

## Shannon Nolan - *Coordinator of Student Involvement*

*“TLC Program Overview & Introductions”*  
February 5<sup>th</sup> & February 8<sup>th</sup>



**Description:** This workshop is your opportunity to learn about the Tukwut Leadership Circle program and what you'll gain as a participant.

**About Shannon:** Shannon Nolan organizes the Tukwut Leadership Circle (TLC) program and is a Coordinator of Student Involvement for Academic and Honor Societies at CSUSM. Shannon earned her BS in Business Administration: Management & Marketing from CSUSM in 2004 and her MA in Educational Leadership from SDSU in 2010. Her presentation history includes: Leadership & Academic Advising workshop and a poster presentation on "Graduate Student Success" at the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) annual conference (2010); "First-Generation Medical Student Retention & Success" at the University of Western Sydney Australia; and a poster presentation of Bolman & Deal's

Leadership Frames & Application in Student Development at the Western Regional Student Affairs Conference (2010) reflects her passion for leadership and personal development. In 2012 she was acknowledged as a Civility Champion and ICON for the campus' Civility Campaign and was welcomed as an honorary member into the Association of Computing and Machinery. She currently serves as a Youth Advocate for the Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos where she helps with fundraising and awareness efforts.

## Dr. Marie Thomas - *Professor of Psychology*

*“Happiness, Positive Psychology & Leadership”*  
February 12<sup>th</sup> & February 15<sup>th</sup>



**Description:** What does having a positive attitude have to do with leadership? Come and learn about the five pillars of positive psychology and empirically supported positive psychology techniques designed to increase your well-being!

**About Dr. Marie Thomas:** Dr. Thomas has served on the faculty at the College of Mount St. Vincent (New York) and has worked as a Personnel Research Psychologist at the Navy Personnel Research and Development Center in San Diego. She joined CSUSM in 1995 and served as Psychology Department Chair from 2000-2003 and 2004-2005. Her areas of expertise are psychological testing, methodology, and statistics. She is very interested in interdisciplinary research, having worked on a project with a colleague in the Economics Department to study the subjective well-being of women in the

informal labor market in Mumbai, India; she is currently working with a colleague in the Liberal Studies Department on a project studying perceptions of knitting and knitters. She is also interested in positive psychology, gender issues, and the scholarship of teaching.

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**Klio Trachanatzi – Post-Doc Intern Student Health & Counseling Services**

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*“Communication & Leadership”*  
February 19<sup>th</sup> & February 22<sup>nd</sup>



**Description:** Come learn about how being a strong leader means communicating effectively. You will learn about and how to identify four different communication approaches.

**About Klio:** Klio Trachanatzi, M.A., received her first Master’s degree in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and her second Master’s in Clinical Psychology from CSPP Alliant International University. She sees clients at the counseling center with a variety of concerns including cultural conflicts, communication difficulties, depression, anxiety, family violence, and PTSD among other things. Klio’s professional experiences include: forensic and psychiatric hospitals, a crisis center, and an outpatient clinic. She has worked with children, adolescents, adults and couples. Klio’s most recent research project is on assessment of stigma in therapy. She has been teaching undergraduate psychology courses at Alliant. Klio is also fluent in Greek.

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**Hilary Comerchero - Director of the Language Learning Center**

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*“Fun, Fast, & Effective Activities on Leadership”*  
February 26<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>



**Description:** What do we learn by participating versus listening? How can leaders incorporate experiential learning into projects, committees, teams, and working groups?

**About Hilary:** Hilary Comerchero came to CSUSM five years ago to direct the Language Learning Center. Before her arrival, Hilary managed and developed foreign language programs and language learning centers on both coasts. She supervised various international educational programs, including the Department of State’s Fulbright Foreign Student Program and Ford Foundation travel and learning grants. She has over 15 years as an experienced teacher and tutor of various ages. She has created and led courses, team-buildings, and self-awareness sessions for camp counselors and tutors. She has a Bachelor’s in Comparative Literature from Haverford College (a Quaker institution and therefore one that commonly uses Consensus). She has a Master’s in French Language and Culture from the Middlebury French School.

**Tiffany Gabbard - Study Abroad Coordinator**

*“Cultural Understanding & Effective Leadership”*  
March 5<sup>th</sup> & March 8<sup>th</sup>



**Description:** This workshop is designed to give you a deeper understanding of you, your personal values and how different cultures interact and exhibit leadership qualities. You will be able to understand other cultures and how to work with them more effectively.

**About Tiffany:** Tiffany is the Study Abroad Coordinator at CSUSM as well as an English teacher. Tiffany earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and English in 2000, followed two years later by her Master of Arts in English with a focus on 19th century American and 20th century British literature, all at the University of California, Riverside. After teaching fourth grade for a year, she returned to graduate school at Azusa Pacific University to earn her Master of Education in Higher Education and Organizational Leadership, allowing her to advise college students in a field

she loves--international education. She hopes all students will come to realize that "we live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open" (Miriam Beard).

**Dr. Bennett (Ben) Cherry - Associate Professor, CoBA**

*“Interpersonal Trust: Commitment, Common Purpose, and Change”*  
March 12<sup>th</sup> & March 15<sup>th</sup>



**Description:** In this workshop, participants will discuss the role of interpersonal trust in: (i) setting the stage for change and (ii) for managing in the midst of an environment of change.

**About Dr. Cherry:** Bennett Cherry (PhD, The University of Arizona) is Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship and Department Chair (Management & Marketing) at California State University San Marcos. His major areas of research include nascent entrepreneurs, service delivery strategy, employee engagement, and humility and trust in leadership. His research has been presented at international conferences and published in numerous academic and practitioner-oriented journals. In his consultancy, Dr. Cherry works with organizations to assess, diagnose, and repair workplace climate issues. Dr. Cherry is also an active board member of various local not-for-profits and serves as a member on the CSUSM Foundation's Finance & Investments Committee. His teaching specialties include: Creativity, Innovation, & Entrepreneurship,

Senior Experience—Problem Analysis, New Venture Management, In the Trenches with Entrepreneurs (Practicum in New Venture Creation), and Foundations of Business Environments. Specialties of consultation: Creativity in Business, Entrepreneurship & New Venture Creation, Human Resources Strategy, Workplace Climate Assessment, Service Delivery Strategy

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### Leslie Nevins - Associate Director of Residence Education

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*“Beyond Your Limits: Don’t Let Limitations Limit Your Potential”*  
March 19<sup>th</sup> & March 22<sup>nd</sup>



**Description:** By attending this workshop, you will learn one remarkable woman's story on how her limitations allowed her to be creative with your limitations. Enhance your creative thinking, problem solving skills and probability of overall success!

**About Leslie:** Leslie attended UC Santa Cruz, receiving her undergraduate degree in African American Studies. She then moved to Davis to work as an Internship and Career Advisor at UC Davis for three years. In 2008, she moved back to Los Angeles to receive her Master's in Postsecondary Administration & Higher Education at USC. While at USC, she worked as a Resident Coordinator for the Housing and Residential Life Office. After graduating from USC, Leslie moved to Miami, Florida to become an Area Director for UM's Housing & Residential Life Department. After two wonderful years in Miami, Leslie found her dream job as the Associate Director of Residence Education at CSUSM could not be more proud to be a Cougar!

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### Scott Kirby - Associate Director of Operations Clarke

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*“5 Dysfunctions of a Team”*  
March 26<sup>th</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup>



**Description:** Ever wonder why certain groups don't click? How do you turn that around? How can leaders make lemonade out of lemons?

**About Scott:** Scott graduated from Rocky Mountain College with a Bachelor of Science in Fitness Science and Minors in Economics and Business Administration and holds a Master of Arts in Management from the University of Redlands. He has over 15 years of experience in staff and facility management, 5 in the corporate fitness industry the last 10 years at CSUSM as the Associate Director of Operations of The M. Gordon Clarke & University Student Union.

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**Pam Wells - Director of the Career Center & CoBA Liaison**

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*“Document Your Leadership on Your Resume”*  
April 9<sup>th</sup> & April 12<sup>th</sup>



**Description:** What is the best way you can highlight your leadership and student experiences on your resume? Come learn tips and tricks on how to make your resume stand out.

**About Pam Wells:** Pam has worked at Cal State San Marcos for fifteen years. Prior to moving to the San Diego area she was the Assistant Director/Alumni Career Coordinator for Career Services at Bentley College in Waltham, MA. She received her B.F.A. in Painting and M.Ed. in Educational Psychology – Counseling from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she worked for many years as an Academic Advisor. She is actively involved in professional organizations including SANDAPT (San Diego Chapter of Association for Psychological Type), MPACE (Mountain Pacific Association of Colleges and Employers) and currently serves on the board of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce.