



## A Note From The Dean ...



What a pleasure to see the smiling of faces of several of our amazing faculty in this issue of Faculty Highlights and to learn about the wide array of research, creative activity, and essential service that CHABSS faculty contribute. Next week, we have an opportunity to see one another in person, enjoy scrumptious desserts and good conversation, and learn a bit about the pedagogy and/or research and creative activities of our colleagues. We are not having an end-of-semester holidays celebration in December, so consider this even more reason to attend the last Faculty Café of the semester on Thursday, November 30, 2-1 p.m. in the SBSB 4th floor faculty and staff lounge. I look forward to seeing you there!

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# Faculty Highlights



# CHABSS Well Represented at Faculty Center

Four members of this year's Faculty Center are from CHABSS. Rebecca Lush is a faculty member in Literature and Writing Studies and is the Faculty Center Director this year. Cecilia Uy-Tioco is the Faculty Fellow for Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity. She is an associate professor of communication. Associate Professor of Spanish Cynthia Melendrez is serving as the Faculty Fellow for the Faculty Mentoring Program. Robert Gutierrez-Perez, an assistant professor in communication, is Faculty Fellow for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion. The primary mission of the Faculty Center is to support faculty in their multiple roles as teachers, researchers, scholars, artists, intellectuals and as members of the university and wider community.

Welcome to the Faculty Center!



## 'Artivism' Event Opens With Play by Benson

Theatre Arts Assistant Professor France-Luce Benson was a featured artist at the African American Policy Forum's "Artivism" event to kick off Banned Books week in October in New York City. Benson's satirical play, "The Ride", in which Rosa Parks takes students on a ride through Black history and into the future in a 1985 DeLorean, was commissioned by AAPF Executive Director Kimberlé Crenshaw to open the evening of art, activism and engagement.

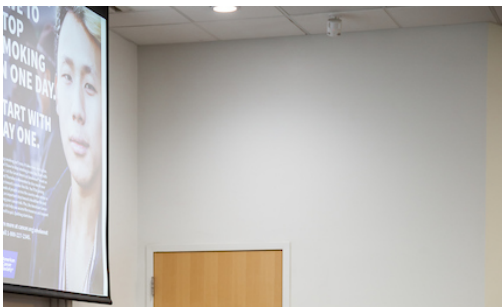
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## Spenard Speaks at Fall Colloquium

Jon Spenard, an associate professor of anthropology was the speaker at the recent Faculty Colloquium for Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity Dinner. His talk, titled "Putting Nowhere on the Map: Archaeological Investigations of a 'Vacant' Ancestral Maya Landscape in Central Western Belize," focused on the surprisingly rich archaeology of the Mountain Pine Ridge, and the implications his research has for the field of Maya archaeology.

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## CSUSM-SDSU Collaboration Hosted for Great American Smokeout to Reduce Waste

CSUSM and San Diego State collaborated on campus last week to promote tobacco-free living and the 47th annual Great American Smokeout. The Great American Smokeout is held annually by the American Cancer Society on the third Thursday in November to encourage people to quit smoking. The Smokeout acts as a starting point for people's journeys to give up smoking, encouraging them to make at least a single day tobacco-free. In support of the day, both CSUSM and SDSU shared their projects about smoking waste at a community meeting on CSUSM's campus.

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## Faculty Notes ...

The Office of Internships has created a new webpage for students for Spring 2024. This new page can be shared with students who are interested in participating in an internship next semester. [Enrolling in a Spring 2024 Internship Class](#) ... A pair of anthropology faculty members recently published articles. Department Chair **Laurette McGuire** was part of a group that was published in *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*. Their article was entitled "Historical Wisdom: Data Analysis and Reimagining in Anti-Oppressive in Research Methodologies." Volume 18 of *Research Reports in Belizean Archeology* included an article co-authored by associate professor **Jon Spenard** entitled "Ancient Maya Archaeology of the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve." ... **Cecilia "Lia" Uy-Tioco** (associate professor in communication) was elected International Liaison for the Mobile Communication Division of the International Communication Association (ICA). Her two-year term begins on the last day of the 2024 conference and will continue until the 2026 conference.

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# Save the Date

Nov. 21 – **Office of Global Education Drop-ins:** Mark 243 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (throughout the fall every Tuesday)

Nov. 21 – **Speech & Debate Practice:** SBSB 2207 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

Nov. 21 – **Study Abroad Info Table:** USU Arcade 12 p.m.-12:50 p.m.

THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES PRESENTS:

## FACULTY CAFÉ: CONVERSATION & DESSERT

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO  
GATHER ● DISCUSS ● CONNECT

### Upcoming Café:

November 30 — CHABSS Faculty Showcase

Join us for speed sharing! Each faculty member will have a few moments to talk about their teaching, creative activity, or research. This is an opportunity to get to know more about your colleagues' work in an informal setting, over dessert.

### Previous Cafés:

October 26 — Generative AI

September 28 — CHABSS Academic Master Planning

Thank you for joining us this semester. We only get so many moments together as colleagues, so being able to share those moments in collaboration and conversation is invaluable.



#### LOCATION:

SBSB 4123  
(Faculty and Staff  
Lounge)



#### TIME:

12-1 p.m.













