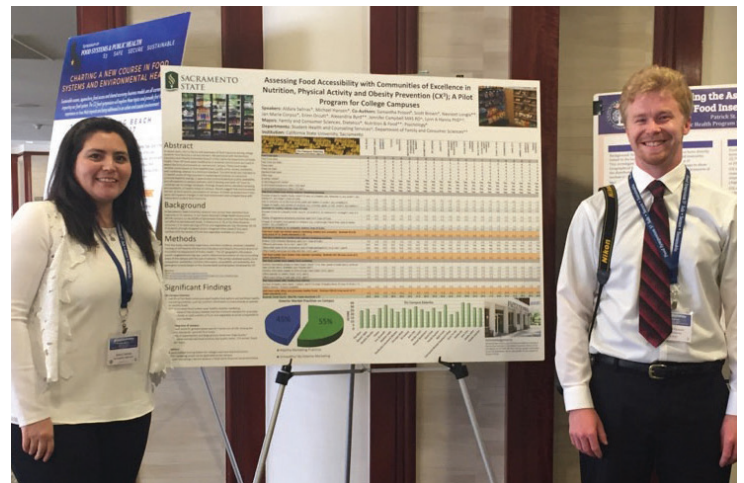
From L to R: Shawn Alisea, Daphne Greene, Anhely Estrada, Jeremy Smith, and Shannon Downey.

ENVS students Shawn Alisea, Daphne Greene, and Anhely Estrada set up an air monitoring station on campus last summer. The students assisted ARB as part of their internship in development and prototype testing of a Portable Emissions Acquisition System (PEAQs) utilized in roadside vehicle emission monitoring. Daphne subsequently received an offer of employment from ARB after graduation.

Student Awards



Psychology students Katie Copsey (L, with Megan Heinicke) and Amanda Chastain (R, with Caio Miguel) received the two B.F. Skinner Awards for graduate research in California. The award was delivered during the 2017 California Association of Behavior Analysis Conference this February in Anaheim, CA.



Aldara Salinas and Michael Hansen (L to R), students from Family and Consumer Sciences Dietetics emphasis, presented a poster of a collaborative research project at the May 2017 Symposium on Food Systems and Public Health. Their poster described an assessment of food accessibility and affordability on campus and surrounding areas. This project was supervised by Lynn Hanna in FACS and Jennifer Campbell, registered dietitian at The WELL in partnership with the California Department of Public Health, Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention branch. The poster was awarded first place.

New Year, New Faces: New Tenure Track Faculty for the College

Rachel Flamenbaum Anthropology



Rachel Flamenbaum received her Ph.D. from UCLA in 2016. She is delighted to be joining the Department of Anthropology as the resident linguistic anthropologist. Prior to coming to Sacramento State, Rachel was a visiting lecturer at UCLA, where she taught courses on language, race, & gender, decolonizing research methods, and digital literacy. Her research interests include the socialization of language and literacy; the intersection of language and identity; and the rhetoric of 'Tech as Transformation' in sub-Saharan Africa and the U.S.

Nandini Singh Anthropology



Dr. Singh is a physical anthropologist, specializing in human and primate skull development and evolution. She uses an interdisciplinary approach to explore the evolutionary and developmental basis of morphological variation in the primate skull form as well as in

craniofacial disorders. She combine evolutionary concepts (e.g. morphological integration and heterochrony) with clinical data to investigate the role of signaling pathways (e.g. hedgehog signaling) in the formation and patterning of the mammalian skull. The goal of her research is to further our understanding of mechanisms that drive morphological evolution in hominoids, mapping the correspondence between the genotype and phenotype.

Daniel Burghart Economics



Dan Burghart joins Sacramento State as a permanent faculty member after two years teaching part time. Previous to Sac State Dan was a part of Ernst Fehr's group at the University of Zurich. In Switzerland Dan collaborated on research projects involving uncertain and intertemporal decision-making. Before that Dan was a Postdoctoral Fellow at New York University, funded by a National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirchstein National Research Service Award. While in New York Dan collaborated with Paul Glimcher on studies linking economic behavior to alcohol intoxication, opiate use, and naturally fluctuating hormones. He also spent a year teaching in the United Arab Emirates at NYU Abu Dhabi. Dan received his Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in 2007 where his dissertation focused on demand for public goods.

Herman Li Economics



Herman Li is thrilled to be joining the Economics Department at Sacramento State this fall. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics at Penn State University where he developed interests in urban economics and real estate. He has research interests in homeownership, land valuation and taxation, as well as the secondary mortgage market. Herman also enjoys teaching a variety of applied microeconomics courses and hopes he gives his students at Sac State the best learning experience possible.

Raul Tadle Economics



Raul Tadle's research on economics, especially on Federal Reserve policy and communication, earned him a doctoral degree at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Raul's approach to teaching demonstrates his enthusiasm for economics, as he shares economic intuition and explains how they impact students inside and outside of the classroom. In addition, his experience

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growing up in the Philippines has led him to believe that the diversity of perspectives in the classroom should not only be accepted, but celebrated. He looks forward to teaching different courses at Sacramento State and to further exploring the natural beauty of Northern California.

Ajay Singh **Environmental Studies**



Dr. Ajay Singh is an incoming faculty member to the Department of Environmental Studies. His teaching and research areas focus on coupled human and natural systems in relation to water, climate, and food systems. He is a native of Northern California and enjoys most outdoor activities including backpacking, cycling, hiking, kayaking, and rafting.

Maria Vargas **Ethnic Studies**



Maria Elena Vargas received her Ph.D. in American Studies in 2016 from University of Maryland-College Park. Prior to coming to Sacramento

State she lectured in the Women and Gender Studies department and the department of Latina and Latino Studies at San Francisco State University. She has taught History of Latinos in the U.S., Gendered Borders: Latinas and Globalization, Women and Gender in U.S. History and Society, and Gender Sexuality and Conquest.

Nadine Braunstein **Family and Consumer Sciences**



Nadine Braunstein is the Dietetic Internship Director and Assistant Professor in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. Nadine was a 2013-2014 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow where she worked in the office of a U.S. Senator and supported the 2015 U.S. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. She earned her Ph.D. in Medical Nutrition Sciences from Boston University School of Medicine, a MS in Dietetics from the MGH Institute of Health Professions, and a BS in Dietetics from Drexel University. Her interests include food and nutrition policy, food security/sustainability, oral health, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, complementary and alternative nutrition and health professions education. Nadine serves on the Legislative and Public Policy Committee of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics as its past chair.

Catheryn Koss **Gerontology**



Catheryn Koss earned a Ph.D. in Gerontology from the University of Kansas in 2016. Her current research interests include the underlying causes of disparities in advance care planning and end-of-life planning by older couples. Prior to returning to graduate school, she served as Executive Director of the Senior Law Resource Center, a non-profit organization that provides legal information and services to elders and caregivers in Oklahoma. She is the author of the book Oklahoma Legal Guide To Long-Term Care as well as several publications on adult guardianship, incapacity planning, and grandparent issues. Catheryn taught Elder Law and Wills, Trusts & Estates as an adjunct professor at Oklahoma City University School of Law. She was a Borchard Foundation Law & Aging Fellow in 2007. Prior to attending law school at Oklahoma City University, Catheryn earned an Anthropology degree from Smith College in 1995.

Young-Im Lee **Government**



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Young-Im Lee will join the Government faculty as an Assistant Professor. She was a Visiting Assistant Professor at St. Norbert College in Wisconsin, while completing her Ph.D. in Political Science from University of Missouri-St. Louis. She earned a BA in American Studies and Political Science from Sogang University in Seoul, Korea. Her main research areas are gender in legislative and presidential elections in East Asia, with a particular interest in the adoption and implementation of gender quotas. She has incorporated academic service-learning into her teaching, and is passionate about promoting young women's engagement in public and political office.

Christopher Towler Government



Originally from Colorado, Dr. Towler joins Sacramento State from Western Washington University. After receiving his BA in Political Science and Ethnic Studies from the University of Colorado and his PhD from the University of Washington, Dr. Towler spent the last three years as an Assistant Professor of African American Politics. His research and teaching interests broadly include American politics, race and ethnicity, and methodology. More specifically, his work examines ideological predispositions, alienation, political allegiance and support. Recent projects examine the dynamic relationship between progressive social movements and far-right movements reacting to great social change.

Erin Ellison Psychology



Erin Ellison is a Community Psychologist who employs participatory action research to study how relationships facilitate or constrain collective empowerment for marginalized groups, often with youth in school-based programs or adult community organizers. She completed her PhD in Psychology with an emphasis in Feminist Studies at UC Santa Cruz. Prior to west coast life, Erin conducted community-based research and worked with youth in Massachusetts, where she also received her master's degree in Community Development at Clark University. Erin is originally from the Jersey Shore and loves adventures with her bike and her dogs! She looks forward to developing research collaborations in Sacramento.

Melissa McTernan Psychology



Originally from Boston, MA, Melissa has been living in Sacramento for about four years and completed her Ph.D. at UC Davis earlier this year. She emphasized in quantitative psychology,

meaning that she studies the research methods and statistical approaches that researchers use in the field of psychology. She has a special interest in longitudinal data analysis, mixed-effects modeling, and methods for handling zero-inflated and otherwise non-normal data. Her substantive research areas include preventative health, education outcomes, and gender and sexuality. Melissa will primarily be teaching the statistics and research courses in the Psychology department. Melissa is already heavily involved in the Sacramento community, including being one of the founding members of our local Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ) chapter, and her involvement in the local LGBTQ community. She is looking forward to continuing to put down roots in Sacramento as an Assistant Professor of Psychology here at Sac State.

Alexandra Morrison Psychology



Alexandra Morrison will join the Department of Psychology this fall. Her background is in cognitive psychology and neuroscience, with an emphasis on attention and working memory. She completed her doctoral degree at Temple University and postdoctoral training at the University of Miami. She is fascinated by how attention and working memory can be both necessary for daily life and limited in capacity. Much of her research investigates methods of benefiting mental performance. This fall she will be teaching Cognitive Psychology and

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Statistics for Psychology. Outside of her work, she enjoys yoga, running, and coffee.

Sakin Erin
Visiting Assistant Professor
Sociology



Sakin Erin is a Visiting Assistant Professor. He earned his PhD from the University of Kentucky in 2015. His research interests include social network analysis, Islam in America, world-systems, Kurdish nation building, globalization. He compared conversion experiences of people living in Michigan to those living in Kentucky using mixed methods. He has taught sociology of globalization, statistics, sociological theory and comparative global societies. He will be teaching both research methods and statistics for the Sociology Department in the 2017-18 Academic Year.

Cara Jones
Women's Studies



Cara E. Jones is thrilled to join the Women's Studies Department and explore the West Coast. She completed her PhD at Louisiana State University in 2013, where her dissertation was awarded a research fellowship from the American Association of University Women. She is currently working on her book, *Adhesions: Framing Endometriosis as Gynecological Disability*, which develops a model of disability that prioritizes social justice for people living with endometriosis. Her research examines how medical discourse works on and through bodies, upholding norms of gender and sexuality, race and class, ability and disability. Prior to coming to Sacramento State, Cara was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Hamilton College in upstate New York for three years and a full-time lecturer for the Women's and Gender Studies department at Towson University. She teaches courses in gender and health, disability studies, sexuality studies, and women's writing.

Center Highlights

EdInsights

The 2016-17 academic year was a productive one for EdInsights. In addition to its long-standing work to produce applied education research in the service of the public good (<http://edinsightscenter.org/Policy-Research>) and its work to evaluate public investments in education (<http://edinsightscenter.org/Evaluation>), we also launched two statewide initiatives. EdInsights now facilitates the CSU Student Success Network (<http://csunetwork.edinsightscenter.org/>) and, in partnership with the Center for California Studies, the California Education Policy Fellowship Program (<http://epfp.edinsightscenter.org/>). The Network connects faculty, student affairs staff, institutional researchers, administrators, and students across the California State University system to focus on problems that affect student learning, engagement, progress, and success; use evidence; test out strategies to improve current practices; and document and share learnings. The Network supports one-day cross-campus convenings focused on topical issues, such as college readiness and data usage; an intensive one-year professional development opportunity called the Student Success Labs, and applied research.

The California Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a professional development initiative that aims to strengthen education policymaking in California. California EPFP is part of an established national program sponsored by the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL), a Washington, DC-based non-profit. The program brings together approximately 20 professionals over the course of an academic year to explore critical topics related to the national program's three pillars: policy, leadership, and networking. California EPFP is tailored to address particular challenges in the state through its focus on 1) connecting K-12 and postsecondary education and 2) connecting state policy development and

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Welcome, New Faculty!

Scholarship Corner

ANTHROPOLOGY

Richard H. Reeve Scholarship
Coral Willard
George Rich Graduate Scholarship
Amanda Murray
John. W. Connor Scholarship
Tamlyn Nakashima
Edgar Lee Jordan Scholarship
Coral Willard
Rosemary Bjorkman
Anthropology Academic Achievement Award
Glendon Hyde

ECONOMICS

Robert and Chi-Ming Dana Curry Scholarship
Lisa Marie Holzen

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Patrick James Dugal Memorial Scholarship
Mariah Ponce
Amanda Wild
Thomas Swift Scholarship
Trieu Dong Nguyen

ETHNIC STUDIES

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Native American Studies Scholarship
Nia Gregory
Nancy McNully
Beau Medicine
Virgil Rambeau
Jamie Ward
Ashlyn Weaver
Quaneisha Wright

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Apparel Marketing and Design Scholarship
Tamika Hobbs
Ny'Eria Jackson

GERONTOLOGY

Renaissance Scholarship
Julie Garcia
Felicia Tafoya

GOVERNMENT

Christopher Dyer-Bennet Scholarship
Logan Kemp
College Futures Foundation Scholarship
Eli Bassett
Sebastian Cambrey
Donald R. Gerth Scholarship in Political Science
Jennifer Webber
Jack Livingston Fellow in Political Theory and American Institutions
Malissa Kekahu
Professor R. Jeffrey Lustig Memorial Prize Scholarship
Zoe Dabney
Douglas E. McDaniel Scholarship
Sedina Sinanovic
Thomas Swift Government/Journalism Scholarship
Emmanuel Jesus Aguayo
Earl Warren Political Science Scholarship
Dennis Tyukayev

PSYCHOLOGY

AANAPISI APIASF Scholarship
Paha Xiong
Douglas Michell Memorial Scholarship
Damien Brunt
Duane E.C. Johnson Scholarship
Arely Hurtado
Mitzi Hurtado

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Green & Gold Scholarship
Olga Dubenchuk

SOCIOLOGY

Outstanding Senior Award*
Jaimee Nix
Kala Lee

COLLEGE OF SSIS

Otis L. Scott Scholarship
Yulissa Rocha-Fernandez
Paha Xiong
Bradley E. Long (BEL) Scholarship
Emily Rowley

COOPER-WOODSON COLLEGE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Carol J. Barbee Scholarship
Sara Williams
Anna J. Cooper-Carter G. Woodson Scholarship
Diane Anderson
Kendra Jackson
Chris Glenn Scholarship
Jasmine Duncan
Shaquille Fisher
CWC Outstanding New Scholar Award
Quincy Corsey
Ashley Robertson
CWC Special Award in Leadership
Brent Carter
Nyakoach Lam
Lesego Mosupyoe Memorial Scholarship
Sabrina Harrell
Professor Alexandre Kimenyi Memorial Scholarship
Brent Carter

*Professor Al-Qazzaz contributed a cash award to each recipient to congratulate their outstanding achievements

local implementation needs. These connections will be supported through the selection of Fellows, networking opportunities, the curriculum and speaker series, and the applied projects that Fellows complete.

For additional information, please contact EdInsights at 916.278.3888 or edinsights@csus.edu. We encourage people to sign up for our mailing lists (on both the EdInsights' contact page and the CSU Student Success Network main page), and to follow us on Twitter at @EdInsightsCtr.

Faculty/Staff/Student Highlights

Rosalyn Sandoval (student, PSYC) has been selected as the recipient of the Barbara Tabachnick Award for Outstanding Application of Quantitative Methods for the Western Psychological Association (WPA) conference that was held in Spring 2017. All three of her structural equation modeling poster submissions scored 100% so they randomly picked hers for an award. This is the second year in a row she has won this award.

Rob Wassmer (Department Chair, PPA) received the Chester A. Newland Academic Excellence award with the Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and was recognized at an awards banquet held in May 2017. Rob was also asked by the County of Franklin (where Columbus, Ohio is located) and City of South Lake Tahoe, to respectively study the efficacy of economic development incentives and the neighborhood/city impact of vacation home rentals (Airbnb, etc.). He has produced consulting reports for both jurisdictions and is now in the process of turning them into academic papers that he will present at academic conferences and submit to journals.

Devin Lavelle (student, PPA) received the Rising Star award with the Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and

was recognized at an awards banquet held in May 2017.

Several graduate students in the Department of Psychology's Applied Behavior Analysis program received awards at the Association for Behavior Analysis International Conference held in May 2017, based on theses conducted under the advisement of **Caio Miguel** (faculty, PSYC). **Megan Pyles** received the Speech-Language Pathology and Applied Behavior Analysis Research Grant, **Amanda Chastain** received the Verbal Behavior Student Research Grant, and **Cara Meyer** was the winner of the Verbal Behavior Student Paper Competition.

The 2nd annual School Food Forum was hosted by the Food and Nutrition club in collaboration with the Sacramento Food Policy Council and Family and Consumer Sciences faculty **Lynn Hanna** and **Kelly Thompson**. A day of speakers, workshops and panels around school nutrition and policy attracted 200 attendees from K-12 campuses throughout the state. Sac State students hosted conference rooms, registration, and shared the college experience with Florin High School Culinary Arts students. Kelly Thompson's Food Production and Sustainability course prepared breakfast and lunch to meet the School Lunch Program standards with locally sourced, seasonal ingredients.

Troy Nichols (lecturer, FACS) was honored at the Annual Black Hornet Excellence Award Ceremony held on April 28, 2017. Mr. Nichols teaches in the Family Studies concentration, specifically Family Support Services. He works as the Senior Training and Consulting Specialist for the Child Abuse Prevention Center of Sacramento, and has also been involved in the foster care and adoption community for many years. Mr. Nichols is known for providing support, guidance, and encouragement to many youth in the black community around education, sports, music, and political involvement.

Marsha Robinson (staff, Dean's Office) wrote an article for the Sacramento Chapter of the Society for Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) based

on a session she attended on inclusive hospitality and meetings for the SGMP National Education Conference held in June 2017.

Megan Heinicke (faculty, PSYC) and **Danielle Martin** (faculty, GOVT) received the 2017 Sacramento State Retiree Association Faculty Development Grants and were surprised in their classrooms and presented their awards.

Andrea Venezia (faculty, PPA; Executive Director, EdInsights) is currently running the new systemwide CSU Student Success Network (<http://csunetwork.edinsightscenter.org>) and co-directing the new California Education Policy Fellowship Program <http://epfp.edinsightscenter.org> a program that is jointly administered by EdInsights and the Center for California Studies. She launched a monthly blog series for EdInsights, writes policy reports for EdInsights, and has a chapter coming out with State Board of Education President Michael Kirst in *Shaping Education Policy: Power and Processes* by Routledge in the fall.

Kristen Anderegg (staff, LIBS) received the 2017 Student Organizations and Leadership Advisor of the Year Award. She was selected from a group of advisors nominated in this category due to the strong commitment she has shown to the success of her student organization, Student California Teachers Association (SCTA).

Kimberly Liaz (staff, LIBS/SSCI) will be presenting on leadership and relationship building at Student Organizations & Leadership (SO&L)'s 2017 Fall Leadership Conference in August.

Lynn Hanna (faculty, FACS) was awarded a grant from ASI to support student leadership roles in the 2nd Annual Farm-to-Fork Festival. This competitive award has made it possible to compensate students who take on labor intensive roles for the day's activities. Planning over the summer of 2017 has involved many campus partnerships and fundraising,

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giving students real-world experience in event planning and food service management. Lynn was also awarded a Research and Creative Activity grant to support assessment of Sacramento State student food and housing security. This survey is scheduled to be released fall 2017 in partnership with the Office of Institutional Research, and graduate students and

faculty from Social Work and Public Policy and Administration. The project hypothesizes that struggling with food and housing security is correlated with poorer markers of student success, such as GPA and time to degree.

Peace Scholars cont'd

and Interdisciplinary Studies, Orn Bodvarsson; and now Interim Dean Ted Lascher. Also, Eustanik Blanco, Michelle Fredrickson, Torild Homstad, Augsburg College, Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng and my nephew.

Micaiah Palmer

Two years ago I met with Dr. Andersen-Rodgers to declare Peace and Conflict Resolution as my minor. Little did I know that two years later I would be in Lillehammer and in Oslo, Norway walking down the same halls that echoed with the profound speeches given by the many Nobel Peace Prize Laureates of the past. Studying in Lillehammer for a week was a phenomenal experience. I, and fifteen other peace scholars from various universities had the opportunity to study under Steiner Bryn, the director at the Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue and six time Nobel Peace Prize nominee for his dialogue work in the Western Balkans. There was an awe inspired feeling of humility and gratitude that fell over me while witnessing his sincerity and seeing the time he put into teaching and in answering the many questions we bombarded him and his team with regarding practical peace making.

The six weeks in Oslo, Norway were rewarding and exhilarating as we ventured out into the gorgeous city conducting research, studying the Norwegian welfare state and visiting various Norwegian NGOs associated with Peace and Conflict Resolution. The experience I had in Lillehammer and in Oslo was a turning point in my life where I was able to see first hand how conflict resolution is applicable in everyday life

and in communities desperate for sustainable solutions. I have left further empowered by my experiences and by the support of the many friends I have made during the seven weeks in Norway.

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