



A Note From The Dean ...



One strength of faculty in CHABSS is our commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI). See the stories on **Misael Diaz**, **Sasha Kimel**, **Suzanna Krivulskaya**, and **Konane Martinez** for a sample of the range of JEDI research and creative activity in CHABSS. This JEDI focus infuses teaching as well. We see it in the first objective of the CHABSS Strategic Plan in our promise to review curriculum based on best practices in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

JEDI-informed teaching, to borrow from **Robert Gutierrez's** poem, is a radical act of "paying forward joy." And ... an honest JEDI-committed analysis calls us to acknowledge where we are falling

short. The Chancellor's Strategic Workgroup report [Advancing Black Student Success](#) summons us to do better. As Gutierrez's poem concludes, "learning shouldn't have to be painful." I believe CHABSS is up for the challenge; our students deserve nothing less.

Faculty Highlights



Martinez Heads Grant to Boost Latino Health

The National Latino Research Center (NLRC) has been awarded a \$333,332 grant from the federal Minority Research Grant Program to support the research of

Bridges2Health, a community health advocate program. The importance of the grant was recognized during a press conference in Vista on Oct. 6 by Mike Levin, who represents the 49th congressional district that includes much of North County, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra. Dr. Konane Martinez, director of the NLRC and an anthropology professor, spoke at the press conference to discuss the impact that the grant will have on Latinx communities.

Anthropology professor heads up team that earns large grant



Psychology Professor Published on Ancestry Tests, Racial Tolerance

Psychology Professor Sasha Kimel has been published by the Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied, an American Psychological Association publication. Kimel's article, titled "Finding Your Roots: Do DNA Ancestry Tests Increase Racial (In)Tolerance?", focuses on understanding if an individual's opinions of other racial and ethnic groups can be impacted by the results of their own DNA ancestry test. Essentially, the goal of Kimel's research and experiment was to understand the effect of knowing how genetically similar or different you are to someone.

Kimel published



Steinway Hall of Fame Inducts Music Professor Cheng

Music Professor and Department Chair Ching-Ming Cheng was recently inducted into the Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame. Cheng, who joined CSUSM's faculty in 2011, played an integral role in the university becoming an All-Steinway School, a prestigious designation held by fewer than 200 colleges, universities and conservatories worldwide. She has received Steinway's Top Music Teacher Award every year since 2016.

Cheng a Hall of Famer



AMD Professor Misael Diaz Part of Mandeville Art Collective

AMD Professor Misael Diaz is part of an exhibition at the Mandeville Art Gallery through Dec. 9. "How We Gather" investigates the notion and enactment of solidarity across various artists' practices through the lens of the pandemic. Misael and their art collective also led a roundtable conversation last Saturday.

Distinguished honor



CSUSM IFSA Making a Difference

The International Faculty and Staff Association (IFSA) is having an official launch ceremony. IFSA has been a group on campus since 2020 and has only recently (fall 2023) been given official recognition and authorization to function as the International Faculty and Staff Association. The mission of the association is to "support, celebrate, and advocate for international faculty and staff, and promote global awareness and global competence among members of our university community." IFSA would be honored to celebrate this milestone and to share some

History Professor Named PRRI Fellow for Second Straight Year

For the second straight year, History Professor Suzanna Krivulskaya was named a public fellow by the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI), a nonprofit, nonpartisan research and education organization based in Washington, D.C. Krivulskaya was one of 16 interdisciplinary scholars selected to be part of the PRRI's sixth cohort of fellows and the third cohort under its "Religion and Renewing Democracy Initiative." She will continue her work alongside PRRI researchers and staff to generate public scholarship focused on contemporary issues at the intersection of religion, culture and politics.

Krivulskaya honored

of the unique ways they have been serving our campus community and contributing to the mission of our university. IFSA as an idea was born in CHABSS, and the group is grateful for the support it has received from CHABSS and how much impact that support has brought.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Associate Professor of Communication Elvis Nshom at enshom@csusm.edu.

Event: IFSA Launch Ceremony

Date: Nov 16

Time: 3-4 p.m.

Location: Cross-Cultural Center (USU 3400)

RSVP here

Conversations on Teaching



Paying forward joy
healing, courageousness
pedagogy that is
empathetic
deeper learning
connected
collaborative
cheerful

They say, "be real,

Robert Gutierrez, an assistant professor of communication, wrote this poem after attending the AAC&U conference on Diversity, Equity, and Student Success last spring. Gutierrez was also honored recently by the Latina/o Communication Studies Division and La Raza Caucus of the National Communication Association for winning Book of the Year for "Jotería Communication Studies: Narrating Theories of Resistance."

be you" and
"are you there, and
do you care?"

Different knowledges
embodied differently
we need to teach
emotional intelligence
coping and surviving
trauma

Speaking their truths
laughter as healing
being consistently
available and hospitable
the future is gifting agency

Learning shouldn't have to be painful

Faculty Notes ...

Dawn M. Formo, dean of the Office of Undergraduate Studies, will participate in the 2023-2024 Weekend HERS (Higher Education Resources Services) Leadership Institute throughout the fall, as part of the weekend immersion cohort hosted in Virginia ... The Committee for International Research (CIR) is hosting the fourth annual International Research Symposium Nov. 16 8:30-12 and 1:30-3 in ELB 373. The symposium showcases international/global faculty research, creative activities and scholarly work. The event is designed to be informal, non-technical and open to the entire campus community. Submit an abstract [here](#) by Oct. 30 at 11:59 p.m. For more information, contact **Elizabeth Ridder** (eridder@csusm.edu) ... AMD Lecturer Julie Goldstein shared a fun interview that they recently did with Canvas Rebel. Canvas Rebel is an online platform that showcases artists and creatives in San Diego. Read the full interview [here](#) ... Literature and Writing Studies Department Chair **Mark Wallace** was featured in [an article](#) on theadvocate.org. Wallace's poetry is discussed as being an important component to teaching children at the K-12 level about the craft.

Save the Date

Community & World Literary Series

**Presents a faculty reading by
Palomar College and
California State University San Marcos**



Featuring:

Clare Rolens

Heidi Breuer

Richard Hishmeh

Rocco Versaci

Andy Stewart

Celeste Morales

Mark Wallace

Monika Birch

Francesco Levato

Join us on October 19th, 7:00-8:30pm

**California State University San Marcos
Academic Hall 102**

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Oct. 17 — **Office of Global Education Drop-ins:** Mark 243 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (throughout the fall every Tuesday)

Oct. 17 — **Speech and Debate Club Practice:** SBSB 2207 12-2 p.m.

Oct. 17 — **Study Abroad Info Session:** SBSB 1111 12-12:50 p.m.

Oct. 18 — **AMD MediaMakers Guest Artist Series Presents Chica Barbosa:** Arts 240 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 18 — **Powwow Dance Workshop:** SBSB Serenity Circle 3:30-5 p.m.

Oct. 23 — **Powwow Dance Workshop:** SBSB Serenity Circle 3:30-5 p.m.

