

The COSS Herald

New faces join COSS

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The Departments of Anthropology, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology added new faculty to their ranks this fall, and new counselors joined the Advising Center.

Justin Myers (SOC)



Justin Sean Myers received his PhD in Sociology from The Graduate Center - City University of New York. His research utilizes

qualitative methods to chronicle how marginalized communities are organizing against environmental and food injustice. His work has documented how food justice organizations are challenging disinvestment, displacement, and cultural assimilation through urban agriculture as well as how community mobilizations for unionized grocery stores are working to address the structural roots of inequitable food access. This scholarship has been published in *Agriculture & Human Values*, *Environmental Sociology*, and *Geoforum*. He is currently writing a book on the food justice movement in Brooklyn and is very happy to return to California where his journey in higher education began.

Kris Clarke (SOC)



Kris Clarke was born and raised in Fresno, California. She completed her undergraduate degree in

English Literature at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. She also studied at Howard University and University College Cardiff, Wales, during her undergraduate years. Clarke immigrated to Finland in 1987 where she completed three postgraduate degrees in international relations/development studies and social work. She has worked in the Department of Social Work Education at Fresno State for 10 years before joining the Department of Sociology.

Clarke's research interests are decolonizing social institutions and health care, addiction and harm reduction, social memory, and LGBTQ issues in social work.

Clarke is a docent at the University of Tampere and Uni-

versity of Helsinki, Finland.

Everett A. Vieira III (PLSI)



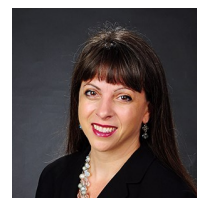
Everett Vieira joins the Political Science Department after previously serving as a lecturer at CSU Stanislaus and as an instructor

at Modesto Community College. Vieira's research includes an examination of the use of non-lethal violence – particularly the maiming and lasting scars of what he terms "communicative violence."

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Muscat named permanent associate dean

By Lucero Benitez



Bernadette Muscat, Interim Associate Dean of the College of Social Sciences was

permanently named Associate Dean of the College, effective June 1, 2018.

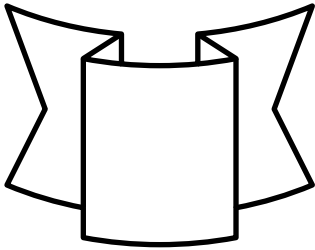
Muscat has been Interim Associate Dean in the College since May 2015. Previously, she served as the Criminology Department Chair from 2012 to 2015.

Muscat's accomplishments include several academic and student success initiatives.

She is responsible for increasing the number of units students take each semester through the Course Access Initiative, the Graduation Rate Initiative, and Four Year Guarantee Program pertaining to the College of Social Sciences - all with the goal of increasing retention and timely graduation. Dr. Muscat has also worked collaboratively with various entities on-campus in the early development of the fully online degree completion program for the B.A. in Liberal Arts.

Muscat is a member of two national organizations Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Moving the Needle of Women in Leadership Positions

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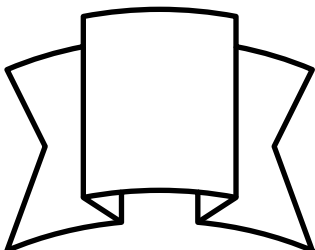
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Pub Crawl

Accepted



Journal article. "Paper spirits and flower dragons," in *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*. Deborah Helsel.

Academic Report. "Accountability & International Financial Institutions: Community Perspectives on the World Bank's Office of the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman," published by the Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley. Christopher Sullivan and Roxanna Altholz.

Book. *#Think: Critical Thinking about Social Problems*. Matthew Jendian, Vera Ken-

nedy, and Romney Norwood.

Book chapter. "Finances of the Missions," in *Early Modern Catholic Global Missions*, R. Po-chia Hsia (ed.). Fred Vermote.

Journal article. "Travellers Lost and Redirected: Jesuit Networks and the Limits of European Exploration in Asia," in *Itinerario: International Journal on the History of European Expansion and Global Interaction*. Fred Vermote.



Journal article. "Attitudes Towards Immigration: Ethnicity trumps skills but not legality?" in *Social Sciences*

Quarterly. Annabella España-Nájera and David Vera.



Journal article. "A Theoretical Foundation for Assessing Principal - Agent Problems in Lobbying Ethics and an Empirical Test,"

in a special issue of *Interest Groups & Advocacy* edited by Thomas Holyoke and Tim LaPira. Thomas Holyoke.

Book. *El Mundo Zurdo. Selected works from the 2016 meeting of the Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa*. Edited by Sara A. Ramírez, Larissa Mercado-López and Sonia Saldivar-Hull.

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Faculty and Staff news



Diaper bank for student parents wins challenge

By Lucero Benitez

A University-based diaper bank for student parents and caregivers may soon be a resource at Fresno State. The bold idea was presented by Jennifer Randles, Sociology Associate Professor, for the "Bold Ideas Challenge."

In January, President Joseph Castro announced the third challenge as an opportunity for all faculty, staff and administrators to submit bold, innovative ideas on how services to students can be improved, fix an ineffective process on campus and advance the strategic plan.

Randles proposed creating a university-based diaper bank for student parents and caregivers because she saw a lack of access to sufficient

diapers, which she believes is often a hidden consequence of inequality.

She says many students struggle to provide for their families and go to school at the same time. "Diaper support is an important way to ensure that our students can do both and meet their educational goals."

Randles' current research focuses on diaper need and the lack of access to sufficient diapers to keep an infant dry, comfortable, and healthy. Through this research, she discovered that one in three mothers struggles with diaper need.

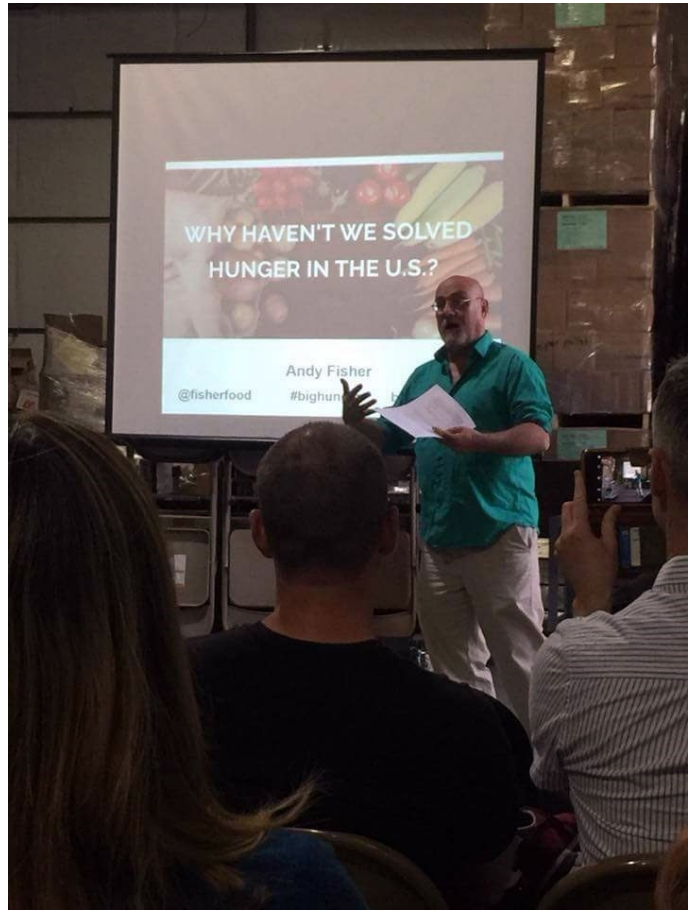
"Given our student demographics, this means that a significant portion of our students also struggle with this issue," said Randles.

Larissa Mercado-López, Women's Studies Associate Professor, has been conducting research about student parents and says the national

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Paparazzi

(Right) Andy Fisher presented a talk at FoodLink in Tulare County about a world without food banks (which is the end goal in the food justice struggle for a hunger-free world) amidst stacks of canned chicken and vegetables, in one of the most food insecure counties in the state. Fisher engaged with College of the Sequoias students, as well as community members and partners. April 22, 2018.



(Left) Angelica Lopez and Fabiola Alvarez thanked the assembled faculty and staff for being wonderful colleagues with whom to work at their open house gathering in the quad area outside of the Social Sciences Building, May 2, 2018. Lopez transitioned to the Visalia campus after working in the Dean's Office for four years, and Alvarez retired for health reasons after 20 years of working in different offices in COSS.



(Right) Jill Fields and Michelle DenBeste helped plant five olive trees outside the Social Sciences Building as part of Fresno State's celebration of Tu B'Shevat, a Jewish holiday dedicated to celebrating the new growing season and the environment. January 31, 2018.



The Dean's Corner



Summer 2018 flew by. I can hardly believe that we are all back at work. My summer was lively! Many of you know that I rode the AIDS ride: 545 miles on a bicycle from San Francisco to Los Angeles in seven days. It was the perfect break for me because it meant that all I could do for each of those seven days was get up in the morning and pedal all day. Then I would set up my tent, eat, shower, sleep and do it all over again. In an epic moment of poor planning, my AIDS Lifecycle zen was quickly interrupted by having to be on campus the following Monday to greet sixty high school students who spent the week on campus under the auspices of a Department of Education grant which provides history and civics education. We spent a week in the library followed

by three days in Yosemite National Park. When the students left, a group of 30 high school teachers arrived to spend time on campus thinking about pedagogy in the history and civics classroom and then they too left for three days in Yosemite. It was exhausting but well worth it. Some of the students had never been to Yosemite and all of them were very excited by the chance to live in the dorms and work in the library. When the grant wrapped up, I left for a mini study abroad of my own in Mexico. I took Spanish for a week in Cuernavaca and then spent three lovely days in Mexico City. My Spanish is still not ready for prime time but I learned a lot and had a wonderful time being a student and a tourist.

And now, here we are! Ready or not, we are all back in the midst of planning for the aca-

demical year ahead. Thanks to the amazing faculty, staff, and students of COSS, I know it will be another productive year. We have a new speakers series, which seeks to keep our alumni connected to people and events in our college. On Wednesday, September 19th, Drs. Kytte and Roberts will kick off the series with a talk on "Conversation and Conflict: Slavery, Memory and Monuments in America." Then on October 2nd Dr. Lillian Faderman will be speaking on "Harvey Milk: Gay Martyr and American Icon." In other college news, Dr. Amber Crowell has been organizing an event entitled, "Humanizing Border Policy: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Family Separations on the Border which will take place on October 19th and which includes COSS faculty, Dr. Leece Lee-Oliver, Dr. Annabella Española-Nájera, Dr. Jennifer Randles

and Dr. Luis Fernando Macias.

In other news, the college will be working to move forward on our strategic plan this year. The categories we decided on are 1) curiosity/inquiry: teaching, research, and learning, 2) engagement: student, faculty and community engagement opportunities, 3) collaboration: increasing opportunities for cross-departmental collaboration of faculty and students and 4) investment: creating opportunities to invest in the college infrastructure. We will have some ad hoc committees meeting about these topics. If you'd like to serve, just let me know! I'm forming committees now.

Please join me in welcoming our new faculty and staff to campus. It's wonderful to have all of you back in the hallways and working with students.

Pub Crawl continued

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Book chapter. "The Transnational Life and Letters of the Venegas Family," in *Migrant Letters: Emotional Language, Mobile Identities, and Writing Practices in Historical Perspectives*. Romeo Guzmán.

Journal article. "Field of Dreams: Migrant Futboleros in Greater Mexico," in *Boom: A Journal of UC Press*. Romeo Guzmán.

Book chapter. "School violence inside a youth prison school," in Gordon A. Crew (Ed.), *School violence in American K-12 education*. Morghan Young-Alfaro.

Book chapter. "Racialized perceptions of school violence: Suspensions of African-American students," in Gordon A. Crew (Ed.), *School violence in American K-12 education*. Morghan Young-Alfaro.

Journal article. "Manning Up' to be a Good Father: Hybrid Fatherhood, Masculinity, and U.S. Responsible Fatherhood Policy," in *Gender & Society*. Jennifer Randles.

Journal article. "Making Men into 'Responsible' Fathers?" in *Contexts*. Jennifer Randles.

Book chapter. "Gender, Families, and Social Policy." Pp. 405-416 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Gender*, edited by Barbara J. Risman, Carissa M. Froyum, and William J. Scarborough. Jennifer Randles.

Book review. *Japanese American Ethnicity: In Search of Heritage and Homeland across Generations*, by Takeyuki Tsuda, in *Contemporary Sociology*. Franklin Ng.



Book review. *Bridges, Borders, and Breaks: History, Narrative, and Nation in Twenty-First-Century Chicana/o Literary Criticism*, by William Orchard and Yolanda Padilla (eds.), in *Journal of American Studies*. Cristina Herrera.

Book review. *The Jesuits and Globalization: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Challenges*, in the *Journal of World History*. Fred Vermote.

Book review. *The Visitor: André Palmeiro and the Jesuits in Asia*, in *Itinerario: International Journal on the History of European Expansion and Global Interaction*. Fred Vermote.



Editorial. "When the Fourth of July was a Black Holiday," in *The Atlantic*. Ethan Kytte and Blain Roberts.

Journal article. "Assessment of the experimental conditions affecting natural oxidant demand of soil by permanganate," in the *Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering*. Mohan B.Dangi with Michael A.Urynowicz, and Uma-maheshwari Udayasankar.

Journal article. "Cap(toning) Resistance on Stage: Chicana/Latina Graduation Caps and StoryBoarding as Syncretic Testimonio," in the *Association of Mexican American Educators Journal*. Larissa Mercado-López, Cristina Herrera, and Laura Alamillo.

Forthcoming

Book chapter. "The Internal Armed Conflict and State Capacity: Institutional Reforms and Effective Exercise of Authority," in *Leaving the Path Behind: Political Legacies of the Internal Armed Conflict in* (continued on page 12)

Student news

Dean's medalists from COSS

Dean's Medalist Graduate

Savanna Nakamura



Savannah Nakamura, of Fresno, completed her M.A. in history with a 4.0 GPA. She previously earned her B.A. in art history and Italian studies at Long Beach State in 2011

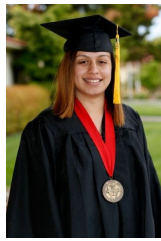
and spent a year studying abroad in Florence, Italy. In 2013, she moved to South Korea to teach English to elementary-aged students and discovered a passion for teaching. She then entered Fresno

State's master's program and focused her research on the Enlightenment concepts of politeness and improvement in 18th-century Britain through the lens of Eliza Haywood's "The Female Spectator," the first periodical written by a woman for a female audience.

Nakamura also worked in the Henry Madden Library's special collections, writing and editing articles highlighting the history of Fresno State's amphitheater, Greek life and more. Her work was published in the Fresno State Alumni Association newsletter. As a graduate, Nakamura plans to teach at the community college level and to possibly pursue another degree.

Dean's Medalist Undergraduate

Selena Carbajal



Selena Carbajal, of Fresno, completed B.A. degrees in women's studies, psychology and Chicano studies with a 3.97 GPA. A first-generation

college graduate who is the daughter of immigrants, Carbajal says she chose three majors because she just kept finding more interests. The Sunnyside High School alumna created a line of research

that bridges all three of her majors while examining the challenges and barriers of Latina, first-generation college students in higher education.

As a McNair Scholar, a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar and a research assistant for the Latino Family Dynamics Project, Carbajal encourages others to use their diversity as an educational resource. In the fall, she will pursue a Ph.D. in family studies and human development at the University of Arizona. Her long-term goal is to build a foundation for future generations of scholars to promote and foster diverse and innovative research agendas for the benefit of individuals, communities and institutions.



Social work student Jamaila Andrada (left) and Anthropology student Lillian Sandoval participate in the pine needle basket weaving workshop in the Cross Culture and Gender Center, Jan 26, 2018. Both were enrolled in Dvera Saxton's ANTH 118, Women, Biology Culture class Spring 2018.

Anthropology students create "Fresno Foodways"

By Bethany Clough

The Fresno Bee, May 7, 2018

Fresno's food scene has been chronicled by all kinds of media, but an anthropology class? That might be a first.

Fresno State students taking Henry Delcore's Anthropology 111B Ethnographic Methods and Dvera Saxton's Anthropology 118 Women, Biology, and Culture recently created Fresno Foodways. The website takes a look at restau-

rants and other local food producers, including a mobile cake-in-a-jar business.

What's different about this website is that it also looks deeply into the culture and background of the people running these businesses. The story about the Lao Thai Restaurant on Kings Canyon Road by Alexis Hoang, for example, talks about sticky rice and larb, a dish sometimes made with raw meat.

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Undergraduate Writing Conference

Writing Across the Curriculum hosted an undergraduate writing conference on May 3, 2018. Winners included:

Best poster: Ericka Corchado for "Capoeira: Slavery and Resistance" (CLAS 171/HIST

161, instructor: Maria-Aparecida Lopes).

Best Presentation: Krystal Morin for "Migrant Families Ready to Learn" (CLAS 172S, instructor: Dr. Maria-Aparecida Lopes).

Local CBOs receive Humanics grants

By Lucero Benitez

Fresno State students in the Humanics Students4Giving Philanthropy Project are awarding three \$5,000 grants to local community benefit organizations. The grants will be presented by students at a reception at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 14, at Arte Americas (1630 Van Ness Ave.) in Fresno.

The Humanics Students4Giving project strategically allocates grants to organizations for "the most difficult areas to fund," including board and staff development; advocacy and public policy; and volunteer management and technology. The following organizations were selected after students reviewed proposals, conducted site visits and held in-person interviews with more than 20 community benefit organizations.

Lowell Community Development Corporation was selected for support of the development of its board and staff. Its mission is to improve the quality of life in the Lowell neighborhood through community engagement, equitable housing and historic diversity.

Mi Familia Vota Education

Fund was selected for support of its work with public policy and advocacy. Mi Familia Vota is a national organization that unites Latino, immigrant and allied communities to promote social and economic justice through increased civic participation by promoting citizenship, voter registration and voter participation.

Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries was selected for support of its volunteer management efforts. The organization serves refugee families of all cultures and religious traditions, primarily of Southeast Asian, Slavic and African origin. Its mission is to "share Christ's love by

building communities of hope with new Americans." Whenever interest is present, its staff assists refugees in linking with one of Fresno's refugee communities or mainstream congregations.

Each organization will receive a check for \$5,000. Grant funds are generously provided by the Whitney Foundation, Central Valley Community Foundation, The Kennel Bookstore and the fundraising efforts of students and faculty.

From 2007 to 2017, more than 320 Fresno State students have participated to award \$131,000 to 32 different organizations through the

Humanics Students4Giving Philanthropy Project. The Fresno State Humanics program showcases a partnership between the region's largest educational institution and the local philanthropy sector for which it aims to supply future leaders.

The Humanics program is offered in the Department of Sociology and allows students to earn a minor in philanthropic and community-based leadership and/or a certificate in administration and leadership for community benefit organizations. Dr. Matthew Jendian is the founding director and Dr. Don Simmons is the lead faculty member for Humanics@FresnoState.

Fresno Foodways continued

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But it also delves into the owner's background, coming from a refugee camp to Fresno, his path from a Fresno State electrical engineering degree to opening a restaurant, and Laos' role in the Vietnam war.

According to Fresno Foodways, the goal of the site "is to present an ethnographic glimpse of the stories of immi-

grant, refugee, and diasporic cooks and food entrepreneurs in Fresno, CA." Those populations often face challenges like discrimination and being shut out from public investment, the site says. The creators also said they want to provide a different kind of food coverage.

"Too often, food journalism and online food reviews treat food as utterly unmoored from any social or cultural context.

But working with people and food responsibly means portraying them in context," it says.

For now, there are 12 stories on the site, ranging from Ethiopian restaurant Fasika to Panaderia Cafe Oaxaca and its vegan Mexican sweet breads. The instructors plan to continue the project in future classes. People can suggest businesses or home cooks by emailing dsaxton@csufresno.edu.



John Pryor (back row, fourth from left), poses with his archaeology students after their poster presentations of their findings at the 89th Annual Conference of the Southwestern Anthropological Association (SWAA) hosted the DoubleTree Hotel Convention Center in Fresno, May 5, 2018.

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"I define communicative violence as non-lethal violence that leaves physical and visible marks with lasting legacy effects (i.e., scars or physical ailments that can serve as signals until the victim's death)."

Nataliia Kasianenko (PLSI)



Nataliia Kasianenko joins the Department of Political Science with her doctorate from the University

of Nevada, Reno. She has previously graduated from Fresno State with a M.A. in International Relations. Her research focuses on nationalism, identity politics, and human rights in the countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Nataliia's research primarily revolves around top-down and bottom-up elements of nationalism. She explores how political elites may intentionally intensify nationalism to gain legitimacy or advance to power, while also focusing on how and why the notions of national identity change on the individual level. Nataliia's latest project examines how social media can be used to measure different elements of identity in Russia and Ukraine at a detailed subnational level.

Julia Shatz (HIST)



Julia Shatz defended her dissertation, "Governing Global Children: Child Welfare in Pal-

estine, 1917 – 1948," at UC Berkeley and joined the Department of History this fall.

Regarding her research, Shatz notes, "My work looks at child welfare projects in Mandate Palestine to explain the rise of a new form of government and

the new types of subjects it engendered. My dissertation focuses on four sites of welfare intervention: juvenile delinquency, orphans and orphanages, public health initiatives, and child marriage. Taken together, these four sites reveal that government in Palestine worked not through the single, autonomous entity of the state, but via the combination of governmental, non-governmental, and transnational institutions and actors. Rather than understand this combination as a result of the retreat of the state or the rise of neo-liberalism, I argue that this form of rule was always the basis of twentieth-century rule."

"The dominant scholarly and popular focus on the story of nationalism and nationalist politics in Palestine has obscured the realities of daily governance and the ways in which local actors participated in and responded to forms of refracted governance. My project aims to recover the voices of local, colonial, and transnational actors whose experiences do not fit into a nationalist paradigm."

Neil Conner (GEOG)



Neil Conner joins the Department of Geography, City and Regional Planning after serving as a lecturer

in geography at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Conner's primary research agenda has focused on the social integration of migrants living in Dublin, Ireland and the contested notions of identity related to this process – specifically ethno-racial, religious, and national identities, and their multiple intersections.

"Examining these political and cultural intersections contributes to larger geographic literatures including: the geogra-

phies of inclusion and exclusion; collective identity construction; community – both real and imagined; sense of belonging; and, small-scale human territoriality."

Conner has published in *Social & Cultural Geography*, the *Journal of Geography*, and the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*.

Chelsey Juarez (ANTH)



The Department of Anthropology welcomed Chelsey Juarez to its ranks this fall. Juarez is a Central Valley native, born in

Modesto California and raised in Merced county.

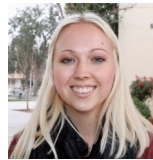
Juarez is a forensic anthropologist, obtaining her bachelor's degree in anthropology and women's studies from the University of California at Berkeley. She received her master's degree and a Ph.D. in biological anthropology with a parenthetical notation in Latin American Latino studies and a focus on forensics from University of California Santa Cruz. She has held faculty positions at UC Santa Cruz and North Carolina State University.

Juarez focuses on forensic anthropology and provenience investigations through isotope analysis. She uses isotopes from human bone, hair and teeth to identify region of origin and migratory behaviors. She has worked to develop an isotope map of Mexico to aide in the identification and repatriation of deceased unidentified Latino border crossers. Her work on this and other topics including trauma, child abuse, and intimate partner violence has been published in anthropology journals, anatomy journals and books.

In addition to her research, Juarez has been a practicing

primary forensic anthropological investigator for over 10 years conducting clandestine recovery, forensic anthropology analysis in California and North Carolina and forensic isotope case work for states across the country.

Sierra Anderson (ASA II)



Sierra Anderson transitioned from being part-time to full-time in the Dean's office with her acceptance of the

ASA II position at the beginning of the Spring 2018 semester.

"I got started here at Fresno State as a student assistant in the Criminology Department in 2015. I received my Bachelor of Science in Biology in the spring of 2017."

Alexandra Spencer



Alexandra Spencer joined the COSS Academic Advising Center over the summer as one of two new ad-

vising counselors.

"As an alumna of the History department at California State University, Fresno, I had the distinct honor of learning from our distinguished faculty members. I loved my time here and have fond memories of the College of Social Sciences. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my husband and our two dogs; Nemo and Sofie. They are both terrier mixes and have enough energy to keep us busy. I look forward to serving as the Administrative Support Assistant for the College of Social Sciences Advising Center for the next academic year."

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Faculty and Staff news continued

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average shows student parents make up 15% of the student population but she estimates it's closer to 25% at Fresno State.

That means about 6,292 students on campus are raising a child. In the survey Mercado-López administered to student parents, nearly half of them (48%) indicated that their children were between 0 and 5 years old, a significant age group because they are in the diaper need range.

The selection of the top ideas was a process that involved staff, faculty and administrators from all across campus. The Creativity And Innovation For Excellence (CAIFE) alumni reviewed the submissions and made recommendations to the Cabinet. In March, the Cabinet announced the selected ideas and created working groups (CAIFE teams) charged with assessing and implementing the ideas beginning in September.

"I feel very honored and hope this will draw greater attention to the needs of our caregiving students who deserve our recognition and support. I appreciate the President's Bold Ideas Selection Panel for recognizing the importance of this issue," said Randles.

Bold Idea winners were announced and recognized last April at the Annual President's Showcase of Excellence. Winners received either a \$1,000 cash award or a \$1,000 professional development award.

Grant awards



Annabella España-Nájera attained two grant awards during her year-long sabbatical:

Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics – Honorable mention, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa

State University, for the project "Making Decentralization Work for Women: The Electability and Representation of Women in Local Governments" with Dr. Abby Córdova.

Centennial Center Grant, Women & Politics, American Political Science Association, for the project "Making Decentralization Work for Women: The Electability and Representation of Women in Local Governments" with Dr. Abby Córdova.

Academic Senate Chair



Thomas Holyoke was re-elected for a two year term as Chair of Academic Senate. Said Holyoke, "I am honored that my

colleagues would re-elect me, especially since this is the first time that a senate chair has been able to serve two terms. We changed the university constitution last year to make it possible. Having said that, we have a lot on the plate for this academic year. Trying to figure out what to do about student evaluations is going to be a big one. We are also going to hold a forum or two on freedom of speech and academic freedom, which is a always a prickly topic. And of course the senate will be looking for faculty to help search for a new provost. So lots of stuff going on, and I hope as many faculty from COSS will be involved as possible!"

Mercado-López joins editorial board



Larissa Mercado-López is one of two scholars nationwide who was invited to join the National Center

for Institutional Diversity Editorial Board for Public Scholarship, 2018-2019. As a board member, she will work with scholars across the country to curate a collection of works of public scholarship on a topic of her choice and will have access to NCID staff and resources to promote her scholarship. NCID is committed to "the support and promotion of diversity scholars and scholarship that furthers our understanding of historical and contemporary social issues related to identity, difference, culture, representation, power, oppression, and inequality — as they occur and affect individuals, groups, communities, and institutions

— toward the end to supporting positive social change."

Sabbaticals

Deborah Helsel (SOC)

Larissa Mercado-López (WS)

Victor Torres (CLAS)

Promotion to Full Professor

Michelle Calvarese (GEOG)

Cristina Herrera (CLAS)

Andrew Jones (SOC)

Jason Kissner (CRIM)

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Amber Crowell (center) with fellow ELEVATE members poses after a workshop at the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions. June 27, 2018.

Crowell named ELEVATE Fellow

Amber Crowell was selected as a 2018 ELEVATE Fellow at the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions. "This is a professional development opportunity that will involve

me spending three days at Penn attending a series of workshops designed for early junior faculty at MSIs." Crowell attended these workshops in June as part of the fellowship.