

# The COSS Herald

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## The new dean of COSS

"I am pleased to announce that Dr. Michelle DenBeste is the new dean of the College of Social Sciences. She has served in the interim role since 2015 and her appointment is effective November 1, 2017." With this announcement from Provost Lynette Zelezny, COSS ended its administrative limbo, allowing for the development of a new direction for the College.

### Now that you are the permanent dean, what vision do you have for the College?

My vision is the same as it was before, and it should be our following the strategic plan. I would like to see us working together more as departments – cross disciplinary classes and programs, for instance. We need to strengthen the smaller programs and minors. I want to work with criminology to make sure they have the resources they need, given that department's size. To that end Anthropology is hiring someone to collaborate with criminology faculty. We need to think bigger – people want the usual things – which makes sense –

but what could we do if we had more money?

### What issues do you feel need to be addressed to improve the College?

I would like to see us working closer together. We need a building that puts us all together. It's hard for us to make connections – it's not as organic as it should be.

I'm concerned about our budget. We need to think beyond the carry forward we have. We need to be able to continue giving research funding and travel money. We've had more than other colleges and we need to think about strategic fundraising – raise money for programs for which it is harder to get funding.

Day of Giving was impressive for the number of faculty that gave money.

Another issue we continue to deal with is we're still understaffed for both faculty and staff. That being said, I don't think we have 'big picture' issues.

### What sort of changes can we expect to see now that

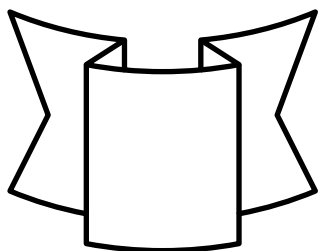
### you are officially dean of the College?

I don't see any big changes. One thing involves committee structures—we need to have a discussion as a college about them. I'd like to have some more permanent committees without making people feel like they're always in meetings. I want to be more accessible for people to talk to as the dean.

### What lies beyond being dean for you? Do you see yourself seeking administrative posts beyond the deanship? Or do you think you would retreat to being faculty if you tire of the duties of being dean?

I did not plan to be dean in the first place! Right now I just want to be dean. It is hard to be an administrator in this political climate – being transparent, making decisions, it feels harder. I'm going to be dean for a few years.

I love teaching, so retreating to being faculty is appealing after being dean. I would like to still have student contact while being dean, so I'm looking into being able to teach a small class every semester.



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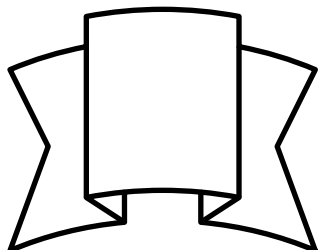
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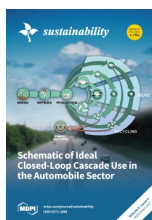
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# Pub Crawl

## Accepted



Journal article. "The Influence of Structural Conditions and Cultural Inertia on Water Usage and Landscape Decision-Making in

a California Metropolitan Area," in *Sustainability*, Madhusudan Katti, Andrew R. Jones, Derya Özgoç Çağlar, Henry D. Delcore, and Kaberi Kar Gupta.



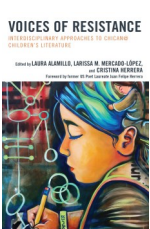
Journal article. "Impacts of environmental change on agroecosystems and livelihoods in Anna-

purna Conservation Area, Nepal," in *Environmental Development*. Mohan Dangi, Ram P. Chaudharyb, Kedar Rijal, Peter D. Stahld,

Shashidhar Belbasee, Kenneth G. Gerowf, Deanna Fernandez, and Binod Pyakurelc.

Journal article. "The Lifescapes of Public University Students: Extending Work Practice to Macro and Micro Levels," in *Human Organization*. Henry D. Delcore.

Book chapter. "Sampling Hard-to-Locate Populations: Lessons from Sampling Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)," in *The Oxford Handbook of Polling and Survey Methods*. Prakash Adhikari and Lisa Bryant.



Book. *Voice of Resistance: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Chicana@ Children's Literature*. The collection features a foreword written by former U.S.

Poet Laureate and Fresno State Professor Emeritus Juan Felipe Herrera. Edited by Laura Alamillo, Larissa Mercado-López, and Cristina Herrera.



Journal article. "International Organization Autonomy and Issue Emergence: The World Bank's Roma Inclusion Agenda," in *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations*. Melanie Ram.



Book chapter. "Escasez, epizootia y experimentos sindicales. El abasto de carne en la capital federal mexicana, 1929-1955," in *Integración y Desintegración del Espacio* (continued on page 4)

# Faculty and Staff news

## "Cancer free baby!"

In what can only be described as wonderful news, Fabiola Alvarez received word from her doctor on November 22nd that she is cancer free. "It was a perfect gift, as my birthday is November 24th." She will have a different look as her hair grows back, as Alvarez notes that as a result of her treatments, "my hair is coming in blonde."



## Sabbaticals

Mark Arvanigian (HIST)

Hongwe Dong (GEOG)

Melissa Knight (WS)

Annabella España-Nájera (CLAS)

## Faculty Early Retirement Program

Mark Somma (PLSI)

## Girls Gone Strong contributor

Larissa Mercado-López was invited to be a contributing author to the Girls Gone Strong Psychology of Coaching Women Certification. The certification, designed for coaches and fitness trainers, will launch in Summer 2018. Mercado-López's contributions to the certification focus on the intersections of fit-

ness, feminism, cultural competence, shame, and stress.

## Geography faculty attend international conference

Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences (KIAS) hosted and organized second international conference on Mountains in the Changing World (MoChWo) from 27-28 October, 2017. Considering the seriousness of air pollution issues in Kathmandu and other cities around the globe, major theme of MoChWo 2017 was chosen as air pollution: mechanisms and consequences. The second conference of its kind was held at Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Mohan Dangi (GEOG) (continued on page 5)



# Paparazzi



(Above) Mohan Dangi (GEOG), along with an unidentified man to his right, takes a moment for a photo op during the Mountains in the Changing World conference in Kathmandu, hosted by the Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences. October 27, 2017.

(Below) Marianna Fusich-Waller, who traveled to Nepal this past summer with Mohan Dangi, received an undergraduate research award to return to Nepal this winter, where she'll continue researching the gaps between development initiatives and solid waste disposal in urban and rural communities. October 28, 2017.



(Above) Victor Torres (CLAS) poses with Dolores Huerta outside of Maya Cinemas for a special showing of DOLORES, a documentary about Huerta's lifetime work for social justice, as part of her visit to Fresno State, September 25, 2017.

(Below) James Mullooly (ANTH), flanked by unknown smaller performers, takes a moment to pose for his role as Mother Ginger for the Central California Ballet Company's annual performance of The Nutcracker. November 20, 2017.



# The Dean's Corner



Welcome to spring semester 2018! I hope that everyone found time to

do some of those things over the break which bring you joy and which get lost in the busyness of the semester. COSS is filled with people doing amazing things. We kicked off the semester with a student convocation on a very hot Fresno Day. Our convocation featured our Crim 108 students, Gospel Choir, our student groups, student leaders, and COSS advisors. Next year we will hold it indoors and engage students in helping to plan. From there the semester just filled up with teaching, research projects, community outreach, and COSS programs.

Highlights of the semester include: the inspiring and educational Rebozo festival, a panel of Fresno area judges speaking on Constitution Day about careers in the judiciary, our Criminology department's ribbon cutting on their new forensic and behavioral sciences lab, a faculty organized book sale to support hurricane relief in Puerto Rico, teach-ins on DACA and immigration reform, a two day symposium on the Holodomor with support from the Ukrainian community, Jewish studies' film and speaker series, The Valley Public History Initiative exhibit, Straight Outta Fresno, and the announcement of our new degree

program in Geography and City and Regional Planning. Our student groups (Mock Trial, Los Danzantes de Aztlan, Phi Omega Alpha, and Phi Alpha Theta) continue to make us all proud by winning honors and awards and bringing speakers and events to campus. Our first engagement with Day of Giving was a success. We raised more than \$20,000 that will support student groups and programs. Many thanks to those of you who were willing to contribute your own time and money to that endeavor. COSS faculty continue to publish and receive grants in record numbers

Moving forward, I hope to have news on a much-anticipated COSS mural. Faculty voted on a de-

sign and we have non-state funding to support the mural. We are now in the approval phase for the design. My focus in the coming months will be to continue to fundraise to support all of the many programs faculty, staff and students put on every year. I am confident that we can find permanent funding for some of our film and speaker series as well as some of our student engagement projects. This semester we will finalize our strategic plan, which will help us focus on our priorities as a college and our vision for where we want to be in five years.

In addition to the usual personnel, budget, and organizational tasks that I keep track of as dean, I am working on organizing the

large US Department of Education Grant, which we received this fall. The grant will provide funding to 50 teachers and 100 high school students each year for five years to learn more about history and civics and to travel to National Parks in the summers. Like all of you, I struggle to find time to work on my writing. I hope to bring a project on the Russian Molokans to fruition in the near future.

Good luck to all of you as we move into the spring semester. It truly is an honor to serve as your dean. I look forward to hearing about the many projects you are all involved in. Attending these events, reading your scholarly work, and meeting your students is truly the best parts of my job as your dean.

## Pub Crawl continued

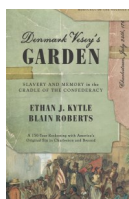
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*Económico Mexicano : Mercado interno y abastecimiento de las carnes desde la colonia al siglo XIX*, by Enriqueta Quiroz, editor. Maria — Aparecida Lopes. The support of the Henry Madden Library, Xiaoming Yang from the Geospatial Information Services, and the COSS Research/Creative Activities Awards Program made this work possible.

Journal article. "The Aggregate Dynamics of Lower Court Responses to the U.S. Supreme Court," in *Journal of Law and Courts*. Ali Masood, Benjamin J. Kassow, and Donald R. Songer

### Forthcoming

Journal article. "White and

Latino Locational Attainments: Assessing the Role of Race and Resources in U.S. Metropolitan Residential Segregation," in *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. Amber Crowell and Mark Fossett.



Book. *Denmark Vesey's Garden: Slavery and Memory in the Cradle of the Confederacy*. Ethan Kytte and Blain Roberts.

Book chapter. "Pregnant Embodiment and Field Research," in the *Oxford Body and Embodiment Handbook*. Edited by Natalie Boero and Katherine Mason. Jennifer Randles.

Book chapter. "Gender, Families, and Policy," in the *Springer Handbook of the Sociology of Gender*. Edited by Barbara Risman, Carissa Froyum, and William Scarborough. Jennifer Randles.

Journal article. "Saving Marriage Culture 'One Marriage at a Time': Relationship Education and the Reinstitutionalization of Marriage in an Era of Individualism," in *Qualitative Sociology*. Jennifer Randles and Orit Avishai.

Journal article. "Using News Media Content Analysis As A Teaching Tool In Sociology Of Popular Culture," in *The National Social Science Journal*. Andrew R. Jones.



# Faculty and staff news continued

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chaired a symposium on sustainable waste management in developing countries as part of the conference.

More than 230 scientists, researchers, professors, students and policy makers attended the conference. Participants were Nepal, China, Germany, France, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Italy, Sweden, Malaysia, Netherlands, Afghanistan, Finland, and Iran.

## SWAA to hold conference in Fresno



Hank Delcore (ANTH) is currently President of Southwestern Anthropological Association (SWAA), a regional professional organization for anthropologists. SWAA's 2018 annual conference will be held in Fresno at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Fresno on May 4-5, 2018. The SWAA annual conference draws about two hundred anthropologists from around the southwestern United States. This year's theme is, "Humans: The Mediated Species." The conference distinguished lecture will be delivered by renowned anthropologist, Yolanda Moses, currently Professor of Anthropology and Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Excellence and Equity at UC Riverside.

In preparation for the conference, students in courses taught by Delcore, Dvera Saxton (ANTH), and Jenny Banh (ANTH/Asian American Studies) are developing an ethnographic food map of Fresno, to share the stories

and cultures of people behind the food that conference attendees might experience (continued on page 6)



## First Symposium on the Holodomor

By Victoria Malko

Victoria Malko (HIST) received IRA and COSS Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities grants to host the first symposium "Hunger for Truth: Illuminating the Hidden History of the Holodomor, 1932-1933" to commemorate the 84th anniversary of the famine-genocide in Ukraine. The two-day event held on October 5-6, 2017 included five lectures, a master class for teaching historical thinking skills, a documentary film discussion, and a motion picture screening.

Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk of the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario, described history of how the Holodomor came to be known and researched. Dr. Oleh Wolowyna from the Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, who worked with a team at the Ukrainian Institute of Demography, summarized losses in Ukraine, Russia, and Kazakhstan. Dr. Volodymyr Serhiychuk from Taras Shevchenko National University in Kyiv, Ukraine, passionately argued (in Ukrainian) that demographers' methodology is based on faulty Soviet censuses. Based

on new archival sources, he established that at least seven million lives were lost. Dr. Oleh Weres talked about the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine and its executive director James Mace.

Valentyna Kuryliw of the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium at the University of Alberta's Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies presented curriculum that she has been developing for more than a decade in Canada, where the topic is mandatory in five provinces. Dr. Douglas Irvin-Erickson from George Mason University talked about Rafael Lemkin, the lawyer who developed the term "genocide" as a legal concept in preparation of the Nuremberg Trials and authored the UN Convention on Genocide. Lemkin referred to the Ukrainian case as "the classic example of Soviet genocide." Dr.

Gennadi Poberezny from Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute described their "Mapping the Holodomor" project which produced an interactive electronic atlas.

Canadian film director George Mendeluk talked about his first English-language film "Bitter Harvest," which was shown in conjunction with the Cine-Culture Film Series. Seven Ukrainian community organizations from California pulled their resources together to acquaint the American public not only with history but also with some of the elements of Ukrainian culture, including songs and poetry about the Holodomor. There was also a display of books on the topic from the Fresno State's Henry Madden Library collection as well as an exhibit of posters, designed by the International Foundation "Ukraine 3000," chaired by Katerina Yushchenko.

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(continued from page 5) while in town. More information about SWAA can be found here: <https://swaa-anthro.org/>.

## Turn on the Lights provides hurricane relief

Lori Clune and Maritere Lopez (HIST) raised money to provide hurricane relief last semester. Titled "Turn on the Lights," the fundraiser was a College of Social Sciences book sale.

"We received close to 500 donated books, from faculty and students across campus, as well as from community members. We held the sale in the new COSS quad on Friday, October 27. We raised \$1,170.16 (roughly equally divided into book sales and donations). An anonymous donor then matched that amount, making our total a whopping \$2340.32! We made the donation to the Hispanic Federation's "Unidos" Hurricane Relief Fund," Lopez noted.

For further information on hurricane relief, please visit [http://hispanicfederation.org/media/press\\_releases/a\\_hurricane\\_relief\\_fund\\_for\\_hurricane\\_maria\\_victims\\_in\\_puerto\\_rico/](http://hispanicfederation.org/media/press_releases/a_hurricane_relief_fund_for_hurricane_maria_victims_in_puerto_rico/)

## Institute for Leadership in second year

The Institute for Leadership and Public Policy is now in its second year of operation. The Institute was created last year by Dean DenBeste and is led by Co-Directors Jeff Cummins and Annabella España-Nájera. The Institute is dedicated to conducting policy-relevant research and offering student training and career develop-

ment to inspire public leadership in the San Joaquin Valley. It focuses its efforts on helping students understand the leadership challenges facing society today, conducting scholarly

work around issues of public leadership and governance, and learning best practices and exchanging ideas with experienced leaders and scholars.

Currently, the Institute oversees three programs: (1) an internship and fellowship program for COSS majors; (2) an annual public opinion survey of the San Joaquin Valley; and (3) a public speaker series. The third cohort of interns and fellows was recently selected for the Spring 2018 semester. Previous interns have worked with the Fresno County Public Defender's Office, the Fresno City Attorney's Office, and Assembly-member Joaquin Arambula's office, among other agencies. The Institute is gearing up to conduct its second public opinion survey of the San Joaquin Valley in February. Last year's survey employed over 20 Fresno State students and generated over 20 media stories from newspapers, television, and online sources. This past September the Institute hosted its first public speakers on campus when nationally-syndicated columnist Ruben Navarrette and former Hillary Clinton Campaign Manager Patti Solis-Doyle participated in a forum on the Trump Administration. Over 300 students and community members attended the forum.

The results from our second public opinion survey will be rolled out around mid-semester.

## Shaking the shackles of slavery

In November 2017, Ethan Kytte presented a paper, "Shaking the Shackles of Slavery: African American Voters and the Memory of Bondage in Reconstruction South Carolina," at the inaugural conference of the Lapidus Center for the Historical Analysis of Transatlantic Slavery, in New York City.

## Professor named emerging scholar

Larissa Mercado-López has been named a 2018 Emerging Scholar by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education Magazine*. Mercado-López was one of fifteen scholars under 40 chosen from across the country. A full-page article on Mercado-López has been published in the January 2018 issue.

## Civil War research

After the white supremacist rally in support of the Robert E. Lee statue in Charlottesville, Virginia, last summer, Blain Roberts and Ethan Kytte conducted more than a dozen interviews on Civil War memory and the fate of Confederate monuments with local, national, and international media outlets. They also spoke on these topics at Fresno City College and published an op-ed with the Fresno Bee titled "Unsure about Confederate Statues? Ask Yourself If You Support White Supremacy?"

## SPSS Version 25 tutorial

"We revised our SPSS tutorial for Version 25. It's freely available on the Social Science Research and Instructional Council's website at <http://ssric.org/node/686>. While you're there, go to <http://ssric.org/trd/exercises> and look at our other instructional materials," Ed Nelson conveyed. They include a wide variety of topics such as longitudinal analysis, research methods, statistics (SPSS, PSP, SDA), confidence in societal institutions and spending priorities, abortion, gender differences, gun control, religion, tolerance, social issues, and critical thinking. For more information, contact

Nelson at [ednelson@csu-fresno.edu](mailto:ednelson@csu-fresno.edu).

## Research on Court of Appeals

Ali Masood received release time to explore gender dynamics in decision making within the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

## Jewish Studies Program

The Jewish Studies Program is launching the new Jewish Studies Minor this spring. Courses approved along with the Minor that are being offered for the first time this semester are Jewish Studies 10: Jewish Civilization, taught by new lecturer and recently retired Harvard professor James Russell (History), Jewish Studies 100W taught by Jewish Studies Program Coordinator Jill Fields (History), and History/Jewish Studies 154: Jewish American Popular Culture taught by Dan Cady (History). Additional classes offered that fulfill Minor or Certificate requirements include History 140: Holocaust, taught by Melissa Jordine (History) and Humanities 118: Folklore and Fascism taught by Amila Bercibegovic (Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures). Upcoming Jewish Studies events include a January 31 tree planting on Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish New Year for the Trees and an April 12/ Holocaust Remembrance Day lecture by USC historian Steven J. Ross about his new book, *Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America*.

## Transitions



Melanie Ram was elected chair of Political Science, replacing Kurt Kline in the role.



# Paparazzi II



(Above) Criminology faculty pose with Victor E. Bulldog III after the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Forensic Behavioral Sciences Lab. September 15, 2017. (Right) Dvera Saxton spoke at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Washington, DC, presenting on "Medical Anthropology and Ghost Activism: The Triage of (In)Visible Ethnographic Labors in Im/migrantHealth and Solidarity Movements." December 3, 2017. (Below) Susan Sandoval, Linda Ragus, and Julie Watson were among the attendees for the annual Central California Women's Conference. This year's theme was "Embrace your journey" and featured Paralympian Amy Purdy as the keynote speaker. September 19, 2017.





# Paparazzi III



(Above) COSS faculty, staff, and members of the university administration pose with Victor E. Bulldog III for a group photo during the semester's end holiday celebration. December 7, 2017. (Below left) The Freedom School on tour of the Fresno State Horticulture Program. Dvera Saxton works with the Freedom School to provide a bridge to Fresno State, and to help develop their curriculum around culinary arts, culture, and social justice. November 3, 2017. (Below right) COSS staff enjoy bowling at the student union during a Dean's office-sponsored "happy hour" of bowling and pool playing. December 19, 2017.



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