In Summer 2018, Family & Consumer Sciences, in collaboration with the College of Continuing Education, offered the Summer Fashion Academies 2018 to local high school students and was featured on Good Day Sacramento. This academy was a one-week program that offered lessons and activities that examined both the design and business aspects of fashion. Professor Emeritus and Fashion Academy Instructor Ernie Olson co-lead the academy with Sacramento State instructor Esther Amato. Olson brought out the artistic side of the high school students in learning to sketch fashion designs while Amato built on the students’ artistry with introducing them to design and merchandising. Over the course of five days, students were able to participate in several enriching activities that included:

- Explored and learned how an idea becomes a product and learned how products are marketed and merchandised to the public.
- Learned the fundamentals of fashion illustration, while rediscovering the art of hand drawing as a tool for creating vibrant

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Launch of New Peace Corps Prep Program

A new Peace Corps Certificate Program was recently approved through the College of SSIS’ curriculum committee and will be launching in Fall 2018. Sacramento State is the first campus in the CSU system to offer such a program for undergraduates. The Peace Corps Prep program was established in 2007 and has partnerships with 75 academic institutions across the country, now including Sac State.

Developing such a program for our campus was the brainchild of Julian Heather, professor of English and the Peace Corps Prep program advisor at Sac State. The campus already had a connection to a partnership program with the Peace Corps called Masters International, through the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Dr. Heather first learned about the prep program when he attended the Masters International Coordinators conference in Washington D.C. in September of 2014.

When the Peace Corps decided to end all of its Masters International partnerships in 2016, Dr. Heather thought that developing this program might be a good way to continue the connection between Sac State and the Peace Corps. With Sac State having one of the most diverse student populations in the nation, coming in 4th in the U.S. News & World Report’s 2018 rankings of the top “Campus Ethnic Diversity Regional Universities” in the West, Dr. Heather felt that the campus’ values matched those of the Peace Corps very well. He also felt that a prep program’s focus on encouraging a diverse applicant pool for Peace Corps services is one that our campus can easily support. Thus began several years of work on the development of this program.

Dr. Heather worked with many people on campus to develop this program, in several divisions on campus and several individual faculty. In SSIS he specifically worked with both Associate Deans, Marya Endriga and Dianne Hyson, and he worked with Ajay Singh in Environmental Studies, Greg Kim-Ju from Psychology and Asian Studies, and several Department Chairs. When it came time for approving the program through the curriculum process, the proposal came through SSIS because of its interdisciplinary nature; although, the choices of courses for the students to take include almost every discipline on campus. The program is open to all undergraduates, regardless of major. Students receive specialized training that prepares them for international services, instruction in a foreign language, intercultural competence and professional leadership. Students also gain skills that prepare them for their chosen Peace Corps Work Sector including Agriculture, Community Economic Development, Environment, Health, Youth in Development, and Education.

Finally, I wish to thank all the SSIS faculty and staff for making 2017-18 such a successful year. In particular, I want to thank two people stepping down from department chair roles for their excellent work in those positions: Boatamo Mosupyoe (Ethnic Studies) and Raghu Trichur (Anthropology). I will try to avoid the temptation of concluding this means their talents are necessarily available for every other project that comes along.

I wish you an excellent start to the fall semester!

Ted Lascher
Interim Dean
Model United Nations (UN) Students Receive Several Awards

This past March, during the week of spring break, the Political Science Department’s Model United Nations (UN) delegation traveled to New York with Political Science Professor Steven Iverson to participate in the 2018 National Model UN conference. The students earned several awards in recognition of their hard work.

Outstanding Position Paper Award

Commission for Social Development: Nazanin Sadati, Veronica Maldonado

United Nations Development Programme: Eli Bassett, Lisa Huynh

International Organization for Migration: Darius Tamannaie

Food and Agriculture Organization: Danial McGhie, Nate Douglas

Distinguished Delegation Award

Nazanin Sadati
Eli Bassett
Kanukai Chigamba
Veronica Maldonado
Nate Douglas
Chelsea Erling
Lea Gierut
Bethany Hubbard

Lisa Huynh
Madeleine Jones
Danial McGhie
Lindsay McIlgagan
Ashita Mohandas
Darius Tamannaie
Jennifer Webber

Best Delegates in Committee Awards

Commission on the Status of Women: Chelsea Erling, Jennifer Webber

International Organization for Migration: Darius Tamannaie

Food and Agriculture Organization: Danial McGhie, Nate Douglas

United Nations Development Programme: Eli Bassett, Lisa Huynh

2018 Dean’s Award Recipient

Eli Bassett, Government-International Relations major received the 2018 Undergraduate Dean’s Award*. Eli graduated in May 2018 with a GPA of 3.9. He represented Sac State at the Model United Nations (UN) program in New York where he won several awards and he served as a peace scholar delegate to the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. Eli was involved with ASI, serving as the ASI Election Officer. Eli was a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society and in 2017 was the recipient of the College Futures Foundations Scholarship. According to Eli’s nomination letter, Eli plans to apply his skills and knowledge to promote equality and prosperity in developing countries.

*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).
Student Fashion Association: Spring 2018 Fashion Show

The Student Fashion Association of Sacramento State hosted their SFA SPRING 2018 FASHION SHOW: DIVINE DIVERSITY in the Union Ballroom under the guidance of Professor Dong Shen, and Lecturers Kimberly Caldwell and Esther Amato MBA. Collaborating with the Costume Collection and the One World Initiative with a focus on the 2018 theme of “Global Perspectives on Community”, the show highlighted the diversity of our students based on culture, community, and connection.

2018 Outstanding Graduate Student

Erin Stumpf, Public Policy & Administration graduate student received the 2018 Outstanding Graduate Student Award*. At the time of nomination, Erin had a 3.967 GPA, which was the highest GPA of her cohort. She served as the Treasurer for two years for the Graduate Association of Students in Public Policy and Administration. Outside of the university, Erin is heavily involved in the real estate community, working as a Real Estate Broker and serves as an active member of the CA Real Estate Association. Her nominator believes she will go on to play a leading role in real estate public policy.

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Faculty Awards

Dong Shen from Family & Consumer Sciences (FACS) was awarded the 2018 Advisor of the Year by Student Organizations & Leadership.

Brian DiSarro (Political Science) Outstanding Teaching Award

Su Jin Jez (Public Policy & Administration) Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Award

Annette Reed (Ethnic Studies) Outstanding Community Service Award

Kristin Van Gaasbeck (Economics) Outstanding University Service Award

LIBS Student Receives Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship

Malena Her, a Liberal Studies major, travelled to South Africa this summer for a study abroad program through the Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship program (FDGF). This is a program specifically intended for students from Minority Serving Institutions, such as Sac State, and helps break down the barriers that would otherwise make studying abroad less accessible. This program is one of several initiatives included in a partnership between the Council on International Educational Exchange and the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions. According to the FDGF, individuals selected for this program have demonstrated high academic achievement, possess exemplary communications skills, display the hallmarks of self-determination, exhibit characteristics of bold leadership, and have a history of service to others.

Malena is a first generation Hmong American, currently a sophomore at Sac State, and has been involved with the Full Circle Project. Congratulations to Malena and we look forward to hearing about her experiences when she returns to Sac State!
Scholarship Corner

ANTHROPOLOGY
Richard H. Reeve Award
Deborah Bruffett
George Rich Graduate Scholarship
Stefanie Lisa Adams
John W. Connor Scholarship
Megan Zeni
Edgar Lee Jordan Scholarship
Melissa McCarthy
Anthropology Academic Achievement Award
Alexander Adiego

POLITICAL SCIENCE
College Access Foundation Scholarship
Louis Asbury
Robert Hansen
Donald R. Gerth Scholarship in Political Science
Cameron Weaver
Rober G Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Nippitch Booranasomphop
Professor R. Jeffrey Lustig Memorial Prize Scholarship
Khalil Ferguson
Douglas E. McDaniel Scholarship
Sedina Sinanovic
Thomas Swift Government/Journalism Scholarship
Caleb Danielson
Earl Warren Political Science Scholarship
Sebastian Cambrey

ECONOMICS
Robert and Chi-Ming Dana Curry Scholarship
Leidy Cadena Gomez
John G. Ranlett Memorial Scholarship
Nikayla Southworth
Rod Swanson Scholarship
Colby Dotson

PSYCHOLOGY
Applied Behavioral Consultants Scholarship
Amanda Jones
Leah Rosenfeld
McConnell Family Psychology Scholarship
Stephanie Times
Duane E.C. Johnson Scholarship
Elisa Borg

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Thomas Swift Scholarship
Adriana Andrade
Melony Wood

SOCIAL SCIENCE
Green & Gold Scholarship
Olga Dubenchuk

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
Apparel Marketing and Design Scholarship
Danny Toan

SOCIOLOGY
Outstanding Sociology Student Award*
Dylan Baker

COLLEGE OF SSIS
Otis L. Scott Scholarship
Lisa Huynh
Yulissa Rocha-Fernandez
Bradley E. Long (BEL) Scholarship
Apryl Sullivan
Undergraduate Dean’s Award Scholarship*
Eli Bassett
Graduate Dean’s Award Scholarship*
Erin Stumpf

COOPER-WOODSON COLLEGE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS
Carol J. Barbee Scholarship
Alena Jordan
Anna J. Cooper-Carter G. Woodson Scholarship
Brent Carter
Dieynaba Edwards
Teta Uwacu
Chris Glenn Scholarship
Sabrina Harrell
Raquel Johannes
CWC Outstanding Continuing Scholar Award
Jesse Norman
CWC Special Award in Leadership
Capriccia Thomas
Tiffany Wedding
Fannie Foster Research Scholarship
Jodi-Ann Johnson
Sabrina Harrell

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

Scholarship Reception

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Master’s Hooding Ceremony and Reception

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New Faces in the College

Megan Raschig
Anthropology

Megan Raschig is a medical anthropologist whose ethnographic research addresses the intersection of state violence and spiritual healing in Latinx communities in California. Originally from Canada, she completed her PhD at the University of Amsterdam in 2016 and spent the following year as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Virginia, teaching classes on core, critical, and posthumanist themes in medical and cultural anthropology. Megan is thrilled to be joining the Department of Anthropology at Sacramento State and looks forward to meeting and working with students, faculty, and the surrounding community.

Dr. Scarry is a biological anthropologist whose research focuses on the evolution of cooperation and collective decision-making within non-human primates, specifically individual strategies to balance the conflicting pressures of within- and between-group competition for resources. Her research addresses not only the ultimate function of collective aggression by males during between-group encounters but also the spatial consequences and physiological mechanisms underpinning the expression of this behavior among non-human primates. To address these questions, she integrates field- and laboratory-based methods, complementing traditional observations with behavioral experiments and hormone analysis.

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Ethnic Studies

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Henry Gonzalez
Family & Consumer Sciences

Henry Gonzalez is a family scientist. He will join Sacramento State as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Most recently, Henry completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Arizona State University. He received his PhD in Family Studies and Human Development (minor in Public Health) from the University of Arizona, and baccalaureate degrees from UC Davis. His research interests include fatherhood, immigrant and Latinx families, and children's positive development. Henry's research has been supported by NSF, HHS, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Henry looks forward to working with students to explore the wonders of family studies.

Sahar Razavi
Political Science

Sahar Razavi earned her PhD in Political Science from Northern Arizona University. She began teaching in Political Science and Women’s and...
Gender Studies in 2013. Razavi’s dissertation, Labor, Women, and War in the 1979 Iranian Revolution, investigates the interrelated impacts of competing political forces in the realms of labor, gender, and the Iran-Iraq War on the outcome of the 1979 Iranian revolution. Her research investigates Iranian political and social conflict; religion, politics, and society in the Middle East; and the Iranian diaspora.

Kristina Victor
Political Science

Kristina Victor received her PhD in Political Science from UC Davis in 2015. She is very excited to be returning to her alma mater, where she completed her BA (International Relations) and MA (International Affairs). Prior to coming to CSUS, Kristina was a Visiting Assistant Professor for two years at the UC Center Sacramento, where she taught California state politics and policy, and research methods. Her research interests include California politics, Latino politics and representation, and immigration.

Denys Brand
Psychology

Denys started working at Sacramento State in August 2018 in the Psychology Department. Born in South Africa, he immigrated to New Zealand at 14, and was awarded his PhD in Psychology from the University of Auckland in 2015. Following his PhD, he completed a three-year post-doc at the University of Kansas in the Department of Applied Behavioral Science. Denys is passionate about the study of behavior and enjoys working alongside undergraduate and graduate students as a teacher and researcher. His research interests include performance feedback, choice behavior, and procedural integrity.

Sharon Flicker
Psychology

Sharon Flicker is a clinical psychologist with expertise in Family and Cognitive-Behavioral therapies. Originally from NY, she joins the Department of Psychology from Antioch College. Prior to that, she taught at Asian University for Women in Bangladesh and the University of Maryland University College in both Germany and Japan. Sharon earned her PhD from the University of New Mexico, completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at University of Rochester Medical Center and spent a year volunteering in Ghana and Peru. Her most recent research focuses on attachment bonds in relationship types that have received scant research attention, including arranged marriages and consensual non-monogamy.

Sara McClellan
Public Policy & Administration

Sara McClellan will join the Department of Public Policy & Administration as an Assistant Professor after working as a public sector and nonprofit manager, adjunct professor, researcher, and consultant. Sara earned her PhD in Organizational Communication at the University of Colorado at Boulder, her Masters in Public Administration from USC, and a B.A. in Liberal Studies from CSU Monterey Bay. Sara served as an adjunct professor for the USC Price School of Public Policy and Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. Sara studies innovative organizing and communication practices designed to improve health, safety, and education outcomes in rapidly changing communities.
Faculty/Staff/Student/Department Highlights

Public Policy and Administration is pleased to welcome Sara McClellan as a new assistant professor. She comes to Sac State with a wealth of state and local consulting experience in public administration. As evidence, in the spring and summer of 2018 she: (1) gave the CSUMB College of Education & College of Science commencement keynote address, (2) designed and delivered workshops on “Power, Influence & Political Acumen” for government leaders for the USC Los Angeles County Executive Leadership Program and CPS Human Resources, and (3) designed and delivered a voter engagement training for UC Davis student government leaders.

Su Jin Jez (faculty, PPA): (1) received the 2017-2018 SSIS Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activities Award, (2) served as an SSIS Dean’s Faculty Fellow in Fall 2017 with a focus on planning for academic components related to developing a School of Public Affairs, (3) accepted a position in January as Director of the CSU Student Success Network, and (4) presented an invited talk in June at the University of Witswatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa on “Can Systems Thinking Transform Education? An Analysis of Higher Education Reform in the US and Implications for Language in Education Policy.”

Andrea Venezia (faculty, PPA; Executive Director, EdInsights) continued her extensive service as executive director of the Education Insights Center at Sac State, which included the highlights of: (1) selection as one of eight fellows for the inaugural statewide Senior Equity Fellow program with Education Trust West, (2) publishing a chapter with Mike Kirst in an edited collection on Shaping Education Policy: Power and Process, (3) invited speaker at the Office of the Governor, Office of Planning and Research, and Department of Finance “Conversation on the Master Plan for Higher Education in California”, and (4) joined the Board of Sac State's Center for Teaching and Learning.

Rob Wassmer (faculty, PPA; chairperson, PPA) (1) published two chapters in a textbook of students readings on Applied Policy Research: Concepts and Cases, (2) continued writing a bi-monthly column with Ron Fisher for the practitioner journal State Tax Notes, (3) completed a consulting report with MPPA student Nathan Fesler on “Should California Adopt a Fire-Barrier Standard for Upholstered Furniture: A Review of the Previous Academic Evidence and a new Benefit-Cost Analysis” for the CA Department of Consumer Affairs, and (4) presented three new research papers at conferences sponsored by the National Tax Association (Philadelphia), Federal Reserve/ Upjohn Institute (Atlanta), Western Economic Association (Vancouver), and APPAM (Mexico City).

Ted Lascher (faculty, PPA; dean, SSIS) continues to serve as acting dean of SSIS, while still teaching a PPA course, and finishing a coauthored book on the state ballot initiative published by the University of Michigan Press and titled Initiatives without Engagement: A Realistic Account of the Secondary Effects of Direct Democracy.

Ajay Singh (faculty, ENVS) contributed to an article published in the Eureka Alert newsletter. The article was about opposition to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and who may be responsible for policy changes by the Trump administration and members of Congress that would strip protections of certain species and make it more difficult to protect those threatened with extinction. You can read the article here: https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2018-07/osu-mas071718.php

Gerontology ranked 5th in the country by collegechoice.net for Gerontology degree programs.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) will be partnering again with Campus Sustainability and Student Health and

Welcome, New Faculty!

Amanda Shigihara
Sociology

Amanda Shigihara received her PhD in 2014 from the University of Colorado Boulder. Prior to joining Sacramento State, she was an Assistant Professor at the State University of New York Old Westbury. Her teaching and research areas include social psychology, deviance, criminology, life course, work and occupations, research methods, and sociological theory. She is currently examining the social psychological factors influencing women’s reproductive choices.

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Counseling Services to host a “Farm-to-Fork Seasonal Tasting on the Bridge.” The bridge activity has raised funds to support the ASI Food Pantry ($3,000 in 2016) and the College Assistance Migrant Program ($4,100 in 2017). Each time, tickets have quickly sold out. We invite everyone to engage with our theme, ‘Sustainability’ (especially inclusive of social sustainability). Please be watching for details during the fall semester and consider projects/assignments on this theme that your students, or you, would like to share at a festival/poster session. Please contact Lynn Hanna at lhanna@csus.edu in FACS or Jennifer Campbell at jennifer.campbell@csus.edu at Student Health, with ideas and questions. The event is scheduled for May 3, 2019.

**FACS** Department’s Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and Dietetic Internship (DI) programs continue to flourish. In the 2017/18 academic year both programs were fully accredited for another 7 years by the National Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. The DI increased from 8 interns per year, to 10 beginning in fall 2018. Noteworthy, is that in spring 2018, 87% of the FACS DPD students who applied to a DI were accepted compared to the national average of 62%.

**FACS** concentrations are in the process of elevating to stand-alone degrees in Fashion Merchandizing and Management, Nutrition and Food, and Human Development and Family Studies. More to come….

**FACS** is welcoming Dr. Henry Gonzalez to the Family Studies concentration in fall 2018. We also are welcoming five additional lecturers for the fall 2018 semester: Alumna, Nancy Hamler PhD, Brian Knirk, Ed.D., Stephanie Spencer M.S. for the Nutrition and Food Concentration; and Anna Fowler B.F.A., for the Fashion Merchandising and Design Concentration.

**Wendy Buchan** (faculty, FACS) organized and the 16th annual Dietetic Internship Symposium in collaboration with the Northern Area California Nutrition and Dietetic Association and University of California Davis Medical Center with more than ten programs presenting and represented (CSU Sacramento, CSU Chico, CSU Fresno, UCDMC, UC Davis, UC San Francisco Medical Center, Napa State hospital, San Francisco State University, Utah Distance DI, Central Valley WIC DI). Over 125 students attended from CSU Sacramento, UCD and CSU Chico.

**Aya Ida** (faculty, SOC) received the 2018 Early Career Award for Innovation in Teaching Sociology from the Pacific Sociological Association.

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**Upcoming Events**

**August 24, 2018**
*College of SSIS Convocation*
*Del Norte Hall*

**August 28, 2018**
*Sac State Downtown Grand Opening*
*Sac State Downtown (304 S St)*

**September 27, 2018**
*Distinguished Alumni Awards*
*Harper Alumni Center*

**October 1, 2018**
*University Staff Assembly (USA) Staff Awards Luncheon*
*University Union Ballroom*

**November 1 - 3, 2018**
*5th International Genocide Conference*

**November 6, 2018**
*Psychology Annual Research Conference*
*University Union*

**December 6, 2018**
*College of SSIS Holiday Reception*
*MRP 3007*

**December 10, 2018**
*Sociology Student Research Symposium*
*University Union*

**December 11, 2018**
*College of SSIS Master’s Hooding and Reception*
*Harper Alumni Center*

For details on an event, contact the Dean’s Office.
The College of SSIS wants to hear from you! If you would like to receive more information or you wish to contribute to a story or news item, contact Heather Mummaw 916-278-6504 or mummawh@csus.edu