



Summer 2024

Message from the Dean

Welcome back to campus! We launched our [CLASS Strategic Plan 2025-2030](#) at Fall Welcome with the goals of creating a welcoming community (Goal #1), promoting CLASS successes (Goal #3) and supporting our faculty and staff (Goal #4). The CLASS Kudos is just one way we are accomplishing these goals. Please take a few minutes to RSVP to an event, read about your colleagues' successes, and share yours with us!

Kind regards,

Cami

Save the Date!

CLASS Friday & College Rally | Friday, Sep 20, 2024

CLASS Four Fridays #1 is happening Friday 9/20. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues, participate in workshops, and have fun together at the first annual Fall College Rally for Volleyball! RSVP [here](#)

Classroom Visits Deadline | Friday, Sep 13, 2024

The last day to sign up for Classroom Visits with OREP is 9/13 at 5pm. Visit [this link](#) to sign up!

CLASS Pumpkin Fest | Thursday, Oct 17, 2024

Kick off the Fall season with CLASS at Pumpkin Fest on 10/17! Details coming soon.

RSCA in Five: Disability & Neurodiversity | Friday, Nov 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](#)!

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!

Philosophy

Philosophy and Journalism double major, **Katie Priest** ('25), was featured in a *USA Today* article titled "[What's the best college degree in the AI era? It's up for debate.](#)" Priest describes how ChatGPT and AI have impacted her career planning. "It was like the end of the world," she says. But doing some research on AI with one of her professors calmed her nerves, leading her to conclude it won't be able to fully replace her or others hoping to teach philosophy at the college level.

Valerie Marquez ('20, philosophy) passed the California Bar and started working as an attorney at the Orange County Public Defender's Office in May.

History

Dr. Aishwary Kumar of the history department and Ahimsa Center recently received a \$325,000 Teagle Grant for *Democratic Visions: The American Ideals Core*. This interdisciplinary project focusing on fostering civic engagement particularly at a polytechnic institution places Cal Poly Pomona at the forefront of higher education. Dr. Kumar was also featured in several news articles including:

- [The NEWS Minute](#) – for discussing India's constitution, political freedom and democracy. "The problem in India is understanding what is being stolen from us through consolidation of fascist power. We simply fail to register the depth of this theft and loss of freedom."
- [MaktoobMedia.com](#) - Amidst the ongoing elections in Lok Sabha, Aishwary Kumar, discussed the rise of the Hindu right and the majoritarian appropriation of the country's Constitution and democratic processes.

At the May 21 [CSU Board of Trustees meeting](#), History Assistant Professor **Rachael Hill** called out board members and administrators for not addressing and prioritizing the student mental health crisis. "The majority of our students meet the criteria for at least one mental health issue," she says. "And those most at risk are Undocumented students, veteran students, LGBTQ students, low-income, first-gen students. In other words, our students — the ones our institutions serve and not reflected in our budgetary priorities."

Communication

Jen Mahlke, Communication Lecturer, was honored to give the keynote address at the [12th annual Inspire- a young woman's leadership conference](#) held by the City of El Monte. This year's theme was Her Power, Her Worth, Her Self. The Inspire conference focuses on giving young women, 9-12th grade, the practical life skills to become powerful leaders in their community.

Gloria Jetter Crockett ('94, communication) was announced as the [New Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association](#). will be responsible for the overall strategic and operational functions for the Alzheimer Association's California Southland Chapter, including fundraising, community engagement, government and private grant funding, media relations, and growing the organization's mission.

More than 6,900 graduates crossed the stage to accept their diplomas on May 17-20 and were featured in an [interview on NBC Univision 34](#), "My high school graduation was during the pandemic, so I didn't get to walk the stage," says **Anais Hernández** ('24, communication). "This for me is the culmination of my high school and my college experience. It's been a wonderful four years, and I'm so excited to cross the stage today."

Denisse Helena Vasquez, Communication Assistant Professor was featured on a [Telemundo LA](#) interview about Apple's new AI feature and its implications to audiences and users.

Jaida Williams ('05, journalism) is [the new head coach of women's basketball](#) at Texas A&M International University, joining the team after a successful tenure at Ole Miss, where she served as an assistant coach and contributed significantly to the program's achievements, including their historic 2023-24 season. Williams was a standout for Cal Poly Pomona from 2002-05, assisting the Broncos to a 23-7 record as a senior and a spot in the NCAA Division II Tournament Regional Final.

Toni Lopez ('24, communication) has transitioned [from intern to full-time contributor](#) for the San Bernardino Valley-based NPR affiliate station.

Sunny Lie, Associate Professor of Communication, was featured on the [You Seem Great](#) podcast discussing cultural identity and dating.

Emely Bonilla ('23, journalism; biology) describes her first-hand experience in an [LA Times article](#). As an afterschool science teacher embedded in several low-income schools in Orange County, her students “had little to no science education during their normal school day.” Bonilla cites a Public Policy Institute of California report that underinvestment in science education was already an issue before the pandemic and became a lower priority under COVID-19 restrictions. She adds that California has guidelines for teaching science but doesn't “police schools to make sure” they follow the guidelines, nor does the state test for proficiency.

Michael Miser, Communication student, has joined the National Foster Youth nonprofit organization. He travels monthly to Washington DC to talk to Congress people about child welfare legislation to promote system reform. He also [participates in press conferences](#) on the same topics. Michael credits Dr Guerrero for the skills necessary to understand government and his communication course 2204 with **Professor Jennifer Mahlke** to effectively craft policy arguments. Michael is truly experiencing a learn by doing education!

Sociology

In his new book, “[The Latinos of Asia: How Filipino Americans Break the Rules of Race](#),” sociology professor **Anthony Ocampo** argues Asian Americans and Latinos [have a lot in common](#), from similar histories of discrimination to not feeling American enough or Chinese or Mexican enough. “There's a lot of overlapping experiences that I think bridge these two groups together,” says Ocampo.

Dr. Ocampo's work was featured in several articles including:

- Axios Portland – [Mexican-Hawaiian pizza shop Pan Con Queso opens](#) & [Study: The number of Asian American Pacific Island Latinos has doubled](#)
- NBC News - [20 years on, William Hung looks back on 'American Idol' audition with no regrets](#)

Bob Suzuki, [the fourth president of Cal Poly Pomona](#), is remembered as “one of the most gifted minds on multicultural education.” During World War II, he and his family were confined in a Minidoka, Idaho concentration camp for Japanese Americans, an experience that shaped him. Landscape Architecture Assistant Professor **Keiji Uesugi**, Sociology Professor Emerita **Mary Kunmi Yu Danico** and Pasadena City College President **Jose Gomez** ('93, sociology) pay [tribute to his memory](#). “He was an activist, and most did not know this about him,” says Danico. “His work in anti-racist, anti-oppression, and social justice

work began early in his career, and he chose to pursue activism in higher education over his early training as an engineer.”

Amanda Rodriguez-Newhall, Assistant Professor of Sociology, has been selected as a Faculty Fellow for the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education. This prestigious program aims to prepare Latina/o/x faculty for successful careers in academia and beyond by increasing the number of tenured and promoted Latina/o/x faculty. The fellowship is tailored for faculty who are beyond their first year on the tenure track. It focuses on providing strategies to help them achieve their scholarly and career goals, building a strong network with other Latina/o/x faculty, and developing future leaders committed to uplifting their communities.

Please join me in welcoming the new Sociology Department Coordinator, **Kunj Bhatt**. Kunj earned her BA in Sociology right here at CPP, and she earned her MA degree in Sociology from CSU Fullerton. She has a good deal of administrative experience in many different areas, including as Director of Finance for The Speculative Literature Foundation, and as a Business Support Analyst at Lendistry. Her skills and experience will be great assets to the Sociology Department, and to the College in general. We are delighted that she has chosen to join us!

Theatre and New Dance

The Poly Post went [behind the scenes](#) with the **Theatre department** to feature their Spring production of “The Wolves.”

Economics

Quantitative Economics undergrad ('24), **Annie Knyazyan**, [presented her research paper](#), “[Unveiling the Costs: The Financial Impact of Signaling and Student Loan Debt in Higher Education](#),” at the Western Economic Association International Conference on June 30, 2024 in Seattle. The paper used data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the Federal Student Aid Portfolio Summary from the United States Department of Education to examine spending by colleges and universities unrelated to education. The paper proposed a rationale for spending on non-essential amenities is competition between campuses - to recruit high-quality applicants. The paper found this increased costs and so student indebtedness after graduation. The session for undergraduate student research was organized and chaired by **Dr. Craig McLaren**, a lecturer in the Economics Department who taught EC 4620, the senior seminar class, in which Annie had submitted an earlier draft of her paper.

English and Modern Languages

Broncos go international! Professor of Linguistics, **Olga Griswold** and **19 students** taught English in Thailand at Rajamangala University of Technology, Thanyaburi (RMUTT) this summer. “Our students are embedded in classrooms with two mentor teachers, and progress from observing classes in Week 1 into teaching whole classes in Week 3.” Seen in this collage are various students facilitating classes, Griswold smiling in a selfie with three students, orchids from the Suan Nongnuch Botanical Gardens and a cultural performance performed by RMUTT students. Learn more about the program from [RMUTT’s TikTok](#).

In his [latest op-ed](#), English and Nonviolence Studies Professor Emeritus **Andrew Moss** writes: “In a word, [Martin Luther King Jr.] demonstrated that you can’t advance democracy at home when you suppress it abroad. That vision rings as true today for Gaza as it did for Vietnam in 1967.”

Dewey W. Hall, English Professor, was invited to participate in an online conference in May 2025 as well as a in-person conference in June 2025 in Lausanne, Switzerland to present his work “Watercolour and Weather” (climate change and Art History). Hall also delivered his lecture “Marble as Material Form: Geology, Quarrying, and Provenance” to a group of scholars and curators at the Munger Research Center, [The Huntington Library](#) in July. This week, Hall will deliver a lecture at The Huntington Library titled “[The Ecology of Hopkin’s Remarkable Sunsets](#)” and Ruskin's 'Storm-Cloud' Lectures: Krakatau, Weather, and Climate Change" to scholars and readers, which coincides with an upcoming Huntington Library art exhibit titled "Storm Cloud: Picturing the Origins of Our Climate Crisis" (September 14, 2024 to January 6, 2025).

Political Science

Congratulations on the publication of the eighth volume of the [Undergraduate Journal of Political Science](#)! An impressive achievement made possible by **political science students** in the upper-division program and capstone as well as **tenure-track faculty members** who have worked with students on the papers and **Dr. Elli Menounou** who has been an amazing steward for the journal as their advisor.

Justin Verduzco, 2024 McPhee Scholar and CLASS Valedictorian, was featured in an article in the [Chino Valley Champion](#).

Policy expert and CPP political science associate professor **Jarred Cuellar** shares insights about the 2024 election year. After conducting the California Elections and Policy Poll in January, it was found that Asian and Latinx populations were the fastest-growing racial/ethnic groups in the state, making them the most crucial demographics at play this election season. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3M1sgQ5>

Political Science’s Iowa Caucus trip was recently [featured in CSU News](#). In a unique opportunity only available during presidential election years, 13 political science students and CPP Political Science faculty **Jarred Cuellar** and **Mario Guerrero** visited Des Moines, Iowa, in January to engage in campaign activities ahead of the [2024 Iowa Caucus](#). “The experience I got from Iowa was that a lot of people need help; a lot of the Iowa people share a lot of the struggles that California people feel,” says **Zé Manuel Ferreyra** (’24, political science). “No matter where you are, there are always going to be unhoused people, people who are trying to make ends meet, people who struggle with food insecurity. I want to dedicate my life, my work going forward to trying to do whatever we can to address those issues.”

[Charles William Gossett](#), former professor, department chair and director, died May 10 surrounded by friends after a battle with Parkinson’s Disease. He was 72. Gossett joined CPP in 2002 and served as political science department chair for seven years. He returned to CPP in 2017 as a visiting professor and interim director of the Master of Public Administration program. As a former special assistant to then-Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Berry, Gossett also supported LGBTQ+ causes personally and professionally, compiling the first database of gay and lesbian elected officials in the United States. In

lieu of flowers, consider donating to Hope College in Holland, Michigan, the ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives at the University of Southern California, or any LGBTQ or educational organization.

In April, **Farrah Hassen**, political science adjunct professor, was one of the speakers at the "Housing Is a Human Right Townhall" held at UCLA School of Law. Hassen spoke alongside the former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Housing, Leilani Farha, California Assemblymember Matt Haney, and PolicyLink's Rasheedah Phillips. The event was hosted by UCLA's Promise Institute for Human Rights, Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), Housing Now!, ACLU California Action, PolicyLink, National Homelessness Law Center, Power CA Action, Housing is a Human Right, Courage Campaign, and Western Center on Law and Poverty. Other work by Hassen is featured below:

- **Farrah Hassen**, featured in [Boulder Daily Camera article](#), disagrees with the U.S. supreme Court's recent ruling that unhoused people are excluded in the Constitution's protections against "cruel and unusual punishment".
- "Returning people back to countries where they could face persecution, torture, or other irreparable harm is not only illegal, but cruel and immoral," writes **Farrah Hassen**, adjunct professor of political science. "Nor will it 'restore order' at the border. If anything, Biden's crackdown on asylum will only create more panic and confusion." Read "[Biden Can't Fix Our Immigration System by Banning Asylum](#)" in the *Colorado Times Recorder*.

Geography and Anthropology

Last month, Anthropology Assistant Professor Annie Danis joined a group of young descendants of the survivors of both the Sand Creek Massacre and the Amache Japanese internment camp who returned to the area as "youth ambassadors" as part of a new program organized by the Amache Alliance and Sand Creek Massacre Foundation. [Read more on NPR affiliate, KUNC](#).

A recent article in Temblor highlighted the [study by a UCLA-CPP team](#) that finds single-family homes in Los Angeles neighborhoods with predominantly Black, Hispanic, and low-income residents have fewer seismic retrofits than in other parts of the city. "Our results show that households from certain sociodemographic groups are less likely to mitigate their risk [because of economic barriers], and we need to have tailored policies to address this disproportionate impact," says **Sahar Derakhshan**, one of the study's authors and a professor of geography at Cal Poly Pomona. "Otherwise, these groups will have a larger burden when the earthquake happens."

James Blair, associate professor of geography and anthropology, is [conducting community-engaged research](#) on geothermal lithium extraction at the Salton Sea. Blair's June 18 presentation to the Imperial County Board of Supervisors is the product of [\\$720,000 in government grant funds](#) divided among five organizations in the Imperial Valley tasked with researching what a lithium extraction industry would mean to the region's communities. Dr. Blair's work was featured in several articles listed below:

- "Climate change mitigation sometimes can make it even more difficult for societies and environments that are already under extreme stress to be able to adapt to climate change," says Geography and Anthropology Associate Professor **James J.A. Blair**, who led a [new study](#) on lithium's impact on water supplies. "In places that have, you know, drought or extreme heat that are significant climate stressors, we need to be really cognizant about the water supply

issues that are involved with some of the industries that are meant to support an energy transition.”

- Blair was quoted in [LA Times article](#): Boiling Point: The Salton Sea Lithium Rush. “Studies show that direct lithium extraction may require 10 times more freshwater than conventional lithium brine evaporation that is already notorious for depleting water,” said **James Blair**, associate professor of geography and anthropology at Cal Poly Pomona, who is an advisor to the groups. “This potential constraint on water availability is a critical local concern because water is urgently needed to ensure environmental health through ecological restoration of the Salton Sea,” he said.
- Geography and Anthropology Associate Professor **James J.A. Blair** [questions plans to build a data center near the Salton Sea](#) (LA Times) to support artificial intelligence — a site the size of 15 football fields that require enough power that could support 425,000 homes — as one of two dozen projects proposed by Pacific Gas & Electric. Blair says that while customers can be told that the 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.

As the demand for lithium surges in our quest for a greener future, the environmental toll is becoming increasingly clear. James Blair, a leading expert, weighs in on the complex trade-offs between harnessing this critical resource and the water scarcity it exacerbates. Explore the full story and its implications for the global energy transition on [Inside Climate News](#).

Professor Emeritus [Thomas C. Blackburn](#), an author and scholar whose research focused on the indigenous Chumash tribe of the central and southern coastal regions of California, [died July 15](#). He was 87. Blackburn was an anthropology professor in the Department of Geography and Anthropology from 1965 to 1999. He was the author, coauthor and editor of several books on California Native Americans, including the five-volume series “Material Culture of the Chumash Interaction Sphere.” Blackburn began his career as an archeologist, but later shifted his focus to ethno-history, becoming one of California’s key scholars on the subject. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joyce, their daughter Lisa and son-in-law Larry; son, Bob; and grandson, Brandon.

Psychology

Psychology major **Johnny Muñoz**, a blind mariachi guitarist and singer for CPP’s mariachi ensemble Mariachi Los Broncos, has another musical passion: DJing. The best part, he says, is “showing the world that no matter what you’re doing, no matter what kind of disability you have...you can do anything you put your mind to.” Watch the [CBS LA video](#) here!

Associate Professor of Marketing Randy Stein and alumna **Caroline Meyersohn** (’22, psychology) share their research in [The Conversation](#). The pair suggests that readers trust journalists less when they debunk rather than confirm claims. “Fact-checking tries to help combat misinformation and disinformation, but our research suggests that there are limits to how much it helps. Providing a debunking might make journalists seem like they’re just being negative,” they wrote. “The challenge for journalists may be figuring out how to provide debunkings without seeming like a debunker.” Listen in as Stein dives deeper in [Slate’s “Hear Me Out” Podcast](#).

Soeun Park, Assistant Professor of Psychology, recently published a [peer-reviewed journal article](#): Park, S., Foley-Nicpon, M., & Mahatmya, D. (2024). Young adult career outcomes for adolescents with ADHD, high ability, or twice-exceptionality. *Journal for the Education of the Gifted*. Advance online publication. Park was also featured in the [Belin-Blank Center: For Gifted Education and Talent Development newsletter](#): “Message from the Director: What Do We Know About Career Outcomes for Twice-Exceptional Young Adults?”

Music

Please join me in welcoming our new Music Technician in the Music Department, **Logan Haynes**. Logan comes to us after five years at Interscope Records, where he was a Grammy-award winning Audio Engineer. He also served with the Universal Music Group as a Studio Technical Engineer and has worked with other organizations as a Recording and Mixing Engineer and as a Front of House Engineer. He graduated from Berklee College of Music where he focused on Music Production and Engineering. His skills and experience will be great assets to the Music Department, and to the College in general. We are delighted that he has chosen to join us!

Music Industry Study major **Kezia Warrioba** performed [her first headlining show on May 11 at San Francisco’s Brick & Mortar Music Hall](#). Her musicality has been a constant in her life — growing from childhood jam sessions on guitar to later studying music at Cal Poly Pomona, where she cites a class on the history of American pop music as a turning point. “Learning about the history of rock’n’roll and R&B, it was really fascinating for me to discover that they really sprouted from the same seed,” she says.

Assistant professor of Music, **Niké St. Clair**, was featured in [Broadway World](#) for directing Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s haunting ‘Requiem’ mass at The La Verne Church in April. St. Clair is the director of Cal Poly Pomona’s Concert Choir and Chamber Singers and The La Verne Church of Brethren Sanctuary Choir.

Jessie Vallejo, associate professor of ethnomusicology and director of Cal Poly Pomona’s Mariachi Ensembles, was named one of Inland Empire’s “Women Who Lead” and featured on the cover of the June 2024 issue of [Inland Empire Magazine](#). “If you’re thinking of going into education or music — or anything! — I would highly emphasize that you prioritize being a kind person, and that you’re open to constructive criticism,” she says. “Even if you may not agree with the critique right away, you can still learn from it.” ([Read her interview on Page 90.](#)) Vallejo was also [interviewed by KVCR](#) about her journey to directing the mariachi ensemble and her experience with student performers at Cal Poly Pomona. “You know, I’ve had students come in who wanted to learn more about their heritage,” she says. “They came in being language learners for Spanish, and just like I was when I was in college, and I’ve seen them grow in confidence, I’ve seen them connect with their family members. And that’s always really special for me, because I know what that experience is like.”

Philip Grauly, lecturer of music, was featured in a photo by the [Los Angeles Daily News](#) for his work with the non-profit organization, Street Symphony. Street Symphony has been in operation since 2012, hosting events featuring jazz, mariachi and other genres of music offering a chance for homeless students to perform for their community during free weekly music classes. Grauly teaches and directs

“Midnight Strings,” Street Symphony's guitar and songwriting program held at The Midnight Mission shelter in Skid Row.

Cal Poly Pomona remembers Professor Emeritus [Stanley Garth Gibb](#), a cherished member of the Bronco community who passed away in July at 84 years old. Gibb was a music professor from 1974 to 2006 and a cornerstone of the Department of Music. His passion for innovation and student success led him to establish the university's first music technology lab, a resource that has continued to benefit students long after his retirement. Gibb was also a master vibraphonist, performing with many jazz ensembles and orchestras throughout his life, bringing his love for music to the classroom and stage. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Andrea, their four children, 23 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Ethnic and Women's Studies

Dr. Olivia Chilcote, GEMS alumna, was featured in an [LA Times op-ed](#) titled, “SDSU professor on why so many California Indians lack the federal recognition given to other Native Americans.”

Four of our Ethnic Studies Dual Enrollment students won Special Recognition Awards at annual CA History Day Research competition. **Orlando Arias-Pulido** won in the Individual Podcast for his research project titled "From Amusement to Horror: The Internment of Japanese at the L.A. County Fairgrounds". Jennifer Gonzales-Calderon, Alexander Contreras, and Samantha Espinoza won in Group Podcast for their research project titled "LGBTQ+ Ballroom: A Journey of Self- Discovery and Liberation".

Ethnic and Women's Studies Assistant Professor **Ayana Jamieson** will be a featured panelist in the two-day conference “[Futurity as Praxis: Learning from Octavia E. Butler](#)” on May 23-24. She will discuss The Huntington Library's 10,000-item archive of works by the Afrofuturist author. “She was planting seeds of the future in ways that we can be with one another that can change and help us understand our material conditions – not just the disembodied intellectual academic exercise, but how it could impact people's real lives and how to be in community,” says Jamieson, founder of the Octavia E. Butler Legacy Network.

Urban and Regional Planning and Ethnic Studies Associate Professor **Álvaro Huerta** was featured in a Telemundo interview responding to news of Antonio Villaraigosa's second gubernatorial run, Álvaro Huerta, associate professor of ethnic studies and urban and regional planning, [tells Noticias Telemundo](#) “the opportunities are great for him,” given that Latinos are California's largest ethnic group at 40 percent of the population. More of **Álvaro Huerta's** work is listed below:

- **Álvaro Huerta** was a young Chicano activist from Boyle Heights in 1996 when he and a small group of friends and activists formed the Association of Latin American Gardeners of Los Angeles to push back against the Los Angeles City Council's proposed [ban on gas-powered leaf blowers](#).
- [Symposium](#): A Century of Eugenics on our Borders: Centennial of the Johnson-Reed Act and US Border Patrol - May 27 and May 28
- **Álvaro Huerta** [joined a panel of experts](#) for an on-air discussion about the history of Southern California's freeway system and how its pervasiveness has affected almost every other part of life in Los Angeles. In his segment Huerta explains how the federal government under President

Franklin D. Roosevelt split communities along racial lines, disproportionately impacting Mexican American and Black communities.

CLASS Student Success Center

I am happy to share that **Melissa Ortiz**, Administrative Support Coordinator for the CLASS Student Success Center began a new position as a Student Success Advisor in the CLASS Student Success Center in June.

CLASS

Eight new tenure-line faculty will be joining us in AY 2024-25: **Dan Luo, Alexis Meza, Fang Yu Hu, Francisco Beltran, Cody Kuhn, Travis Miller, Sarah Wilf, and Laura Epperson**. Thank you to the recruitment committees and departments for their careful and considered approaches to this important task.

Four departments will welcome new chairs this summer: **Anthony Ocampo** (Sociology, deferred until Fall 2025), **Kevin Autry** (Psychology), **Sarah Krainin** (Theatre and New Dance) and **Jason Turcotte** (Communication) Thank you to **Anjana Narayan, Nick von Glahn, Nell Horowitz, and Bernardo Solano** for their guidance and department leadership during the many leadership transitions in CLASS.

We are pleased to announce that **Neil Chaturvedi** will be the next director of the Weglyn Chair. Information about his appointment can be found [here](#). Mary Danico retired in spring 2023 and we appreciate her continued support of the Weglyn Chair and activities during this transition.

Dr. **Nell Horowitz** has been selected to be the new Faculty Fellow for Professional Development and Strategic Communications in CLASS starting fall 2024. Dr. Horowitz, who was the Chair of the Department of Communication from 2020 to 2024, brings valuable expertise as we launch our new CLASS Strategic Plan. In her new role, Dr. Horowitz will help advance our strategic goals by fostering interdisciplinary research, teaching, and outreach, and by mentoring junior faculty and new chairs. She'll also work with the College Leadership Council to develop resources and principles for the college.

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.

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