**The One World Initiative’s AY20/21Theme:**

**Global Perspectives on Resilience**

The *One World Initiative* invites the campus and local community to *“Go Global”* with an ongoing series of curricular and co-curricular activities focused on a significant interdisciplinary concept. The theme for the 2020-2021 academic year is **Global Perspectives on Resilience.** The Sacramento State community is encouraged to incorporate this theme into courses, public events, and student activities.

The word **Resilience** comes from a Latin term, *resilio,* meaning to rebound or spring back, and is commonly studied in psychology (exploring individuals’ capacities to respond to adversity) and ecology (investigating systems’ abilities to recover). However, over the past 40 years, numerous disciplines have also used the concept of resilience to probe a wide range of phenomena in the natural and social sciences (Thorén, 2014). The field of the Arts and Letters is also full of the ways humans have understood, countered, and created beauty within dangerous and puzzling circumstances in myriad times and places.

The COVID 19 era provides an urgent context in which to study **Resilience** and related concepts like sustainability, innovation, resistance, and survivance (Vizenor, 2008), as we are presented with individual and collective challenges that demand adaptation and provide possibilities for transformation. The One World Initiative challenges the CSUS community to launch the 2020-21 school year intentionally searching for expressions of resilience on the personal, organizational, and systemic levels locally and globally.

Additional information is available on the *One World Initiative* site at[**http://www.csus.edu/oneworld/**](http://www.csus.edu/oneworld/)

Faculty who are interested in serving on the *One World Initiative* committee can email the chair Mimi Coughlin or Raghu Trichur at **oneworld@csus.edu**

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