



## A Note From The Dean ...



I can hardly believe we are already in week four of fall semester! Classes are well underway along with so many of the other activities that keep CHABSS vibrant.

I want to thank the faculty who will serve on the Chicana BA working group this year. **Cynthia Melendrez**, Associate Professor, Modern Language Studies and **Marcelo Garzo-Montalvo**, assistant professor, Ethnic Studies will be co-leading the work group which includes **Robert Gutierrez-Perez**, Assistant Professor, Communication; **Konane Martinez**, Professor, Anthropology and National Latino Research Center, director; **Marisa Salinas**, Assistant Professor, Sociology; **Citlali Sosa-Riddell**, Assistant Professor, History. Under their leadership, we will be submitting our curriculum for a BA to the Chancellor's Office. We are a Hispanic Serving Institution, and this curriculum is a significant addition to



how we serve all our students. Be on the lookout for opportunities to participate in conversation.

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# CHABSS Strategic Plan 2023-28



## CHABSS 2023-28 Strategic Plan

## Advancing The Power of CSUSM

Together we  
will ...

Following months of planning, meeting and collaboration between faculty, staff and students, the CHABSS Strategic Plan committee created five areas of focus in our commitment to the goals and mission of the university for 2023-28. Matching the buttons above (clockwise from top left), they are: Academic excellence; Diverse faculty and staff; Supportive community; Career readiness; and Philanthropic culture.

As Dean Gubkin wrote, "We are carriers of a bold university mission and vision. As the largest college that reaches almost every student, our collective efforts are critical to the realization of these aspirations. We are truly the Power of CSUSM!"

[See the plan](#) and [the process it took to get there](#).

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# Faculty Highlights



## Academy of American Poets Honors Magabo Perez As

Jason Magabo Perez, associate professor and program director of ethnic studies, was recently named Poet Laureate Fellow by The Academy of American Poets. It comes with a \$50,000 award that Perez will use to launch a youth empowerment poetry project that includes youth mentorship, workshops on poetry, performance-making, filmmaking and video art.



### **Spieldenner Honored With Placement on CSU Summer Read List**

The CSU Office of the Chancellor recently put out a summer reading list of recently published books by CSU faculty. "A Pill for Promiscuity," co-written and co-edited by Associate Professor Andrew Spieldenner, was one of seven books chosen.

[CSU summer reading list](#)



### **Poli Sci Professor Part of New Journal Creating Global State**

Political science professor Xiaoye She is part of a new online journal with a mission of creating a more global California by showcasing the scholarship and work of faculty, students and staff of the California State University system.

[She's work gaining traction](#)

## **CSUSM Well Represented at Comic-Con**



## Atherton Plays Panel Role About Bullying

One of the Sunday panels at last summer's annual San Diego Comic-Con was sociology Associate Professor Matt Atherton. "What Would Aunt May Do?" saw the panel run down the lessons comics can teach to model behavior for those who are bullied and those who are allies, and how to confront potentially dangerous situations in a safe way.

Atherton in Comics Beat



## CSUSM Faculty Talks Zombies at Comic-Con

A team of CSUSM faculty created the panel "Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse: Do You Have the Guts?" at Comic-Con last month. The panelists – sociology professors Matthew Atherton and Sheri-Lynn Kurisu and moderator Allison Carr, an academic transitions librarian – used zombie stories to explain social institutions and explore ways inequality is reproduced.

Sociology profs talk zombies

## Schaffman Mentoring Dance Project

Dance studies Program Director Karen Schaffman is mentoring a student project in the community this month. The ConnectMed fundraiser gala is 9/30 at the Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center in La Jolla. ConnectMed is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to improve the quality of life for children with physical differences. The gala event supports year-round programs addressing emotional and social needs for these youth. This year's



theme is All That Jazz and features a 3-4 minute dance medley performance and choreography by CSUSM students.

## Join CHABSS GCC!

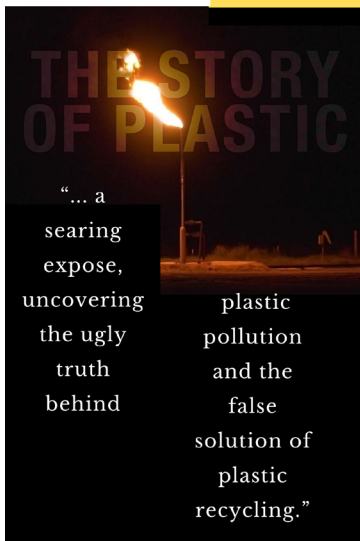
The Global Commitment Committee is looking for tenured/tenure-track members! GCC is designed to educate and engage the college, the campus and the broader community in a discussion about global issues, trends and events. GCC organizes a Global Film Series each year and organizes the Global Competency Certificate each semester. New members are encouraged to recommend new ideas and activities. Tenure-track faculty can use this as service to the College in their WPAF.



Join now

## GCC Film Screening & Discussion:

### THE STORY OF PLASTIC



SEPT. 27TH @ 5:30-8:00PM  
IN USU BALLROOM

Pizza and Beverages  
Provided

#### Meet the panelists:

<p><b>JULIANA GOODLAW-MORRIS</b> Sustainability Manager Cal State San Marcos</p>	<p><b>DR. SARA BELONTZ</b> Postdoctoral Researcher Department of Physics Cal State San Marcos</p>	<p><b>DR. TIHOMIR KOSTADINOV</b> Associate Professor Department of Liberal Studies Cal State San Marcos</p>

## Faculty Notes ...

\* **Ching-Ming Cheng**, chair of the music department, was recently inducted into the Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame, a designation recognizing the work of North America's most committed and passionate piano educators. She is invited to attend the induction ceremony this October at the Steinway & Sons Factory in New York.

\* **Francesco Levato**, an associate professor of literature and writing studies, had a book come out over the summer. "SCARLET" is a digital visual/poetic meditation on the psychological and physical toll of social isolation during the COVID-19 lockdown. The project documents the social, political, and personal disruption of the pandemic as society moved through its various mutations and surges.

\* The hardback edition of an edited volume by **Dino Bozonelos** (political science and global studies lecturer) will arrive in September.

\* **Sasha Y. Kimel**, an assistant professor of psychology who focuses on culture and relationships between groups in conflict, recently published a peer reviewed article on DNA ancestry testing and racial intolerance.

\* Pianist and music Lecturer **Dana Burnett** completed her 12th season with the San Diego Chamber Ensemble Camarada. Burnett performed at Park and Market downtown which included a collaboration with local Mariachi and fellow CSUSM faculty member flutist **Beth Ross Buckley** in April. They are co-artistic directors of the organization. They travelled to Cordoba and Buenos Aires, Argentina, in May for four performances of Tango music and to record Tango arrangements and new commissions at Astor Piazzolla's original recording studio.

# Save the Date

Sept. 19 — **Office of Global Education Drop-ins**: Mark 243 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (throughout the fall every Tuesday)

Sept. 19 — **California Indian Day**: USU Arcade 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sept. 19 — **National Voter Registration Day**: Forum Plaza 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 19 — **CICSC Open House**: SBSB Courtyard 12-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m.

Sept. 19 — **Study Abroad Info Session**: SBSB 1111 12-12:50 p.m.

Sept. 20 — **January in Rome Session**: ZOOM: <https://csusm.zoom.us/j/88231681144> 1:30-2:30 p.m

Sept. 20 — **January in Paris Psychology Info Session**: ZOOM: <https://csusm.zoom.us/j/2653678375>, 3-4 p.m.







