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SPRING NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Chair

Dear alumni, students, faculty, and friends,

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In this time where we who follow politics find our heads spinning, it is important to take a moment to sit back and reflect on all of the good things going on around us—including the truly astounding array of activities and achievements of the students, alumni, staff, and faculty that make up our political science (POSC) family. It gives me heart to know that, individually and collectively, we are making a positive impact. Thank you for your dedication and contributions, and please remember to stay in touch! To help you do so, check out our Facebook page for department news, job and internship opportunities, and upcoming department-related events: <https://www.facebook.com/csulbposc/>

With warm regards,

Teresa Wright, Chair



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Staff News

We all know it: POSC has the best staff on campus! Led by our valued Administrative Support Coordinator, **Amelia Marquez**, we manage to smile amidst the deadlines, and are able to rest assured that everything will be taken care of without a hitch. In addition, we couldn't function without our fantastic Administrative Support Assistant, **Katie Masterson**, who has added so much to our staff. We are also fortunate to have help from our wonderful Student Assistant, **Savannah Ortiz**. Their professionalism, competence, dedication and good cheer are second to none, and we can't thank them enough for all that they do for us.

Clubs and Events

Political Science Student Association (PSSA)

From Professor **Edgar Kaskla**, faculty advisor for the PSSA...

PSSA provides a venue for students to get together and discuss political topics in a less formal setting. The precise direction that meetings take is really up to the students who run the organization. In Fall 2017, we met on the patio at the Outpost and spent most of our meetings venting about the state of American politics. As a diverse, multicultural university, there are many students with serious concerns about the direction that public discourse has taken since January 2017, much of it directed against women and people of color. In Spring 2018, we have had some discussions centered on specific themes and at other times, more free-form discussions. Whether casual or more organized, it is clear that students need some place to talk about what concerns them, and PSSA offers that kind of place. After all, The Beach is primarily a commuter school, so any time that we can get together and "hang out" instead of heading straight for the freeway is a good thing.

In the past, PSSA has served as a foundation for community organizing and social activism in the Long Beach area. Many of our students through the years have volunteered for a variety of causes in Long Beach. CSULB is part of Long Beach—not separate from it—and students do have a role to play in local affairs. According to our most active members—past and present—we need more political activism at all levels of governance. With encouragement from our current leaders, PSSA members took part in both the Women's March in January and the more recent March for Our Lives in March 2018.

For more information on PSSA, find us on Facebook, [csulbPSSA](#). The current president is **Christina Stout**.

Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

Last year, the Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA) activated a Facebook page to discuss political science research and methodology with the broader community beyond CSULB (<https://www.facebook.com/psgsa.csulb/>). Since then, our page has accumulated 60 followers and is now under the administration of **Brian Huang**, PSGSA's current Director of Social Media. In addition, Mr. Huang launched a Twitter account to broaden our reach throughout the globe (@PSgsaCSULB). Please don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter! The PSGSA has invited Paul Savoie from Long Beach City College to visit CSULB to speak to political science M.A. students about his experience teaching community college; look for more details on both Facebook and Twitter.

Our current club officers, **Tyler Kae** (President), **Juan Campos** (Vice President), **Adriana Cantero** (Secretary), **Lynn Ward** (Treasurer), and **Brian Huang** (Director of Social Media), welcome prospective members to the PSGSA. Cheers to another successful year!



Sarah Nuckolls, Mauro Gomez, Juan Campos, Adriana Cantero, Brian Huang, Serawit Embaye-Yenie, Geoffrey Barker, Tyler Kae, and Wei Lee

Washington, D.C. Mentoring Program

Now in its fifth year, the Washington Mentoring Program assists CSULB POSC majors seeking a policy career in the Washington D.C. area. Participants are assigned Mentors from among the Department's Washington alumni who work with them and assist in their job search, helping to match their interests with suitable positions inside and outside the Washington bureaucracy. The Department is deeply grateful to our Washington Mentors: **Lindsey Canaley (BA 2006)**, **Jon Nakagawa (BA 1995)**, and **Bernard Togia (BA 1986)**.

This year, four new students have joined the program: **Ruben Armendariz**, **Alex Cargill**, **Christopher Martinez**, and **Jessica Motta**. Others participating in the Program are: **Harout (Harry) Bakchaajian (BA 2014)**, **Vanessa de la Rosa (BA 2014)**, **Serafin Rodarte (BA 2015)**, **Karla Galvan (BA 2016)**, **Daisy Gallardo (BA 2016)**, **Jared Shaheryar (BA 2016)**, **Edith Ramirez (BA 2017)**, **Tanner DiPietro (BA 2017)**, and **Daisy Orozco (BA 2018)**.

The Mentoring Program is open to all junior- and senior-level POSC majors interested in pursuing a Washington policy career. Course work in public policy is highly recommended for those wishing to pursue a Washington policy career, and is a criterion for admission into the Mentoring Program.

Application forms for the program are available online: <http://www.cla.csulb.edu/departments/polisci/washington-mentoring-program/>. For more information, please contact Professor **Mary Caputi** or **Roger Morton** in the Political Science Department.

Campus and Community Events

Members of the Department organized and participated in a number of educational events during the past year. Highlights include...

On March 1, 2018, alumni Dr. **Ralph Armbruster-Sandoval (BA 1990)**, currently a professor in the Chicana/o Studies department at UC Santa Barbara, visited the CSULB campus to discuss his book, *Starving for Justice: Hunger Strikes, Spectacular Speech, and the Struggle for Dignity*, which focuses on student activism in the 1990s. [for more on Dr. Armbruster-Sandoval, see "Alumni Spotlight"]

On March 8, 2018, Professor **Robert Shurtz** (with the assistance of student volunteers) moderated a forum for candidates running for the 5th District seat on the Long Beach City Council, organized by Citizens About Responsible Planning and the Eastside Voice Neighborhood Association. In recent years, Professor Shurtz also has moderated forums for the 25th district of the State Senate, 52nd district of the State Assembly, the Los Angeles District Attorney, and the Los Angeles Community College Board.

On March 22, 2018, alumni **Adrian Granda (BA 2007 & MA 2011)** visited CSULB to speak with our students about his career in local politics. Currently a Policy Advisor for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Granda shared his insights about finding government work after graduation, and his experiences of working with political stakeholders and constituents in city and county-level governments. About 60 students, many from courses taught by Professors **Chris Metaxas** and **Mary Caputi**, were in attendance.



Professor Chris Metaxas, Dr. Mary Caputi, Dr. Teresa Wright, and Adrian Granda

Organized by Dr. **Darin DeWitt**, and supported with funding from the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Scholarly Intersections and the Long Beach College Promise, on May 2, 2018, Dr. Michael Tesler (Professor of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics at UC Irvine) presented a talk on campus titled "Most-Racial: Race and Politics in the Era of Obama and Trump."

Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society and Awards Reception

At the 2017 annual **Pi Sigma Alpha awards reception**, honors were given to: **Jocelyn Kuo** (Outstanding Graduating Senior), **Joshua Casper** and **Amanda Mendoza** (Outstanding Graduate Students), **Juan Campos** (Outstanding First Year MA Student), **Robert Ellwood Townsend Webb II** (Distinguished Junior), **Naomi Neuman** and **Anthony Yassa** (Outstanding Achievement), **Maria Etcheverry** (Edwin Roberts Scholarship), **Daisy Orozco** (Robert Delorme Scholarship), **Andrea Castro** (Model UN Diplomat Award), and **Myles Chaney** (Moot Court Achievement Award). Our Pi Sigma Alpha officers for 2017-18 were: **Maria Etcheverry** (President), **Maria Lopez Terraza** (Vice President), and **Louis Garcia** (Secretary). Our incoming Pi Sigma Alpha officers for 2018-19 are: **Jose Urias** (President), **Elie Nehme** (Vice President), and **Marissa Rael** (Secretary). The 2018 awards reception will be held on May 3.



2017 Pi Sigma Alpha initiates receive their membership certificates



Dr. Liesl Haas and Outstanding Graduate Student awardee, Joshua Casper (MA 2016)



Dr. Jason Whitehead and Edwin Roberts Scholarship recipient, Maria Etcheverry

Faculty Publications & Activities

Mary Caputi (*Political Theory; Ph.D., Cornell University*)

Dr. Caputi is a contributing author to "A Critical Feminist Exchange: Symposium on Claudia Leeb, *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism*," forthcoming in *Political Theory*. At the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) conference in March 2018, she presented an essay "An Idiot With A Spoon: Petrini, Adorno, and the Oppositional Politics of Slow Food," and participated in an "Author Meets Critics" panel for *Beyond Columbine: School Violence and the Virtual* and a roundtable on publishing in the areas of race, gender, and sexuality in political science. In May 2018 she will present her essay on Slow Food at the 11th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome in Rome, Italy. Dr. Caputi continues to edit the journal *Politics & Gender* and to be one of the department's contacts for the Washington Mentoring Program.

Christopher Dennis (*American Politics; Ph.D., University of Georgia*) is finishing his last year in CSULB's Faculty Early Retirement Program.

Darin DeWitt (*American Politics; Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles*) Dr. DeWitt's recent publications include: "Does Celebrity Issue Advocacy Mobilize Issue Publics?" in *Political Studies* (with Matthew Atkinson); "Political Influence in California," in *California Journal of Politics and Policy* 9(3) (with Matthew Atkinson); "Conspiracy Theories in the 2016 Election," in *Conventional Wisdom, Parties, and Broken Barriers in the 2016 Election*, eds. (with Matthew Atkinson and Joseph Uscinski); "Can I Get A Witness?: Musicians Performing Politics in the U.S. Congress," in *Ethnomusicology Review* 21 (with Alexandra Apolloni and Matthew Atkinson); and "Hatred of America's Presidents: Abraham Lincoln," in *Hatred of America's Presidents: Personal Attacks on the White House from Washington to Trump*, ed. Dr. DeWitt's recent popular writing includes: "How conspiracy theories helped power Trump's disruptive politics," *Vox*, May 2, 2017 <https://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2017/5/2/15517266/conspiracy-theories-trump-populismat>; "Conspiracy theorists helped the Parkland students keep gun control on the national agenda," *London School of Economics (LSE) United States Politics and Policy Blog*, March 13, 2018. <http://bit.ly/2p8zdUQ>; and "Just like previous presidents, Donald Trump's political fortunes rise and fall with the economy," *LSE*, March 5, 2018. <http://bit.ly/2H5dm8h>.

Larry N. George (*International Relations; Ph.D. Princeton University*) During the past year, Dr. George served on the committee to hire a new political theorist for the department, and presented a number of papers on time and temporality in international politics, drawing on the work of the French philosopher Gilles Deleuze. This year he will be returning to his earlier work on the political effects of war, with the goal of moving towards the completion of a book manuscript on that topic.

Cora Goldstein (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D. University of Chicago*) Dr. Goldstein is enjoying her teaching. She is particularly pleased to simultaneously teach a 200-person general education class on American politics, and a graduate seminar in comparative politics. She is making progress on a project on authoritarian regimes that combine minimum violence with maximum propaganda.

Liesl Haas (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D. University of North Carolina*) Dr. Haas continues her research on religion and politics in the US. She will present a paper on the politics of Latino Evangelicals in the age of Trump at the annual international conference on Religion and Politics, at UC Berkeley at the end of April.

Richard Haesly (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D. University of North Carolina*) Dr. Haesly's review of *Scotland Now: A Warning for the World* appeared in the July 2017 issue of *Nations and Nationalism*, and his review of *Why Wales Never Was* is forthcoming in the same journal. In September 2017, Dr. Haesly and **Tyler Kae (MA 2018)** presented their paper, "Changing American Nationalism in Challenging Times," at the International Society for the Scientific Study of Subjectivity conference in Glasgow, Scotland. They are revising this paper for submission to *Nations and Nationalism*. Dr. Haesly continues to serve as one of the political science department's undergraduate advisors.

Edward Kaskla (*Comparative Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Irvine*) continues to serve on the editorial board of the Estonian language journal, *Acta Politica*, and as the faculty advisor for the Political Science Students Association (PSSA).

Charles Mahoney (*International Relations; Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles*) Dr. Mahoney published two papers during the 2017-2018 academic year. The first, "More Data, New Problems: Audiences, Ahistoricity, and Selection Bias in Terrorism and Insurgency Research," examines methodological

challenges caused by use of new large-N datasets in the field of asymmetric conflict and was published in *International Studies Review*. The second paper, "Splinters and Schisms: Rebel Group Fragmentation and the Durability of Insurgencies," assesses the varying trajectories of insurgent organizations after they split and was published in *Terrorism and Political Violence*. Dr. Mahoney also presented two papers and the International Studies Association annual conference in San Francisco in April 2018.

Larry Martinez (*International Relations; Ph.D. University of Santa Barbara*) is a faculty member on board the MV World Odyssey as it voyages from San Diego to Hamburg, Germany on a 3-1/2 month academic odyssey as the Semester at Sea campus afloat. The 535 student, 28 faculty, and 200 crew are visiting Hawaii, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Myanmar, India, Mauritius, South Africa, Ghana, and Morocco before arriving on April 19 in Hamburg. Dr. Martinez is teaching international relations courses to students from the US, China, Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Nigeria, India, Singapore, and Korea. He reports, "It is fascinating to see up close and in person many of the countries we have represented in the Model UN conferences. This gives you a much fuller picture of the challenges and opportunities developing countries of Africa have in the 21st Century as everyone is constantly on their cellphones. I am looking forward to bringing these experiences to the MUN class in the Fall!"



Martinez atop Table Mountain in Cape Town, South Africa

Roger Morton (*American Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Irvine*) continues to serve as the Executive Director of the Sustainable Neighbors Network (facilitating study abroad opportunities for Senegalese students and coordinating charitable work in Senegal) and Visions Made Visible (a non-profit that coordinates charitable projects undertaken by various organizations). In addition, he assists with the department's Washington Mentoring Program.

Charles Noble (*American Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley*) is finishing his last year in CSULB's Faculty Early Retirement Program.

Jared Perkins (*Public Law; Ph.D. University of North Texas*) Our newest tenure-track faculty member (see below), Dr. Perkins published an article titled "Why File? Organized Interests and Amicus Briefs in State Courts of Last Resort" in *Justice System Journal*. The study explores the relationship between interest groups and state supreme courts, finding that these groups turn to the judiciary for both policy and organizational maintenance reasons. Additionally, Dr. Perkins co-authored a book chapter in *The Oxford Handbook of American Judicial Behavior* on interest groups and the judiciary, evaluating the existing research on this topic and exploring areas for future scholars to develop. Finally, Dr. Perkins serves as the faculty advisor for CSULB College Democrats.

Amy Cabrera Rasmussen (*American Politics; Ph.D., Yale University, MA and BA CSULB*) At the March 2018 WPSA conference, Dr. Rasmussen participated in the Methods Café with a focus on interpretive policy analysis, and also presented a paper: "More than the sum of parts: the meaning of environmental impact assessment policies," part of her Long Beach-focused book project. Her piece, "DA-RT: prioritizing the profession over the public?" recently was accepted as part of a symposium in *Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research*. She continues her campus and community work on the CSULB President's Commission on the Status of Women and as part of the Building Healthy Communities Long Beach Environmental Health Work Group. This spring, she finishes up nearly a decade as one of the political science department's undergraduate advisors.

Lewis Ringel (*Public Law; Ph.D. University of Maryland*) Dr. Ringel coaches CSULB's moot court teams and continues to chair the National Case Committee of the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA). In that capacity, he helped author the 2018-19 national case. He also chairs and serves on numerous additional ACMA committees. In recognition of his outstanding work for Moot Court and our other law-related courses, Dr. Ringel was selected for CSULB's 2018-19 John and Phyllis Jung Endowed Part-Time Faculty Award.

Kevin Wallsten (*American Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley*) Dr. Wallsten completed work on his forthcoming book entitled *The Politics of the Pill: Gender, Framing and Policymaking in the Battle over Birth Control* (Oxford University Press). He also authored instructional materials for the *We The People* and *Governing California* textbooks (WW Norton).

Jason Whitehead (*Public Law; Ph.D. University of Southern California, JD Willamette University, BA CSULB*) In April 2018, Dr. Whitehead gave a plenary address to the Oregon Circuit Judges Association Annual Conference in Sun River, Oregon, entitled "Judicial Values: the Heart of the Rule of Law." In March, he published an essay in the *Tulsa Law Review* entitled, "Faith, Justice, and Liberal Legal Neutrality." Also in March, he presented two papers at the WPSA annual conference—a sole-authored paper entitled "Martin Heidegger Meets Jay Sekulow: Understanding 'Worldview' and its implications for Christian Conservative Legal Activism," and a co-authored paper (with Paul Chen) entitled, "More Similar Than Different: Legal Claims by Gays and Christians to Protect Their Identity." Dr. Whitehead continues to work on his second book, *The Law of the Lord: Mapping the Legal Worldview of Christian Conservatives*, which will be published by Cambria University Press. He also continues to serve as the Director of the Legal Studies Certificate program and as the campus Prelaw Advisor.

Teresa Wright (*Comparative Politics, Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley*) Dr. Wright's new book, *Popular Protest in China*, will be published by Polity Press in the summer of 2018. Meanwhile, she is editing a *Handbook of Dissent and Protest in China*, under contract with Edward Elgar Publishing. At the March 2018 WPSA meeting, she presented a paper entitled, "Protest in China: A Comprehensive Approach." Dr. Wright continues to be a member of the editorial board of the *China Quarterly* and to serve as the faculty advisor for the PSGSA

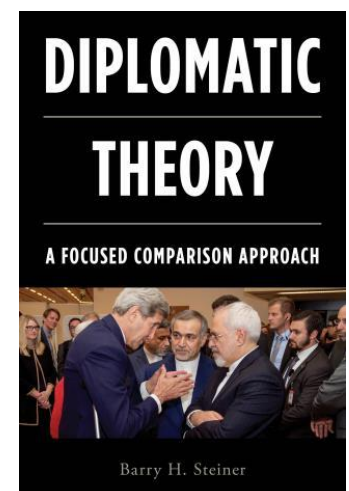


Emeritus Faculty

William Leiter (*Public Law; Ph.D. University of Chicago*) has continued to research the law, policy, and politics of affirmative action with a focus on comparing the Obama Administration's affirmative-action approach to that of the Trump Administration. His study of the Obama Administration and Affirmative Action can be found at <https://constlaw1.blogspot.com/>

Ron Schmidt (*American Politics; Ph.D. University of California, Riverside*) In April 2017, Dr. Schmidt was awarded the Western Political Science Association's inaugural Betty Moulds Lifetime Service Award at the annual meeting in Vancouver. The award was created to "recognize individuals who have a long record of service and extraordinary contribution of time, energy, and talent to the Association." Dr. Schmidt served as president, program chair, local arrangements chair, on the Executive Council, and on many WPSA committees over the more than forty years since he first joined the Association to present his first professional paper in 1974. Dr. Schmidt has announced to Davidson College that this semester's course on immigration policy will be his last at the college, marking his second attempt to retire from the classroom. He's still working, though, finishing a book project on using interpretive methods to study U.S. racial politics, and planning another on settler colonialism and racial politics.

Barry Steiner (*International Relations; Ph.D. Columbia University*) In March of 2018, Dr. Steiner published a book-length study, *Diplomatic Theory: A Focused Comparison Approach* (Roman & Littlefield). In addition, Dr. Steiner's article, "'Going for Broke' on Palestine," was published in *International Negotiation*, vol. 23 (2018), 69-96. A second article he completed this year, "Bargaining in Asymmetric Crisis," is forthcoming in the journal *International Relations*. Currently, Dr. Steiner is at work on an article on Trump trade policy.



New Faculty



Dr. Jared Perkins

We are happy to welcome our newest tenure-track faculty member, **Dr. Jared Perkins**. Dr. Perkins was born in Peru, Illinois, but grew up mostly in Ft. Worth, Texas. He earned his BS in sociology from Abilene Christian University, and his MA and PhD in political science from the University of North Texas. Dr. Perkins then spent a year as a Visiting Professor of political science at Texas Tech University. Dr. Perkins' dissertation research focused on the relationship between organized interests and state supreme courts. He enjoys teaching courses on American government and politics, constitutional law, legal history and mobilization, and environmental law and policy. He is currently working on several research projects, including a book project on legal mobilization and the evolution of the interpretation of the second amendment.

Retirements

Dr. Barry Steiner

At the end of the 2016-17 academic year, Dr. Barry Steiner retired after nearly fifty years at CSULB. Reflecting on this milestone, Dr. Steiner sends the following note:

"It has been a great run as a member of the Political Science Department faculty at CSULB. I've been fortunate to have been able to develop my ideas independently, and to be associated with a teaching staff that is tremendously dedicated to student learning and success. I'm sure many in the Department would agree that nothing compares with the opportunity to critique the conventional wisdom and to try out new ideas in the classroom.

As I have often told my students, the more I learn, the more I am aware of what I don't know. This will seem unusual when so many people are convinced of the absolute truth of their views. We know that questioning conventional wisdom is dangerous in some political systems.

The intellectual life is not easily planned out. The major surprise for me, as someone specializing in war and peace studies, has been the large number of times I have taught the freshman course, "Introduction to American Government" (POSC 100). I would never have anticipated that teaching American Government would underwrite my writing in International Relations, but it did.

Apart from the fact that I am no longer teaching, my life this past year as a Professor Emeritus has not been much changed. I continue to read and write and to ask tough questions, particularly in the area in which I have concentrated in recent years, diplomatic conflict management. I miss teaching.

I'd like to thank my students at all levels—freshmen, upper-division, and graduate—for the stimulation and inspiration they have provided to me. My advice to current students: never underestimate the impact you can have on your teacher by your participation."



Student & Student-Faculty Research and Collaboration

POSC BA student **Quentin Pestner**, working under the supervision of **Dr. Haesly**, is writing an University Honors thesis that tests how voters perceive candidates with different sexual and gender identities. Also working with Dr. Haesly, Jakob Gideon (International Business) is investigating the use of populist and anti-immigrant rhetoric in recent Swiss canton-level referendums that propose to limit the teaching of foreign languages in public schools.

As noted in "faculty publications and activities," **Dr. Haesly** and MA student **Tyler Kae** presented a co-authored paper at a conference in Scotland in summer 2017.

With the support of a Project HOGAR Graduate Travel Fellowship, in April 2018, MA student **Juan Campos** presented his paper entitled, "State Incoordination and Political Assassinations in Mexico: How the Mexican Government Fails to Protect Mayors from Drug-Trafficking Organizations," at the Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) annual conference, in Chicago. Mr. Campos also is presenting his work at the CSU-wide Social Science Research & Instructional Center (SSRIC) Conference.



Tyler Kae and Dr. Rich Haesly stand in The Necropolis which overlooks Glasgow Cathedral in Scotland.



Juan Campos presents his paper at the MPSA annual conference in Chicago.

On Nov. 13 2017, Drs. **Darin DeWitt** and **Rich Haesly** chaired a roundtable at the Graduate Student Conference at CSULB. It included presentations from **Tyler Kae** (Changing American nationalism in challenging times), **Spencer Lindsay** (The dice are loaded: An American constitutional crisis in representation), **Juan Campos** (State incohesion and political assassinations in Mexico) as well as students from the Economics department.

In 2017-18, **Dr. Mahoney** supervised undergraduate theses by **Ryan Sweeney** and **Lilian Truong**, both students in the University Honors Program. Sweeney's thesis examined terrorist networks in Europe while Truong's thesis examined the American government's use of propaganda during the Vietnam War.

As the Research and Education Coordinator for the Foundation for Economic Democracy, MA Student **Alex Reyes (MA 2017)** is working (with the assistance of Dr. **Alfredo Carlos**) on the Long Beach Community Work-Life Survey. The survey seeks to understand Long Beach residents' experiences at work. More specifically, the survey aims to capture: what they like about their work; what they don't like about their work; how they feel about work processes; what they feel about their participation in decision making at work; how they feel about how they are treated by their superiors at work; and what they know about more democratic workplaces. The survey is partially funded by the Long Beach Community Foundation.

Student News

Stephanie Argent has been selected as one of only 16 college juniors from around the country for the Mount Vernon Leadership Program. During this six-week residential program, students will meet with government, business and social leaders as well as design a program that they can implement in their campus and local communities upon their completion of the program. Stephanie intends to design a program in which people can donate food to a campus food pantry in lieu of paying certain fines.

In Fall 2017, **Daisy Orozco** worked in Washington, DC as CSULB's selected participant in the Leon Panetta Congressional Internship Program.

In Fall 2018, POSC minor **Brisia Guitierrez** will be the CSULB participant in the Panetta Program. In addition, Ms. Guitierrez was awarded the 2018 Muzet H. Hall Foster Youth Scholarship.

During the 2017-18 academic year, **Danielle Carancho** has served as a Senator-at-Large in CSULB's Associated Students Incorporated (ASI). She also has been Vice-chair of the ASI Lobby Corps—a subcommittee of ASI Senate that advocates on behalf of students for affordable and accessible higher education at the local, state and federal levels. In addition, Lobby Corps tackles

other issues facing CSU students, including the status of undocumented students, mental health, and food and housing insecurity. In Fall 2018 Danielle will begin the MA program in political science at CSULB.

Kylie Sholty will be attending Washington University in St. Louis Law School this coming Fall.

Natalie Morales has been accepted into several law schools, including Chapman, Loyola Marymount, and Santa Clara.

Anthony Yassa has been accepted to numerous law schools, including UCLA, USC, Georgetown, Cornell, Boston College and UC Berkeley. He has chosen to attend UC Berkeley, where he has been awarded a generous scholarship.

In the summer of 2017, **Sora Han** interned at USC's *US-China Today*, where she co-authored a piece on online food delivery in China:

http://www.uschina.usc.edu/article@usct?infographic_a_closer_look_at_chinas_online_food_delivery_market_20708.aspx

Luis Flores was a guest of US Congressperson Alan Lowenthal at President Trump's State of Union address in January 2018.

Four of CSULB's thirty-five new Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) inductees are POSC majors: **Maria**

Etcheverry, Karissa Lugo, Anthony Yassa, and Rebekah Johnson. Ms. Johnson is one of only six juniors to be inducted this year. CSULB is one of only three CSU campuses granted a charter by the national PBK office to induct new members.

Graduate Students

MA student **Spencer Lindsay** was selected to be included on the 2018 Dean's List of Outstanding MA Graduating Students. After weighing scholarship offers from the University of Notre Dame, UC Irvine, the University of Colorado, Boulder and the University of Missouri, Columbia, he has decided to start the PhD Program in Political Science at Notre Dame in Fall 2018.

MA student **Tyler Kae** was awarded a 2017 Summer Student Research Assistantship.



Tyler Kae in Edinburgh at the Old Calton Burial Ground where David Hume, political theorist, was buried.

Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Ralph Armbruster-Sandoval (BA 1990) is a Professor in the Chicana/o Studies Department at UC Santa Barbara. A native of Ontario, Dr. Armbruster-Sandoval earned his BA in Political Science at CSULB in 1990, and his PhD in Sociology from UC Riverside in 1998. For the past twenty years, he has been teaching at UC Santa Barbara. Professor Armbruster-Sandoval has published two books: *Globalization and Cross-Border Labor Solidarity in the Americas* (2005) and *Starving for Justice: Hunger Strikes, Spectacular Speech, and the Struggle for Dignity* (2017)—the latter the winner of a Choice book award in 2017. He is married and has two children.



Alumni News

Reema Abboud (BA 2011) passed the California Bar.

Justin Adofina (BA 2017) is a rising 2L at Pepperdine University School of Law.

Tim Appelbaum (BA 2011) is finishing his second year of law school at Willamette University School of Law.

Jose Alcocer (BA 2016) is finishing his first year of a Master's in Public Policy at USC.

Krist Biakanja (BA 2013) is graduating from the University of Washington School of Law.

Colin Black (BA 2017) is finishing his first year at DePaul University Law School in Chicago.

Adria Bonillas (BA 2012) earned his law degree at Boston University School of Law in 2017, and is an Assistant Corporation Counsel at the New York City Law Department.

Recently, he presented an oral argument before a federal judge in SDNY, resulting in the case being dismissed.

Kyle Bourne (BA 2010) earned a Master of Legal Studies at Willamette University, College of Law in 2015. He is now finishing his single-subject teaching credential in history here at CSULB.

Ashlie Brillault (BA 2010) is licensed to practice law in California.

Josh Butler (BA 1998) is the Director of Housing Long Beach (<http://www.housinglb.org/directors-message/>)

Taylor Carr (BA 2012) is an Assistant District Attorney in Los Angeles County.

Diego Duarte (BA 2016) is a rising 3L at Boston University School of Law.

David Casarrubias (BA 2014) is graduating with honors from Hastings College of Law. He is both the President of his class and a co-chair of the Moot Court Board. David will work in civil litigation in San Francisco at Hanson Bridgett, LLP. He recently argued his first appeal at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and, for the first time, he ran an undergraduate moot court tournament.

Josh Casper (MA 2016) is teaching at El Camino College.

Ryan Chapman (BA 2013) passed the bar in California. He is currently in a two-year fellowship at Horvitz & Levy LLP, the nation's largest appellate litigation firm, and will be clerking for the Honorable Ferdinand Fernandez of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit starting in 2019. He has been helping coach CSULB mooters on how to write effective appellate briefs.

Asmita Deswal (BA 2016) will begin law school at Georgetown University in the Fall of 2018.

Jillian Ewan (BA 2011) is an Assistant District Attorney in Ventura County.

Kimberleigh Ferrando (BA 2017) is finishing her first year at the University of the Pacific McGeorge Law School.

Nina Flores (BA 2003) after earning her PhD in Urban Planning at UCLA, Dr. Flores is now an Assistant Professor with the Social & Cultural Analysis of Education graduate program at CSULB.



Nina Flores

Ruben Frausto (BA 2014) is a rising 2L at Western State College of Law.

Elizabeth (Luna) Gills (MA 2013) will be starting a Masters of Education program at USC in the Fall, hoping to become a high school civics teacher.

Jamison Gilmore (BA 2015) will be graduating from Southwestern Law School this May. He is an editor on the *Southwestern Law Review* and just published an article in the journal, entitled, "Augmented Reality Incitement: How the Creator of Pokémon Go, and Those Who Follow, are Open to Tortious Liability." He is currently working as a law clerk at Haight, Brown, and Bonesteel in Los Angeles.

Evelyn Gomez (BA 2013) has been offered a scholarship by the USC School of Social Work, to pursue graduate study in the department of Social Change and Innovation.

Steven Gonzales is (MA 2017) is teaching at Compton College.

Edgar Gonzalez (BA 2016) is finishing his first year in the CSULB Master of Public Administration program.

Dellara Gorjian (BA 2017) is finishing her first year at USC law school and has just been awarded a full-tuition fellowship and a \$20,000 stipend.

Adrian Granda (BA 2007 & MA 2011) currently serves as a Policy Advisor for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, where he oversees policies for land use, environment, transportation, public safety and economic development.

Matthew Gunter (BA 2010) is Assistant General Counsel for RCN Capital. He and his wife have a son who turns one in April of 2018.

Ashley Hall (BA 2014) is a rising 3L at Yale University School of Law.

Jordan Haynes (BA 2017) recently published a piece in *US-China Today*: http://www.uschina.usc.edu/article/@usct?downtown_los_angeles_chinas_real_estate_playground_20666.aspx

Laurie Houske (MA 2006) is a professor at El Camino Community College.

Brian Huang (BA 2017) is earning his MA in political science at CSULB.

Brenda Ibanez (BA 2016) is finishing her Masters of Public Administration at CSULB. She is also the founder and director of RFO, a non-profit organization dedicated to tutoring and mentoring at-risk youth.

Andrew Klein (BA 2011) is an attorney practicing law in California with the firm of Perkins Coie.

Tom Klein (MA 2016) is teaching at El Camino College.

Brianna Krominga (Wilbur) (BA 2013) passed the bar and practices law in Texas with the firm of Godwin Bowman & Martinez. In 2017, she was inducted into the Order of Barristers.

Jocelyn Kuo (BA 2017) has accepted a scholarship to begin the Public Policy MA program at the University of Michigan in Fall 2018. Since July of 2017, she has been an Assistant Language Teacher with the JET Program in Shizuoka City, Japan.

Karina Laigo (BA 2017) is finishing her first year of law school at California Western School of Law. She qualified for the Jessup International Law Moot Court team.

Spencer Lindsay (MA 2017) will start the PhD Program in Political Science at Notre Dame in Fall 2018.

Alexandra Lohman (BA 2011) works with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. She represents at-risk youth in foster care in dependency and delinquency matters. She is engaged to be married.

Yasmin Manners (BA 2014) is graduating from USC School of Law.

John Martin (BA 2015) is finishing his second year at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles. He works at an immigration law firm in Whittier.

Kyle Maury (BA 2013) passed the bar in California. He currently practices law for Jones Day. In 2018, he will clerk for Judge Federico A. Moreno at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Ted McNamara (BA 2009) is practicing law in Florida. He and his wife have two children.

Laura Mergenthaler (BA 2014) is the Honors Moot Court-Director of In House Competition at Western State College of Law. She will graduate in 2018.

Chris Muro (BA 2015) will be graduating in May from Willamette University, College of Law in Salem, Oregon. While in law school, he was co-founder and Executive Editor of the *Willamette Social Justice and Equity Law Journal*. He is a law clerk for the Oregon Department of Justice, Civil Enforcement Division.

Titus Potter (BA 2010) won a 2017 Rickert Award for Excellence in Advocacy.

Kevin Poush (BA 2014) graduated from Southwestern University School of Law.

Enrique Robles (BA 2007) is the Deputy District Director in the Office of CA Congresswoman Judy Chu.

Serafin Rodarte (BA 2015) earned his master's program in international relations at the University of Bristol in England in 2017. He has been accepted to the Peace Corps and will be teaching English in Kyrgyzstan for 27 months starting in August.

Michael Ruttle (BA 2006) has his own law practice (Ruttle Law) in Torrance, CA.

Jessica Shuh (BA 2013) graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lewis & Clark School of Law in Portland, Oregon in 2016. She is now an Associate Attorney in the Environment and Natural Resources group at the law firm, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt in Portland.

Aaron Sibley (BA 2011) represents consumers as a civil litigation attorney in San Diego, CA. He successfully obtained three appellate reversals in 2017, including a

published opinion from the 4th District Court of Appeal in a product liability action which simplifies consumers' rights to a jury trial.

Lisa Tran (BA 2017) is the District Office Manager in the Office of CA State Senator Josh Newman.

Dillon Westfall (BA 2015) will graduate from the New York University School of Law and is employed at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher.

Ankineh Zadoorian (BA 2009) graduated from Chapman Law School and is an attorney at Knapp, Petersen, and Clark in Glendale, CA.

In 2017-18, **Sara Zarate (BA 2017)** was a fellow in the Assembly Fellowship Program in the Capital Fellows Program in Sacramento, CA.

Benjamin G. Ziff (BA 1985) is the Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy & Consulate in Spain and Andorra.

Model United Nations (MUN)

The CSULB Model United Nations (MUN) Program is finishing out the 2017-18 academic year with a full roster of conferences, awards, and academic and service engagement. CSULB MUN delegates attended conferences at UC Santa Barbara and UCLA; in Bonn, Germany; and at the UN Headquarters in New York City. Both the POSC 376 International Law class and the CSULB MUN club attended the UC Santa Barbara conference (SBIMUN); with 60 delegates, we were the largest delegation at the conference. **June Yoo** got an Honorable Mention for his performance in the Crisis Committee. In Bonn, 12 students began the conference with a visit to the European Union in Brussels, where 3 of our delegates won awards: **Sarah Cobos** won Best Delegate in UN Women; **Brian Garcia** won Best Position Paper in the Organization of American States, a trilingual committee; and **Kyle Soeltz** had an Honorable mention in the Food and Agriculture Organization. In addition two CSULB delegates (**Marcus Gerstein** and **Richard Garcia**) chaired committees in Bonn, Germany. In March, CSULB hosted its 8th annual Long Beach Intercollegiate Model UN (LBIMUN) conference, with over than 250 delegates attending. The CSULB MUN club's participation in the National MUN meeting at the UN Headquarters in NYC began with a visit to the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the United Nations, a final touch as our team readied to represent the delegation of Slovenia in the prestigious setting of the "real" UN. At this conference, **June Yoo** and **Mateo Maya** were named Outstanding Delegates for their representation of Slovenia on the Human Rights Council.

From MUN Club President Silvia Kirollos ...

MUN shaped my college career. My involvement as a member and as an executive official has provided me with many unforgettable opportunities. Despite the challenges of participating in and supervising conferences such as the BIMUN in Bonn, Germany and the Nationals in New York, all of my experiences have been enriching and beneficial. I personally enjoyed taking what I learned in International Law, POSC 376, and using it to develop and chair the first International Criminal Court of Justice committee on the West Coast for the UN simulation at our annual LBIMUN conference at CSULB. Finishing my last semester at CSULB, I feel better prepared for the real world because of all of the skills that I gained in MUN. I hope that the continuation of the program will give other students the same experience. I am looking forward to seeing the connections I have made with people in MUN bring change to the world in the future.



The National New York Delegation holding UN Flag outside of the UN Headquarter in New York. (From left) Jose Urias, Daniella Hernandez, Silvia Kirollos, Shelby Koehler, Sapan Doshi, Bianca Salgado, Mateo Maya, June Yoo

From Incoming MUN Club President Marcus Gerstein...

Over the past year, MUN has provided me with a great learning experience. At the beginning of the year, assuming a senior leadership position as Vice President of Internal Affairs gave me the new duty of leading a group, as well as being responsible for teaching and advising our delegates in their quest to become better MUN participants. In Bonn, I was selected by conference staff to chair the Food and Agriculture Organization. My committee was composed of people almost entirely new to Model UN. Getting to guide and teach them to understand MUN processes was by far the most rewarding experience I have had in my time at Long Beach State. Now, being the president-elect of our club, I find myself yet again in a position of learning new things. Being the face of our club, and learning how to bring continued success to our club, are my current objects of study.



At the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the United Nations. (From left) Representative from Slovenia National Security team, Jose Urias, Sapan Doshi, Shelby Koehler, Daniella Hernandez, Silvia Kirollos, Slovenian Ambassador, Bianca Salgado, Slovenian Representative to Human Rights Council, Mateo Maya, June Yoo

Moot Court

From Moot Court Director **Dr. Lewis Ringel**...

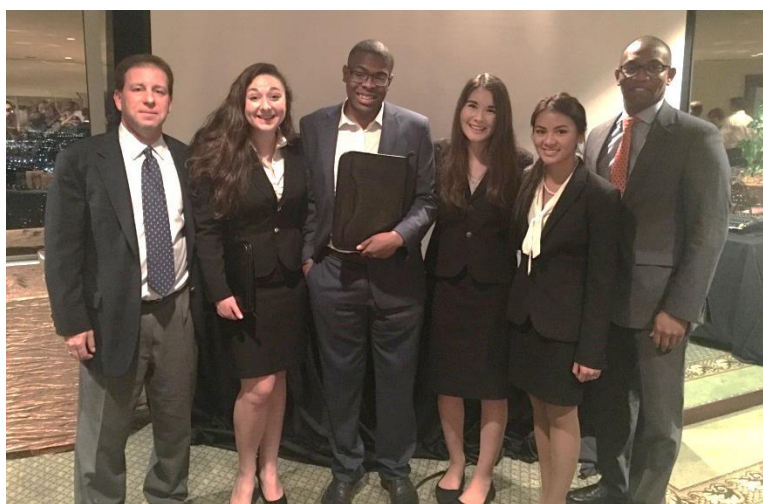
CSULB Moot Court had a great season. It competed in eight competitions – winning five and reaching the semi-finals of seven.

Mindy Vo and **Anna Sasaki** began the season with a victory in the 2017 California Classic, which was held at CSULB in April. Vo and Sasaki won their next three competitions, including the College of Holy Cross's 2nd Annual Moot Court Invitational. Vo and Sasaki finished third at the 2017 Windy City Regional and qualified for elimination rounds at the 2018 American Moot Court Association (AMCA)'s national championship tournament. Vo and Sasaki finished 4th in the nation in Petitioner Written Brief (their brief earned just one of five A's out of eighty-eight submissions). In February 2018, Vo and Sasaki finished the season (and Vo's career) with a triumph at the Hastings College of Law National Moot Court Tournament. Vo, who graduates as CSULB's all-time winningest mooter, was a top four orator at both the Windy City Regional and the Hastings College of Law National Moot Court Tournament. Sasaki earned a top ten orator award at the Windy City Regional. In sum, Vo and Sasaki won five competitions for the season.

Myles Chaney (winner of last year's George and Beverly August Award) and Sarah Geesaman (who attends college in Virginia) placed 3rd at the College of Holy Cross's 2nd Annual Moot Court Invitational and finished 2nd at the 2017 Southern University School of Law Regional. Chaney and Geesaman finished 10th in the nation at 2018 American Moot Court Association (AMCA)'s national championship. This marked the third straight top ten finish for the greatest hybrid moot court team in AMCA history. Chaney was voted the number three orator at 2017 Southern University School of Law Regional.

Ali Piane and **Zsofia Slovak** turned in a terrific season. Piane and Slovak reached the semi-finals in three competitions and both won top orator awards at the Windy City Regional and at the Hastings College of Law National Moot Court Tournament. Piane was named the top orator at the tournament at Hastings College of Law while Slovak was voted the second best orator.

Malia Blake was named the top orator at the 2017 Southern University School of Law Regional. **Fernanda Aguilar** also earned a top ten orator award at the 2017 Southern University School of Law Regional.



CSULB at the 2018 American Moot Court Association National Tournament. Lewis Ringel (Coach), Sara Geesaman, Myles Chaney, Anna Sasaki, Mindy Vo, and Pat Dyson (Assistant Coach).



CSULB wins the 2017 College of the Holy Cross Moot Court Invitational. Tori Duffy, Carlos Valenzuela, Anna Sasaki, Mindy Vo, Zsofia Slovak, and Ali Piane.

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