

The Corner

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Appreciation

As winter break approaches, it offers us time to reflect on and make meaning of the past year so that we can look to the year ahead with renewed purpose. Your collective effort over this past year, your resilience, and your commitment to students continues to inspire us. Over the holidays, we hope you take time to recharge, to be with friends and loved ones, and to participate in activities that bring you meaning. May we enter the new year stronger and wiser, and continue to lead with kindness.

From all of us in the Offices of the Provost and Vice Provost. Warmest wishes for a safe and restful winter break.



Updates

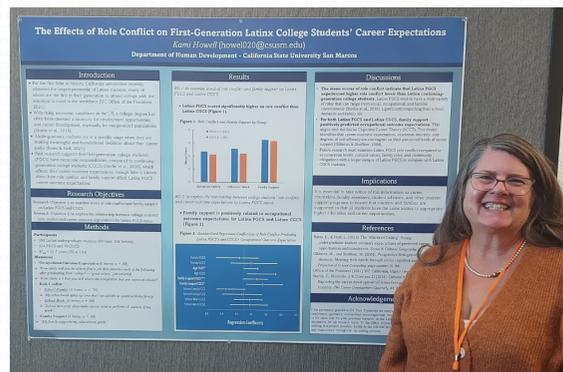
The Office of Academic Advising has begun supporting current students during the Spring 2023 enrollment period! In addition, the online resource for our New Students entitled, “Enrollment Tutorial,” went live December 5th on the OAA website. This guide provides important advising information, enrollment suggestions, and information about multiple ways to receive advising support.

The Office Academic Programs is gearing up for the next WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) visit in 2026. Even though 2026 seems like a long way off, we all know how quickly time passes and before we know it, we’ll be hosting another visit. Stay tuned for details and information on how everyone can pitch in to help with this very important event for our campus.

This Fall 2022 CSUSM American Language and Culture Institute was awarded The Queretaro Ambassadors Scholarship.

Scholars who belong to Querétaro Universities will be taking workshops in the areas of Science, Technology, and Sustainability towards Europe, Asia, and North America, with the aim of turning Queretaro into a state with global citizens capable of boosting the economy of their communities through the promotion of more peaceful, tolerant, inclusive, and competitive societies in multicultural environments.

Kami Howell, Human Development Student at CSUSM presented a poster at the [Southern California Conferences for Undergraduate Research](#). Her research is based on the findings of her study that examined the relation between family role conflict/family support and future occupational prospect among Latinx first-generation college students.



Kami Howell, Human Development Student

Ethnic Studies Professor Dr. Jason Magabo Perez serves as part of the research team for NURSING THESE WOUNDS (Kularts SF), a dance-theatre production about Filipino nurses, labor, colonialism, and cultures of care. Through focused community dialogues, he lends his expertise on topics of Filipino cultural production and histories of colonial state violence as it pertains to Filipino migrant nurses.

Liberal Studies Professor Dr. Tihomir Kostadinov and CSTEM Biology Professor Dr. Darcy Taniguchi are working on a NASA Brown subaward with the goal of improving biogeochemical modeling. Dr. Kostadinov is applying his marine particle size distribution satellite algorithm to estimate the daily migration of zooplankton from space. Through mathematical modeling, Dr. Taniguchi examines zooplankton migration.

Music Professor Merryl Goldberg participated in a [town hall](#) focused on the role of imagination and creativity in cybersecurity with the Director of the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security agency. CCISA is part of Homeland Security, oversees all cybersecurity including elections, and has a \$3.5B budget.

Music Professor Aaron Humble performed three concerts of Bach, Brahms, Bruckner, and Mozart: Magnificent Musical Miniatures, a program of motets, with Tucson's Grammy-Nominated True Concord Voices and Orchestra.

A recent writeup at the [State University of Campinas in Brazil \(UNICAMP\)](#) discusses the new living sculpture by arts faculty Lucy HG Solomon's artwork with collective Cesar & Lois (art collective with Brazilian artist Cesar Baio). The artwork, "Mycorrhizal Insurrection," engages viewers in communication with a mushroom colony using WhatsApp as an interface for mycelial signaling.

Alyssa Goldstein Sepinwall gave a keynote at the hybrid FROG (Future and Reality of Gaming) in Austria on November 26. The conference theme was Freedom | Oppression | Games & Play, and her address focused on depictions of Haitians in video games as well as future directions for improving depictions of Black history in games.

Library Reserves Spring Deadlines and Updates: The new submission deadline for reserves requests for **spring 2023 is January 6th**. The Library will attempt to make reserves items requested by this date available by the first day of the semester. Requests submitted after this date will be accepted but cannot be guaranteed to be available by January 23, 2023. You can email reserve@csusm.edu to request book purchases or chapter scans. For new media digitization or media purchase requests, please complete the [Media Request Form](#).

Change to Library Streaming Media Access: The Library's Kanopy film collection will be changing beginning in January 2023. Films required for courses will be purchased by faculty request. Films may be purchased on platforms other than Kanopy or made available through the Library's MediaSite streaming application. If you will be assigning films from Kanopy in or beyond Spring 2023, please send the list of films you will be assigning to reserve@csusm.edu as soon as possible so we can make sure all the films you assign will be available for students. For more information please see the Library's [Kanopy Update page](#).

Announcement

[Library Award for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Accepting Submissions](#): Faculty, was your students' research notable this semester? Consider having them apply for the Library Award for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity. Students can win a \$600 cash prize and public recognition for their work. We like all types of projects! Submissions can range from written research papers to creative works such as art, music, lyrics, poetry, dance, etc.

Events

Save the date: César Chávez Day of Service on Friday, March 31, 2023. Volunteer registration details will be available at the start of spring 2023 semester.

Accolades

Ashley N. Corey, physics student, was awarded the Steven Chu Award for the best undergraduate research for her presentation over “Characterizing Gate Defined Quantum Dots In A Mesa-Etched Silicone Nanowire” at the American Physical Society (APS) Far West Section’s Annual Meeting at the University of Manoa Hawaii on Oct. 7 and 8. Corey has been working with Justin Perron, Physics Associate Professor, this summer and fall on measuring silicon quantum electronics, electronic devices with behaviors that are due to individual electrons within the device.



Ashley N. Corey and Associate Professor Justin Perron

Cal State San Marcos has been awarded a nearly \$3 million, five-year grant from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) to invest in its newest education pillar, the COMPASS training program. Creating Opportunities through Mentorship and Partnership Across Stem Cell Science (COMPASS), works to prepare a diverse group of undergraduate students for careers in regenerative medicine by combining hands-on research opportunities with strategic and structured mentorship experiences.

California State University San Marcos has been awarded an allocation of \$45,000 to support service-learning initiatives through the 2022-23 California’s Call to Service Initiative. The Department of Service Learning partners with faculty and community partners to create rich and vibrant experiences for students to connect theory with practice to better understand the role of community to address social concerns.



President Neufeldt, Teru Toyokawa, Carol Cujec, and Christina Holub.

Communication Professor Antonio De La Garza was recently inducted into the Northern Arizona University Hall of Fame.

Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Dawn M. Formo, has secured \$350K from the College Futures Foundation and \$150K from the Chancellor's Office to lead the CSU Transfer Success Pathways Planning Grant. The project begins in January 2023 and will bring together seven CSU campuses and seven California Community Colleges. Together they will develop a plan to strengthen the transfer experience for CSU students.

Professors Ana Hernandez and Annette Daoud in the School of Education have received a five-year, \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education that will allow them to continue and expand their work improving the instruction of English learners in the region. California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) accredited programs (seven in the School of Education, one in Speech-Language Pathology and the new PPS credentials in Social Work) were recommended for full accreditation without conditions or stipulations. Tumay Tunur, Kinesiology Assistant Professor, moderated a discussion for XRHealth focused on four major barriers to incorporate innovative technology in the US healthcare system: Regulatory, Reimbursement, Physician adoption, Patient adoption.

CHABSS Psychological Science Professor Anna Woodcock received a National Institutes of Health grant, Administrative Supplements to Recognize Excellence in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Mentorship: Families for STEM Success: Mentoring LatinX Parents to Mentor and Support their STEM Students.

San Diego Circuit Libraries Receive National Library of Medicine Funding for Campaign Against Health Misinformation: The San Diego Circuit libraries – which is composed of six prominent local public and academic libraries – announced today the consortium has been awarded a Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) grant to help counteract health misinformation in the San Diego region. Tricia Lantzy is our current member of this group (Amanda Kalish was our inaugural member).

Publications

Annie Lin, MSW alumna, presented her 2021 thesis research, Mother-Daughter sexual abuse: An exploratory study of the experiences of survivors of MDSA using Reddit, at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Her Social Work professor, Jimmy Young helped her get her work published in the journal Children and Youth Services Review.



Annie Lin, MSW Alumna with Associate Professor Jimmy Young.

Environmental Studies Professor Gabriel Valle recently published Gardening at the Margins: Convivial Labor, Community, and Resistance through The University of Arizona press.

Dr. Tihomir Kostadinov is concluding a NASA-funded project which explores particle size distribution through an algorithm which uses ocean color imagery to retrieve the sizes of particles suspended in ocean near-surface waters. This contributes to improved understanding of marine ecosystem structure and function and improved climate modeling. Dr. Kostadinov published [algorithm scientific code and data](#) and [a satellite data set](#) associated with this effort, and the associated manuscript is under review.

Lucy HG Solomon and Cesar Baio, [When Do We Stop Being Human? Prefiguring Nonanthropocentric Thinking](#), *Leonardo*, v. 55 n. 5: MIT Press: 2022.

Part of the Springer Series on Cultural Computing, the new book entitled, “The Language of Creative AI – Practices, Aesthetics and Structures,” includes a [chapter](#) by Lucy HG Solomon and Cesar Baio. With examples of living artworks merged with AI, their chapter discusses how human exceptionalism inhibits the development of artificial intelligences whose logical pathways benefit the planet over select groups of people.

Brian Dolber (Department of Communication) is co-author of the study "[Prop 22 Depresses Wages and Deepens Inequities for California Workers](#)," which finds that rideshare drivers in the state earn approximately \$6.20 per hour after their expenses are taken into account. Published in collaboration with PolicyLink, National Equity Atlas, and Rideshare Drivers United, the study received coverage in [Wired](#), [Yahoo! Finance](#), [Capital & Main](#), [The American Prospect](#), and Dissent magazine's [Belabored](#) podcast.

Librarian Publishes Article in Business & Finance Library Journal: Congratulations to Business and Economics Librarian Judy Opdahl. She has published a peer-reviewed journal article in the Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship. The article is called "[Transitioning an Embedded Capstone Course to a New Librarian](#)" and adds to the knowledge of benefits and challenges to an embedded librarian approach and implementation in a business capstone course.

In the News

[Building Community](#): After healing his own psychological scars, alumnus Nathan Serrato now helps other LGBTQ+ people find their authentic selves.

[What You Remember About Jan. 6 May Be Colored by Partisanship](#) (Washington Post):

Research by a team at CSUSM suggests that the partisan lens through which we consider the Jan. 6 riot burrows into our memories of what happened. The intent of the experiment was to measure how likely people were to describe as true things that appealed to their partisan point of view.

[DA Jenkins Touts Tougher Charges for Dealing Drugs Near Schools. But She's Filed Just 2 Such Cases So Far](#) (San Francisco Standard): San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins has put special charges on the table for drug dealing near schools. But in the two months since she announced her plans, she only charged those school-zone sentencing enhancements in two cases, according to a data analysis by The Standard. CSUSM professor Erica Freer found that the charging school-zone enhancements deterred some drug crimes near schools in Los Angeles.

[To Share Native American Culture and History the Right Way, Artifacts Should Always Be Returned to Tribes](#) (San Diego Union-Tribune): Earlier this month, a Massachusetts museum finally returned some 150 Native American artifacts to Lakota Sioux peoples. The 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act – which requires the return of Native American cultural items found on federal or tribal lands or from museums receiving federal funding – is a significant help in this process, but the law could use greater enforcement, says Joely Proudfit, director of the California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center and chair of American Indian studies, both at CSUSM.