

# The Corner

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## Message from the Provost and Vice Provost

Dear Colleagues,

As we close out the 2022-23 academic year, we want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on a successful semester. We appreciate your dedication to our students' success! For that, and all you do every day, we thank you!

The past week was filled with various celebrations of student achievement and this week's commencement ceremonies signal the end of the academic year and with it the opportunity to look back and celebrate what we have accomplished together. The thousands of students who will walk across the commencement stage this week is a great reminder of our purpose: student success and an engine of transformation for communities one student at a time.

We have appreciated opportunities to interact with faculty and staff across the division. Those encounters have been most instructive, and we look forward to continuing to enhance such opportunities.

We hope that you are able to take some time to recharge and relax this summer. Thank you again for all that you have done for our campus community.

Sincerely,  
Carl and Mary O-S

## Announcements

The [Distinguished Teacher in Residence](#) Committee is thrilled to announce Alma Sanchez as the recipient of the 23-25 Distinguished Teacher award. Selected from an extremely competitive pool of candidates, Alma's exceptional qualifications and skills stood out and earned her this distinguished recognition. Alma's teaching experience spans across several grades, working with a diverse group of learners in both general education classrooms and Two Way Immersion (TWI) programs. Her participation in the National Professional Development grant: The Project for Aligning the Common Core for English Learners, Parents, & Teachers (Project Accept) at CSUSM and her role as a BeGLAD trainer demonstrate her dedication to advancing education and promoting inclusivity. Please join us in welcoming her to the School of Education!

[School of Education Helps Organize Summit for Future Teachers](#)



[Kinesiology Student Gets Boost Toward Horse Training Career](#)

Heidi Breuer provided artwork in collaboration with a writer from the medical field for the 3rd issue of the collaborative anthology, *Comix from the Heart* in partnership with the Nine Panel Project ([ninepanels.org](http://ninepanels.org)) and the American Heart Association. Volume 3 tells visual-only stories (i.e., no dialogue or narration) to raise awareness about people suffering from long Covid.

Heidi Breuer's video-comic titled "How Comics and EMDR Made Me the Hero of My Story" has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming special 2023 issue of *Survive and Thrive: A Journal for Medical Humanities and Narrative as Medicine*.

Record Number of Submissions Received for the Library Award for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity: This year, the Library received 61 submissions (almost three times last years' submissions). The University Library celebrated our [six student winners](#) at a reception on May 9.

## Accolades

Learning & Tutoring Services (LTS)

The Office of Undergraduate Studies (OUGS) would like to commend our student assistants and peer educators for all the ways they enriched the learning experience this year for CSUSM students. Thank you! And to our many graduating seniors, congratulations!

### Learning & Tutoring Services Spring 2023 Graduates!

#### STEM Success Center

Kaitlin Alessi  
Madusudhan Alla  
Steven Hernandez  
Ritu Mali Bharatbhusan  
Heiri Katsuren  
Austin Kinney  
Tyler Weaver  
Emma Stevens  
Shariq Merchant  
Amanda Frank  
Lina Covarrubias

#### Academic Success Center

Alissa Tryforos  
Tomasia Santoyo  
Jean Flores  
Lorraine Vergonia  
William Kerr  
Kalina George  
Angela Johnson  
Ekaterina Kirillova  
Jona Lao  
Laura McNulty

#### Writing Center

Melissa Peralta  
Violet McGuire  
Cassidy Lovell  
Katherine Guerra  
Saige Brown  
Emilee Beck  
Morgan Bartholomew  
Alyssa Marine



History Lecturer Richard Ibarra was awarded a Travel Grant by the CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program to present a research paper on university-trained bureaucrats in the sixteenth-century Iberian world at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America in San Juan, Puerto Rico in March. The presentation is also supported by a Lecturer Development Grant from CSU San Marcos.

Jason Magabo Perez, Associate Professor and Director of Ethnic Studies, has been appointed as the San Diego Poet Laureate 2023-24. In this appointment, Perez is expected to produce engaging and conceptually rich original literary works and to organize and lead public events and projects that help broaden participation in the study and writing of poetry. Recent media coverage includes the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#), [KPBS Midday Edition](#), [NPR Here & Now](#) and the [CSUSM NewsCenter](#).

Suzanna Krivulska | CHABSS/History | Public Religion Research Institute | Public Fellows | Awarded a *Public Religion Research Fellowship*.

Leonardo Silva was awarded a grant from the Less Commonly Taught and Indigenous Languages Partnership (Michigan State University) for his new Open Educational Resource project, *Plural: Português pluricêntrico workbook*. The award is for inter-institutional projects and will be shared with the University of California Davis.

[Local History Professor Honored With Prestigious CSU Award for 'Outstanding Faculty Teaching'](#) *Del Mar Times*: "Cal State San Marcos history professor Alyssa Goldstein Sepinwall was one of this year's Wang Family Excellence Award winners, the top honor for faculty members among CSU schools. Sepinwall, who lives in Carmel Valley, was recognized for 'Outstanding Faculty Teaching' and honored during a CSU Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach last month."

Modern Language Studies Professor, Darci Strother, and Emily Magruder, the Director of Innovative Teaching and Future Faculty Development for the CSU, won the prestigious national "Momentum" award from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing for their work training over 600 faculty members across the CSU system in Mental Health First Aid.

## GRAD SLAM

The Graduate Representatives Council (GRC) and the Office of Graduate Studies & Research (OGSR) hosted the Annual Grad Slam on April 7th in Markstein Hall. The Annual Grad Slam is a campus wide competition for the best 3-minute research talk aimed at a non-specialist audience and is a fantastic opportunity for both undergraduate and graduate students to present their research in a professional and competitive setting.

Roberto Rivera (Sociology Department) was awarded a U.S. Fulbright Specialist Award for 2023-2025. It marks his second U.S. Fulbright award.

The CSUSM Certificate of Achievement in the Inclusive Educational Practices program was a resounding success, and the recent graduation ceremony was a testament to its effectiveness. Education Specialist Concurrent candidates and Multiple Subject candidates worked together to pursue our newly established Inclusive Education Pathway. This collaborative effort resulted in a joint accomplishment that celebrated, and candidates received their well-deserved CSUSM Certificate of Achievement in Inclusive Educational Practices. For more information, please contact [Emiliano Ayala](#) or [Jodi Robeldo](#), in the School of Education. The program's emphasis on inclusive education is a crucial step towards creating a more equitable and inclusive educational environment, and we are proud to support it.



The Center for Training Research and Educational Excellence (CTREE) has 20 seniors graduating and 19 are going on to graduate school (11 PhD and 8 Masters from majors across campus). They also took 10 McNair students to the annual The Gabriel E. Gallardo Research, Student Leadership & Advocacy Symposium on April 17th where all presented. And finally, they took 50 students to the 46th West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Loyola Marymount University on April 22nd. Karissa Tran won an award!



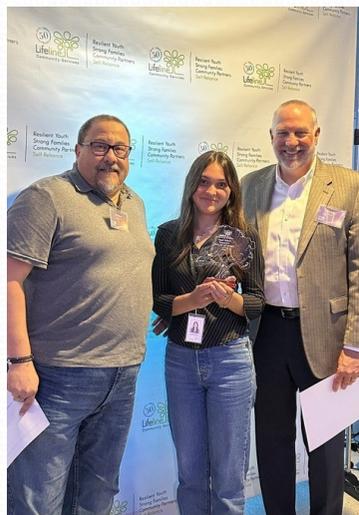
The 37th Annual CSU Statewide Research Competition took place on April 28-29, 2023, at San Diego State University. Congratulations to all the participants! Twelve CSUSM students made 10 of the 195 presentations at the two-day event. CSUSM was represented in four disciplinary categories – Biological and Agricultural Sciences; Physical and Mathematical Sciences; Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences; and Behavioral, Social Sciences and Public Administration – and the campus had two award-winners:



- First-place in Session 7, Biological and Agricultural Sciences, went to Jaeden Flury with her research “Investigating wound microbiome composition in Type 2 Diabetic mice” (Faculty Mentor: Elinne Becket),
- And second-place in Session 18, Behavioral, Social, and Public Administration, went to Mariella Castaneda with her research “Effects of Repeated Exposure to Animals in Anthropomorphic Contexts” (Faculty Mentor: Nancy Caine).

Special thanks to all participants, faculty mentors, and judges and moderators! See you next year!

Violet Alvarez was honored with the *Happy Lifeline Award* presented by [Lifeline Community Services, \(LCS\)](#). This award recognizes the volunteer who serves to bring happiness, kindness and positive thinking to others. "LCS serves more than 5,000 clients annually in five areas and their impact is measured through formal evaluation positive changes in the lives of those they serve." Seven volunteers were recognized for their incredible LCS volunteer service to our community, and we're proud to say that one of our Social Work students were among them. Nearly 100 community partners, volunteers, and friends attended the ceremony to honor their volunteer awardees. "This year alone, 125 volunteers gave over 22,000 hours of service to Lifeline." Please join us in congratulating, Violet Alvar for this incredible award.



**Congratulations** to the Graduate Dean’s Award Winner for 2022-2023 Jennifer Figueroa!

## Updates



### Game On! at The Innovation Hub

As a new take on networking, the Innovation Hub hosted its inaugural Game ON! event, where middle- and upper-level management from local industry leader Lilly came to "smash buttons" against our students, challenging them in a classic video game tournament. As mixers or similar conventional networking events can be intimidating for many and are often filled with unwritten rules, a video game night serves as a way to break down walls and help students feel like they belong in the same space as those whose footsteps they want to follow. Twelve representatives from Lilly, ranging from VP and Directors of R&D to head of Talent Intern Recruiting, challenged over 30 Chemistry and Biotechnology CSUSM students to Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros, resulting in natural conversations and multiple follow up meetings for career opportunities. This inaugural event focused on biotechnology and is the first in a series that will focus on different industries.

The CHABSS Global Commitment Committee wrapped up another successful semester of its signature Global Competency Certificate Program for students. This year's theme was Global Health & Healing, featuring global learning opportunities through the world premiere film screening of GEOG Daniel Cooper's documentary, *Land of Many Waters*, two panel discussions on (1) refugees of war, and (2) the impacts on public, mental, and climate health of the recent pandemic (both facilitated by Ibrahim Al-Marashi), among many other experiences. Thank you to the faculty committee for hosting this program: Tihomir Kostadinov (co-chair), Elvis Nshom (co-chair), Dino Bozonelos, Xiaoye She, Daniel Cooper, and Ibrahim Al-Marashi.



### Service Learning & Civic Engagement (SLCE)

The Department of Service Learning and Civic Engagement Hosted our annual Service Learning Showcase and Awards Celebration Thursday, May 4th.

Trail blazing Student Leader of a Service Learning Course Project:

- Keyla Ortiz Alfonzo, Adult Transition Program
- Paola Avalos, San Marcos Girl Scouts

Stellar Community Partner:

- Melanie Paliotti & Bobier Elementary School
- Sierra Loreda & Boys and Girls Club Vista

Outstanding Service Learning Faculty:

- Professor Suzi van Steenberg & Professor Juliet Falce-Robinson

Fall 2022-Spring 2023 Service Learning at a Glance:

- Total Service Learning Placements: 1,998
- Community Partners Served: 148
- Total Estimated Hours Served: 37,563
- Value of Hours Served: \$1,089,327

A Look at the Library's Support for Students Near Finals: The Library provided a variety of activities and events, including extended hours, snacks, de-stress kits, and a zine making activity. CSUSM Librarians provided free breakfast and research assistance and Library Outreach hosted the popular Pause for Paws therapy dog event.

Music Lecturer and pianist Dana Burnett just completed her 12th season with the San Diego Chamber Ensemble *Camarada* in its 28th season. On April 22 Dana performed at Park and Market downtown which included a collaboration with local Mariachi and fellow CSUSM faculty member flutist Beth Ross Buckley and others. Dana and Beth are Co-Artistic directors of this organization. They are both travelling to Cordoba and Buenos Aires, Argentina in May for four performances of Tango music and will record Tango arrangements and new commissions at Astor Piazzolla's original recording studio.

## Events

Library Reserves Deadline for Fall 2023: We invite faculty to begin sending in their Library Reserves requests for fall 2023. The submission deadline for new reserves requests for fall 2023 is **August 7, 2023**. For more info visit [Reserves](#) or email us at [reserve@csusm.edu](mailto:reserve@csusm.edu).

**Announcing the 2023-24 CSUSM Common Read Books:** Building on the success of the 2022-23 theme of banned books, the University Library and Common Read Committee has selected the following banned books for the 2023-24 academic year:

- [We Are the Land: A History of Native California](#), Damon B. Akins & William J. Bauer
- [The Handmaid's Tale](#), Margaret Atwood
- [All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir Manifesto](#), George M. Johnson
- [Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood](#), Marjane Satrapi
- [Separate is Never Equal](#), Duncan Tonatiuh

SDCOE Dual Language Conference at CSUSM

[Xochi Archey](#) and [Elsie Solis](#) from the School of Education partnered with the [San Diego County Office of Education \(SDCOE\)](#) and [San Diego State University \(SDSU\)](#) to bring the Dual Language Conference to Cal State San Marcos this past weekend. Montserrat Garibay, assistant deputy secretary and director of the Office of English Language Acquisition, and [Ana Hernandez](#), professor in the School of Education, were a few of the distinguished keynote speakers. The conference was a platform for research scholars, leading administrators, classroom practitioners, and students to share knowledge and expertise as well as discuss recent trends, best practices, language maintenance, policy, and practical challenges on all aspects of dual/bilingual education.

"Amniosis," a video installation art piece by Art, Media, and Design's Assistant Professor Leslie Foster and his collaborator Jack X Proctor will be featured as part of the Torrance Art Museum's annual [Baker's Dozen](#) art exhibition along with the work of 11 other artists. Baker's Dozen acts as a review of sorts; a survey show of thirteen artists whose work made an impression upon the curators in the last year. These thirteen reflect current directions in Southern Californian contemporary art practices. The exhibition opens May 27th and closes June 17th.

## Publications

Anthropology: Bonnie Bade's work is discussed in, "[Farmworkers' Working and Living Conditions Take a Mental Health Toll](#)."

Communication: Joonseong Lee's *The Assemblage of Korean Shamanism: Mediatization and Territorialization*, was published by Palgrave Macmillan last October. The book explores Korean shamanism and its mysterious duality, which continually reiterates the processes of deterritorialization and reterritorialization.

Modern Language Studies: Leonardo Silva published the second edition of his co-authored book [Plural: Português Pluricêntrico](#) – an Open Educational Resource awarded Academic Publication of the Year by the American Association of Teachers of Portuguese. Silva also published [The Paraguayan Illustrated Press during the War of the Triple Alliance](#) in the Oxford Research Encyclopedia in Latin American History. His paper analyzes the representation of people of color in trench journals in Paraguay. Leonardo Silva | CHABSS/Modern Languages | Michigan State University subaward, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation | Less Commonly Taught and Indigenous Languages Partnership | *Plural: Português pluricêntrico - workbook*.

Communication: Andrew Spieldenner's book [A Pill for Promiscuity](#) came out from Rutgers University Press. Also see an interview in *Queerty* about the book.

Global Studies: Dino Bozonelos, with co-author Polyxeni Moira, has published [The Politics of Religious Tourism](#). The book explores politics of religious tourism through the various perspectives and approaches from the discipline of political science, law, public policy, and other fields.