

The Corner

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Welcome



Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of the fall semester. We hope you had a wonderful summer with time to rest, reflect, and re-energize. Many faculty and our staff have been here throughout the summer and we want to recognize the invaluable work being done to support the learning environment and to get our students and faculty ready for a new academic year.

This year promises to bring additional change, opportunities, and challenges. We are committed to working with you to support our students and one another and to help ensure that CSUSM continues to thrive. The following updates are meant to inform your work as we launch the new academic year.

Academic Leadership Searches: We start the academic year with regular appointments for our deans. After national searches, Dr. Jackie Trischman is now the dean of CSTEM, Dr. Ronald Ramirez the dean of CoBA, Dr. Liora Gubkin the dean of CHABBS and Dr. Charles (Chuck) De Leone the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research.

New Faculty: This is a record year for our investment in new faculty hiring. We brought in 30 faculty, one of the highest singular year hiring in the history of the university. They have been attending the New Faculty Institute since August 12. We are excited about our future with them and it will bring in new teaching and learning frontiers as well as research. Please check out their bios and research interest on [NFI AY 2022-23](#).

Enrollment & Retention:

We are on track to enroll about 2600 new first time first year students, a record high in the history of the university. At the same time, we are seeing lower transfer student numbers as a result of the decline at California Community Colleges. These are national trends. According to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, this past spring post-secondary enrollment fell by 4.1% (to 16.2million) at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Given this scenario, retention is more critical than ever before. We are counting on you to support our students in and outside the classroom so that we can remain a choice institution for students. You can follow the live enrollment updates [here](#).

Budget and Legislative Updates: At the end of June, Governor Newsom and the state legislature unveiled a \$300 billion spending plan for 2022-23. While this is a significant investment in the CSU, it is not enough to cover the priorities that are facing us. You can read a statement from Interim CSU Chancellor Jolene Koester [here](#).

Canvas: As you know, our campus has adopted Canvas by Instructure as our new Learning Management System (LMS). Cal State San Marcos is making this migration along with six other CSU campuses to fulfill the Chancellor's Office directive for one common LMS in the CSU. Instructional and Information Technology Services (IITS) and the Faculty Center are committed to assisting faculty and students with the transition. We recognize that a change to a new LMS is not a trivial undertaking, and IITS continues to work hard to get Canvas ready for fall 2022 and to support you throughout the coming semesters. For additional information please visit [this link](#) and the [Faculty Center Website](#). The Faculty Center continue to offer various resources to support teaching and learning as well as a [pre semester checklist](#) that may be helpful in you planning. Students are also receiving Canvas support.

COVID and Monkeypox: As we begin the fall semester with the highest number of in-person classes since the pandemic began, CSUSM is reinstating a temporary masking requirement in instructional spaces starting on Monday, Aug. 29 through end of day on Friday, Sept. 9. We continue to work with our partners across campus to provide access to vaccinations, treatment options, and continued monitoring at the county and state levels. CSUSM will maintain in-person teaching and work operations. CSUSM is also monitoring Monkeypox. The university maintains close contact with and regularly consults with the County Health Department, CDC, and the Chancellor's Office. To learn more about monkeypox, and to stay informed on CSUSM's guidance, please visit [CSUSM as One](#).

While we don't know all that the coming semester will bring, the beginning of a new semester and academic year always brings excitement and new opportunities for learning for all of us. The new year also provides an opportunity to reflect on the previous year. There will no doubt come some challenges, but there will also be opportunities. We firmly believe that in partnership, we will meet all that comes our way head on. Many thanks for your perspectives this past year. We remain committed to continuing to listen, learn, and engage with you. We will continue our open [office hours](#) and you can book now.

Wishing all a great fall semester and academic year 2022-23!

Carl and Mary O-S

Announcements

Academic Programs has a new staff member; we are very pleased to let you know that **Rebecca Romine** has joined the AP Team!

She is taking on the role of Academic Programs Assistant, stepping into some of the duties that Gayle Feallock used to do (now that Gayle is responsible for Catalog, replacing Lourdes Shahamiri) and also helping with all functions in our office. Rebecca comes to us having worked most recently at Mira Costa in their Risk Management Department where she was instrumental in supporting their COVID response efforts. She is also a CSUSM alum, graduating with a BA in Liberal Studies.

Welcome Rebecca Romine!



This summer the Office of Academic Advising has worked hard to serve both our current and new student populations in support of enrollment, graduation and related advising questions.

Including:

- Drop-in services during the early enrollment periods for both new first-year students and transfers
- Supported How to Enroll Workshops
- 8 to 5, Monday – Friday virtual and in-person front desk support
- Managed busy phone lines, busy virtual front desk via Microsoft Teams and in-person traffic
- Chatbot enrollment campaigns to encourage enrollment and how to get advising assistance
- Phone enrollment campaigns to encourage enrollment and how to get advising assistance
- Virtual advising appointment options
- In-person advising appointment options
- Enrollment schedule review checks for new students
- Responded to hundreds of eAdvisor student email inquiries
- Transfer students on probation outreach efforts
- Presented Advising information at all new student orientations

We also acknowledge our many colleagues across both Academic Affairs and Student Affairs who work so tirelessly to support students successfully enrolling into courses as we approach another Fall semester.

New Library Hybrid Learning Lab: Here's a sneak peek at the University Library's new student space that has been under construction on the third floor of Kellogg! The Hybrid Learning Lab—a partnership with IITS—features individual study pods, groups study spaces, an upgraded computer lab, Zoom rooms, and comfy furniture. We can't wait for new and returning students to try it out!



Creating Student Reading Lists through Library Reserves: [Library Reserves](#)

provides instructors an easy way of creating, accessing, and managing course resources. Instructors can build, maintain, and share reading lists that include all material types such as books, articles, and media. Benefits include the ability to:

- Create dynamic reading lists gathered from a range of sources including the Library collection, internet, and multimedia resources
- Annotate citations to provide students with notes
- Easily manage and update resources for all your classes
- View student engagement through the number of views and likes for citations
- Easily customize sections and citations

New for Fall 2022—reading lists will be integrated with the Canvas learning management system.



Celebrating the Dan Rios Papers at the Library: It was an exciting summer [celebrating the Dan Rios Papers](#), a recent acquisition of the University Library's special collections. The collection, donated by the freelance photographer, consists of an estimated one million photographic negatives that were originally stashed in more than 40,000 envelopes and almost 200 boxes. The collection also contains large- and medium-format prints, contact sheets and hundreds of letters that Rios received over the years from readers who were affected by his photos. The summer celebration included an event with Dan's family and friends, a successful crowdfunding campaign, and an [article in the San Diego Union-Tribune](#).



The Office of Undergraduate Studies (OUGS) added new team members this summer, and we are so thrilled to welcome them!

Jennifer Figueroa – Supplemental Instruction (SI) Coordinator

Paulina Coronado – STEMSC Science Coordinator

Shelby Rogers – Administrative Coordinator for Service Learning & Civic Engagement

CSUSM's Service Learning and Civic Engagement Department received a \$4,503.50 grant from Ask Every Student, a partner of the Student's Learn Student's Vote Coalition. Funding will be used to hire student Civic Engagement Ambassadors to facilitate peer voter registration outreach, promote civic holidays, and host voter education events from August – November 2022. Find more information about CSUSM's Get Out the Vote activities on the Elections webpage.

Recruitment will begin soon!

Request: If you know a student who may be interested or are a faculty member who wants to explore partnership around voter registration education, feel free to email Shelby Rogers, Service Learning and Civic Engagement Coordinator, directly at srogers@csusm.edu.

Learning & Tutoring Services—Thank you for promoting the academic support available to students throughout the semester in the Academic Success Center, STEM Success Center, and Writing Center. Syllabus language for insertion in/on course syllabi and Canvas will be available the week of August 22.

Faculty Updates

CEHHS new faculty member in Social Work, Tasha Keyes, was just accepted to the [Promoting Indigenous Research Leadership Conference](#). All expenses paid and important conference for advancing this topic for our region.

CHABSS new faculty member **Leslie Foster**, who will be joining the Department of Art, Media, and Design this Fall, is currently completing a 9-week residency at the prestigious Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine. Founded in 1946, the rigorous program provides a collaborative environment for artistic creation, risk-taking, and mentorship. The current class, of which Leslie is a part, is the first since the beginning of the pandemic and is the most selective in the school's 76 year history.



Judy Opdahl from the University Library is one of the new [Faculty Innovation Fellow](#).



Mark Monahan is the new Innovation Hub's [Faculty Director of Entrepreneurship](#).

Events

1. Save the date!

[Equity in Writing Practices and Information Literacy Across the Curriculum Mini-Conference](#)

Saturday, October 1, 2022, 9am-1pm via Zoom

Join colleagues from CSUSM, Palomar College, and Mira Costa College for an NCHCA-funded event as we discuss equitable writing assignments and grading practices across the curriculum. The mini conference will feature guest speaker Dr. Lizbett Tinoco from Texas A&M-San Antonio, a panel of students from all three campuses, and time for brainstorming changes to our practice. Prizes will be available for a limited number of faculty attendees.

2. Service Learning Community Partner Fair

September 6th, 11:30am-1:30pm at the University Plaza

Fall Service Learning students will have the chance to meet with Community Partners and potential service learning placement sites, learn about the placement process, and enjoy snacks!