



# College of SSIS Newsletter

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After more than two years of dealing with the acuteness of the COVID-19 pandemic, it does feel good to have moved to a “next phase” of some sort. There is a palpable lift and much needed energy with students milling around campus and seeing activity in the formerly empty classrooms. As



this newsletter shares, it is also uplifting that we have added many talented new faculty and staff to our College. We warmly welcome them to the SSIS community and look forward to all that they will bring. The newsletter also shows that we have continued to teach, research, serve, produce, and engage, even if mostly virtually, during another challenging year. Many times through the darker periods of recent months, I have felt grateful to be in a campus environment, particularly in a college that focuses on the important questions and issues that continue to vex society; and to feel inspired by our forward-thinking students and their passion, hope,

commitment, and optimism. That said, and as many of you know first-hand, things are still not easy and we continue to address the changes and expectations that this presumed “post-pandemic” era brings, compounded by a divided nation. My hope is that we will integrate some of the positive lessons from the pandemic into our work and way of being. The need to reconnect with each other and the campus, in whatever form it takes, is more important than ever. I hope this newsletter reminds you of that and the strength of our community. I look forward to seeing and engaging with each of you, hopefully in person, as the year progresses!  
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## #Reconnect



Photos from the SSIS  
Fall Welcome and  
Convocation



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# New Faces in the College

## New Faculty

### Amber Bill Ethnic Studies



Dr. Amber Bill joins the Department of Ethnic Studies as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Bill is Northern Paiute and Te-Moak Western Shoshone and a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Dr. Bill received an AA from D-U University, California's first Tribal College, a BA in Ethnic Studies from Sacramento State, and will be receiving a doctorate from the University of California, Davis in Native American Studies. Originally from Nixon, Nevada (Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian reservation) Dr. Bill lives in the Hung-A-Lel-Ti Indian Community, one of the reservations of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California. Dr. Bill will be teaching Native American Studies classes this semester. Dr. Bill says she is happy to be back at her Alma Mater and be a Hornet.

### Anthony Burriss Ethnic Studies



Dr. Anthony Burriss joins the Department of Ethnic Studies as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Burriss earned his Doctorate in Native American Studies from UC Davis. Dr. Burriss comes from the Sacramento area and is a citizen of the lone Band of Miwok Indians. Dr. Burriss works with local tribal nations on issues of cultural heritage preservation. Dr. Burriss' research interests include ancestor repatriation, cultural site protection, history, truth-telling, and human rights.

### David Flores Ethnic Studies



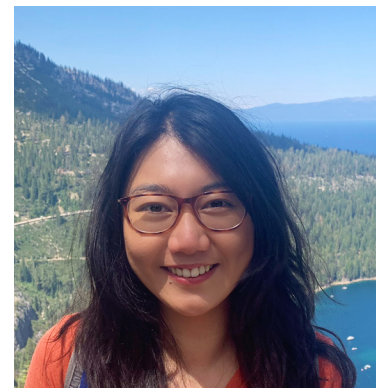
Dr. David Flores joins the Department of Ethnic Studies as an Assistant Professor. He is an East Los Angeles native and received his Ph.D. in the Cesar E. Chavez Department of Chicana/o and Central American Studies at UCLA. Dr. Flores' research examines the intersection of religion and social movements, specifically the Chicana/o Civil Rights Movement in Los Angeles. Dr. Flores recently co-edited a dossier on Christianity and Chicana/o/x Latina/o/x Studies in *Aztlan: A Journal of Chicana/o Studies*. Dr. Flores also co-founded *Las Cafeteras*, a cultural project that has toured internationally, lifting the narratives of Chicanxs and Latinxs in the United States. Dr. Flores' diverse academic, cultural, and spiritual work are the foundations of his community-engaged scholarship.

### Nancy Huante-Tzintzun Ethnic Studies



Dr. Nancy Huante-Tzintzun joins the Ethnic Studies Department as an Assistant Professor. She was born in Michoacán, Mexico and raised in Stockton. Her work is driven by her lived experiences and fueled by projects rooted in social justice. She is the first in the family to attend college and obtain a Ph.D. She has a BA in Ethnic Studies from Sacramento State, an MA in Chicana/o/x Studies from San Diego State, and a Ph.D. in Education, Culture, and Society from the University of Utah. As a Chicana scholar-activist and community organizer her love and passion for educación is felt and passed down to her daughters and the larger community in hopes they continue to build and create opportunities to engage with justice work for future generations.

### Si Gao Environmental Studies



Dr. Si Gao joins the Department of Environmental Studies as an Assistant Professor. She is interested in the role of soils in ecosystem processes and climate mitigation. She holds an MS in Environmental & Forest Sciences from the University of Washington and a Ph.D. in Forest & Conservation Sciences from



the University of Montana. Prior to joining Sac State, she was a postdoctoral researcher at Oregon State University and UC Merced. Her research focuses on understanding how regenerative agriculture and forest and rangeland management practices influence soil carbon and nutrient dynamics, soil health, and ecosystem functions.

**Emily Oertling**  
**Family & Consumer Sciences**



Dr. Emily Oertling joins the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences in the Fashion Merchandising and Management Program as an Assistant Professor. Within fashion studies, she is a socio-culturist focused on sustainability issues. She received her Ph.D. at Kansas State University. Her doctoral work explored the role of women in sustaining cultural dress practices in the Guatemala highlands. Dr. Oertling attended the London College of Fashion (MA) and the University of Rhode Island (BS). Previously, she was an Assistant Professor at Montclair State University in her home state of New Jersey. As a freelance designer, she has created apparel products for Calvin Klein, Nike, and the US Department of Defense.

**Harry Blain**  
**Political Science**



Dr. Harry Blain joins the Department of Political Science as an Assistant Professor. He is focusing on Law and Society in the United States. He received his Ph.D. from the City University of New York, where he taught courses on civil liberties, constitutional law, the US Congress, and international security. He is currently working on a book project titled "Legislating Against Liberties: Congress and the Constitution in the Aftermath of War."

**Anna Daily**  
**Political Science**



Dr. Anna Daily joins the Department of Political Science as an Assistant Professor. She is a graduate of the University of South Florida (BA), University of Georgia (MA), and University of Colorado Boulder (MA and Ph.D.). Prior to joining Sac State, she was a Visiting Lecturer at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. Her current research explores what she calls the "politics of madness," including the logic and practices of domination and oppression of people labeled with mental illnesses, as well as efforts to advance Mad equity and inclusion in democratic theory and societies.

**Itzel Aceves-Azurara**  
**Psychology**



Dr. Itzel Aceves-Azurara joins the Department of Psychology as an Assistant Professor. She is a sociocultural developmental psychologist studying cultural differences in childrearing practices and family life. She received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her research goal is to contribute to understanding the strengths for learning of children and families from cultural backgrounds that have been historically underserved and underrepresented. She focuses especially on collaboration, communication, and attentiveness; overall, strengths for learning available from children's participation in Indigenous practices and their adaptations in Mexican and Central American communities. Relatedly, Dr. Aceves-Azurara studies how cultural family practices, such as family togetherness or convivencia, change across generations in the face of globalization.

**Paulette Garcia Peraza**  
**Psychology**



Dr. Paulette Garcia Peraza joins the Department of Psychology as an Assistant Professor. She is Salvadoran American and first in her family to graduate from college. Her research focuses on the culture in higher education institutions and how that culture affects the experiences of minoritized (e.g., first-generation, ethnic-racial minorities, working-class) undergraduate and graduate students. Previously she has collaborated with campus partners to implement research findings and provide resources to first-generation and womxn of color graduate students. She received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

**Ahrum Chang**  
**Public Policy & Administration**



Dr. Ahrum Chang joins the Department of Public Policy and Administration as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Georgia and MPP from Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea. Her research and teaching interests include topics in public management, social equity, and behavioral public policy. Specifically, she examines how the public sector can achieve accountable, equitable, and effective management and service delivery.

**Amal Kumar**  
**Public Policy & Administration**



Dr. Amal Kumar joins the Department of Public Policy and Administration as an Assistant Professor. Prior to joining Sacramento State, Dr. Kumar was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE). His research studies the evolving relationships between public sector organizations and their institutional, political, and social contexts. Current projects include historical explorations of higher education governance and the promise and limits of educational technology

innovation in broadening access to higher education. Dr. Kumar earned his Ph.D. in Education from Harvard University.

**Gabbie Gonzales**  
**Sociology**



Dr. Gabrielle (Gabbie) Gonzales joins the Department of Sociology as an Assistant Professor. She is a recent Ph.D. graduate from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She spent the last year as an ACLS postdoctoral fellow with the national nonprofit Hunger Free America, conducting qualitative research related to the experiences of those utilizing federal aid benefits during the pandemic. Her dissertation focused on popular healthy food blogs as they relate to social health inequalities of race, class, and gender. She has also researched Latinx identity through the lens of multiraciality and plans on continuing research and teaching in the Sociology of Latin American Studies and the Sociology of Inequality.

**Amalia Pérez Martín**  
**Sociology**



Dr. Amalia Pérez Martín will be joining the Department of Sociology in Spring 2023 as an Assistant Professor. She earned a law degree from the

University of Havana and has completed postgraduate studies in Political Science and Sociology in Cuba, Ecuador, and the United States. She has recently published a co-authored book titled “Collective Resistance to Neoliberalism” with Cambridge University Press. Other scholarly works of her authorship have appeared in edited volumes and academic journals such as Cuban Studies and NACLA. Dr. Pérez Martín’s research and teaching interests are in the intersections of law, social movements, and revolutions in Latin America and Cuba from a sociohistorical perspective. Her works address, more specifically, variations and outcomes of anti-austerity protests, legal mobilization and legal repression under authoritarianism, and Latina/o political identities.

**Mary Senyonga**  
**Women’s & Gender Studies**



Dr. Mary Senyonga joins the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in Education at UCLA in Social Sciences and Comparative Education. She is a Black queer feminist scholar investigating the machinations of universities, describing them as “traditionally oppressive”, while centering the survival and healing methods that Black women, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary folks employ as they attend such spaces. She employs a mixed methods approach by using archival methods to investigate the foundation and sustaining mechanisms of the university and interviews to glean powerful methods of survivance from co-collaborators. Her work rests at the intersections of Black feminisms, Critical Race Theory, and Queer of Color Critique.



## New Staff

### **Annalise Harlow** **Ethnic Studies**



Annalise Harlow joins the Department of Ethnic Studies as an Administrative Support Coordinator I. She graduated from Sacramento State in May 2022, where she received her bachelor's degree in Sociology with a minor in Asian American Studies. She joined Sacramento State during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic so she is beyond excited to get the chance to be on campus in-person and experience the wonderful environment of Amador Hall. As part of the Ethnic Studies department, she hopes to increase Ethnic Studies education awareness on campus and in the Sacramento area.

### **Andrea Adams** **Family & Consumer Sciences**



Andrea Adams joins the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) as an Instructional Support Assistant. She is a recent graduate of Sacramento State with a double major in Deaf Studies and Ethnic Studies. Andrea plans to continue her education in graduate school and is currently applying for graduate

programs relating to education/ educational equity. Before joining the FACS team, she worked as a Peer Mentor for the McNair Scholars Program at Sacramento State – a program from which she also graduated. In her spare time, Andrea enjoys family, food, friends, and fellowship.

### **Emeline Koloamangi** **Full Circle Project**



Emeline Koloamangi joins the Full Circle Project as an Administrative Support Coordinator. Emeline is a Sacramento native and a first-generation college student who attended Sac State with four of her sisters, and graduated with two of them. She received a Bachelor's of Science in Women's Studies in 2018. A few years after graduation, she came back to Sac State to work for the Full Circle Project, which she was a part of in Cohort 3. By working there, she hopes to bring more inclusiveness and diversity in the space to represent the underrepresented Tongan/Polynesian community. During leisure time, she enjoys listening to music, spending time with loved ones, and being outdoors.

### **Christie Hajela** **Liberal Studies/Social Science**



Christie Hajela joins the Liberal Studies & Social Science Programs as an Administrative Support Coordinator II. After earning her BA in English and Art History from UC Davis, Christie worked at a gallery in Carmel-by-the-Sea, which set the foundation for her study of California's post-war and contemporary art. She earned her MA in the History of Art & Architecture from the University of Oregon and then returned to the Sacramento area, working as Assistant Curator at the Crocker Art Museum for five years. As an avid learner, she is excited to support two of the University's interdisciplinary programs, and to serve her home state through its capital campus.

### **Alexa-Lynn Hylaris** **Sociology**



Alexa-Lynn Hylaris joins the Sociology Department as an Administrative Support Assistant II. She returns to Sac State, having graduated with her BA in Sociology in 2020. As a student, Alexa-Lynn was honored with the department's Ayad Al-Qazzaz Distinguished Achievement in Sociology Award. She is excited to be back in Amador Hall and to have the chance to experience this side of the Sociology Department. She is looking forward to working with and supporting students in the same ways she was supported throughout her undergraduate career.

**PaHoua Lee**  
**SSIS Dean's Office/Student  
Success Center**



PaHoua Lee joins the SSIS Dean's Office and Student Success Center as a Student Services Professional. She earned a BS in Psychology at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay and a MS in Higher Education Leadership (Post-Secondary, Technical, and Adult Education) from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. PaHoua's professional experience includes working with first generation and Pell-eligible middle and high school participants of TRIO programs; she worked at San Francisco State University as an Academic Counselor before she transitioned to her current position with the college. PaHoua's favorite parts about her role include building relationships with students, seeing students' growth over time, and experiencing the process by which students discover solutions to their personal and educational goals. During her spare time, PaHoua enjoys spending time with her energetic 2.5-year-old son, taking leisure hikes, snowboarding, and reading/learning.

**Rebekah Rabihoff**  
**SSIS Development Director**



Rebekah Rabihoff joined the University as Director of Development for the College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies in December 2021. Rebekah sees her role in SSIS as a unique opportunity to bring her professional experience and personal convictions together. She is looking forward to continuing to partner with faculty, alumni, and our community to enhance education and support our students. Rebekah served as Director of Development for New Century Chamber Orchestra in San Francisco and has previously held positions at the Opus 118 Harlem School of Music, League of American Orchestras, and Carnegie Hall. She also holds degrees from Mount Holyoke College (BA) and the City University of New York – Baruch College (MBA).

**LeAnn Fong-Batkin**  
**Education Insights Center**



Dr. LeAnn Fong-Batkin joins the Education Insights Center as its new Executive Director. She has committed her career to social justice and equity for underrepresented students. She brings over two decades of K-12 and higher education policy experience from WestEd, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, Sacramento State, the California Department of Education, the California Community College Chancellor's Office, and the California State Auditor. Dr. Fong-Batkin has a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from UC Davis, an MBA from Sacramento State, and a BA from UC Santa Cruz. She is excited to return to Sacramento State, where her career in education started.

**Julia Tomassilli**  
**Institute for Social Research**



Dr. Julia Tomassilli is joining the Institute for Social Research as Associate Director. She received her Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York in 2010. Dr. Tomassilli conducted social science and public health research at the Hunter College, CUNY in New York, the Fenway Institute in Boston, and the Population Research Center at Sacramento State. Her research focused on substance use/abuse, HIV transmission and prevention, the health and well-being of sexual and gender minorities and people living with HIV, and the effect of stigma and discrimination on risk behaviors and physical and mental health.

**Jordan Etter**  
**SSIS Dean's Office**



Jordan Etter joins the College of SSIS Dean's Office as an Information Technology Consultant. Jordan received his BS in Computer Science from Sacramento State. He has previously worked in the College of SSIS and is looking forward to his new position.



# Faculty Awards & Grants

## OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS



**Sarah Strand**  
*Psychology*  
Outstanding Teaching Award



**Mical Shilts**  
*Family & Consumer Sciences*  
Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Award



**Cathryn Koss**  
*Gerontology*  
Outstanding Community Service Award

## RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITY AWARDS

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

### 2021-2022 Cycle

**Jaime Jackson**

*Political Science*

"Indirect Support and Constraining the Target Government: How External Support Affects the Success of Nonviolent Resistance Campaigns"

**Young-Im Lee**

*Political Science*

"A Trailblazer or a Barrier? Voters' Evaluation of the First Female President of South Korea"

**Heidy Sarabia**

*Sociology*

Examining University Programming to "Support Labor Market Incorporation Among Undocumented and DACAmented Young Adults at Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI)"

### 2022-2023 Cycle

**Cara Jones**

*Women's and Gender Studies*

"Let's Talk About Endo:" From Self-Help to a Social Movement"

**Young-Im Lee**

*Political Science*

"Impeachment by the Media? News Framing and the 2016 Presidential Impeachment of South Korea"

**Clara Scarry**

*Anthropology*

"Physiology of Inequity Responses Among Argentine Tufted Capuchin Monkeys (*Sapajus nigritus*)"

**Charles Varano**

*Sociology*

"Teamwork and the Medical Labor Process"

## PEDAGOGY ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

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

### 2021-2022 Cycle

**Lisa Harrison**

*Psychology*

"Enhancing Critical Thinking and Inclusiveness in a Social Psychology Course: Developing a Case Method Approach to Instruction"

### 2022-2023 Cycle

**Megan Raschig and Clara Scarry (joint award)**

*Anthropology*

"Anthropology of Race and Anti-racism: Developing an integrated, cross-disciplinary curriculum"

**Urvashi Mulasi**

*Family & Consumer Sciences*

"Course redesign for "NUFD 114: Cultural and Social Aspects of Food" to develop an anti-racist, inclusive, and equity-based classroom culture"

# Student Awards and Activities

## Strong SSIS Representation in ASI Student Government

### NEW ASI DIRECTOR



Meet our 2022-2023 ASI Director of SSIS, Veronica Boulos. Veronica had this to share with the college: "I am pleased and honored to be a representative of the SSIS College and I hope I can be a resource

for all students! A little bit about me, I am a first-generation Arab-American student majoring in political science. My involvement here with ASI began with my participation in ASI Committees, specifically the Student Academic Senate, where I learned more about ASI and the Board of Directors. I decided that although I love all the impactful work we do on committees, that was not enough for me. I wanted to help students on a larger scale, work more closely with students, and play a direct role in the improvement of our campus. I want to emphasize the fact that ASI is an organization FOR the students BY the students. This means that your voice deserves to be heard just as much as ours. Remember, we are here for you, not only as a resource but also as a support to help

amplify your voice. Please feel free to reach out to us and we will either assist you with any questions or concerns you have or point you in the direction of someone who will.

Thank you and as always, STINGERS UP!"

### OTHER SSIS STUDENTS IN ASI POSITIONS

There are several other student government positions in 2022-2023 that are represented by student in SSIS Majors:

Name: Salma Pacheco  
Position: ASI President and CEO  
Major: Political Science  
Year: 4th/Senior

Name: Laura De La Garza Garcia  
Position: Executive Vice President  
Major: Food and Nutrition and Journalism  
Year: 4th/Senior

Nataly Andrade-Dominguez  
ASI Position: Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Major: Political Science  
Minor: Ethnic Studies  
Year: 3rd/ Junior

Name: Lexa Estrella  
Position: Vice President of University Affairs  
Major: Political Science and International Relations  
Year: 3rd/Junior





## Dean's Award Winners

### UNDERGRADUATE



Chrissy Martinez, Political Science and Journalism, was the Spring 2022 undergraduate Dean's Award Recipient. Chrissy earned a 3.96 GPA at Sac State and was also selected to be the SSIS student Commencement speaker for the ceremony held in person on May 21, 2022. During her time at Sac State, she participated in various clubs and organizations, including

College Democrats, Diverse Women in Political Science, and the Society for Professional Journalists. In her hometown community of Tracy, she organized a Black Lives Matter protest, and she wrote about the pandemic's impact on the campus community, particularly people of color, for the State Hornet. Chrissy's reporting was picked up by the *LA Times* Essential California Newsletter for her reporting on Sac State students' mental health during the pandemic. Chrissy's nominators said "We are confident Chrissy will have a substantial impact on the local and national community."

The Dean's Award undergraduate recipient is also honored with the Mayada Al-Qazzaz Distinguished Achievement Undergraduate Award, a \$1000 award contributed annually by Dr. Ayad Al-Qazzaz



### GRADUATE



Rahm McCarter-Ribakoff, Psychology, was the Spring 2022 graduate Dean's Award Recipient. Rahm specialized in Community Psychology, which uses psychological science towards collective empowerment and social justice. Rahm

graduated with a GPA of 3.85. Rahm worked closely with Erin Ellison, who nominated him for the award, and had this to say about him: "Rahm is passionate about helping people live a resilient, empowered, healthy and fruitful life. His goal to work with vulnerable populations to promote wellness motivates his capacity to produce excellent academic work." During his education, Rahm was involved in multiple participatory action research (PAR) projects. He participated in early phases of a project in South Sacramento targeted at preventing gentrification and associated negative impacts. He also worked on a project on the intersections of COVID-19 and social injustice as experienced by Sacramento State students. He works as a Crisis Counselor at the California Youth Crisis Line, was a Mentor Coordinator

with the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Project that serves local elementary and middle schools, and was a Community Resources Volunteer at the Sacramento LGBTQ Community Center. Rahm would eventually like to provide treatment for individuals with mental illness and/or to conduct PAR with individuals with mental illness regarding mental health services.

The Dean's Award graduate recipient is also honored with the Sharifa Al-Qazzaz Distinguished Achievement Undergraduate Award, a \$1000 award contributed annually by Dr. Ayad Al-Qazzaz

# Departments and Programs in Action

## Model United Nations

The Sacramento State Model United Nations (UN) Team finished strong at the National Model United Nations New York Conference held from April 2 - 8, 2022. Sac State represented Amnesty International in seven committees during the UN Simulation. The group received an overall Delegation Award, putting them at the top 10% of overall performance. Three Best Position Paper awards were also given to the groups representing Human Rights Council (Conner Slayton), UN-Women (Sophia Adeleke and Jennifer Bautista), and UN Relief Works Agency (Megha Bhatt and Ciara Garcia). Conner Slayton was also awarded the Outstanding Delegate Award. Javier Pacheco served as the Head Delegate for this year's team. The National Model United Conference in New York is the world's largest and oldest ongoing intercollegiate Model UN Conference with more than 5,000 student delegates participating from more than 130 UN Member States. Students are given a forum to discuss current global issues while honing their skills in diplomacy, public speaking, research, writing, and negotiations. Participation in the Sac State Model United Nations Program is part of the the POLS 138 UN Simulation Class. Students from any program are encouraged to apply. For more information regarding the Model United Nations Program view our [website](#) or follow us on Twitter at @SacStateModelUN. The students also made a [video](#) of their experience. Student travel is supported by Sac State's Instructional Related Activities Grant. Two students, Megha Bhatt and Ciara Garcia, are preparing to attend the NMUN Kobe Japan Conference from November 20-27. They will be representing Ukraine at the Non-Proliferation Review Committee. Student travel is supported by the the Sac State President's Circle Fund.



Courtesy of Janice Shiu, Political Science



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## Sac Semester Program

The Sacramento Semester Program is quickly approaching 50 years of providing meaningful career development experience for political science students across the CSU system. Despite the challenges of remote work during the pandemic, the Spring 2021 cohort of 28 students representing 11 CSU campuses had the opportunity to engage in internships across the capital. Being remote did not deter these hardworking students from turning internships into jobs, as they networked through virtual coffees, mixers, and social media. While the 2021 cohort made the most of this experience, the Spring 2022 cohort was able to represent the much desired return to normal. Students representing 13 CSU campuses made their way to Sacramento for the Spring and brought with them an energy and passion that was palpable. Their weekly speaker series during their Thursday evening class at Sac State Downtown, and their internships in the state legislature, government agencies, and consulting firms afforded the students the opportunity to be immersed in the capital culture. A huge boon for our program this year included an increase in the housing and scholarship support offered by the state legislature, thanks to the advocacy efforts of program alum, Assemblymember McCarty. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @SacSemester to keep up to date on the progress of our amazing students.



Courtesy of Jaime Jackson, Political Science



## Anthropology Speaker Series

The Department of Anthropology hosted a speaker series for the Fall 2021-Spring 2022 academic year. The purpose of this series was to draw together insights from all four subdisciplines of anthropology on race, decolonization, and the critical remaking of the discipline in these times. It was hosted by CARDI, the Committee for Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion. The speaker series began with a roundtable discussion on the past, present, and futures of Black and Asian American and Pacific Islander solidarity. You can view the recording [here](#). It also included speaker, Dr. Kisha Supernant, presenting a lecture called "Unsettling Archaeology Through Indigenous Ways of Knowing"; Dr. Wesley Leonard presenting his work regarding the reclamation of language through the framework of Indigenous language revitalization; and a session called "What does Race have to do With it?" by Dr. Stubblefield discussing the Tulsa Disaster and the Tulsa Race Riot.



## Asian Studies Symposium

The 7th Asian Studies Symposium: Transformations and Gender in Asia was held on April 22, 2022 in the Hinde Auditorium in the University Union. The symposium offered a variety of insights on the role of women, representation, masculinity, and historical and contemporary political and cultural transformations from guest keynote speaker Barbara Andaya. It included faculty in SSIS and other colleges, as well as Asian Studies students sharing their analytical insights, research, and even dance performances, while also recognizing scholarship awardees and community members who donated to the program.



Photos courtesy of Asian Studies

## Gratitude Event



Meliksah Demir, Assistant Professor of Psychology, and members of his research lab organized two Gratitude Events at the University Union in Spring

2022. More than 90 Sac State students and staff participated at the event. Participants had a chance to learn about gratitude, how to practice it, and its benefits on mental health. They also learned what Sac State students were grateful for in general by reading anonymous entries placed in gratitude jars. Importantly, participants shared with us what they were grateful for and decorated the gratitude wall with their post-it notes (e.g., I am grateful for Sac State because...). Finally, almost two dozen participants wrote thank you cards to their professors in a private booth, which were sent to the recipients on our campus. The feedback

was positive, and they plan on organizing a similar event on our campus in the Fall and Spring semesters.



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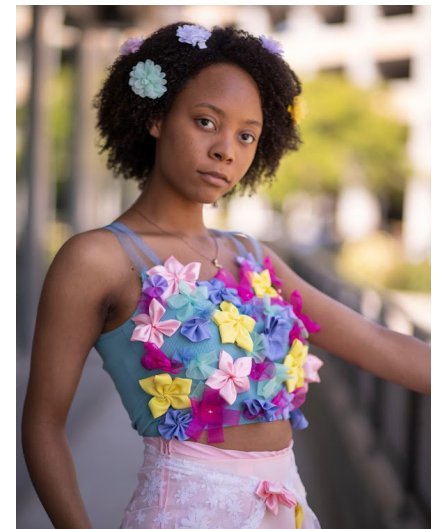
## FACS Fashion Show



A fashion show produced by the Fashion Merchandising and Management Program, led by Professors Jaleh Naasz and Dong Shen, was the highlight of a celebration event of *On the Rise, the Campaign for Sacramento State* which raised \$238.9 million, exceeding the goal a year ahead of schedule in spring 2022.

Supported by the Dean's office and the Student Fashion Association, student designers created original looks by using materials sourced from local thrift stores where they upcycled old curtains, outdated denim, and other forgotten textiles to craft meaningful

and sustainably focused pieces with the theme of Transformations. Many of the designs were further transformed on stage from the original look to a new look to highlight how impactful and meaningful it is when fashion is transferred, similar to Sac State's On the Rise Campaign, accelerating the transformational impact on individual lives, diverse communities, Sacramento, California, and the world. Student designers, models, and volunteers are from many different majors on campus, working together to make the show a huge success.



## "Dressing Sacramento" Event

"Dressing Sacramento: 120 Years of Fashion" was on display in the University Library Gallery from early September through October 8, 2022. It featured apparel from the [Sacramento State Costume Collection](#), including apparel worn during different fashion eras from the 1860s through the 1980s and beyond. The collection was housed in Mariposa Hall and has grown as faculty, staff, community members, and local businesses have donated more than 500 pieces over the decades, yet have never been cataloged or shown to the public. This exhibit was made possible by Dong Shen, Fashion Merchandising and Management (FASH) program coordinator and FASH lecturer, Taylor Anderson. They began cataloging the collection in the fall of 2018 but the

COVID-19 pandemic caused a delay in the exhibit opening. The display also included archival photos of local people and places, putting fashion into historical, social, and cultural context. "Fashion is something that is so easily dismissed because we just take it for granted," Anderson said. "But really, fashion is a medium and a

platform for discussing so many aspects of our culture, our society, our history, our politics, and human behavior."



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## Sociology Student Symposium



In Fall 2017 Dr. Aya Ida, Sociology, had the opportunity to collaborate with Dr. Lee Simpson from the History Department and One World Initiative to organize the *Student Research Symposium on Community: Sociology and Beyond*. For the first symposium there were 36 sociology posters, including Dr. Ida's students, and Sociology received overwhelmingly

positive feedback from faculty, students, and their family members. In Spring 2018, Dr. Ida took the initiative to organize the Sociology Student Research Symposium for her students and students in other Sociology courses. The student and faculty involvement grew, and they had 65 posters developed by Sociology students in their courses. In Fall 2018 they had 75 posters at the Symposium, and in Fall 2019 they had 78 posters. In AY 2020-2021 the event was canceled due to the pandemic. But they had their first hybrid symposium in spring 2022 with 49 roundtable presentations both in person and over Zoom concurrently. The audience is typically students and the community, such as the students' friends, family, and co-workers, but there was no community attendance in Spring 2022 due to COVID-19 concerns. There is a committee now which consists of six faculty members and staff who run the symposium. There

are also volunteering faculty members on the day of the symposium. In recent years the symposium was renamed the Sociology Student Symposium to take the "Research" out of the title to make it inclusive of any other meaningful projects occurring in non-research Sociology classes. The department is now exploring what might be the best for the next symposium which is expected to be held in Spring 2023.



Photos courtesy of Sociology



L to R: Christopher Towler (Political Science), Rose Soza War Soldier (Native American Studies), Tim Fong (Ethnic Studies), Shirley N. Weber, Salma Pacheco (ASI President)

California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber visited Sacramento State for a town hall discussion on September 28, 2022 where she and a panel of SSIS faculty urged the campus community to vote. Panelists explained how underrepresented minority groups have still had to fight voting barriers, such as Jim Crow laws, well after obtaining the right to vote. Weber explained that the Voting Rights Act has been substantially

weakened, referring to the U.S. Supreme Court rulings in 2021 that reinterpreted Section 2. "These new Jim Crow laws have come into effect because we don't have the federal government to protect us," Weber says. The panelists warned that the gains voters have made since 1965 are at risk. "(Voters) have a responsibility to not only exercise our own vote, but encourage others who have the ability to vote to do so as well," said Christopher Towler (Political Science). Rose Soza War Soldier (Native American Studies) said Arizona, where Native people make up roughly 6% of the population and reservation land is almost a third of the state, was among states that passed voter identification laws establishing more stringent voting requirements. Finally, Tim Fong (Ethnic Studies) added that Asian Americans have become swing voters in

## Voting Rights Town Hall

various areas of Texas, Georgia, Virginia, and Nevada. The panelists concluded with telling students to take advantage of the strong voting rights in California.



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# Master's Candidate Reception and Hooding Ceremony

On May 16, 2022 SSIS held its sixth Master's Candidate Reception and Hooding Ceremony at the Harper Alumni Center, the first one since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. In attendance this semester were Dean of Graduate Studies, Chevelle Newsome, and guest speaker Daniel Sunkari. Daniel was a degree candidate from the Department of Public Policy & Administration (PPA).

The ceremony recognized graduates from the departments of Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Public Policy & Administration, and Sociology and graduates were joined by their family, friends, and faculty.



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# Scholarship Corner

## ANTHROPOLOGY

Richard H. Reeve Award  
**Rebecca Estrada**  
 John. W. Connor Scholarship  
**Stevie Capps**  
 Edgar Lee Jordan Scholarship  
**Vallon Bucayu-Lee**  
**Sarah Holden**  
 George Rich Graduate Scholarship  
**Deborah Bruffett**

## ASIAN STUDIES

Mishra Family Scholarship  
**Mary Carroll**  
**Yvette Jimenez**  
**Angelica Wrenn**  
 Professor Thomas Swift Asian  
 Studies Scholarship  
**Vanessa Do**

## ECONOMICS

Professor Robert L. Curry, Jr. and Chi-  
 Ming Dana Curry Scholarship  
**Jamie Hyder**  
**Stephanie Timofeyeva**



## ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Thomas Swift Environmental Studies  
 Scholarship  
**Riley Currey**  
**Alejandro Sanchez**  
 Patrick James Dugal Memorial  
 Scholarship  
**Colton Johnson**  
**Carissa Tinney**



## ETHNIC STUDIES

Chancellor Tien Full Circle Endowed  
 Scholarship  
**Nimra Rukhsar**  
 Nakatani Asian American Studies  
 Scholarship  
**Miteli Gonemaituba**  
**Grace Matayoshi**  
**Maanvee Mehrotra**  
**Devesh Naidu**  
 Thomas Swift Asian American Studies  
 Scholarship  
**Annalise Harlow**  
 Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Native  
 American Studies Scholarship  
**Pauline Ghost-Perez**  
**Christopher Savage**  
**Ashlynn Stroud**

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Apparel, Marketing, and Design  
 Scholarship  
**Vanessa Avila**

## GERONTOLOGY

Osborne and Stearns Gerontology  
 Scholarship  
**Ashley Brounstein**  
 Art & Phoebe German Gerontology  
 Scholarship  
**Jazmin Collier**  
 Eskaton Leadership and Diversity  
 Scholarship  
**Josephina Baca**  
**Jazmin Collier**  
**Michelle Silva**  
**April Thompson**

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

Prof. R. Jeffrey Lustig Memorial Prize  
**Chrissy Martinez**  
 Thomas Swift Government/Journalism  
 Scholarship  
**Athena Acevedo**  
 College Access Foundation of California  
 Scholarship  
**Sarah Rabanales**  
**Mohamad Salman**  
**Joe Thompson**  
**Iuliia Tuzova**  
**Imani Wilson**  
 Robert G. Thompson Scholarship  
**Elijah Yosef**  
 Donald R. Gerth Scholarship in Political  
 Science  
**Mikhala Lazetich**  
**Carlota Placido Lopez**  
 Wade R. Smith Memorial Scholarship  
**Kate Amano**

## PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

GASPPA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship

**Justin Hurst**

**Vanessa Orozco**

**Erikapatria Rios Romero**

Designing Our Future Graduate Student Scholarship

**Daniel Sunkari**



## PSYCHOLOGY

Douglas Michell Memorial Scholarship

**Chantel Taylor**

Duane E. C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

**Vanessa Martinez**

**Linsey Parisius**

June Gersten Memorial Scholarship in Psychology

**Arianna Gonzales**

## SOCIOLOGY

Ayad Al-Qazzqz Distinguished Achievement in Sociology Award

**Annalise Harlow**



## COLLEGE OF SSIS

Otis L. Scott Scholarship

**Corinn Cook**

**Joe Thompson**

Bradley E. Long (BEL) Scholarship

**Kenya Burton**



## FULL CIRCLE PROJECT

May O. Lee & Milt Yee Full Circle Project Endowed Scholarship

**Jasmin Asfour**

Clarissa J. Wong Full Circle-Dreamers Memorial Endowed Scholarship

**Harry Pham**

**Kaylene PoChing**

Andrade-Sales Full Circle Project Scholarship

**Lauren Acosta**

**Kimberly Butcher**



## COOPER WOODSON COLLEGE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Anna J. Cooper - Carter G. Woodson Scholarship

**Sabrina Charleston**

**Kieona Coleman**

**Taylor Hardge**

**Alexis Perrott**

**Kaliyah Vernon**

Carol J. Barbee Scholarship

**Carla Howard**

**Kamiya Turner**

Chris Glenn Cooper-Woodson College Scholarship

**Myles Holloway**

**Kameya Turner**

Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program Scholarship

**Courtnei Bradley**

**Nyla Jackson**

**Saraia Jackson**

**LaToya Mays**

**Nyiramana Mukuru**

**Alexis Perrott**

**Kaliyah Vernon**

**Mary Williams**

George Floyd Emergency Grant Fund

**Kimberly Butcher**

**Brenda Clayton**



## Faculty in Action

### Publications/Presentations

**Ajay Singh**, Environmental Studies, was co-author on a paper that received the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) award for Best Research Paper for Impact and Quality: "Adoption of agricultural conservation practices in the United States: Evidence from 35 years of quantitative literature." You can read the full article [here](#).

**Ajay Singh**, Environmental Studies, has been appointed to the [Sacramento County Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force](#).

**Ajay Singh**, Environmental Studies, was nominated as Sacramento State delegate for the Global Council for Science and the Environment and will be attending the upcoming 27th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

**Sara McClellan**, Public Policy & Administration, published an article titled "Pro-Equity Policing in the 21st Century" in collaboration with Nicole Cuellar, PPA alumna and former Dean's Award recipient, based on Nicole's culminating project. It was featured in an edition of the [FBI National Academy Associates Magazine](#).

**Shannon Williams**, Institute for Social Research (ISR), has lead ISR in working with a local nonprofit group, Community Against Sexual Harm (CASH), in a [study](#) that, for the first time, documents the scope and nature of sex trafficking in Sacramento County.

**David Giguere**, Psychology, and collaborators published the research article "Majority language skill, not measures of bilingualism, predicts executive attention in bilingual children" in the *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*. The study examined whether and why bilingualism leads to enhanced cognitive functioning. These research questions were analyzed with longitudinal data from a group of Spanish-English bilingual children from 7

to 9 years old. You can read the full article and preregistered hypotheses [here](#).

**Marie Lorraine Mallare**, Ethnic Studies, presented to the University of the Philippines Alumni Association's 2021 Summer Cultural Immersion Camp. The program is a 6-week intensive learning camp for middle school and high school FilAm students, where they study Philippine and Filipino-American language, history, and culture; the hope is that this would lead to the establishment of a Philippine Heritage and Leadership Learning Institute. Prof. Mallare lectured about the humble beginnings of Filipinos in Stockton, California. Inspired by the late Dr. Dawn Boholano Mabalon, Ph.D., Professor of History at San Francisco State University, and co-founder of Little Manila Rising, a nonprofit based in Stockton that continues to train youth about our ancestral roots and the importance of pursuing college. While in Stockton, the group visited the demolished neighborhood of Little Manila and the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS).

### Faculty Activities

SSIS is pleased to have a strong connection with the California Journal of Politics and Policy, an online, refereed, academic journal focusing on state and local politics, public policy formation, and implementation, especially in the Golden State. **Ted Lascher** (PPA) is the editor, **Wesley Hussey** (Political Science) is associate editor, and **David Lang** (Economics) as well as **Kim Nalder** (Political Science) serve on the editorial board. The Center for California Studies provides administrative support. Several Sacramento State faculty members have also served as reviewers. The journal welcomes new articles and faculty interested in serving as referees; please contact Ted Lascher at [tedl@csus.edu](mailto:tedl@csus.edu) if you have such an interest.

**Wayne Linklater**, Environmental Studies, received the Acceleration Fund Support for his work with Breathe California and

United Latinos to measure and address the challenge posed by poorer air quality in neighborhoods of under-served minorities. This was a national grant and Wayne was one out of 8 other recipients across the country to receive the award.

### Tenure and Promotion

#### Faculty who received Tenure in 2021-2022

Rachel Flamenbaum (Anthropology)  
Ajay Singh (Environmental Studies)  
Bao Lo (Ethnic Studies)  
Young-Im Lee (Political Science)  
Christopher Towler (Political Science)  
Amanda Shigihara (Sociology)

#### Faculty who were promoted to Full Professor in 2021-2022

Sharon Furtak-Nguyen (Psychology)

### Retirements/FERP

Michael Delacorte (Anthropology)  
Greg Mark (Ethnic Studies)  
Rita Cameron-Wedding (Ethnic Studies/  
Women's & Gender Studies)  
Lee Berrigan (Psychology)

### Staff in Action

#### The following staff celebrated milestone service anniversaries in 2021-2022

Ana Gutierrez (ANTH) - 10 years  
Gitego Shema (CCW) - 5 years  
Heather Rogers (FACS) - 5 years  
Melanie Saecck (GERO) - 5 years  
Anne Montgomery (Dean's Office) - 15 years

After 23 years of service, **Judy Commons** (Anthropology) has retired from Sac State. Congratulations, Judy!

# Development Corner

Are you looking for ways to stay engaged with the College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies? Here are three ways to join us this fall.

(1) Cheer on the Hornets as they take on the UC Davis Aggies for the 68th Annual Causeway Classic on November 19th! Tailgate with the Alumni Association beforehand. Register here:



[Register](#)

(2) Make a gift to the Dean's Circle:



[Make a gift](#)

Gifts to the Dean's Circle allow Dean Hyson and department chairs to respond to emerging needs and expand vital programming within the college or department.

(3) Visit campus and take a tour with Rebekah. Email [r.rabiroff@csus.edu](mailto:r.rabiroff@csus.edu) or call 916-278-2612.

For more ways to get involved and support the College, please contact our Director of Development  
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