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# 2023-2024 GRADUATE STUDENT AND FACULTY MENTOR RECOGNITION RECEPTION

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## PROGRAM

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### Welcome

**Dr. Amy Bippus**

*Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs*

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### Introduction of Student Honorees

Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars  
Graduate Students Admitted to Doctoral Programs  
LSAMP Graduate Students  
Graduate Equity Fellowship  
Non-Resident Graduate Student Fee Waiver  
Culminating Project Grant  
Authors on Publications  
Travel Support Grant  
Presentations at Professional Conferences

**Dr. Karin Elliott Brown**

*Interim Vice Provost  
Associate Vice President & Dean  
Office of Graduate Studies*

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### Special Presentations, Performances & Exhibits

**Dr. David Connors**

*Director of Assessment*

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### Cal State LA Graduate Delegates for the CSU Student Research Competition

**Dr. Jeffrey Underwood**

*Associate Vice President for Research  
Office of Research, Scholarship, and Creative  
Activities*

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### Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

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### Special Awards and Recognition

**Dr. Karin Elliott Brown**

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### Faculty Mentor Appreciation

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**Dr. Karin Elliott Brown**

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## LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT & DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Dear Graduate Students,

At the end of every academic year, I look forward to celebrating the innovative research, scholarship and creative projects you have produced under the supportive guidance of your faculty mentors. I am honored to share your tremendous achievements in this Graduate Student and Faculty Mentor Recognition Booklet. This year, Cal State LA faculty recommended for acknowledgement over 300 graduate students who published or presented their work at professional conferences, and those who performed and displayed creative exhibits in professional and public forums. An impressive number of you have received research grants, summer research fellowships, academic scholarships and awards for excellence in your individual disciplines. Many of you are also pursuing doctoral studies and 22 have shared your offers of admissions to doctoral programs across the country. Others of you are entering careers as confident and well-prepared leaders in your chosen fields. We are so very proud of you and want you to know that you will always be valued members of our Golden Eagle community.

At the center of transformative graduate education experiences are the relationships graduate students develop with faculty mentors in classrooms, laboratories, field work and internships. Therefore, we provided graduate students with an opportunity to share a few words of appreciation for their faculty mentors. This recognition booklet captures your sentiments regarding the unwavering support and guidance of faculty mentors at Cal State LA. I am grateful to my faculty colleagues for their outstanding mentorship and dedication to your academic, professional and personal success.

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you for your academic excellence and I wish you continued success in your future careers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karin Elliott Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karin Elliott Brown, Ph. D.

## SALLY CASANOVA PRE-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool from which the California State University draws its faculty. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter graduate programs at one of the University of California campuses. Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars work closely with a CSU faculty sponsor to develop an overall plan that ultimately leads to enrollment in a doctoral program. The California Pre-Doctoral Program provides travel funds for students and faculty sponsors to visit the U.S. doctoral-granting institutions and to attend a professional meeting. It also funds summer research internships at University of California campuses and other major research universities.

### **Joel M. Chavez**

Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Katie Howard**

**Bio:** Joel has presented segments of his work at regional and national conferences. It reflects his experience with systemic and environmental conditions that devalue marginalized communities' knowledge production. His work aims to bring to light community technologies that use myth to disrupt prescriptive narratives that inauthenticity renders subaltern experience and reality. He hopes to engage and intervene in pluralistic discourse that diversifies intellectual communities in and outside academia. His work is under review for publication. Joel's passions have led him to intersect critical philosophy of race, postcolonial literature, queer theory, and Latinx feminisms. Through these fields, he calls for a new platform for the equal exchange of technologies from below. He will build toward more equitable and authentic expressions that capture the plurality of human experiences. He will continue to pursue these interests in a Ph.D. program that embraces trans-disciplinary work in Philosophy, Ethnic Studies, and Gender and Sexuality studies.

### **Tania Galvez**

Anthropology

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. James Brady**

**Bio:** Tania is investigating health differences between males and females in ancient Maya society, focusing on osteoporosis, a condition characterized by a reduction in bone density attributable to aging, heredity, and hormonal imbalances. Osteoporosis weakens bones, increasing the risks of breaks or fractures. Tania's research utilizes the Midnight Terror Cave skeletal assemblage that was recovered during a California State University, Los Angeles project between 2008 and 2010 in Belize. She focuses on the pelvis because it is one of the most sexual dimorphic bones in the human body. Osteoporosis will be determined using Digital X-ray radiogrammetry (DXR) to assess bone mineral density (BMD) by measuring trabecular bone thickness from X-ray images. Her findings will allow her to document in which life stages individuals develop osteoporosis and perhaps reveal differing development patterns between males and females.

## **Damian Garcia**

Anthropology

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Aaron Sonnenschein**

**Bio:** Damian's research analyzes interactions on the live streaming platform Twitch.tv, commonly referred to as Twitch. Previous literature on Twitch has focused on behavioral motivation for participation on the live-streaming site. However, Damian's approach utilizes computer-mediated discourse analysis and a social semiotic approach to describe how streamers and viewers on Twitch develop parasocial relationships through their interactions. Considering the multimodal nature of Twitch, Damian also seeks to understand the role of the user interface in shaping the relationship between streamers and viewers. His findings will enhance our understanding of interactions within Twitch and provide valuable insights applicable to other social media platforms.

## **Isabel Gurrola**

Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Anita Tijeriina Revilla**

**Bio:** Isabel Gurrola is an interdisciplinary scholar-activist and public historian who researches and writes about historical and contemporary spatial politics in urban settings like South Central Los Angeles. Her interdisciplinary work draws on Ethnic Studies, Queer & Feminist of Color Studies, and Urban Studies to illuminate multiple perspectives on the interrelated histories of resiliency and community-building in urban areas. Gurrola's methodologies frequently use decolonial approaches to advance ideas about redefining how academics undertake oral histories and other conventional research. She aims to inform narratives that help us understand how race, class, and gender influence the politics of space in urban settings. She is currently receiving her master's degree in Chicana/o and Latina/o studies.

## **Karina Gutierrez**

History

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Joy Sales**

**Bio:** Karina is investigating student activism on immigrant rights in California's Inland Empire region from the 1990s to the 2010s. During the 1990s, the region saw a surge in Latinx immigrants, many working as day laborers. In response, cities such as Pomona, Ontario, and Rancho Cucamonga passed ordinance laws that targeted day laborers. Scholars have started to turn their attention to these policies in the Inland Empire to craft a more textured picture of Southern California life. Still, they have typically overlooked students' organizing in the struggle for immigrant rights. Her research aims to understand how students have advocated for immigrant rights by conducting oral histories. She hopes these narratives will shed light on the immigrant experience in the Inland Empire and highlight the vital contributions of students in the struggle for immigrant rights.

## **Evan Krikorian**

English

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Andrew Lyndon Knighton**

**Bio:** Evan's research aims to dissect the technological relationship between memory and identity. By focusing on the analogue form of cassette tape, Evan rewinds how we think of ourselves by exploring the temporal distortion, decay, and impact of physical media as a mnemonic and textual tool. In providing this new perspective of self, Evan exercises an interplay between once-outdated analogue technologies and current digital media, arguing that the future of digital humanities and academic scholarship relies on the past and personal. His thesis project, titled "reIMAGEination: a series of scholars," highlights the underlying personal narratives of academic faculty by curtailing interviews, film portraits, and a virtual exhibit through cassette tape, ultimately repurposing composition and scholarly research as inherently autoethnographic and technologically derived. Through this interdisciplinary focus on technology, memory and identity, Evan plans to pursue a PhD in English to advance our perspectives of literature through a new understanding of analogue media.

## **Janneth Garcia Najera**

Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Gabriela Valenzuela**

**Bio:** Janneth is excited to continue her academic journey in academic. She aspires to expand her research to benefit Latinx students and other underserved communities in higher education, with a particular focus on those with intersecting identities. Janneth aims to advocate for policy changes and institutional practices that promote equitable solutions. Janneth aspires to leverage her research skills to enhance the educational experiences of students of color at HSIs. Her vision involves the application of critical research methods, actively challenging and dismantling conventional white methodologies and ideologies rooted in white supremacy. She is determined to foster an inclusive, culturally responsive, equitable academic environment that empowers marginalized students to succeed, breaking down barriers created by historical educational inequities.

## **Jose Nunez**

TV, Film & Media Studies

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Suzanne Regan**

**Bio:** Jose Nunez's research interests pertain to New Media, including social media, online content, and virtual reality. He seeks to understand how individuals interact with social media systems and engage with online communities with a strong focus on accessible technologies used for content creation. He also seeks to promote media literacy in underserved populations.

## **Angelica Ortiz**

English

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Ren Heintz**

**Bio:** Angelica's interests include queer, Chicana, and archival research in multi-ethnic American literature and histories from the nineteenth through the twentieth century. In conducting this research, her work focuses on race, class, and gender. Her growing research interests center on how transculturation in America creates literary and non-literary archives based on time and space, such as structural buildings in California or the body as an archive. Her research asks: How do these spaces hold historical stories and memories of trauma that continue to move throughout time? Angelica is working on her graduate thesis proposal, which analyzes the multi-genre literary work *City of God* by Gil Cuadros, a queer Chicano poet who died from AIDS in 1996. His poem "Conquering Immortality" embodies Angelica's research interests in memory, space, and time. She will continue researching these topics and other literary works in an English Ph.D. program.

## **Lauren Perez**

Psychology

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Yvette Szabo**

**Bio:** Lauren "Lorena" is a master's student in the MA in Psychology program at Cal State Los Angeles. Her research interests involve exploring bidirectional interactions between the mind and the body. As a research assistant in a psychoneuroimmunology lab focused on stress, emotion, and inflammation, her thesis aims to validate the feasibility of a widely used experimental trauma paradigm, examining physiological and psychological reactions in an ethnically diverse population. Her current fellowships with the NIH Los Angeles Basin Bridges to the Ph.D. and Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral programs have substantially contributed to her passion for clinical research. As a current research assistant in a stress lab at UCLA, she explores medically induced post-traumatic stress disorder and assists in a project examining the association between trauma exposure and cardiovascular health. Her research will inform further understanding of the physical impacts of stressful events, with an overarching goal of informing treatments in hospital settings.



## **Steven (Danny) Sanchez**

Latin American Studies

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Enrique C. Ochoa**

**Bio:** Steven (Danny) applies a critical intersectional lens to examine how neoliberal capitalism confines and limits societal participation by queer people of color. They also aim to understand how the constant adaptation of multicultural neoliberalism creates conditions that cultivate liberatory practice on the margins of society. With an emphasis on dark underground electronic music, Steven assesses how an oppressive world-capitalist system cultivates participation by Latinx artists who employ feminist and anti-capitalist critiques into their musical pedagogy, creating a class-conscious subculture. Moreover, Steven seeks to understand the differences, similarities, and motivations of how these Latinx artists combat economic alienation through community and musical performance. Steven also aims to explain how these artists navigate neoliberalism in their respective countries, including Peru, the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Steven intends to discern how and why queer POC creatively situate themselves as neoliberalism's disruptors.

## **Diana Solis**

Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Anita Tijerina Revilla**

**Bio:** Diana Solis is a California State University of Los Angeles graduate student pursuing a master's in Chicana/o & Latina/o Studies. She is also pursuing a post-baccalaureate certificate in Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies. She earned her bachelor's degree at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, majoring in Gender, Ethnicity, and Multicultural Studies, emphasizing Chicana/o Latina/o Studies.

Diana's research interests are rooted in intersectional feminism and muxerista praxis. Her work is in conversation with radical healing, disability justice, and decoloniality—her current research advocates for Healing Circles as pedagogical tools in ethnic studies. Her research interests are rooted in intersectional feminism and muxerista praxis. Her work is in conversation with radical healing, disability justice, and decoloniality. Her current research advocates for Healing Circles as pedagogical tools in the field of ethnic studies.

## **Gloria Sosa Malacara**

Anthropology

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Ester Hernandez**

**Bio:** Gloria wants to pursue a doctoral degree to continue advancing the scholarship on and by undocumented women. Her master's thesis examines the experiences of undocumented student activists at Cal State LA using a holistic analysis of oral histories. The project is part of an ongoing digital archive titled "Disruptors; Undocumented Working-Class Youth Activism." The archive compiles interviews reflecting undocumented youth's personal and institutional struggles as they organized to secure resources such as DACA. For her doctoral studies, Gloria plans to analyze the experiences of undocumented and DACAmented women and queer folks. She wants to specifically analyze how they navigate social institutions, often as pioneers, while rejecting conformity to preconceived notions of the immigrant experience. In her approach, she utilizes decolonial methods and theories that serve as a framework to guide her community-based research, which prioritizes dialogues, collaborations, and accessibility to resources.

## 2023-2024 CALIFORNIA PRE-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS



*Photo (from left): Karina Gutierrez, Tania Galvez, Janneth Garcia Najera, Joel M. Chavez, Steven (Danny) Sanchez, Isabel Gurrola, Evan Krikorian, Diana Solis, and Jose Nunez. (Credit: J. Emilio Flores/Cal State LA)*

*Not pictured: Damian Garcia, Angelica Ortiz, Lauren Perez, Gloria Sosa Malacara*

## **GRADUATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS**

We have thirteen (13) graduate students who have been accepted to PhD programs. These PhD Programs include Microbiology, Public Health, Biology, Special Education, Computer Science, and Biological Sciences.

### **James Araiza**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Neuroscience PhD program

Blacksburg, Virginia

### **Eduardo Barragan**

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Madison, WI

### **Genesis Barzallo**

University of California, San Diego / San Diego State University

Joint Ph.D. in Public Health

San Diego, CA

### **Aaron Cruz**

University of California, Riverside

Microbiology

Riverside CA

### **Aundia Dianat**

University of California, Irvine

Cognitive Psychology

Irvine, CA

**Samuel Durbin**

University of Illinois, Chicago

Physics

Chicago, IL

**Anahy Garza**

Georgia Tech

Biology

Atlanta, GA

University of Toronto

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Toronto, Canada

University of Oregon

Biology

Eugene, OR

University of California, Santa Barbara

Ecology, Evolution & Marine Biology

Santa Barbara, CA

**Isabel Gurrola**

University of California, San Diego

Ethnic Studies

San Diego, CA

University of California, Santa Barbara

Chicana/o Studies

Santa Barbara, CA

University of Minnesota

American Studies

Minneapolis, MN

**Rayhan Khan**

University of California, Los Angeles

Special Education

Los Angeles, CA

**Sailaja Muduganti**

Old Dominion University

Physics

Norfolk, VA

**Janneth Najera**

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Higher Education

Madison, WI

University of Denver

Higher Education

Denver, CO

University of California, Berkeley

Education: Policy Analysis and Program Implementation

Berkeley, CA

**Vicente Pena Perez**

Arizona State University

Electrical Engineering

Tempe, AZ

**Claudio Pineda-Bosque**

Universität Hamburg

Physical Chemistry

Germany

**Tristan Pyle**

University of North Texas

Chemistry

Denton, TX

**Daniel Ramirez**

Colorado School of Mines  
Applied Mathematics & Statistics  
Golden, CO

**Larry Rodriguez**

Virginia Tech  
Chemistry  
Blacksburg, VA

University of California, Davis

Chemistry  
Davis, CA

University of California, Riverside

Bioengineering  
Riverside, CA

**Ahyeon Shin**

University of Illinois  
Critical Pedagogies and Urban Teacher Education (CPUTE)  
Chicago, IL

Pennsylvania State University

Curriculum & Instruction  
University Park, PA



**Arpit Vaishya**

University of California, Los Angeles

Computer Science

Los Angeles, CA

University of California, Berkeley

Computer Science

Berkeley, CA

## **LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION (LSAMP): GRADUATE STUDENTS**

California State University – Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (CSU-LSAMP) is a comprehensive, statewide program dedicated to broadening participation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. It is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Office of the CSU Chancellor. Initiated in 1993-94, the CSU-LSAMP Alliance currently consists of all 23 campuses of the CSU. The types of activities offered to support each objective (listed below) have consistently been shown to facilitate the retention and progression of underrepresented minority (URM) students in STEM, and represent a set of well-established "best practices." In the current Phase (internally known as SPaRA I), substantial emphasis has been placed on engaging students in research activities and on activities designed to enhance graduate school preparedness. CSU, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) currently has one of the larger LSAMP programs with 150 anticipated students participating this year. The CSU-LSAMP @ Cal State LA is also supported by significant funding from the College of Natural and Social Sciences and the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology at Cal State LA as well as the University.

**Jannette Dzul**

Biology

**Anahy Garza**

Biology

**Mariana Prado Martinez**

Biology

**Tristan Pyle**

Chemistry

**Daniel Ramirez**

Mathematics

## GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP

The Graduate Equity Fellowship grant is designed to increase the number of graduate degrees awarded to economically disadvantaged CSU students, especially those graduate students that are underrepresented among graduate degree recipients in their discipline and to those who are disabled. This year, twenty-four (24) graduate students received Graduate Equity Fellowship. These students have demonstrated potential to succeed in graduate school and to complete a graduate degree program in no more than two years.

**Michelle Alfonso**  
Counseling

**Patricia Amoroto**  
Public Health

**Gloria Bautista**  
Child Development

**Jorycel Bayna**  
Psychology

**Adam Castillo**  
Electrical Engineering

**Victoria Cecilia**  
Commercial Music

**Joel Chavez**  
Chicana(o) Latina(o) Studies

**Ayse Durak**  
Social Work

**Angelica Escobar Perez**  
Counseling

**Cristina Esquivel**  
Latin American Studies

**Reyna Guzman Martinez**  
Counseling

**Natasha Khanna**  
Environmental Sciences

**Evan Krikorian**  
English

**Pooja Kylasa**  
Psychology

**Siani Mak**  
Economics

**Marisol Mayeshiro**  
Child Development

**Goretty Del Rosario Monsalvo**  
Educational Technology

**Jessica Nagy**  
Communication Disorders

**Esmeralda Reyes**  
Environmental Sciences

**Tania Romero**  
Biology

**Nadia Santana**  
Early Childhood Special Education

**Casey Scudari**  
TESOL

**Eden Silva**  
Child Development

**Diana Solis**  
Chicana(o) Latina(o) Studies

## NON-RESIDENT GRADUATE STUDENT TUITION FEE WAIVER

Non-Resident tuition fee waivers are granted to non-resident graduate students who are either domestic non-resident students or citizens of a foreign country. Awardees must demonstrate exceptional scholastic ability and prior scholastic achievement, as well as financial need. Recipients receive a non-resident tuition fee waiver of up to 20 units within an academic year. Recipients must be enrolled full time or be employed by the CSU for 20 hours or more a week, but less than full time. To maintain eligibility, awardees must remain classified as an International or Non-Resident student. This year, thirty-eight (38) students received the Non-Resident Graduate Student Tuition Fee Waiver.

**Mujahir Abbasi**  
Computer Science

**Akram Abou Assaf**  
Electrical Engineering

**Danielle Alderman**  
Psychology

**Rashmi Badri**  
Electrical Engineering

**Teegan Boyd**  
Anthropology

**Suman Chauhan**  
Management Information  
System

**Povrotanak Cheatha**  
Business Administration

**Yu Hsuan (Angel) Chen**  
Nutritional Sciences

**Megan Donham**  
Anthropology

**Katherine Druyvestein**  
Speech Pathology & Audiology

**Ishan Gupta**  
Art

**Ju Zi Hein**  
Computer Science

**Mariana Ibanez-Baldor**  
Speech Pathology & Audiology

**Neha Jain**  
Television, Film and Media  
Studies

**Suky Kaur**  
TESOL

**Katrine W. Kragerup**  
Communication Studies

**Lekha Ajit Kumar**  
Information Systems

**Karen Kyutoku**  
Biology

**Hoi Lam Leung**  
TESOL

**Jessica Lung**  
Criminalistics

**An Mach**  
Information Systems

**Cyprus Marques**  
PHIL

**Nibedita Medhi**  
Behavior Analysis

**Shivam Mishra**  
Computer Science

**Ariel Mui**  
Criminalistics

**Saideeraj Nakka**  
Industrial Management

**Surbhi Nayyar**  
Business Administration

**Erik Veloz Perez**  
Education

**Nindiya Andarini Maheswari  
Putri**  
Television, Film and Media  
Studies

**Natali Petriashvili**  
Communication Studies

**Ali Risheh**  
Computer Science

**Vivien Romo**  
Economics

**Dikshant Sagar**  
Computer Science

**Amirhesam Shakibizadeh**  
Material Science and  
Engineering

**Ahyeon Shin**  
Early Childhood and Primary  
Education

**Jenna Skare**  
Speech Language Hearing  
Sciences

**Ayushe Tehim**  
Special Education

**Pratiksha Yadav**  
Information Systems

## CULMINATING PROJECT FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Culminating Project to Support Completion of Thesis, Creative Activity, or Dissertation grant is a reimbursement program designed to support Cal State LA graduate student research or scholarship conducted towards completing a thesis, project, creative activity or dissertation. Students funded through this award receive reimbursement for approved supplies, equipment, and services. This year, eight (8) students received the grant.

### **James Araiza**

Biological Sciences

*"Gene expression profiling of the lumbar after novel locomotor training in severely contused"*

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Michael S. Joseph**

### **Arianna Camarena**

Geography, Geology, and Environment

*"Groundwater Imprint on the Hydrochemistry of the Upper Los Angeles River above Sepulveda Basin"*

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Barry Hibbs**

### **Victoria Cecilia**

Music

*"Final Days"*

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. JP Marcondes Maurao**

### **Karen Kyutoku**

Biological Sciences

*"Hypolithic and Soil Surface Moss Species Composition and Traits in the Mojave Desert"*

Faculty Mentor: **Kirsten Fisher**

### **Julienne Mackey**

Education

*"An Exploration of Behavior Analysts' Conceptualizations of Disability and Implementation of the Lanterman Act"*

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Alison Mattheis**

### **Josephine Sarreal**

Communication Disorders

*"Using Real-Ear Measurements to Determine Noise Reduction Performance of Musicians' Earplugs in Collegiate Musicians"*

Faculty Mentor **Dr. Miwako Hisagi**

**Elizette Viramontes**

Geography, Geology, and Environment

*“Groundwater and Surface Water Interaction in Los Angeles River in Griffith Park Region: The Age, Origin, Hydrochemistry, Water Quality, and Distribution Mechanism”*

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Mohammad H. Rezaie Boroon**

**Rudy Zenteno**

Communication Disorders

*“A Comparison of Over the Counter Amplification Products and Conventional Hearing Aids for Patients with Hearing Loss”*

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Miwako Hisagi**

## AUTHORS ON PUBLICATIONS

**Silvia Arias**

**Business Administration**

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**Ivan Beltran**

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**Aundia Dianat**

**Psychology**

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**Jamie S. Duarte**

**Nutritional Science**

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**Rene Gaeta**

**Nutritional Science**

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**Luis Garcia**

**Business Administration**

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**Business Administration**

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**Alfredo Gonzalez**

**Nutritional Science**

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**Katelyn Guevara****Business Administration**

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**Stephanie Izaguirre****Nutritional Science**

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**Latika Kapoor****Information Systems**

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**Kim Kha****Mathematics**

Applying Deep Reinforcement Learning Techniques for COVID-19 Case Prediction

**Reynaldo Mora****Art**

Mommy tell me why I'm Radiant? is used by Oregon Department of Education as part of their Early Literacy Framework Professional Development Trainings to support Multilingual Learners.

Mora's Skillful and Soulful Press picture book published a 2023 trilingual children's book, Hummingbird Colibri Uitsitsilij -A Trilingual Counting Book. (That won a Purple Dragon Award).

**Suyog Pote****Business Administration**

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**Larry Rodriguez****Chemistry and Biochemistry**

Larry Rodriguez. Theoretical Insights into the Vibrational Structure of Carbon Dioxide Rare Gas Complexes

**Aishwarya Sonawane****Business Administration**

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**Luis Zambrano**

**Child and Family Studies**

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## TRAVEL SUPPORT GRANT RECIPIENTS

This year, sixty-five (65) graduate students received travel support through the Office of Graduate Studies (Student Success Fee funds) to present their work at a conference and for professional development purposes. The Travel Support for Student Presentations is a reimbursement program designed to encourage and assist Cal State LA graduate students whose work has been accepted for presentation at a professional or academic conference.

The graduate students presenting who are funded through this program receive a partial reimbursement (up to 70%) of cost for travel, lodging, and conference registration in support of their presentation. The graduate students attending a conference for professional development receive a partial reimbursement (up to 50%) of cost for travel, lodging, and conference registration to attend the conference. Additionally, the Office of Graduate Studies funded conference registrations (up to 100%) to graduate students who presented or attended a virtual conference.

**Zachary Abt**

Communication Disorders

**Rosa Figueroa**

Anthropology

**Ceren Acik**

Kinesiology

**Dat Giang**

Electrical Engineering

**Adrina Alexan**

Chemistry

**Hung Gieng**

Chemistry

**Jocelyn Alfaro**

Biology

**Eileen Ho**

Education

**Joel Chavez**

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

**Richard Hu**

Communication Studies

**Aundia Dianat**

Psychology

**Rachel Israel**

Psychology

**Sarah Duarte**

Communication Disorders

**Asia Jackson**

Nutrition and Food Science

**Monique Enciso-Vasquez**

Communication Disorders

**Edward Jaros**

Education Tech Leadership

**Matthew Engquist**

Materials Science and Engineering

**Danielle Joo**

Special Education and Counseling

**Sarah Enoki**

Communication Studies

**Natasha Khanna**

Environmental Science

**Maria Faheem**

Psychology

**Jonah Landaverde**

Educational Tech Leadership

**Marie Lassaigne**  
Child Development

**Kimia Lavasani**  
Psychology

**Elida Lazo**  
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**Kyuwon Lee**  
Special Education and Counseling

**Brandon A Marquez**  
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**Frank Moreno**  
Electrical Engineering

**Selena Morentin**  
Sociology

**Jessica Nagy**  
Communication Disorders

**Irene Ngo**  
Biology

**Janice Nguyen**  
Electrical Engineering

**Franco Olla**  
Business Administration

**Penelope Pearson**  
Special Education and Counseling

**Vicente Pena Perez**  
Physics

**Lauren Perez**  
Psychology

**Natali Petriashvili**  
Communication Studies

**Jocelyn Quintana**  
School Psychology

**Jennifer Ramirez Bibiano**  
Public Administration

**Annabel Reay**  
Forensic Psychology

**Jose Resendiz Arroyo**  
Applied and Advanced Studies in Education

**Rebekah Reyes**  
Sociology

**Ali Rishah**  
Computer Science

**Larry Rodriguez**  
Chemistry

**Leticia Romero**  
Sociology

**Jacob Ruiz**  
Communication Disorders

**Anayely Saguilan**  
Mechanical Engineering

**Juan Sanabria**  
Rehab Counseling

**Korayma A Sandoval**  
Public Administration

**Amirhesam Shakibizadeh**  
Materials Science and Engineering

**Ahyeon Shin**  
Child Development

**Mishra Shivam**  
Child Development

**Anaiya Summerville**  
Special Education and Counseling

**Emily Ta**  
Psychology

**Jazmin Renee Tapia**  
Communication Disorders

**Laura To**  
School Psychology

**Tony Tran**  
Chemistry

**Aurora Trejo**  
Biology

**Valeria Valencia**  
Counseling and School Psychology

**Michelle Vanegas**  
Environmental Studies

**Genesis Vera**  
Communication Disorders

**Krystal Wilbert**  
Psychology

**Jiawei Xiang**  
Psychology

**Yi Ze Zhang**  
Business Administration

## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

### **Zachary Abt**

#### **Communication Disorders**

Title: A Comparison of Auditory Brainstem Response for Chirp Stimuli Across Three Different Manufacturers

Conference: California Academy of Audiology 2023 Annual Conference

Title: A Comparison of Auditory Brainstem Response for Chirp Stimuli Across Three Different Manufacturers (Poster Presentaion)

Conference: 24th Annual Conference of the California Academy of Audiology (CAA), San Jose, CA

Conference: 47th Annual MidWinter Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO), Anaheim, CA

### **Megan Achay**

#### **Psychology**

Title: To Love in Vain: Prevalence of and Emotional Responses to Unrequited Attraction

Conference: Western Psychological Association

### **Ceren Acik**

#### **Kinesiology/Exercise Science**

Title: Dorsal Neck Muscles Symmetry in BaseBall Pitchers

Conference: 2023 California Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference

### **Adrina Alexan**

#### **Chemistry**

Title Comparison of UV-Vis measurements and Computational Spectra of Benzo[a]pyrene and its Dione Derivatives to improve Air Quality Models

Conference: American Geophysical Union

### **Gillan Almanaza**

#### **Psychology**

Title: Organizational Support of Working Students and Student Academic and Social Burden

Conference: Western Psychological Association

Title: Links Between Diverse Learning Environments and Student Academic and Social Burdens

Conference: Western Psychological Association

### **Neille John Apostol**

#### **Public Health**

Title: Gender moderates social media use's effect on psychological distress in California young adults

Conference: American Public Health Association Annual Conference (APHA 2023)

**James Araiza**

**Kinesiology**

Title: Multimodal locomotor training improves stepping in spinal cord injured rats  
Conference: Society for Neuroscience Conference, San Diego.

**Eduardo Barragan**

**Biological Sciences**

Title Pit Membrane Thickness Variation Across Vein Orders and Species: Impact on Drought Tolerance  
Conference: International Sapflow meeting

**Burgundy Bisson**

**Communication Disorders**

Title: The Neurophysiological Measures of Speech Discrimination in Aging (Poster presentation).  
Conference 17th Annual Eleanor M. Saffran Conference on Cognitive Neuroscience & Rehabilitation of Communication Disorders. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Title: Phonological memory and perception of speech-in-noise by monolingual English speakers and Spanish-English bilinguals (Poster presentation).  
Conference: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Annual Convention, Boston, MA

Title: Speech Discrimination in Aging: MMN Study (Poster presentation).  
Conference: 47th Annual MidWinter Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO), Anaheim, CA

**Darcy Blakesely**

**Communication Disorders**

Title: The Imitation of Sentential Complement Clause Sentences by Children with and without SLI (Poster accepted)  
Conference: Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD), Madison, WI.

**Sandee Castaneda**

**Communication Disorders**

Title: Comparison of 90Hz and 40Hz new-generation ASSR thresholds to behavioral thresholds (Poster presentation)  
Conference: American Academy of Audiology (AAA) 2024 Annual Conference

**Kam Hang Chan**  
**Chemistry and Biochemistry**

Title: Method development of Surface Plasmon Resonance microscopy (SPRm) with live bacteria: optimizing bacterial load and accessing viability

Conference: Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities at California State University, Los Angeles

Title Method development of surface plasmon resonance microscopy (SPRm) to monitor the interaction of antimicrobial drug with live bacteria

Conference: Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities at California State University, Los Angeles

Title: Method development of surface plasmon resonance microscopy with live bacteria load and optimizing bacteria load and accessing viability

Conference: 36th Annual CSU Biotechnology Symposium

**Harmony Chiang**  
**Psychology**

Title: Shifting Statuses in Disney Films: An Analysis Using Helms' Racial Identity Model

Conference: Western Psychological Association's 2024 Annual Convention

**Ivan Cobain**  
**Psychology**

Title: Examining the Construct Validity of the Difficulties in Emotion Regulation Scale (DERS) 36 and 18-item Short-form among a Predominantly Hispanic/Latino Population

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Thessaly Constante**  
**Psychology**

Title: Making Jokes at the Expense of Others: Analysis of Racial Microaggressions in Disney Films

Conference: Western Psychological Association's 2024 Annual Convention

**Cristina Cortés**  
**Latin American Studies**

Title: Mujeres Indígenas: Resistiendo Las Violencias y Protegiendo Sus Territorios

Conference: Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities

**Angelina Crittenden**  
**Criminalistics**

Title: Testing the effects of cleaning products on the chemiluminescence of Bluestar reagent and subsequent testing

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Damon Dees**  
**Business Administration**

Title Saving Yuca's Restaurant: An Effort to Makes Ends Meet,"

Conference: Western Casewriters Association Conference

**Shelby Detweiler**

**Psychology**

Title: Childhood Experiences and Adult Personality: Pampering, Narcissism, Self-Efficacy and Social Interest

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Aundia Dianat**

**Psychology**

Title: Memory Distortion Driven by Mistaken Identifications: How Warnings, Pre Identification Testing, and Post-Identification Feedback Affect Memory Change

Conference: Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition

Title: The Biasing Nature of Gang Evidence: Inducing Memory Errors for Evidence of Past Criminal Behavior

Conference: American Psychology and Law Society

Title: Memory Distortion Driven by Mistaken Identifications: How Warnings, Pre-identification Testing, and Post-Identification Feedback Affect Memory Change.

Conference: Society for Applied Memory and Cognition

Title: The biasing nature of gang evidence: Inducing memory errors for evidence of past criminal behavior

Conference: CSLA Research Symposium

**Kevin Diego-Perez**

**Chemistry and Biochemistry**

Title: Optimizing Methods to Monitor the Degradation of Individual Polyethylene Terephthalate Microplastics

Conference: Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities at California State University, Los Angeles

**Sarah Duarte**

**Communication Disorders**

Title Quality Over Quantity: Language Proficiency and Executive Control in Bilingual and Monolingual Adults

Conference: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention

**Sarah Dumont**

**Physics and Astronomy**

Title: Algorithms of Image Processing and XRD Analyses for Characterization of Magnetic Nanostructures

Conference: March Meeting of the American Physical Society, Minneapolis Minnesota



**Jayla Edwards**  
**Psychology**

Title: Innocent Suspect Identifications Can Drive Memory Change: Examining Inoculation Effects, Retrieval Enhanced Suggestibility, and Post-Identification Feedback.  
Conference: Western Psychological Association

Title: Visualizing the crime after making a false identification solidifies false memories for the culprit's appearance  
Conference: American Psychological Society

Title: The Impact of Post-Identification Visualization Instructions on Witness' Susceptibility to Suggested Misinformation.  
Conference: CSLA Research Symposium

**Luz Elizarraraz**  
**Criminalistics**

Title: Forensic Applications of Fluorescence-Activated Cell Sorting Using Namocell Pala Microfluidic Cell Sorter Instrumentation  
Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Monique Enciso-Vasquez**  
**Communication Disorders**

Title: Maximizing Bilingual Verbal Fluency Performance: The Impact of Language Order and Proficiency Level  
Conference: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention

**Matthew Engquist**  
**Materials Science and Engineering**

Title: Microstructure and Mechanical Properties SS316L Wire-Laser DED Samples  
Conference: ASTM International Conference on Additive Manufacturing

**Sarah Enoki**  
**Communication Studies**

Title: Picturing "Freedom"  
Conference: National Communication Association Convention  
Conference: 2023 National Communication Association Annual Convention

**Maria Faheem**  
**Psychology**

Title: Social Media's Mental Health Impact on Marginalized Youth  
Conference: National Association of School Psychology 2024 Annual Convention

**David Ferrándiz**  
**Latin American Studies**

Title: "Roots Grow Deep: Dolores Cacuango, Tránsito Amaguaña, and Indigenous World-Making in 20th Century Ecuador"  
Conference: 2nd Decolonial Praxis Conference, UC Riverside

**Rosa Figueroa**  
**Anthropology**

Title: Into the Darkness: Analyzing the Midnight Terror Cave Assemblage and its Spatial Implication  
Conference: Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities at California State University, Los Angeles

**Katie Fong**  
**Criminalistics**

Title: Discrimination of Black Electrical Tapes by FTIR  
Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Isabel A. Garcia**  
**Chemistry and Biochemistry**

Title: Evaluating the Cytotoxic Impact of Polystyrene Nanoplastics on SH-SY5Y Cells  
Conference: Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities at California State University, Los Angeles

**Dat Giang**  
**Electrical Engineering**

Title: Online State of Health and Capacity Fade Estimation Using Machine-Learning, Deep-Learning-, and/or Neural-Network-Based Algorithms  
Conference: IEEE Transportation Electrification Conference 2024

**Hung Gieng**  
**Chemistry**

Title: Quantitative Analysis of Olefins in Petroleum Products using Comprehensive Two-Dimensional Gas Chromatography and ChromaTOF  
Conference: ACS Fall 2023 Harnessing the Power of Data

**Jill Grayson**  
**Pan African Studies**

Title: Importance of MDpas at CSULA  
Conference: National Council of Black Studies

**Aisha Groce**  
**Business Administration**

Title: "Organizational Diagnosis of Upkeep Technologies, Inc.,"  
Conference: Western Casewriters Association Conference

**Richard Ha**  
**Criminalistics**

Title: Discrimination of Duct Tapes by FTIR Using Attenuated Total Reflectance Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy  
Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Shayna Hahn**  
**Social Work**

Title: Coming Home: Peer Assisted Reintegration for Women Returning from Jail  
Conference: The Society of Social Work Research

**Faith Haile**  
**Psychology**

Title: Examining the Effect of Pre-Identification Descriptions and Confirming Feedback on Memory Distortion in Eyewitnesses.  
Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Tim Harris**  
**Mathematics**

Title: Matrix Methods for Determining Chromatic Numbers of Cayley Graphs and Their Applications  
Conference: Fall 2023 Mathematical Association of America SoCal/Nevada Meeting

**Rhaylon Hartier**  
**Criminalistics**

Title: Effects of Laundry Detergent on the Comparison of Textile Fibers Utilizing FTIR Microspectrophotometry  
Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Eileen Ho**  
**Education**

Title: Improving Access to the Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E) Program for Veterans with Disabilities Using Instructional Design  
Conference: SITE 2024 - Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education

**Naomi Holmes**  
**Criminalistics**

Title: Effects of Laundry Detergent on the Comparison of Textile Fibers Utilizing FTIR Microspectrophotometry  
Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Richard Hu**  
**Communication Studies**

Title "Exploring the Rights and Freedoms of LGBTQ+ Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans" and "Proof it to Me"  
Conference: National Communication Association Convention

Title: "Proof It to Me"

Title: " Understanding Identities in Communication History: Exploring the Rights and Freedoms of LGBTQ+ Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans"  
Conference: 2023 National Communication Association Annual Convention

Title "Commit to the Bit "

Conference: 2024 Western States Communication Association Annual Convention

**Laura Huicoy**  
**Psychology**

Title: False identifications drive memory distortion: How warning, pre-identification testing, and post-identification feedback affect memory change.  
Conference: American Psychology and Law Society

**Monica Iniguez**

**Communication Disorders**

Title: The Complement Clause Verb Production of Five-Year-Old Children with and without Specific Language Impairment (Poster accepted).

Conference: Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD), Madison, WI.

**Rachel Israel**

**Psychology**

Title: Social Media's Mental Health Impact on Marginalized Youth

Conference: National Association of School Psychology 2024 Annual Convention

**Edward Jaros**

**Education Tech Leadership**

Title: The Power of Play; Educational Equity through interactive Games

Conference: SITE 2024 - Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education

**Benjamin Komeh**

**Business Administration**

Title "Organizational Diagnosis of Upkeep Technologies, Inc.,"

Conference: Western Case writers Association Conference

**Mei Ku**

**Psychology**

Title: Examining the Construct Validity of Two Rumination Measures in a Predominantly Hispanic/Latino Sample

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Pooja Kylasa**

**Psychology**

Title: Perception of Music-Evoked Autobiographical Memories (MEAMs)

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Katherine Lainez**

**Latin American Studies**

Title: Dolorosamente Algaecides: The Impacts of Parental Out-Migration on Left-Behind Children in Honduras in the 1970s

Conference: Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities

**Johan Landaverde**

**Educational Technology**

Title: Multimodal Learning and Assessments

Conference: Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education 2024

**Marie Lassaigne****Psychology**

Title: Conceptual, social, and practical life skills in young children's educational YouTube videos: Associations with parental education

Conference: Cognitive Development Society

Title: Preschoolers' media consumption and its implications

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Susan Lee****Communication Disorders**

Title: The Neurophysiological Measures of Speech Discrimination in Aging (Poster presentation)

Conference: 17th Annual Eleanor M. Saffran Conference on Cognitive Neuroscience & Rehabilitation of Communication Disorders. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Title: Speech Discrimination in Aging: MMN Study (Poster presentation)

Conference: 47th Annual MidWinter Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO), Anaheim, CA

**Jasmine Lopez****Psychology**

Title: The Other Side of the (Attraction) Coin: Sexually Repellant Partner Characteristics

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Alba Loya****Communication Disorders**

Title: Maximizing bilingual verbal fluency performance: The impact of language order and proficiency level (Poster presentation)

Conference: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Annual Convention, Boston, MA

**Jessica Lung****Criminalistics**

Title: Gunshot Residue Distance Determination Using Traditional and Crime-lite® ML PRO Methods

Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**N. Monroy****Communication Disorders**

Title: Grammatical Morpheme Production and Complex Syntax Effects in Children with and without SLI (Poster presentation).

Conference: Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD), Madison, WI.

**Reynaldo Mora****Art**

Title: "Storytelling By US, For Us" (Skillful and Soulfull Press' history)

Conference: CSULA Ethnic Studies Summit

Title: Illustrator and Inspiration Stage

Conference: Orange County Festival of Books

**Frank Moreno**

**Electrical Engineering**

Title: Motion and Signal Analysis of the Paw Withdrawal Learning Paradigm  
Conference: Neuroscience 2023

**Selena Morentin**

**Sociology**

Title: The Impact of IPV on the Academic Success of First Generation College Going Women  
Conference: 95th Annual Conference of the Pacific Sociological Association

**Elena Mosham**

**Criminalistics**

Title: Advancing Fingerprint Deposition Modeling through the Integration of Comprehensive Two-Dimensional Gas Chromatography and Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry for Age Estimation  
Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Ariel Mui**

**Criminalistics**

Title: Forensic Applications of Fluorescence-Activated Cell Sorting Using Namocell Pala Microfluidic Cell Sorter Instrumentation  
Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Jessica Nagy**

**Communication Disorders**

Title: Understanding Parental Stress and the Potential Impact on Early Communication of Toddlers  
Conference: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention

Title: Understanding Parental Stress and the Potential Impact on Early Communication of Toddlers (Technical session).  
Conference: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Annual Convention, Boston, MA

**Irene Ngo**

**Biology**

Title: Investigating the role for Rbp2 in regulating the circadian clock in the cyanobacterium *Synechococcus*  
Conference: American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Discover BMB

**Janice Nguyen**

**Electrical Engineering**

Title: A Classification Model Utilizing Facial Landmark Tracking to Determine Sentence Types for American Sign Language Recognition  
Conference: IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Conference

**Natalie Nuno****Psychology**

Title: Is it Natural? Is it Normal? Demographic Correlates of Masturbation Attitudes and Experiences

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Franco Olla****Business Administration**

Title: Lost Keys, Tested Loyalties: Banking Branch's Trial

Conference: Western Casewriters Association WCA Conference

**Karina Olmos****Psychology**

Title: Mistaken identifications can create memory distortion: How pre-identification testing, and post-identification feedback affect memory change.

Conference: American Psychological Society

Conference: CSLA Research Symposium

Title: "We're not that different!" Exploring relationship milestones for Latinx interracial and intraracial daters

Conference: Society for Personality and Social Psychology

**Katherine Ortiz****Mathematics**

Title: Matrix Methods for Determining Chromatic Numbers of Cayley Graphs and Their Applications

Conference: Fall 2023 Mathematical Association of America SoCal/Nevada Meeting

**Vicente Pena Perez****Physics**

Title: Data Imaging and XRD Analyses of Magnetic Nanoparticles and Nanostructures

Conference: American Physical Society Meeting 2024

Conference: March Meeting of the American Physical Society, Minneapolis Minnesota

**Amber Pereira****Psychology**

Title: Dying to be Educated: Suicide Among Indian College Students

Conference: Western Psychological Association

Title: Clinging to the Dream: Predicting Persistence Among College Students

Conference: International Psychological Applications Conference & Trends

Title: Suicide Through the Eyes of a College Student

Conference: Psychologists Magazine, India

**Lauren Perez**  
**Psychology**

Title: A Mixed-method Approach for Predicting Stroke-induced PTSD  
Conference: American Psychosomatic Society Annual Meeting

Title: Examining the Construct Validity of the Difficulties in Emotion Regulation Scale (DERS) 36 and 18-item Short-form among a Predominantly Hispanic/Latino Population  
Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Natali Petriashvili**  
**Communication Disorders**

Title: G.I.F.T.S.: The Frames of the Freedom of Expression  
Conference: National Communication Association Convention

Title: The Frames of the Freedom of Expression  
Conference: 2023 National Communication Association Annual Convention

**Lan-Anh (Lanny) Pham**  
**Communication Disorders**

Title: The Imitation of Sentential Complement Clause Sentences by Children with and without SLI (Poster accepted)  
Conference: Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD), Madison, WI.

Title: The Complement Clause Verb Production of Five-Year-Old Children with and without Specific Language Impairment (Poster accepted)  
Conference: Symposium on Research in Child Language Disorders (SRCLD), Madison, WI.

**Villiam Ralicia**  
**Psychology**

Title: Attitudes toward Abortion and Accurate Knowledge of Abortion: Links with Right-Wing Authoritarianism  
Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Darlene Ramirez**  
**Psychology**

Title: Childhood Experiences and Adult Personality: Pampering, Narcissism, Self-Efficacy and Social Interest  
Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Karina Recio Rivera**  
**Criminalistics**

Title: Forensic Applications of Fluorescence-Activated Cell Sorting Using Namocell Pala Microfluidic Cell Sorter Instrumentation  
Conference: 138th CAC Conference



**Rebekah Reyes**

**Sociology**

Title: Big Pharma, Heroin, and Adverse Childhood Experiences in Relation to Gender and Sobriety

Conference: Pacific Sociological Association - PSA 2024 Conference

**Melissa Rios**

**Psychology**

Title: Online Incel Forums: Exploring Sexism and Masculinity Themes in the Community

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Ali Rishah**

**Computer Science**

Title: Physics-Guided Deep Generative Model for New Ligand Discovery

Conference: ACS Fall 2023 Harnessing the Power of Data

**Larry Rodriguez**

**Chemistry**

Title: Predicting Electronic and Vibrational Structures of Molecules and Materials Using Machine Learning Approaches

Conference: ACS Fall 2023 Harnessing the Power of Data

Conference: American Chemical Society Fall 2023 Meeting

Title Predicting Electronic Density of States Using a Euclidian Neural Network

Conference: SoCal Theochem 2023 Conference

**Brenda Romero**

**Criminalistics**

Title: Forensic Applications of Fluorescence-Activated Cell Sorting Using Namocell Pala Microfluidic Cell Sorter Instrumentation

Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Leticia Romero**

**Sociology**

Title: Gang Membership in East Los Angeles

Conference: Pacific Sociological Association

**Shiqi Rong**

**Criminalistics**

Title: Discriminative Potential of FTIR-ATR Microscopy for Black Pen Inks

Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Jacob Ruiz****Communicative Disorders**

Title: Exploring Vestibular Assessment and Counseling Trends in Pediatric Audiologists: A Mixed Method Study

Conference: 47th Annual MidWinter Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO), Anaheim, CA

Title: Exploring Vestibular Assessment and Counseling Trends Among Pediatric Audiologists: A Mixed Methods Study (Poster presentation).

Conference: 24th Annual Conference of the California Academy of Audiology (CAA), San Jose, CA

**Anayely Saguilan****Mechanical Engineering**

Title: Fuzzy Controller Response to Internal and External Disturbances in a Multi-Room Building Testbed

Conference: American Society of Thermal and Fluid Engineers

**Juan Sanabria****Rehab Counseling**

Title: The Neurobiology of Addiction: The Mind and Body Connection

Conference: Global Conference on Addiction Medicine, Behavioral Health and Psychiatry  
Title: Fierce

**Steven Sanchez****Latin American Studies**

Title: Sounds of Resistance and Counterhegemony

Title: Dark Underground Music as Liberatory Praxis

Conference: PopCon 2024

**Amirhesam Shakibizadeh****Materials Science and Engineering**

Title: Process-Induced Texture Formation in 316L Stainless Steel Samples Processed by Wire-Laser Directed Energy Deposition

Conference: The Minerals Metals and Materials Society (TMS)

**Ahyeon Shin****Early Childhood and Primary Education**

Title: Gender-Stereotyped Conformity in YouTube videos viewed by 3-5 year olds

Conference: Cognitive Development Society

Title: Title: Lack of variability in family structure in YouTube videos for 3-to-5-year-olds

Conference: Cognitive Development Society

**Mishra Shivam****Computer Science**

Title: Molecular Docking Improved with Human Spatial Perception Using Virtual Reality

Conference: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Virtual Reality 2024 (IEEE VR)

**Frank Sposato**  
**Social Work**

Title: The impact of education on rural Ugandan girls and the communities  
Conference: The 38th Annual CSU Systemwide Student Research Competition

**Kenneth Stebbing**  
**Physics**

Title: Shock Fronts at the Envelope Interface of the Protostar L1527  
Conference: CSULA Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities

**Carlos Somoza**  
**Latin American Studies**

Title: Rhizomes of Resistance: Hip Hop Dreams of Liberation from the Bronx to Puerto Rico and Central America  
Conference: Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities

**Emily Ta**  
**Psychology**

Title: Multicultural Parent Consultation and its Impact on Asian American Students  
Conference: National Association of School Psychology 2024 Annual Convention

**Jazmin Renee Tapia**  
**Communication Disorders**

Title: Maximizing Bilingual Verbal Fluency Performance: The Impact of Language Order and Proficiency Level  
Conference: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention

**Laura To**  
**School Psychology**

Title: Multicultural Parent Consultation and its Impact on Asian American Students  
Conference: National Association of School Psychology 2024 Annual Convention

**Travis To**  
**Criminalistics**

Title: 47th Annual MidWinter Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO), Anaheim, CA  
Conference: 138th CAC Conference

**Tony Tran**  
**Chemistry**

Title: Microplastics Identification in Southern California Coastal Sediments.  
Conference: ACS Fall 2023 Harnessing the Power of Data  
Conference: Coast 2023 Annual Meeting

Title: Cytotoxicity of Nanoplastics in SH-SY5Y Neuroblastoma Cells/Poster  
Conference: 36th Annual CSU Biotechnology Symposium

Title: Microplastic Pollution in Will Rogers State Beach sediments in Los Angeles, California/Poster  
Conference: ACS Spring 2024 - Many Flavor of Chemistry

Title: Microplastics Pollution in Huntington Beach: Characterization and Implications for Coastal Waste Management/Oral  
Conference: Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities at California State University, Los Angeles

**Aurora Trejo**  
**Biology**

Title: High gene flow in widow rockfish populations from California and Oregon  
Conference: Western Society of Naturalists 2023 Annual Meeting

**Riley Vaca**

Title: Translingual Praxis in L2 Writing: Considerations of Long-Term English Learners (LTEL)  
Conference: Translingual Praxis in L2 Writing: Considerations of Long-Term English Learners (LTEL)

**Isabel Valdovinos**  
**Communication Disorders**

Title: Frequency Tuning Characteristics of Bone-Conduction oVEMPs in Healthy Individuals (Poster presentation)  
Conference: 47th Annual MidWinter Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO), Anaheim, CA

**Valeria Valencia**  
**Counseling and School Psychology**

Title: Beyond Borders: Exploring Cross-Cultural Practices in School Psychology  
Conference: National Association of School Psychology 2024 Annual Convention

**Michelle Vanegas**  
**Environmental Studies**

Title "One fish, two fish? Morphological analysis and assessment of cryptic species in *Sebastes saxicola* along the northeastern Pacific"  
Conference: Western Society of Naturalists 2023 Annual Meeting

**Elizabeth Velasco**  
**Counseling, option in Rehabilitation Counseling**

Title: How a Large, Urban CSU Campus Implemented a Campus-Wide Advising Caseload Model. Regional Conference of National Academic Advising Association, Las Vegas, NV.

**Janet Villalobos**  
**Educational Tech**

Title: Adaptive Technology Training for Virtual Team Collaboration  
Conference: SITE 2024

**Erik J. Villegas**  
**Physics and Astronomy**

Title: Algorithms of Image Processing and XRD Analyses for Characterization of Magnetic Nanostructures  
Conference: March Meeting of the American Physical Society, Minneapolis Minnesota

**Joanna Vlahos**  
**Social Work**

Title: Coming Home: Peer Assisted Reintegration for Women Returning from Jail  
Conference: The Society of Social Work Research

**Anthony (Wilder) VonSchonfeldt**  
**Psychology**

Title: Frequency of spatial language in YouTube videos for 3-to-5-year-olds  
Conference: Western Psychological Association

Title: Prevalence of math language in YouTube videos watched by 3-to-5-year-olds: Are there differences by child gender and parent education?  
Conference: Cognitive Development Society

Title: Quality of spatial language in YouTube videos watched by 3-to-5-year-olds: Associations with caregiver education  
Conference: Cognitive Development Society

**Krystal Wilbert**  
**Psychology**

Title: Memory Distortion Driven by Mistaken Identifications: How Warnings, Pre-Identification Testing, and Post-Identification Feedback Affect Memory Change  
Conference: Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition  
Conference: Society for Applied memory and Cognition

Title: Describing a Suspect Before Being Led to Misidentify an Innocent Suspect Can Protect Against Memory Distortion in the Absence of Confirming Feedback.  
Conference: American Psychology and Law Society

**Jiawei Xiang**  
**Psychology**

Title: Darker Skin Less Pain? Individual Racial Judgement on Social Pain  
Conference: SPSP 2024 Annual Convention

Title: "Is love really your own business?" Latinx interracial vs. interracial couples' relationship quality and perceived support from family, friends, and strangers  
Conference: Society for Personality and Social Psychology

**Sabrina Zambon**

**Psychology**

Title: Attitudes toward Abortion and Accurate Knowledge of Abortion: Links with Right-Wing Authoritarianism

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Cristina Zetino**

**Psychology**

Title: Social Dominance Orientation as a Mediator between Religiosity and Racism toward African Americans

Conference: Western Psychological Association

**Yi Ze 'Jim' Zhang**

**Business Administration**

Title: Status, Wellbeing, and Bad Behavior

Conference: Western Academy of Management 2024 Annual Conference

Title: Food is Medicine – The Project Angel Food Case

Title: Saving Yuca's Restaurant: An Effort to Makes Ends Mee

Conference: Western Casewriters Association Conference

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, PERFORMANCES, & EXHIBITS

This academic year, eighteen (18) graduate students showcased their talents through special presentations, competitions, exhibits, films, and performances.

### **James Araiza**

Kinesiology

**Topic Title:** *“A system-based approach to understand the injured and trained contused spinal cord in rodents”*

*“A Transcriptomic study of the injured and trained spinal cord”  
More Program Cal State LA at Lake Arrowhead*

*Oral Presentation: “Gene expression profiling of the spinal cord after novel locomotor training in severely contused rats.”*

### **Kaitlyn Avila**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Playwright: *The Night Shift*. Intimate Theatre at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex. Mar 14-23, 2024.

### **Dalia Carmona**

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

**Topic Title:** *“40 years of MALCS, Centuries of Activism: La Lucha Sigue for Racial, Reproductive and Decolonial Justice-Herstorizing the Intergenerational Encuentro: The Ongoing Legacy of Feminista Activism”, Colorado*

*“Sharing Las Experiencias y Consejos of Higher Education with Cal State LA Students and Alumni-CSU2024 Stronger Together Undocu Summit”*

*“Town Hall at Cal State LA: Willful Neglect & The Future of Latina/o/x History at The Smithsonian”*

### **Christopher Cid**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Producer: Fall Theatre production of *Eurydice*. Arena Theatre, Cal State LA. Oct 12-21, 2023.

### **Aundia Dianat**

Psychology

**Topic Title:** *“The Biasing Nature of Gang Evidence: Inducing Memory Errors for Evidence of Past Criminal Behavior”,*

American Psychology and Law Society

*“Memory Distortion Driven by Mistaken Identifications: How Warnings, Pre-identification Testing, and Post-Identification Feedback Affect Memory Change”*

Society for Applied Memory and Cognition

**Nicholas Diaz**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Actor (role of Brother Jeremiah): Fall Theatre production of Something Rotten! State Playhouse, Cal State LA. Nov 9-18, 2023.

Actor (role of Macbeth): Macbeth. State Playhouse, Cal State LA. Apr 25-May 4, 2024.

**Jayla Edwards**

Psychology

**Topic Title:** *“Innocent Suspect Identifications Can Drive Memory Change: Examining Inoculation Effects, Retrieval Enhanced Suggestibility, and Post-Identification Feedback.”*

Western Psychological Association

*“Visualizing the crime after making a false identification solidifies false memories for the culprit’s appearance”*

American Psychological Society

**Damaris Garcia**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Actor (role of singing Chef): Fall Theatre production of Something Rotten! State Playhouse, Cal State LA. Nov 9-18, 2023.

**Isabel Gurrola**

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

**Topic Title:** *“Techno, Identity, and Community: Exploring the subculture of underground raves in Los Angeles”* Co-Producer

Pop Conference

*“This the South-Central Accent What about it”: Tiktok Pedagogy and Spiritual Activism”*

National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies

**Laura Huicoy**

Psychology

**Topic Title:** *“False identifications drive memory distortion: How warning, pre-identification testing, and postidentification feedback affect memory change”*

American Psychology and Law Society

**Jessica Kilgore**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Actor (role of Bea): Fall Theatre production of Something Rotten! State Playhouse, Cal State LA. Nov 9-18, 2023.

**Montgomery King**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Actor (role of Peter Quince): Fall Theatre production of Something Rotten! State Playhouse, Cal State LA. Nov 9-18, 2023.

Faculty Mentor: Meredith Greenburg

Actor (role of Banquo): Macbeth. State Playhouse, Cal State LA. Apr 25-May 4, 2024.



**Robinson Kylee**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Scenic Designer: Fall Theatre production of Eurydice. Arena Theatre, Cal State LA. Oct 12-21, 2023.

**Henry Meza**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Director: Fall Theatre production of Eurydice. Arena Theatre, Cal State LA. Oct 12-21, 2023.

**Reynaldo Mora**

*A Group exhibition at Citrus College To Be Continued, Visual Artist Alumni. The DA center in Pomona, Revolution Visuál, 2023. Mora also participated in a panel discussion during this exhibition. He and his wife Sandra are Skillful and Soulful Press. He was invited to give a presentation At Rio Hondo City College. "Storytime" Presenting Soulful Authors and Illustrators.*

**Janneth Najera**

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

**Topic Title:** "AES Higher Education Post Pandemic: Focus on community care, growing critical consciousness and anti-colonial practices"

AES

NACCS Cross Culture Centers: La Casita at CSUDH

*"A Plática between Chicanx-Central American Coleamigxs"*

The Association for Jotería Arts, Activism, and Scholarship

**Karina Olmos**

Psychology

**Topic Title:** "Mistaken identifications can create memory distortion: How pre-identification testing, and post identification feedback affect memory change."

American Psychological Society

**Amit Pal Bharath**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Actor (role of Lennox): Macbeth. State Playhouse, Cal State LA. Apr 25-May 4, 2024.

**Steven Sanchez**

Latin American Studies

**Topic Title:** "Unveiling Shadows: Israeli Interference in Latin America "

NoName Book Club

**Diana Solis**

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

**Topic Title:** "Healing Circles as Ethnic Studies Pedagogy"

Association of Ethnic Studies

NACCS

**Allan Tijamo**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Scenic Designer: Fall Theatre production of Eurydice. Arena Theatre, Cal State LA. Oct 12-21, 2023.

**Krystal Wilbert**

Psychology

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American Psychology and Law Society

**Luis Zambrano**

Child & Family Studies

**Topic Title:** *“Cultural competence of preservice teachers of color in early childhood education.”*

*“Unpacking Taiwanese culture portrayed in children’s picturebooks in the U.S.”*

AERA’s 2023 Annual Conference

## **CAMPUS GRAD DELEGATES FOR CSU RESEARCH COMPETITION**

Eight (8) Graduate students were selected to represent Cal State LA at the CSU system-wide Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Competition. The Competition will be held on April 26 – 27, 2024 at the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo campus. The event is held annually to recognize student accomplishments in research, scholarship, and creative activities and to provide a forum for our students to gain experience in delivering a professional presentation. Our graduate student scholars presented research across a range of disciplines including Forensic Psychology, Social Work, Biological Sciences and Materials Science and Engineering.

### **BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

#### **Aundia Dianat**

Forensic Psychology

*The Biasing Nature of Gang Evidence: Inducing Memory Errors for Evidence of Past Criminal Behavior*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Mitchell Eisen

#### **Ayse Durak**

Social Work

*How Gender and Sexuality Influence Body Satisfaction*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Anh-Luu Huynh-Hohnbaum and Dr. Seth Kurzban

#### **Francesca Masi**

Social Work

*The Mental Health Impact of True Crime Media*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Anh-Luu Huynh-Hohnbaum and Dr. Seth Kurzban

### **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

#### **Jocelyn Alfaro**

Biology

*Locomotor exercise on inflammatory and plasticity makers in severely contused spinal cord injured rodents*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Michael Joseph

#### **Krishna Algosio**

Biology

*Investigating the Antibacterial Potential of Native Chumash Medicinal Plants*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Kirsten Fisher and Dr. Caryl Ann Becerra

**Aaron Cruz**

Biology

*Blue Light as a Potential Antimicrobial Therapeutic Agent*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Hyunsook Park

## **HUMANITIES AND LETTERS**

**Frank Sposato**

Social Work

*The Impact of Education on Rural Ugandan Girls and Their Communities*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Jieru Bai

## **ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCES**

**Matthew Engquist**

Materials Science and Engineering

*Scan-Strategies in Additive Manufacturing: Can We Control Microstructure?*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Mohsen Eshraghi

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# GRADUATE STUDENT ORAL PRESENTATIONS

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**Jayla Edwards**

M.S. Forensic Psychology

*The Impact of Pre- and Post-Visualization Instructions on Witness' Susceptibility  
to Suggested Misinformation*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Mitchell Eisen

**Kimia Lavasani**

Forensic Psychology

*Striving for Fairness: Emotions in Civil Litigation Cases*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Alma Olaguez

**Karina Olmos**

Forensic Psychology

*Mistaken Identifications Can Create Memory Distortion: How Pre-identification  
Testing, and Post-Identification Feedback Affect Memory Change.*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Mitchell Eisen

**Villiam Ralica**

Psychology

*Attitudes toward Abortion and Knowledge of Abortion: Links with  
Right-Wing Authoritarianism*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Heidi Riggio

**Darlene Ramirez**

Psychology

*Childhood Experiences and Adult Personality: Links between  
Pampering, Narcissism, Self-Efficacy, and Social Interest*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Heidi Riggio

**Annabel Reay**

Forensic Psychology

*Moral Outrage and Decision Making in a Mock Trial*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Alma Olaguez

**Jiawei Xiang**

Psychology

*Darker Skin, Less Pain? Racial Bias on Social Pain Perception  
Perpetrating Latinx Health Disparity*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Senqi Hu

**Neille John Apostol**

Public Health

*Gender moderates social media use's effect on psychological  
distress in California young adults*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Ndifreke Etim

**Noemi De Jesus**

Public Health

*Exploring Institutional Preferences for Healthcare Resources among Southeast  
Asian American Individuals: Insights from the SEA US, HEAR US Study*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Melanie Sabado-Liwag

**Ayse Durak**

Social Work

*How Gender and Sexuality Influence Body Satisfaction*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Anh-Luu Huynh-Hohnbaum

**Jessica Eick**

Economics

*Do uncertain times lead to changes in college enrollments and attainment?*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Niraj Koirala

**Francesca Masi**

Social Work

*The Mental Health Impact of True Crime Media*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Seth Kurzban

**Janielle Monroy**

Sociology

*Children of Undocumented Parents*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Katie Dingeman

**Selena Morentin**

Sociology

*The Impact of IPV on the Academic Success of First Generation*

*College Going Women*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Shweta Adur

**Melissa Rios**

Psychology

*Online Incel Forums: Exploring Sexism and Masculinity Themes*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Heidi Riggio

**Vivien Romo**

MA Economics

*Effects of Uncertainty on Labor Migration: Evidence from the Philippines*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Niraj Koirala

**Cristina Zetino**

Forensic Psychology

*Social Dominance Orientation as a Mediator between Religiosity  
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Biology

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**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Michael Joseph

### **Kam Hang Chan**

Chemistry, Physical and Analytical Chemistry

*Method application of using surface plasmon resonance microscopy to monitor activity on S Epi.*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Edith Porter

### **Aaron Cruz**

Biology

*Blue Light as a Potential Antimicrobial Therapeutic Agent*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Hyunsook Park

### **Janette Dzul**

Biological Sciences

*High-quality RNA Extraction from the Acid-fast Bacterium Mycolicibacterium smegmatis, a model organism for Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Edith Porter



**Irene Ngo**

Biology

*Investigating the role for Rbp2 in regulating the circadian clock in the cyanobacterium  
Synechococcus elongatus*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Susan Cohen

**ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Geethanath Duggiralla**

Materials Science and Engineering

*Polythiophene Solar Cell (P-N Junction)*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Dianlu Jiang

**Matthew Engquist**

Materials Science and Engineering

*Scan-Strategies in Additive Manufacturing: Can We Control Microstructure?*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Mohsen Eshraghi

**Cesar Leal**

Civil Engineering

*Sand Post-Liquefaction Monotonic Responses with Various Loading Directions and  
Angularity*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Wing Kwan

**Elizabeth Nunez**

Civil Engineering

*Laboratory Investigations into the Effects of Heating on Clay's Mechanical and Hydraulic  
Changes Using Geophysical Methods*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Wing Shun Kwan

**Anayely Saguilan**

Mechanical Engineering

*Analysis of Fuzzy Control Robustness in a Multi-room Building Testbed*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Arturo Pacheco-Vega

**Amirhesam Shakibizadeh**

Materials Science and Engineering

*Process-Induced Texture Formation in 316L Stainless Steel Samples Processed by Wire-Laser Directed Energy Deposition*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Mohsen Eshraghi

**Luis Jimenez Diaz**

Electrical Engineering

*Spectral analysis of changes in brain activity after repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation to treat major depressive disorder*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Deborah Won

**Dikshant Sagar**

Computer Science

*Deep Generative Models for New Ligand Discovery*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Negin Forouzesh

**John Triantafyllos**

Civil Engineering

*Seismic Design and Performance Testing of Steel Structures with Special Concentrically Braced Frames Using the Cal State LA Shake Table*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Maryam Nazari

**Arpit Vaishya**

Computer Science

*Web Based 3D Remote Interaction Tool*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Navid Amini

**HUMANITIES AND LETTERS**

**Calvin Canfield**

Philosophy

*Autism and Gender: Whats the Connection?*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Katie Howard

**Robert Coronado**

History

*Purépecha Polyptychs: Renaissance Triptychs and Episodic Fragmentation in the Relación de Michoacán*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Manuel Aguilar

**Cristina Cortes**

Latin American Studies

*Mujeres Indígenas: Resistiendo Las Violencias y Protegiendo Sus Territorios*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Sandra Gutierrez de Jesus

**Alex Derbyshire**

Kinesiology

*Weight Inclusivity In The Running Industry: A Professional Development Training Program*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Saemi Lee

**Marjorie Hunt**

History

*Flora, Fauna, Terra Firma: Landscapes of Portuguese America in Early Modern European Travelogues*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Kittiya Lee

**Katherine Lainez**

Latin American Studies

*Dolorosamente Agradecidos: The Impacts of Parental Out-Migration on Left-Behind Children in Honduras in the 1970s*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Enrique Ochoa

**Edward Romero**

Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies

*South Los Angeles and USC: Conflict of Shared Space in an Urban Environment*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Anita Tijerina Revilla

**Carlos Somoza**

Latin America Studies

*Rhizomes of Resistance: Hip Hop Dreams of Liberation from the Bronx to Puerto Rico and Central America*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Erika Verba

**Frank Sposato**

MSW Social Work

*The Impact of Education on Rural Ugandan Girls and Their Communities*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Jieru Bai

**PHYSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES**

**Genesis Barzallo**

Chemistry

*GCxGC-FID Quantification of Olefins in Alternative Fuels Produced from Plastic Waste Conversion*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Petr Vozka

**Sailaja Muduganti**

Physics

*Efficiency of Dye-sensitized Photovoltaic cells using Titanium Metal Organic frameworks*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Oscar Bernal

**Raul Reyes**

Physics

*Increasing LIGO Sensitivity by Syphoning Heat*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Marina Mondin

**Larry Rodriguez**

Chemistry

*Advancing Materials Discovery Via the Prediction of the Electronic Density of States Using a Euclidean Neural Network*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Olaseni Sode

**Kenneth Stebbing**

Physics

*Shock Fronts at the Envelope Interface in the Class 0/I Protostar L1527*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Susan Terebey

**Tony Tran**

Chemistry

*Microplastic Pollution in Huntington Beach: Characterization and  
Implications for Coastal Waste Management*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Yixian Wang

# GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS

## BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Nyah Bermea**

Sociology

*Food Insecurity and the Health and Socioeconomic Well-being of  
Low-Income Communities of Color*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Analena Hassberg

**Ivan Cobian**

Psychology

*Examining the Construct Validity of the Difficulties in Emotion Regulation Scale  
(DERS) 36 and 18-item Short-form among a Predominantly Hispanic/Latino Population*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Yvette Szabo

**Shelby Detweiler**

Psychology

*Attitudes toward Women: Links with Social Dominance Orientation,  
Right Wing Authoritarianism, and Narcissism*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Heidi Riggio

**Sabrina Jackson-Zambon**

Psychology

*Attitudes toward Knowledge of Abortion: Links with RWA and Religiosity*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Heidi Riggio

**Mei Ku**

Psychology

*Examining the Construct Validity of Two Rumination Measures in a  
Predominantly Hispanic/Latino Sample*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Yvette Szabo

**Marie Lassaigne**

Child Development

*Preschoolers' Media Consumption and its Implications*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Corinne Bower

**Shira Levin**

Nutritional Science

*The Search for Health: A Qualitative Analysis of Where People  
with Chronic Conditions Turn for Trusted Health Information*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Kathryn Hillstrom

**Natalie Rustrian**

Masters of Social Work

*Mental Illness and Substance Abuse in LGBTQ+ Racial/Ethnic Minorities*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Jieru Bai

**Ahyeon Shin**

Early Childhood Education

*Gender-Stereotyped Conformity in YouTube Videos Viewed  
by 3- to 5-Year-Olds*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Corinne Bower

**Anthony Von Schonfeldt**

Psychology

*Spatial language in YouTube videos watched by 3-to-5-year-olds*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Corinne Bower

**Ya Hsuan Ting**

Social Work

*The Impact of COVID-19-Related Anti-Asian Hatred on School-Age  
Children and Youth*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Jieru Bai

**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**Karli Miller**

Biology

*Assessing heat tolerance and leaf anatomical traits of fifteen deser  
t succulent plant species*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Christine Scoffoni

**Mariana Prado Martinez**

Biology

*Roles for ClpX in Circadian Control of Cell Division*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Susan Cohen

**Aurora Trejo**

Biology

*High gene flow in widow rockfish populations from California and Oregon*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Andres Aguilar

**India Wesley**

Biology

*Effects of elevated environmental carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) on epaulette shark gills*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Jinae Roa

**ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Julia Chavez**

Civil Engineering

*Evaluation of Mg-Silicate Hydrothermal Chimneys Effectiveness for CO<sub>2</sub>*

*Sequestration and Organic Adsorption*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Arezoo Khodayari

**Isabel Lopez**

Materials Science and Engineering

*Gecko-Inspired Dry Adhesive Micropillar Arrays: Impact of Geometry and*

*Contact Shape on Performance*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Travis Hu

**Frank Moreno**

Electrical Engineer

*Development of a thermal energy monitoring and simulation system for*

*optimization of a model HVAC controller*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Deborah Won



**Ali Risheh**

Computer Science

*Novel Biomolecular Fingerprint using Graph Convolutional Networks*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Negin Forouzesh

**Emily Samperio**

Materials Science and Engineering

*Zirconium-based Metal-Organic Frameworks for Drug Delivery*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Yangyang Liu

**Nathan Stoetzel**

Mechanical Engineering

*Numerical Modeling of Laser-Wire Directed Energy Deposition Process*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Mohsen Eshraghi

**Cathy Trejo**

Civil Engineering

*Investigating polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon transport in natural systems:*

*A perspective towards wastewater treatment*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Arezoo Khodayari

**PHYSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES**

**Jesus Corona**

Chemistry

*Application of Ruthenium(II) Polypyridyl Metal-Organic Frameworks  
in Solid-State Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Yangyang Liu

**Kevin Diego-Perez**

Chemistry

*Optimizing Methods to Monitor the Degradation of individual Polyethylene  
Terephthalate Microplastics*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Yixian Wang

**Sudheendra Gamoji**

Physics

*Using blackbody radiation to reduce lens distortion in the LIGO Telescope*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Marina Mondin

**Isabel Garcia**

Chemistry

*Evaluating the Cytotoxic Impact of Polystyrene Nanoplastics on SH-SY5Y Cells*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Yixian Wang

**Alfredo Gonzalez**

Chemistry

*The Effects of a Hyperactive Antifreeze Protein on Cryopreservation of SKBR3 Breast Cancer Cells*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Xin Wen

**Kim Kha**

Mathematics

*Applying Deep Reinforcement Learning for Predicting COVID-19 Infections and Stock Prices*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Jie Zhong

**Katherine Ortiz**

Mathematics

*Cayley Graphs, Chromatic Numbers, and How to Find Them*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Michael Krebs

**Jyotikaben Patel**

Chemistry

*Improving Derivatization Techniques and Quantitative Analysis of Olefins in Alternative Fuel Derived from Plastic Waste Using GCxGC-FID*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Petr Vozka

**Puron Rahman**

Chemistry

*Can a Beetle Urine Antifreeze Protein Treat Human Kidney Stones?*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Xin Wen

**Nicole Salimbangon**

Chemistry

*Photooxidation of Arylphosphines in Metal Organic Frameworks: A Mechanistic Probe for Cage Effects*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Matthias Selke

**Matthew Tang**

Chemistry

*Uncovering Structure-Property Relationships for Photoactive Metal-Organic Frameworks in photocatalytic oxidation of organic sulfides*

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Yangyang Liu

## SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION

Faculty were invited to nominate graduate students to be recognized for receiving special awards or recognition in their discipline. Graduate students were acknowledged for their academic excellence and won fellowships from various institutions to further their research and professional experience in their fields. Graduate students also won academic and artistic competitions.

### **Annett Presmic Acosta**

*Communication Disorders*

Miles Peterson Scholarship 2023-2024

### **Cynthia Aguilar**

*School Based Family Counseling*

Minority Fellowship by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)

### **Emily Aguilar**

*Arts and Letters*

Presented at PAMLA

Accepted to present at the Science Fiction Research Association

Published in Words Uncaged and Text & Type

Truman Capote Scholarship winner

### **Yousef Ajrab**

*Materials Science and Engineering*

Outstanding oral presentation award at the Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities

### **Kamilah Akil**

*Communication Disorders*

Black Joy Leadership Award – Spring 2023

### **Isaac Aldape Torres**

*Mechanical Engineering*

Outstanding poster presentation award at the Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities

**Jawara Christian Alihan**

*Geography, Geology, and Environment*

Special Recognition in Cal State LA Graduate Studies - 2022

**Montiel Ayala**

*Geography, Geology, and Environment*

Special Recognition in Cal State LA Graduate Studies – 2022

**Andrew Alamillo**

*Geography, Geology, and Environment*

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Internship - Spring 2024

**Elizabeth Alvarado**

*Communication Disorders*

May Chin Memorial Endowed Scholarship 2023-2024

**Nicole Arca**

*Political Science*

Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration  
(NASPAA) student simulation competition – 2024

**Marilyn Ardon**

*Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Daisy Barroso**

*Sociology*

Dr. Janet Lever Endowed Sociology Scholarship – August 2022

**Genesis Barzallo**

*Chemistry*

Partnership for Research and Education in Materials (PREM) Graduate Student  
Fellowship  
ACS Bridge Travel and Professional Development Award

**Katherine Batanero**

*Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies*

Smithsonian Certificate of Appreciation for dedication to public history and  
commitment to the Intergenerational Encuentro project with the Smithsonian  
Institute - November 2022

**Andrew Blanco**

*Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation – Spring 2023

**Jennifer Ramirez Bibiano**

*Public Administration*

Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)  
student simulation competition – 2024

**Burgundy Bisson**

*Communication Disorders*

SPROUT Scholar - Summer 2023

Student Scholar Award for the 17th Annual Eleanor M. Saffran Conference

ASHA Research Mentoring-Pair Travel Award – Fall 2023

**Dalia Carmona**

*Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies*

Dreamers Scholarship – August 2023

Alumni Association Scholarship - 2023-2024

**Alex Ea**

*Geography, Geology, and Environment*

College of NSS Special Recognition in Graduate Studies

**Sarah Enoki**

*Communication Disorders*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Emely Gavini**

*Sociology*

College of NSS Special Recognition in Graduate Studies

Editor/Member of the Editorial Board/Publisher of the California Sociology Forum

**Alexander Guillen**

*Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Anthony Gurrola**

*Art*

Luis Bermudez Creativity and Discover Grant

**Richard Hu**

*Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Priscilla Iglesias**

*Communication Disorders*

Robert L. Douglass Scholarship Fund

**Sevde Ilhan**

*Sociology*

Dr. Janet Lever Endowed Sociology Scholarship – August 2022

**Jada Johnson**

*Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Katrine Kragerup**

*Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Evan Krikorian**

*Arts and Letters*

Presented two papers at PAMLA

Interned for PAMLA as a graduate assistant

Co-authored paper with Chris Harris and fellow MA students

Invited talk at CSUSB on AI and First-Year Writing

Presented above paper at CSU English Council

Paper accepted at MLA

Presented at Fall 23 Cal State LA FYW Program Conference

Truman Capote Scholarship winner

Dr. James Garrett Professional Pathways Scholarship winner

**Mei Ku**

*Psychology*

Psi Chi Graduate Student Research Grant

**Pooja Kylasa**

*Psychology*

Psi Chi Graduate Student Research Grant

**Jonathan Lara**

*Psychology/ Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Marie Lassaigue**

*Psychology*

2024 WPA Robert L. Solos Research Award for Outstanding Cognitive Psychology Research

**Alba Loya**

*Communication Disorders*

Elise Hahn Scholarship

**Dominique McClain**

*Communication Disorders*

Lisa O'Connor Scholarship for Academic and Clinical Excellence

**Alex Montenegro**

*Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Reynaldo Mora**

*Art*

Purple Dragon Book Award

Technical section selected as a Changemaker Session, ASHA Convention

**Jessica Nagy**

*Communication Disorders*

Technical section selected as a Changemaker Session, ASHA Convention  
Lorraine Monnin Memorial Scholarship

**Janneth Najera**

*Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies*

Sally Casanova Scholar  
AES 2022- Outstanding Student Award

**Angel Navarro**

College of NSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award

**Kevin Diego-Perez**

Center for Advancement toward Sustainable Urban Systems Fellowship  
Outstanding presentation award at the Annual Student Symposium on Research,  
Scholarship, and Creative Activities Poster Presentations

**Lauren Perez**

*Psychology*

Outstanding Poster Presentation Award - Behavioral and Social Sciences,  
Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities  
Psi Chi Graduate Student Research Grant

**Nicole Perez**

Member of Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Sociology of Sociology

**Natali Petriashvili**

*Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Leticia Romero**

College of NSS Special Recognition in Graduate Studies

**Kayla Ronquillo**

*Communication Studies*

College of Arts & Letters Honors Convocation

**Max Rothschild**

*Arts and Letters*

Truman Capote Scholarship winner  
Faculty Data Fellowship  
Accepted at CEA Conference  
Presenting at Significations



**Korayma Sandoval**

NASPAA (Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration)  
student simulation competition

**Ivan Sandoval**

*Art*

Luis Bermudez Creativity and Discover Grant

**Rebecca Siberman**

Theatre & Dance / MFA in TVFT

Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival, Semi-Finalist in the  
Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Competition

**Jazmin (Renee) Tapia**

California State University, Los Angeles Alumni Scholarship Award

**Tony Tran**

Center for Advancement toward Sustainable Urban Systems Fellowship  
Raymond E. Garcia Memorial Scholarship

**Arie Vasquez**

*Art*

Luis Bermudez Creativity and Discover Grant

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“Who always work behind the scenes and are critical in this scholarship or grant.” - Povrotanak Cheatha

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“The support and guidance I've received throughout this journey have been instrumental in my development. You have reinforced my curiosity and skepticism to face the challenges of research with resilience and determination. The lessons learned under your tutelage extend beyond academic knowledge, embedding within me the values of perseverance, critical thinking, and the importance of contributing to society through research.”- Jiawei Xiang

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Natural and Social Sciences

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Art

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**Dr. Cydney Auman**  
Computer Science

**Dr. Flavio Argueta**  
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**Dr. Jieru Bai**  
Social Work

**Dr. Shilpa Balan**  
Information Systems

**Dr. Luis Bermudez**  
Art

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