



College of SSIS Newsletter

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The College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS) has transitioned from the pace of summer to a busy fall. The energy and sense of renewal every August as our students arrive on campus never gets old. The hallways are bustling again. I hear conversation, laughter, and music outside of our offices and life is everywhere. This year I am more aware of



Dianne Hyson, Dean

this energy than ever as I make my own transition to Dean of the college that has been my academic home for nearly two decades. Reading through our newsletter submissions, I am reminded of the important work we do and how proud I am to be part of SSIS. The college is headed for an extraordinary year. We are welcoming new faculty in 5 departments, including our first ever endowed chair. Our other additions include a new associate dean, new staff members, and a director of development housed in University Advancement. This semester's newsletter is full of examples that reflect the excellence of SSIS including awards and honors received by students and faculty, as well as publications and presentations. We look back on varied activities and events organized and hosted by SSIS programs and personnel ranging from farm-to-fork, to race, immigration, and social justice, to student research symposia, and

many more. A big thank you to Heather Mumma in the Dean's Office who dedicates many hours each semester to putting the newsletter together allowing us to showcase the best of SSIS! The breadth of the more than 6,000 SSIS majors and the expertise and dedication of the nearly 300 faculty and 40 plus staff who support them continues to amaze me. Our students' success and many activities are supported with gifts provided by our generous donors who we greatly appreciate.

President Nelsen has made it a priority for Sacramento State to partner with and support the local region and economy as an anchor institution. In an increasingly challenging environment, it is more important than ever to leverage the resources, people, and programs of Sacramento State to improve the community and lives of all, while educating our students to become successful, engaged, and caring citizens of tomorrow. The College of SSIS is perfectly positioned to be at the forefront of this work and I look forward to supporting and encouraging the effort.

Academic Departments

Anthropology
Asian Studies
Economics
Environmental Studies
Ethnic Studies
Family & Consumer Sciences
Gerontology
Liberal Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Public Policy & Administration
Social Science
Sociology
Women's Studies

Centers

Archaeological Curation Facility
Archaeological Research Center
Education Insights Center
Institute for Social Research
Iranian & Middle Eastern Studies
Center



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New Faces in the College

June Hee Kwon Asian Studies



Dr. June Hee Kwon is a cultural anthropologist joining the Asian Studies Program. She received her PhD from the Department of Cultural Anthropology at Duke University. Prior to joining Sac State, she was an Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow in the Department of East Asian Studies at New York University. Her research focuses on transnational migration and development, gendered labor and class formation, ethnic/national conflict and reconciliation, and humanitarianism and human rights. Her area of expertise spans contemporary Korea (North and South), China, and Japan, and includes postcolonial and post-Cold War interconnections and political economy across the East Asia/Pacific Rim region.

Brittany Bass Economics



Dr. Brittany Bass is joining the Department of Economics. She completed her PhD in Economics in 2019 from the University of California, Irvine, and received her MA in Economics from San Diego State University in 2014, and

her BS in Business Administration with concentrations in Economics and Finance from the University of North Carolina, Wilmington in 2012. Brittany's research and teaching interests include public economics, labor economics, education, and health. In her primary research, she uses quasi-experimental methods to study the impact of state and local policies on student achievement and student health.

Wayne Linklater Environmental Studies



Dr. Wayne Linklater joins the Environmental Studies Department as the new department chair. He arrives from Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand, where he was Associate Professor of Conservation Science and Director of their applied research Centre for Biodiversity and Restoration Ecology. He received his doctorate in Ecology from Massey University in New Zealand. His academic interests are diverse: animal ecology, conservation and biotechnologies, human-wildlife relationships (e.g., crime, biophilia), and conservation policy, culture, psychology and practice.

**Welcome
New Faculty!**

David Giguere Psychology



Dr. David Giguere joins the Department of Psychology as a developmental psychologist with expertise in bilingual language development. He was born and raised in Las Vegas and earned his PhD from Florida Atlantic University. Before going to graduate school, he lived for several years in Santiago, Chile. He is currently investigating factors that are related to successful English and Spanish literacy development among children from Spanish speaking homes in the United States.

Brittany Young Psychology



Dr. Brittany Young joins the Department of Psychology as a developmental psychologist whose research explores the interplay between ethnic/racial identity development, social context and perceived discrimination on psychosocial

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correlates in emerging adults within the African diaspora. She earned her PhD at the University of California Santa Cruz. While working on her doctorate, Dr. Young's was impassioned by underrepresented student's experiences, which motivated her research and service partnerships with the Ethnic Resource Centers, Equal Opportunity Program, Student Success & Equity Research Center, and First Generation Initiative.

Christopher Cabaldon **Public Policy & Administration**



Professor Christopher Cabaldon is the Hazel Cramer Endowed Chair and Professor of Public Policy & Administration. He is mayor of West Sacramento and served previously as Vice Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and director of the state legislature's Higher Education Committee. An appointed official for five governors of both political parties, Cabaldon currently represents California on the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education. He earned a BS in Environmental Economics from UC Berkeley and a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Sacramento State. His research/service agenda focuses on policy prototyping, innovation, and public engagement redesign to solve wicked problems vexing the region and state.

New to the Dean's Office

Boatamo Mosupyoe **Dean's Office**



Dr. Mosupyoe joined Sacramento State as a tenure-track faculty member in 2003, following prior faculty appointments at Pierce College and the College of Alameda. She earned a baccalaureate degree from the University of the North in South Africa, followed by a masters of art and a doctoral degree in Social Cultural Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Her leadership roles on campus and system-wide include directorships (Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program, Pan African Studies Program), department chair (Ethnic Studies) and faculty fellow (SSIS Dean's Office, Office of Inclusive Excellence), as well as lead authorship on the Chancellor's Task Force on the Advancement of Ethnic Studies. Dr. Mosupyoe has been actively involved with global engagement work on campus and internationally. She has been the lead organizer and host for a wide range of events that include invited dignitaries, conferences, workshops and meetings that focus on cross cultural understanding and collaboration, peace and reconciliation, and conflict resolution. Her role as the Associate Dean for Resource and Program Management includes oversight of enrollment, space, resource allocation, budgetary support, and information technology.

Rodrigo da Silva **Dean's Office**



Mr. da Silva was born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil. He received a Bachelor's Degree in History from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP). After graduation he was employed working with historical and corporate archiving, then pursued his personal interest in languages with a two year English study abroad in London, England. Rodrigo continued his studies in California completing four Associate degrees while working as an Administrative Assistant at American River College. California is now his permanent home. He is enjoying the benefits of living near the downtown area and all it has to offer. His role in the Dean's Office includes service operations, and supporting Interdisciplinary Studies and Asian Studies.

**Welcome New
Dean's Office
Staff!**

SSIS in Action

Farm-to-Fork



Bites on the Bridge, the annual farm-to-fork event, took place in May on

the Guy West Bridge, planned and hosted by students in Dr. Kelly Thompson's Food Production and Sustainability course in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Under the theme, *Tastes of the World*, guests mingled on the bridge while enjoying seasonal bites, beer, and wine. The event featuring sustainable, locally sourced ingredients including Sac State's own hops and honey, and fresh

produce from Capital Public Radio Gardens. Produce Express, which sources only local products, also contributed. Environmental Studies students in Dr. Christine Flower's class observed and collected data to assess recycling and waste diversion habits during the food preparation. Proceeds from the event benefited Sac State's Bioconversion and Agricultural Collaborative (BAC Yard).

Task Force for the Center on Race, Immigration, and Social Justice

The Taskforce for the Center on Race, Immigration and Social Justice (CRISJ) is committed to the University mission of making Sacramento State an anchor university by engaging with the community and transforming our surrounding environments with a vision of intersectional social justice. Progress towards establishing formal center status for CRISJ has continued. The various ways in which CRISJ has addressed critical issues concerning race, immigration, and social justice in the region, state, nation, and world include organizing academic forums and panel presentations with local



and global experts and artists. These events have attracted hundreds of people including students, faculty, staff and community members. Student mentoring in the areas of academic inquiry and civic engagement, aligned with the CRISJ mission, is also a priority. Policy briefs that draw on the expertise

of CRISJ associates have challenged the biased policing and border enforcement in the context of xenophobic nationalism in the country and the globe. The Task Force welcomes new associates who are committed to the goal of helping shape the university and larger community culture to one of excellence, inclusion, and empowerment for historically and continuously marginalized students, faculty, and staff and leadership on issues of race, immigration, and intersectional social justice. Learn more about this work at: <https://www.csus.edu/dev/managed/centers/race-immigration-social-justice/>.

Staff Present at System-Wide and National Conferences

The SSIS Dean's Office was well represented at the 17th annual system-wide Academic Resources Conference (ARC) in Long Beach. Heather Mumma from the Dean's Office presented a session titled, *Managing Social Media and Publishing Newsletters* where she provided an interactive session on best practices of both forms of marketing. Marya Endriga, Associate Dean for Student

and Personnel Success presented a session titled, *In My Backyard: Diversity and Inclusion in Staff Workplaces* where she included information for staff about everyday types of situations they might encounter and the nature of developing awareness and sensitivity. Cheryl Lugo and Mayrose Acob, Student Support Professionals in SSIS, co-presented a session for region 9 and 10 attendees at the NACADA (National

Academic Advising Association) titled, *Paddling the Canoe Upstream: Working Collaboratively with Students, Community College Advisors, and Campus Advisors to Create a Holistic, Creative, and Integrated Advising Model*. They focused on helping participants identify different models of advising and techniques to help address the diverse needs of students seeking admission into high demand majors and being able to design an advising model using e-advising tools.

New partnership between Family Studies and Human Development (FSHD) and Delta Prevention

A pilot partnership between Family Studies and Human Development (Dr. Ann Moylan, Mr. Troy Nichols) and Delta Prevention (Angela Da Re, President and CEO) aligns the service learning experience for students enrolled in FACS 162 (Family Support Services) with principles of family support, and optimizes the agency's capacity, focusing on Delta

Prevention's "Strengthening Families Program." The program offers the perfect match for FACS 162 by providing separate programming for parents, programming for children and youth, and also both groups combined, a model embraced by Family Support America. For more information about Delta Prevention visit <https://www.deltaprevention.org/our-mission-and-goals>. Information about the

"Strengthening Families Program" is at <https://www.deltaprevention.org/what-we-do>.



Student Activities

Model United Nations

Each spring break, the Department of Political Science's Model United Nations (Model UN) student delegation travels to New York to participate in the annual Model UN Conference. This year the students were hosted by Janice Shiu, Political Science Lecturer. More than 5,000 students from 159 schools/universities spanning across 6 continents participated in the event.

This year, our students were awarded with the "Outstanding Delegation Award." Students Sarah Boyer and Briana Cravanas won an "Outstanding Position Paper" award for their pre-conference work in the UN-Women committee. The delegation also included Sanjana Ahuja, Daniel Amon, Louis Asbury, Kyle Ellsworth, Jordan Lorenz, Phi Nguyen, Claudia Ramirez, Jessica Schultze, Marissa Turner-Smith, Yessica Vergara, Cameron Weaver, and Daniel McGhie (Head Delegate). Phi Nguyen also participated in the General Debate held at the UN Headquarters General Assembly Plenary Hall, with a speech on a UN Sustainable Development Goal.



ASIA 190: Travel Study to Asia

In January, ASIA 190: Travel Study to Asia, kicked off the new initiative of International Programs and Global Engagement and the College of Continuing Education (CCE) for Faculty Led Study Abroad courses by taking 12 Sacramento State students to Matsuyama, Japan. The faculty leader was Professor Jeffrey Dym. Though the trip has run previously, this was the first time it was offered as an Asian Studies course through CCE. While in Japan, students read and learned about Natsume Soseki, one of Japan's most famous writers, read about and visited Hiroshima, visited pre-modern castles and towns, and spent a day walking part of the 88 temple Shikoku pilgrimage. In addition to the formal classroom and fieldtrip educational experiences, students learned a great deal about Japan and themselves as they navigated living in Japan on their own.



Student Fashion Association

The Student Fashion Association (SFA) and the Fashion Merchandising and Management Program (FASH) housed in the Family & Consumer Sciences Department (FACS) presented the annual fashion show titled, *Threads Through Time* on April 21, 2019. This show was a collaboration with the One World Initiative (OWI), emphasizing the 2019 theme of Global Perspectives on Time. It featured student designers and stylists from FASH who were inspired by the historic costume pieces from the Costume Collection of the department. With support from President Nelsen, OWI, FACS, the campus community, and the Sacramento community, the event showcased millennials' understanding and interpretation of American history in the last 100 years through the lens of fashion.



Student Awards

Dean's Award and President's Medal Winner (Mayad Al-Qazzaz Award)

Every spring, the University's seven academic deans select a student they believe represents the best of their respective colleges. This year, Monaè Williams, a Psychology student, was selected as the SSIS Dean's Award winner*. She was nominated by Professor Rachel August.

While at Sac State, Monaè was an excellent student and maintained a GPA high enough for her to graduate with honors. Monaè was also noted for her extensive service activities, both on and off campus. She worked with Sac State's Leadership Initiative, promoting mental health services at The WELL. She also volunteered at Sac State's Blood Drive, earning Green and Gold certificates for her leadership activities. Off campus, Monaè volunteered with Black Women United and the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services.

"She has a kind-hearted soul combined with a 'can-do' attitude," Dr. August states in her nomination letter.



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"She has carefully thought out opinions, listens well, is a deep thinker, and treats people with honesty and directness."

Once the Dean's Award winners are elected, President Robert Nelsen chooses one of the seven students as the recipient of the President's Medal. This year the College of SSIS was honored to

have their Dean's Award winner receive this highest of commendations. "Upon meeting Monaè, I was immediately struck by her intelligence, grace, and heart. She has survived significant challenges in her life, yet still makes time to support those around her and to give back," President Nelsen said about Monaè.

Monaè was proudly presented with the President's Medal at Commencement on May 19, 2019, witnessed by an arena full of cheering students, faculty, staff, family, and friends.

Congratulations Monaè!

*Dr. Ayad Al-Qazzaz contributes a \$500 reward each year to the best undergraduate student of the year in SSIS (Mayad Al-Qazzaz award).

Family Studies & Human Development Student Wins \$500 Award

Yee "Katie" Her and her student group won \$500.00 in the CA-AFCS (California Association of Family & Consumer Sciences) Student Conference and competition held at San Francisco State University in April. The competition was called "Giving Back Through FCS" and the group addressed homelessness in Sacramento. Jamie Perry and Jennifer Segura were the other students in Katie's group but could not attend the competition.

Congratulations Katie!



Katie Her (second from left on bottom), Dr. Ann Moylan, Professor of Family Studies & Human Development, Department of Family & Consumer Sciences (far right), with other winners and faculty

Outstanding Graduate Award Winner (Sharifa Al-Qazzaz Award)

Misha Haghighat, Psychology graduate student, received the 2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Award in SSIS*. Misha graduated with her MA in Psychology in Spring 2019 with a 3.92 GPA. She also graduated with her BA in Psychology, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2016. While at Sac State, Misha participated in several honors societies, including Phi Kappa Phi and Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology. Misha had a peer-reviewed article published in the Journal of Youth and Adolescence and presented at academic conferences, including the Western Psychological Association.

In the community, Misha contributed to Future Hornet Day; developed and held workshops for various community entities, including the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Sacramento; and was involved with research projects with Girls on the Run of Greater Sacramento. Casey Knifsend, Associate Professor in Psychology, who nominated Misha, said "she is the most dedicated, hard-working student I have known."

Congratulations Misha!



*Dr. Ayad Al-Qazzaz contributes a \$500 reward each year to the best graduate student of the year in SSIS (Sharifa Al-Qazzaz award).

Environmental Student Wins CSU-Wide Research Award



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Moiz Mir, Environmental Studies major, won second place in the 33rd Annual CSU Student Research Competition held at CSU Fullerton in April. Moiz won for the research he's been doing with Dr. Michelle Stevens, professor in environmental studies, at Bushy Lake. His presentation was titled, *Companion Planting as an Understory Restoration Strategy Along the American River* which was in the interdisciplinary category and included competition among undergraduate and graduate students. Moiz was therefore the highest performing undergraduate student in that category out of all 23 campuses.

Congratulations Moiz!

Psychology Student Wins Women of Influence Award

Shannon Luoma, Psychology graduate student, won the 2019 Women of Influence Award. The Women of Influence Award recognizes outstanding Sacramento State female students, faculty and staff who have made an impact on the campus and their communities. Shannon was the recipient of the student leader category. She was nominated by several faculty members in the Psychology Department for her leadership as president of the Student Association for Applied Behavior Analysis (SAABA), which is one of the most active student organizations on campus. Shannon manages a team of students who organize several academic and outreach events throughout the year. Despite her very busy schedule managing SAABA and raising two adorable children, Shannon is also an outstanding graduate student by exceeding in her classes, attending and presenting at multiple conferences, publishing peer-reviewed articles, and completing her internship hours. Shannon is a model student and well deserving of this award.

Congratulations Shannon!



L to R: Drs. Caio Miguel, Sharon Furtak, Denys Brand, faculty in the PSYC Department with Shannon Luoma.

Scholarship Corner

ANTHROPOLOGY

Richard H. Reeve Award
Amaris Morningstart
John. W. Connor Scholarship
Michael Stewart-Bernard
Edgar Lee Jordan Scholarship
Nathalie Mendoza
Anthropology Academic
Achievement Award
Katelyn Graff

ECONOMICS

Robert and Chi-Ming Dana Curry
Scholarship
Jose Pequeno
John G. Ranlett Memorial
Scholarship
Katherine Koulouris
Rod Swanson Scholarship
Daniella Stepek

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Thomas Swift Scholarship
Evangelina Chavez
Patrick Dugal Memorial
Scholarship
Rocio Velezquez
Eric Ngeth

ETHNIC STUDIES

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
Scholarship
Beau Medicine Crow
Jordan Hernandez
Megan Ingram
Joshua Martinez

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Apparel Marketing and
Design Scholarship
Elisa Boone

GERONTOLOGY

Osborne Stearns Gerontology
Scholarship
Janeth Angeles Esparaza

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Earl Warren Award
Phi-Dung Nguyen
Christopher Dery-Bennet Scholarship
Noah Marty
Jeff Lustig Memorial Prize
Margot Rinaldo
Thomas D. Swift Government/Journalism
Scholarship
Maria Perez
Jack Livingston Fellow in Political Theory &
American Institutions Scholarship
Daniel Rubinstein
College Access Foundation of California
Scholarship
Dominic Brock
Nayely Ramirez
Alec Watson
Krizsha Mae Del Parto
Robert G. Thompson Memorial
Scholarship
Daniel Rubinstein
Donald R. Gerth Scholarship in Political
Science
Nayely Ramirez
Wade R. Smith Memorial Scholarship
Yessica Vergara

PSYCHOLOGY

Applied Behavior Consultants Scholarship
Danielle Geierman
McConnell Family Psychology Scholarship
Kristen Madigan
Robert Good Scholarship
Caroline Goltz
Douglas Michell Memorial Scholarship
Pamela Russell
Duane E. C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Lambert

SOCIOLOGY

Outstanding Sociology Student
Award*
Nataly Gonzalez

COLLEGE OF SSIS

Otis L. Scott Scholarship
Alicia Welch
Eleesha Aromin
Bradley L. Long (BEL) Scholarship
Maria Perry
Sharifa Al-Qazzaz Graduate Student
Award*
Misha Haghighat
Mayada Al-Qazzaz Undergraduate
Student Award*
Monaè Williams

COOPER-WOODSON ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Anna J. Cooper/Carter G. Woodson
Academic Achievement
Lamont Chatman
Mydika Redding
Anna J. Cooper/Carter G. Woodson
Academic Excellence
Christnia Bourn
Carol J. Barbee Scholarship
Quincy Corsey
Chris Glenn Scholarship
Jodi-Ann Johnson
CWC Special Award in Leadership
Whitney Buckner
Anna J. Cooper/Carter G. Woodson
Scholarship
Raquel Johannes
Kiarna Kelly
Jaelyn Singleton
Lesego Mosupyo Memorial
Scholarship
Christina Bourn
Capriccia Thomas

Faculty Awards

The 6th Annual Outstanding Wisdom and Leadership (OWL) Awards took place in the University Union on April 17, 2019. The event is presented by the Peer & Academic Resource Center (PARC) and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. The award honors faculty whose wisdom, leadership, encouragement, and mentoring have positively influenced the lives of students. This year, two faculty from SSIS received the award: Dr. Greg Kim-Ju (Psychology) and Professor Fundi Kiburi (Ethnic Studies). Unfortunately Professor Kiburi was not able to attend the ceremony, but Dr. Kim-Ju is pictured right with student Pamela J. Russell.



Photo courtesy of PARC



Dr. Erin Ellison, Assistant Professor in Psychology, was selected for the 2019 Emory L. Cowen Award for the Promotion of Wellness. The award recognizes the best doctoral dissertation of the year in the area of promotion of wellness and is given by the Society for Community Research and Action. Dr. Ellison was then honored at the Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action in June.

Dr. Sharon Furtak, Associate Professor in Psychology, has been awarded the University Award for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity for Early-Career Faculty. This award is given by the Research & Creative Activity (RCA) Subcommittee in the Office of Research, Innovation, & Economic Development (OREID). This award is given each year to recognize those who have made significant contributions to their discipline through scholarly activity, research and publication, or creative and artistic endeavors. The award includes a professional development grant of \$2,500 and three units of release time.



Dr. Caio Miguel, Professor in Psychology, received the Inaugural Excellence in Teaching Verbal Behavior Award from the Association for Behavior Analysis International in May. The award is given to individuals teaching a course on B.F. Skinner's analysis of language as learned behavior. Dr. Miguel is pictured to the left with Dr. Brittany Juban from the Association for Behavior Analysis International.

Faculty in Action

Publications and Presentations

Two faculty from the Department of Environmental Studies, **Dr. Cathy Ishikawa** and **Dr. Jeffery Foran** partnered with Dr. Justin Miller-Schulze (Chemistry) to co-author "Assessing Lead-Contaminated Drinking Water in a Large Academic Institution – A Case Study," accepted for publication in the *Journal of Water and Health* and appearing in open access literature this the fall.

Dr. Rob Wassmer, Public Policy and Administration, had two academic articles related to housing in California accepted for publication. The first, co-authored with MPPA student Imaez Wahid, "Does the Likely Demographics of Affordable Housing Justify NIMBYism?" appeared in *Housing Policy Debate* in late 2018; the second, "The Value of Proximity to a Vacation Home Rental in a Resort Community" is a result of practical consulting advice he offered to the City of South Lake Tahoe, CA. It is forthcoming in late 2019 and will appear in the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*.

Dr. Wesley Hussey, Political Science, and **Dr. Ted Lascher**, PPA, had an article published in the open access academic journal *Politics & Governance* entitled "America State Ballot Initiatives and Income Inequality" at: www.cogitatiopress.com/politicsandgovernance/article/view/1873

Dr. Santos Torres Jr., Division of Social Work, and **Dr. Debra L. Welkley**, Department of Sociology, presented at the Pacific Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, March 28 -31, 2019 in Oakland. The presentation, "The Power of Vulnerability: Strongest in Our Broken Places" explored how faculty often have a tendency, in their teaching roles, to focus on experiences that have made them feel at risk (e.g. course evaluations, classroom observations, disruptive

behaviors, etc.). In addition to discussing professional and personal challenges that faculty often face, strategies for overcoming such vulnerabilities and creating a new narrative related to the same were the central themes of the presentation.

Professor Darryl Omar Freeman, Ethnic Studies, was a guest speaker and workshop presenter at the 18 Public History Conference, LibertyCon 2019; Seeking Sanctuary: Life Liberty, Pursuit of Happiness, March 29-31, at Siena College, Albany, NY. His PowerPoint research presentation was titled "Freedom Seekers Sanctuary Settlements in the United States Past and Present."

Dr. Samantha Hens, Anthropology, was the lead author on a paper titled, "Iron deficiency anemia, population health and frailty in a modern Portuguese skeletal sample," was published in the PLoS ONE, online, open-access journal on March 7, 2019 (<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0213369>). She and her co-authors (Dr. Kanya Godde - University of La Verne, CA, and Ms. Kristin Macak -Old Dominion University, VA) investigated the presence and severity of skeletal lesions attributed to anemia against known sex, age, and cause of death data to evaluate the risk of dying over time. Additionally, they tested whether individuals with higher frailty were more likely to die from known comorbidities to anemia. This study was the first of its kind to use a documented skeletal collection to assess morbidity and mortality and link patterns of disease and dying in the past with modern public health data.

Faculty Activities

Dr. Catheryn Koss, Gerontology, was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Gerontological Society of America. She will serve two years in the Early Career Representative role: <https://www.geron.org/membership/gsa-elections>

In March, **Dr. Tim Fong**, Ethnic Studies, presented key findings from a comprehensive report titled, "A Community Survey Profile of Asian Americans and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders in Sacramento" which was developed in collaboration with one of the SSIS Centers, Institute for Social Research. The report examines recent population trends, social and economic levels, health care coverage and other characteristics among various AANHPI groups in the city and is available at <https://www.csus.edu/news/articles/2019/3/22/Sac-State-report-profiles-Asian-Americans-in-Sacramento-.shtml>

Tenure and Promotion

Faculty who received Tenure in 18-19

Nathan Stevens (Anthropology)
Michael Walker (Anthropology)
Donna Jensen (Gerontology)
Andrea Moore (Ethnic Studies)
Megan Heinicke (Psychology)
Patricia Morris (Sociology)

Faculty who were promoted to Full Professor in 18-19

Data Barata (Anthropology)
Brian DiSarro (Political Science)
Wesley Hussey (Political Science)
Monicka Tutschka (Political Science)
Andrea Venezia (Public Policy & Administration)
Aya Kimura Ida (Sociology)
Sujatha Moni (Women's Studies)

Retirements

Faculty

Beth Strasser, 29 years
Joyce Bishop, 17 years
Jeff Foran (FERP), 6 years
Rita Cameron Wedding (FERP), 25 years

Staff

Anne Thomas, 30 years

A Commencement to Remember...

Beverly Gerth Honored With President's Medal for Distinguished Service



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Nicole Letrice Fowler

Beverly Gerth, whose husband Dr. Donald Gerth was Sac State's president from 1984 to 2003, was honored with the President's Medal for Distinguished Service during the second SSIS Commencement ceremony on May 19th, 2019. Mrs. Gerth worked on a book with President Gerth called *The People's University: A History of the California State University*. During their time at Sac State, the Gerths led the establishment of the School of Arts, guided the modernization of many campus buildings, and added 1.2 million square feet of buildings to campus.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerth have previously been honored with two archives and special collections libraries named for them at both Sac State and CSU Dominguez Hills, where Donald Gerth also served as president prior to his presidency at Sac State.

It was an honor to have Mrs. Gerth celebrated at the SSIS Commencement ceremony.



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Commencement Soloist Graduates with SSIS

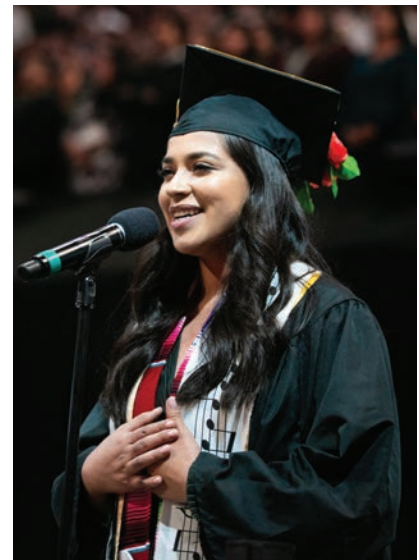
Beatriz Figueroa has been the voice of "All Hail" (Sac State's Alma Mater) and the national anthem at Sac State's Commencement since Spring 2016, and she graduated in Spring 2019 with her BA in Sociology. Beatriz sang at each of the nine Commencement ceremonies that took place that weekend, including her own in the morning of May 19th.

Beatriz is a first-generation college graduate and was involved at Sac State in several ways. She volunteered for the Dreamer Resource Center at Sac State, was the Chair of the Social Justice Committee for the Sac State Newman Catholic Club, and also served as a

panelist for several events organized by the college's Taskforce for the Center on Race, Immigration, and Social Justice (CRISJ).

Beatriz is getting married in October and her fiancé graduated the same weekend with the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Congratulations, Beatriz!



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*Thank you to our
generous donors!*

Rekhi Singh Endowed Professor Gift

The generous donation from Rekhi Singh made it possible to have the campus's first endowed professorship, the Rekhi Singh Endowed Professor in Happiness. More info to come!...

Hazel Cramer Endowed Chair Gift

Several years ago, SSIS received a large gift from the estate of Hazel Cramer to create an endowed chair in the Department of Public Policy and Administration (PPA) and this semester, Christopher Cabaldon joins the university as the first Hazel Cramer Endowed Chair in PPA.

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Gift

The Native American Studies program received a generous gift from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, which will support funding for hundreds of student scholarships in the program.

Our New Director of Development



Sarah Hodge joined us in the summer of 2019. She worked previously at UC Davis and a number of nonprofits on the East Coast. She will be working to help engage alumni and friends and raise support for the college.

If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved and support the College, please contact Sarah Hodge at hodge@csus.edu

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES & INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Dianne Hyson
DEAN

Marya Endriga
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AND PERSONNEL SUCCESS

Boatamo Mosupyoe
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESOURCE AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Aaron Eichenberger
COLLEGE RESOURCE ANALYST

Marsha Robinson
DEAN'S ASSISTANT/HR ANALYST

Heather Mummaw
MARKETING AND OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Anne Montgomery
TRAVEL/SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR

Rodrigo da Silva
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Cheryl Lugo
STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR

Mayrose Acob
GRADUATION AND RETENTION COORDINATOR

Frank Preuss
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT

Ryan Arndt
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