



CSUN Psychology Department Newsletter

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Message from the Department Chair



I hope that you are finishing the semester strong! As we approach the end of the academic year and we head into the holidays, I would like to express my warm appreciation to everyone in our department. I am very appreciative to our staff,

faculty and students who make our department a meaningful community in which we can thrive. A special thank you to our hardworking staff, **Leta Chow, Evelyn Osorio, Judi Friedman, Martin Castro, Alex Montes, Ashley Rice** and all of our dedicated student office assistants!

I know that these past few years have been quite challenging, but I could not be more proud of our department for the resiliency we have shown. It is a privilege to lead such a dedicated, thoughtful group of individuals who make our department such a special place in which to work and learn.

As we set off for the holidays, I want to wish you a restful break filled with many happy moments with your family and friends!

Happy holidays and a Happy New Year!



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SUMMER STUDY ABROAD FOR STUDENTS

We are excited to announce that in *May 2023* we will be offering a study abroad program to Italy! This is a *non-credited course* program that provides students the opportunity to experience once-in-a-life time moments abroad, where they can immerse themselves in new cultures,

and engage in incredible personal growth. Interested in learning more? You can attend an **information session on Monday, 12/12 at 2 PM:** <https://bit.ly/3FwMCyv> or contact Professor Essence Wilson at essence.wilson@csun.edu if you would like to learn more in-

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FEATURED STUDENT



Isabel Munoz, a 2nd year student in the Clinical Psychology Master’s program, was awarded the CSUN Graduate Equity Fellowship! The Graduate Equity Program is designed to increase

the diversity of students completing a graduate degree, encourage further study in a doctoral program and consider a university faculty career. Congratulations, Isabel!



For more information regarding The Graduate Equity Program and other fellowships and grants please visit the CSUN Graduate Studies at: **[Student Funding | California State University, Northridge](#)** (csun.edu)



STUDENT CLUBS



The CSUN Chapter of Psi Chi is excited to introduce its new board members!

President: Frances Ross

Vice President: Belinda Avalos

Treasurer: Bernice Gonzalez

Secretary: Karen Montes

Supporting Positions: Beatriz Azevedo-Reis, Leah Gadi, Alfredo Santiago



Multicultural Psychology Association (MPA) is excited to introduce its new board members!

President: Bernice Gonzalez

Vice President: Beatriz Azevedo-Reis

Treasurer: Veronica Gutierrez

Secretary: Seth Almaraz

Event Coordinator Director: Christy Rodriguez

Community Outreach Director: James Darrow

Social Media Director: Liana Kurkdjian

Creative Director: Lindsey Walton

Historian: Kistin Yegoyan

Psi Chi is currently accepting membership applications. For more information contact:

psichi@csun.edu 

You can also follow Psi Chi for the latest News and events

Linktree*



MPA is currently taking applications for membership. For more information about MPA contact:
Multiculturalpsy@gmail.com



PLAY THE DECEMBER



<https://mywordle.strivemath.com/?word=isewlp>



HOW TO PLAY PSYCHWORDLE

- ⇒ Guess the PSYCH WORDLE in 6 tries.
- ⇒ After each guess, the color of the tiles will change to show how close your guess was to the word.

Gray tile = Letter is not in the word

Yellow tile = Letter is in the word but in the wrong location

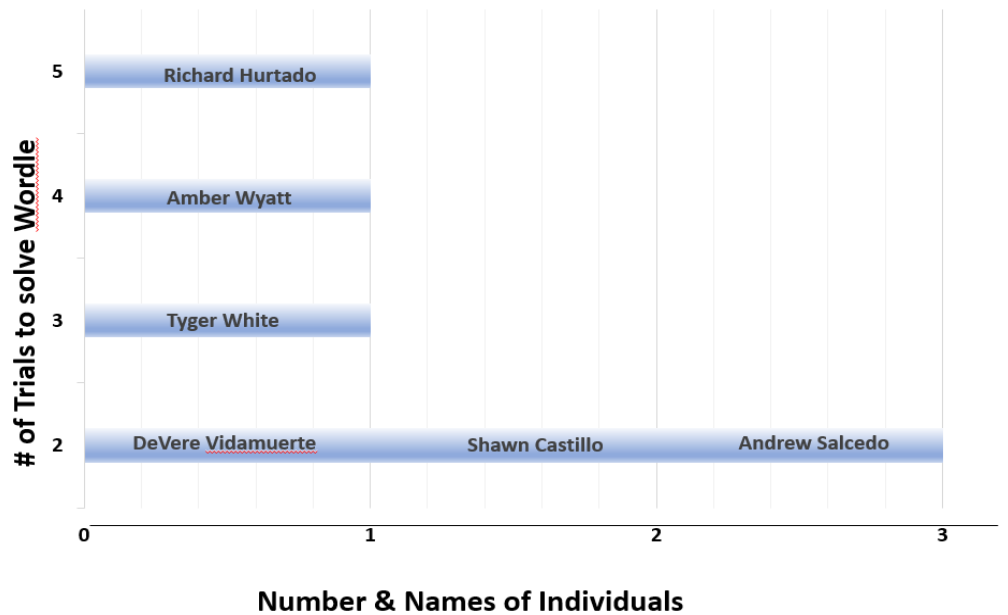
Green tile = Letter is in the word and in the correct location

When you are done, report your results at:
<https://forms.gle/aWpk1qgvnRGp6sNR>

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NOVEMBER'S PSYCH WORDE LEADERBOARD

Congratulations to those who solved the November Psych Wordle! Try [this month's Psych Wordle](#) and report your [result](#) to get on the leaderboard.



WERE ARE THEY NOW? AT CSUN!



Professor Gidget Viani

Graduated from CSUN: BA in Psychology 2002 & MA in Clinical Psychology 2007

Other Degrees/University: AA from Moorpark College

Year hired as a lecturer at CSUN: 2005 - Started in the Teacher Internship Program in MA program & joined as a part-time faculty member after graduation.

Other work/career activities: Prof. Viani also teaches psychology at California Institute of the Arts and for John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth each summer.

Other information: She loves having the opportunity to teach along side some of her favorite professors. "It's the best job in the world!!"



Professor Olga Kramarova

Graduated from CSUN: BA in Psychology, 2010 & MA in Exp. Psych/ Human Factors, 2012

Year hired as a lecturer at CSUN: Started teaching cognitive psychology, statistics, and research methods courses in 2013

Other work/career activities: Prof. Kramarova works as a Use Experience Researcher and is a professional dancer.

Other information: “Happy to share more info on the field of Human Factors with any students who are interested in the field.”



Professor Bryant Horowitz

Graduated from CSUN: BA in Psychology, 2001 & MA in Experimental Psychology, 2006

Other Degrees/University: PhD from UCLA in Behavioral Neuroscience with a Neuroscience minor, 2012

Year hired as a lecturer at CSUN: Started in 2013

Other work/career activities: Currently, Dr. Horowitz is a full-time professor of psychology at East Los Angeles College, where he teaches in the

honors program and runs two clubs on campus: the honors club and Psi Beta club (the 2-year college version of Psi Chi).

Other information: “I met Dr. Razani as her grad student in 2003 and she has been an inspiration for me—so, once I got my PhD I wanted to give back to the school that gave me the opportunities to succeed.”



Professor Michelle Sadeh

Graduated from CSUN: MA in General Experimental Psychology, 2012

Other Degrees/University: BA in Art from Humboldt State University, 2010

Year hired as a lecturer at CSUN: Started teaching courses in areas of research methods, motivation, and social psychology in 2014

Other work/career activities: Prof. Sadeh is also an adjunct professor in the Psychology Department at Moorpark Community College.

Other information: “I feel so fortunate to be able to work with CSUN students as they navigate their academic careers.”



Professor Essence Lynn Wilson

Graduated from CSUN: BA in Psychology, 2018 & MA in General Experimental Psychology, 2020

Other Degrees/University: Currently completing PhD in Communication at USC

Year hired as a lecturer at CSUN: Started teaching research methods and statistics courses at CSUN in 2021

Other work/career activities: She is currently a peer reviewer for the CSU’s equity-mindful course materials. Also, she is obtaining her certificate in animation to inform her dissertation research.

CAPS STUDENT OPPORTUNITY



Visit [C.A.P.S. website](#) for more information about upcoming events and how to get involved.

Looking to connect with psychology majors or minors? Wanting to give back to the community?

The Community for Achievement in Psychological Science (CAPS) is accepting applications for senior fellows and fellows for the upcoming spring semester!

If you would like to be a *fellow (mentee)*, visit this [link](#). If you would like to be a *senior fellow (mentor)*, visit this [link](#). Notifications of acceptances will be sent in **January!**

PHI KAPPA PHI

Honor Society Book & Supply Drive for LAUSD

About

Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) is an interdisciplinary honor society at CSUN. Each year, we do a community service event around literacy. This year, we are hosting a book and supply drive for the LA Unified School District students as part of their Homeless Education Program. Everything we collect will be donated to LAUSD to support their homeless and low-income students.

Donation Locations

Drop off donations
November 28-December 9th

Sierra Hall 65 (CIS department office), M-F 8AM-5PM

Sequoia Hall 285 (CASN department office), M-Th 8-5PM

Chapel Hall 529 (2nd floor)

We need your help!

Consider donating any of the following items:

- New/gently used K-12 books
- Spiral notebooks & composition books
- Writing utensils: blue/black pens, highlighters, pencils
- 5-ring binders & divider tabs
- Crayons & colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Hygiene items: shampoo, conditioner, floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body soap, & deodorant

Questions?

Contact PKP Faculty President
Dr. Katherine Lorenz
Katherine.Lorenz@csun.edu

Additional Announcements

HOLIDAY DONATION



Please drop off new, unopened toys at the Psychology Department in SH 376



MULTICULTURAL PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

We help students of all cultures navigate the psychological field while providing an outlet for educational, personal and social support.

SCAN TO JOIN



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@CSUN_MPA



CSUN Psi Chi Chapter is taking applications!



Why join Psi Chi?

- \$400,000 in annual awards, grants, and scholarships available
- Help members identify and obtain psychology-related careers
- Psi Chi Research Opportunities prepares you for the graduate school or research job
- You can attend CSUN Psi Chi social & informative events
- Meet CSUN psychology faculty & connect with peers

Qualifications to join

- Major or minor in Psychology
- Completed at least 3 semesters or equivalent of full-time college coursework or at least 9 semester credit hours or equivalent of psychology courses overall
- minimum psychology GPA of 3.0



Learn more now!
Email: psichi@csun.edu



PSSA CLUB MEETINGS

Every Tuesday at 3:30pm
Sierra Hall 290

Interested in discussing current events and political issues? Or participating in political activism and internships. If so, check out PSSA!

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