



**September 2024**

**Message from the Dean**

*On the cusp of National Arts and Humanities Month, the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences has much to be proud of. We've stacked October and November with opportunities to connect with one another, celebrate each other's accomplishments (starting with this Kudos), and continue our learning journeys. The first of the Four Fridays was a day filled with conversations and connections! Join me in continuing to build a community that welcomes, includes, and inspires trust (Goal #1!) by reading through this list of accomplishments and committing to attend an event.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Cami*

**Save the Date!**

**National Arts & Humanities Month | October 2024**

Celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month with CLASS this year by attending virtual and in-person events throughout the month of October!

**Alumni Night at Pumpkin Fest | October 10, 2024**

Members-only Fall Harvest Event for Alumni at the Pumpkin Patch on Oct. 10. This is a private event exclusive to current Alumni Association members only. [Become a member and join the Alumni Association today.](#)

**Bronco Launchpad | October 14 - 25, 2024**

Support Student Success in CLASS with Bronco Launchpad! From October 14th - 25th, 2024, seize the chance to be a part of something extraordinary—powering the launch of our most anticipated fundraising needs and transforming CPP student dreams into reality. Choose the campaign you would like to support, share with your community, or make a gift.

**Theatre Alumni Panel | October 15, 2024**

In honor of National Arts and Humanities month join us for an exciting virtual event with some of our successful Theatre alumni. The panel will discuss their career, journey, insights into the business, as well as Q&A. Register [here!](#)

**CLASS Pumpkin Fest | October 17, 2024**

Kick off the Fall season with CLASS at Pumpkin Fest on October 17 from 5pm - 7pm! While complimentary tickets are already sold out, you can purchase tickets at the gate for a discounted price of \$4.00 on the day of the event (card only).

### **Music Alum Guest Speaker: Simone Ledward | October 23, 2024**

In honor of National Arts and Humanities month join us for an exciting virtual event with Recording Artist and Music Alum, Simone Ledward! RSVP coming soon.

### **Four Fridays #2: Collaboration | October 25, 2024**

Faculty are invited to come together for a day of professional development and community building! This event offers a unique opportunity to engage with colleagues through small sessions, lunch and workshops. Enjoy coffee and pastries in the morning, followed by lunch, as we exchange ideas and foster a sense of togetherness within our academic community. [Please RSVP by Oct. 11.](#)

### **Race, Gender, & the Road to the White House | October 29, 2024**

The Weglyn Endowed Chair is pleased to invite you to the first event for the 2024-2025 academic year, "[Race, Gender, and the Road to the White House: A Conversation on the 2024 Election](#)," a panel conversation with four experts in race, gender, and politics.

### **Explore CPP Day | November 2, 2024**

CPP will be hosting Explore CPP Day (Fall Preview) on Saturday, November 2nd from 9am-3pm. This event is for prospective students interested in attending CPP starting the Spring 2025 and Fall 2025 semesters. This event introduces prospective students to staff, faculty, and students so they know why they should choose CPP and CLASS majors. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out [this form](#).

### **Is Grad School for Me? Book Talk | November 7, 2024**

Join us in celebrating First-Gen Week with a special presentation by authors Yvette Martinez-Vu and Miroslava Chavez-Garcia on their book, [Is Grad School for Me? Demystifying the Application Process for First-Gen BIPOC Students](#). Join us on November 7 at 10 a.m. in Ursa Minor for this insightful event. RSVP [here!](#)

### **RSCA in Five: Disability & Neurodiversity | November 15, 2024**

Join this virtual event to share your RSCA activities and interests in Disability and Neurodiversity through engaging five-minute, five-slide presentations. Interested in attending or presenting? RSVP [here!](#)

### **GIS Day | November 20, 2024**

Don't miss out on this chance to dive into the world of GIS on Wednesday, November 20th from 10 am - 2 pm in BSC's Ursa Major. Learn about GIS with hands-on activities including GIS trash bins, geocaching, and more! More details and RSVP coming soon!

### **World Philosophy Day | November 21, 2024**

Join us for a day of thought-provoking discussions, engaging lectures, and insightful conversations celebrating philosophical inquiry and global perspectives. Don't miss this opportunity to delve into the world of philosophy and broaden your horizons. Info coming soon!

### **CLASS Events Calendar**

Keep up with CLASS events all semester by adding the CLASS Events calendar to your Outlook calendar. View this [how-to guide](#) to learn how to access it!

### **Performing Arts at CPP**

Come see CPP students in action as our music and theatre performances kick off for the fall semester. Theatre and New Dance is offering free tickets to CLASS faculty and staff! Access the [Theatre Box Office](#) and [Music Box Office](#) for tickets.

### **History**

**Eileen Wallis**, history professor, was featured in an [interview with the LAist](#), in which she provides historical background on the significance of Rockhaven Sanitarium. “It was really sort of compelling both in terms of just being very different and distinct from what the vast majority of mental health care looked like in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” says Wallis, “But also being quite deliberately and self-consciously gendered.” The news clip was promoted by the Chancellor Office’s CSU media roundup.

**CPP Professor Dr. Fang Yu Hu** has published her first book titled [Good Wife, Wise Mother](#). The book traces Japan’s efforts to modernize Taiwan through gendered educational practices.

### **Communication**

**Dr. Andrea Smith**, assistant professor of Communication, and **Anika Ausness-Ayres**, a recent graduate of the Department of Communication, co-authored an article titled "[My video, my choice: A quantitative content analysis of U.S. OBGYN TikTok videos in the Post-Roe Era](#)" published in Women's Reproductive Health.

**Sunny Lie**, Associate Professor of Communication, recently published new peer-reviewed research titled, '[Marriage is like Gambling’: Interpreting and Narrating Stories of Hakka Chinese Indonesians’ Marriage Migration](#). This article examines the stories of marriages between ethnic Hakka Chinese women from Singkawang, Indonesia and men in Taiwan. The study deepens and enriches our understanding of the complexities and enduring impacts of marriage migration as experienced across time in Asia.

Communication professors **Nell Horowitz** and **Lauren Furey**, along with former communications student **Hailey Peterson**, recently published an article titled "[Exploring the Media Discourse of Neurodiversity and Neurodivergent Individuals: A Step Toward Discovering Possibilities for All People](#)" on Taylor & Francis Online.

### **Sociology**

**Dr. Anthony C. Ocampo** was featured in an article interview with The Guardian. '[A very old political trope’: the racist US history behind Trump’s Haitian pet eater claim](#) talks about his opinion on recent political news. In the article he said, “The way white Americans have positioned themselves as culturally and morally superior, this is low-hanging fruit to rally xenophobia in a very quick way.” Dr. Ocampo’s [CPP Expert](#) profile features more of his publications and interviews.

## *Theatre and New Dance*

**Theatre** production, [8 minutes Left](#), debuts October 11 and runs until October 20. The world is coming to an end at exactly 4:44PM today, and no one has had any time to prepare. 8 Minutes Left follows the residents of Charlesville, NJ as they navigate their final moments on this Earth. From a couple with a bunker in their backyard who can't quite figure out how to get in, to two elderly frenemies who fight over their favorite park bench, to a mother observing her children on a playground as she wonders what their lives would have become, this thoughtful and keenly observed play manages to find the intimate humor of humans in crisis. Get your [tickets](#) now!

## *English and Modern Languages*

Assistant Professor of Latin American literature & creative writing, **Claudia Salazar Jimenez**, was featured in a recent article in the Mexican newspaper [El Sol de México](#), about Contemporary Latin American women writers, "Claudia Salazar Jiménez, author of the novel "Blood of the Dawn," with which she sought to describe the way in which women entered armed conflicts as part of the guerrilla in Peru at the end of the 20th century. This is considered by the BBC as one of the 10 recommended works." Professor Salazar Jimenez also recently launched her new book, "[Migrar y otras artes. Escritos fuera de lugar](#)" at the International Book Fair in Lima, Peru. Published by Editorial Caja Negra, it is a hybrid book related to her own experiences as a Peruvian immigrant in the US.

Spanish professor **Amàlia Llobart-Huesca** published "[Spelling in Spanish Heritage Language Education](#)," Georgetown University Press. The book argues that spelling is not simply the cherry on top of good writing or a mere editing issue; rather, the skills behind the acquisition of spelling lie beneath deeper literacy development. Amàlia Llobart-Huesca discusses how to address this critical skill, including the cognitive skills underlying spelling, the role of age and bilingualism, and a thorough description of the most common types of spelling errors students make and their causes.

English and Nonviolence Studies Professor Emeritus **Andrew Moss** writes that for many reasons including "the fragmented nature of our healthcare system, the medically harmful discontinuities of care and the unacceptable number of uninsured individuals — our nation deserves a genuine '[Medicare for All](#),' a single-payer healthcare system that's publicly financed, and that provides individuals with comprehensive care and choice in selecting providers."

## *Political Science*

Political science adjunct professor, **Farrah Hassen's** latest [op-ed was published by The Pacific Sun](#) (Marin County-based alt weekly) and was promoted by the Chancellor's Office in the CSU media roundup. Hassen writes hedge funds and private equity firms have driven up housing costs since gaining control over a greater share of the market. This financialization of housing treats basic necessity and fundamental human right as just another commodity.

A new poll conducted by researchers at Cal Poly Pomona, CSU Long Beach and USC suggests that Democrats are slightly ahead of Republicans in six closely watched swing districts. Political Science Assistant Professor **Jarred Cuellar** is part of the California Elections and Policy Poll team that conducted

the survey between Sept. 14-21. Cuellar's poll research has been featured in [Politico](#) and on [Spectrum News](#).

Political Science Professor **Renford Reese** has recently published his latest book, [Violence in America: From a 'Criminal's' Perspective](#). Dr. Reese is the founder and director of the Prison Education Project and the Reintegration Academy, as well as the co-founding executive director of the California State University Project Rebound Consortium. With a rich background in criminal justice, he has produced eight documentaries on the subject. *Violence in America: From a 'Criminal's' Perspective* marks his 12th published book.

Political Science professor and Weglyn Endowed Chair, **Neilan Chaturvedi** was [featured in USA Today](#) discussing the process of how to change your voter registration after moving. "Registering to vote has never been easier, twenty-four states now offer some form of automatic registration in which eligible voters are automatically registered to vote when they interact with state government agencies like the Department of Motor Vehicles."

Councilmember-Elect Rick Cole has selected **Megheti DerBoghossian** ('24, political science) as a [liaison between District 2 residents and City Hall](#), citing her skills and background as assets for community engagement. DerBoghossian is a seasoned political campaigner, with a background in campaign management and field organization for more than 20 Los Angeles-area political campaigns.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, **Mary Anne Mendoza**, recently [published a chapter](#) in [State Institutions, Civic Associations, and Identity Demands](#) edited by Amy H. Liu & Joel Sawat Selway published by the University of Michigan Press.

### **Geography and Anthropology**

Professor of Geography, **Kristen Conway-Gomez**, recently published a [Conference of Latin American Geography \(CLAG\) newsletter](#) for which she is serving a second term as Executive Director. The newsletter features the CPP Drone Camp from April 2024 on p26.

**James Blair**, associate professor of geography and anthropology, was [quoted in the LA Times](#) in a story on energy and water use of data centers. "Data centers drain massive volumes of energy and water for chillers and cooling towers to prevent servers from overheating," Blair said, "While the company can tell customers its data center is supported by environmentally friendly solar and geothermal power, it will take that renewable energy away from the rest of California's grid, making it harder for the state to meet its climate goals."

### **Psychology**

Professor of Psychology **Jill Nemiro**, recently released the second edition (2025) of her book, [Creativity in Virtual Teams: Key Components for Success](#), published by Cognella. Now available in e-book and in print.

## Music

Assistant Professor of Music, **Nita Baxani**, was [interviewed for LA Opera's Behind the Curtain](#). In this episode, Dr. Nita Baxani, shares her research on Bambino, an opera for babies - and why early music exposure is so important for childhood development. Professor Baxani was also recently featured by *Arts Engines* which can be [watched on YouTube here](#).

## Ethnic and Women's Studies

Urban and Regional Planning and Ethnic Studies Associate Professor **Álvaro Huerta** [was honored as a Bronco Advocate](#) and his lifelong public service to Latina/o communities along with Provost S. Terri Gomez on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Latina/o Heritage Month Celebration & Honors.

## CLASS Student Success Center

**Annette Mastin**, CLASS Student Success Center Coordinator, was featured in the EODA/HR Newsletter's Employee Spotlight last month. Thank you, Annette, for your 10 years of service and all you do for CLASS and CPP!

## CLASS

**Cal Poly Pomona** has been [named California State University's new location for the Summer Arts Program](#) for the 2025-2029 summer sessions. The CSU Summer Arts Program is a two-week, intensive course session that specializes in specific, unique areas within the arts field.

The [NCFDD](#) (formerly the National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development) is an excellent resource for all faculty members. **You may be especially interested in a 4-week webinar series for department chairs**, featuring our own CLASS colleagues **Nell Horowitz** (COM), **Anjana Narayan** (SOC), and **Anthony Ocampo** (SOC):

- **Oct. 2:** Little Fires Everywhere
- **Oct. 9:** Q&A

CPP's institutional membership is available to all faculty including lecturers, graduate students, and even staff. [Activate membership now!](#)

## Submit your news!

**CLASS Kudos** is a monthly list of shout outs to brag about the incredible work you are doing! Keep us up to date on what is happening in your departments and tell us about upcoming events, share exciting news, announce student successes, and more by [submitting your news on our website!](#) For questions, contact CLASS Communications Specialist, **Ashley Bagwell**, [adbagwell@cpp.edu](mailto:adbagwell@cpp.edu).

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