



CSUN Psychology Department Newsletter

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Make your mark on the Department Of Psychology!

We are looking to design some Psychology Department merch and need your help. We know that we have a lot of creative students, faculty and staff who can help us create a unique logo to print on department t-shirts and other merchandise. The winner will have their



T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF IN PSYCHOLOGY MAY PARTICIPATE!



1. The winner will have their design featured as the official "CSUN Psychology Department T-shirt".
2. All others will have their artwork featured on the 3rd Floor of Sierra Hall.

LINK TO SUBMIT HERE:
<https://tinyurl.com/psycht-shirt>

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT DESIGNS IS MARCH 23, 2023

*Design will be "print screened" on to t-shirt with up to 6 colors

QUESTIONS?
Contact Dr. Vasquez-Salgado
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A VERY SAD LOSS AND A GENEROUS DONATION FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

It is with great sadness that the Psychology Department announces that **Jose Solares**, a two time



CSUN graduate earning his B.A. in Psychology in 2014 and his M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis in 2016, passed away in February

2023. Jose was survived by his wife, Elizabeth Vento.

Greg and Heather Elsky, of *Behavioral Learning Network (BLN)*, have establish the generous Solares Scholarship Endowment at CSUN in honor of Jose's legacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsky said in a conversation with Dr. Ellie Kazami that "Jose was an incredibly bright light within the BLN org. His passion for helping others, coupled with his brilliance, humility, and graciousness, was unsurpassed. He often thanked us for letting him make a difference but it is truly all of us that should be thanking him. The world would be a smarter and more peaceful place with more people like Jose in it."

Jose was truly special. Heather Elsy shared that through Jose we were all reminded that our work is not about us. It is about a greater mission, the kids doing better. We can all lose perspective in that and get impacted by how things affect us daily. Through his cancer battle, he never lost sight of the bigger mission and his love and appreciation for what we do.

Those in the Psychology Department who worked with Jose Solares will miss him! We are proud of how well he put his CSUN training to use to help others. We are also very thankful for the generous donation of Greg and Heather Elsky.



The department will use the scholarship endowment they have established in Jose's honor to carry on his legacy by training competent, compassionate professionals.



STUDENT CLUBS



The CSUN Chapter of Psi Chi is taking applications!

Benefits to joining?

- ⇒ Meet CSUN psychology faculty & connect to peers
- ⇒ Receive invitations to social and informative events
- ⇒ Learn about the field of psychology and career options.

Qualifications?

- ⇒ Completed at least 3 semesters or equivalent of full-time college coursework
- ⇒ Minimum GPA of 3.0 overall and psychology
- ⇒ Completed at least 3 semesters or equivalent of full-time college coursework or at least 9 semester credit hours or equivalent of psychology



Multicultural Psychology Association (MPA) is taking applications!

- ⇒ Open to all psychology students
- ⇒ No minimum GPA requirement

For more information about Psi Chi contact :

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For more information about MPA contact:

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PLAY THE NOVEMBER

P	S	Y	C	H
W	O	R	D	S

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



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/hVV9f1ASVEgNbLq9>

FEBRUARY PSYCH WORDLE LEADERBOARD

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



STUDENT NEWS!

Erick Carranza has been accepted to the University of Alabama's Clinical Psychology (Geropsychology) Ph.D. program. *CSUN Mentor, Dr. Omar Ruvalcaba*

Rubysela Rodriguez has been accepted to the Education Ph.D., program at the University of California, Santa Barbara. *CSUN Mentor, Dr. Omar Ruvalcaba*

Tyler Tulman has been accepted to the Clinical Psychology Psy.D. program at California Lutheran University. *CSUN Mentor, Dr. Jill Quilici*

Srishti Katuri has been accepted to the Social

Psychology Ph.D. program at the SUNY, University at Albany. *CSUN Mentor, Dr. Elise Fenn*

Kimberly McGee has been accepted to a J.D. program in Criminal Law at Chapman Law School. *CSUN Mentor, Dr. Elise Fenn*

Talia Kokonian has been accepted to the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor/Marriage & Family Therapy M.A. program at Pepperdine University. *CSUN Mentor, Dr. Elise Fenn*

This is not the final list of students accepted to graduate programs this semester. More information to come in the April and May 2023 newsletters.

FEATURED RESEARCH LAB AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: KLAB



The mission of the [KLAB](#), directed by Dr. Ellie Kazami (principle investigator), “is to leverage the latest technology to advance our understanding of human behavior, leadership, and effective training.” The aim of this lab’s projects is “to develop simulations that provide learning opportunities through practice, instruction, model, and effective feedback.”

Below is a sample of the accomplishments of the KLab students at this year’s California Association of [Applied Behavior Analysis \(CalABA\) 2023](#)



Zenopia Aghajanian, Undergraduate Senior, Psychology Major

Presented a poster entitled: *Supervision Outcomes: A Need for Standardization and Direct Measures.*



Jordan Blackmer, Second Year Graduate Student, Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

Presented a talk in a symposium entitled: *Systematic Literature Review of Supervision Outcomes: What Lies Ahead?*



Coral Florian, Second Year Graduate Student, Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

Presented a talk in a symposium entitled: *Developing a Messaging Evaluation Tool: A Collaboration with Fire Safety and Burn Prevention Experts*



Are you interested in gaining hands-on research experience?

Check out the faculty bios on the [Psychology Department](#) website to learn more about the research opportunities available to students and how to get involved.

Also, visit the [Community for Achievement in Psychological Science \(CAPS\)](#) to learn more about research activities and events available to psychology students.

CAPS PRESENTS



Visit [C.A.P.S. website](https://www.caps.csun.edu) for more information about upcoming events and how to get involved.

CAPS MARCH EVENTS

WED-- 3/1	MON-- 3/6	TH-- 3/16	TH-- 3/30
<p>CAPS chat: Career Pathways for Psychology Majors 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Zoom ID: 788 300 083</p> <p>CAPS Spring Fling: Psychology Social Hour 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sierra Hall 304</p>	<p>Drop-in hours: Psychological Science Mentoring with Dr. Fenn 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sierra Hall 304</p>	<p>CAPS Chat: Applying to Graduate School as a First Generation Student with Dr. Omar Ruvalcaba 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sierra Hall 304</p>	<p>CAPS Chat: Legal Psychology Pathways with Drs McAuliff and Fenn 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Zoom ID: 788 300 083</p>



Additional Announcements

CSUN APP JAM 2023
Reimagine. Redesign. Refresh.
Win \$1500

- Redesign CSUN mobile app
- No experience necessary
- Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
- Top winner offered a job in IT (1 term)
- Kick-off at SO 104 (Nobbs Auditorium)

March 14th at 1:00pm

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Scan to see our website and learn how to win \$1500

ARC'S
Modeling Trust in Heterogeneous R3 Human-Machine Teams (MoTHER3HMT)

PAID Research Opportunity for upper division and graduate students of any major!

Who should apply?
Students from majors in the colleges of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Humanities, or other similar areas are highly encouraged. Students with experience in project/team management, research methods of their major, public speaking, professionally-toned writing, and a strong willingness to learn are preferred.

What's the project about?
We are looking to study how trust develops and evolves in mixed Human-Machine Teams (HMT) in contexts with Real systems and Real users that operate in Real contexts (RC). In other words, we're using ethnographic methods to study how scientists in real projects at NASA JPL come to trust each other - both human and non-human team members alike!

Compensation?
This position is a flexible 15-hours per week and listed for the time left in the project - 3 years in total. Fellow stipends over a 3-year period are:
\$9,000 for graduate students
\$7,300 for undergraduate students

How to apply?
Applications for this project position are due at 11:59pm on Friday, March 17th.

INTERESTED IN USING YOUR SKILLS TO DEVELOP CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND MINIMIZE DISPARITIES?

JOIN THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM!

Graduates will create science-based and creative solutions to the challenges of public health issues that impact diverse populations.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SPRING 2023!
Application deadline May 1, 2023
For questions email: mph@pacificu.edu

Spring into Wellness

Tuesday, March 14
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Oasis Wellness Center
University Student Union

CSUN EDU/OASIS

CARE IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH LAB

HIRING
2024-25

Project Coordinator
Staff Research Associate

We are looking for all qualified individuals to apply for the following positions. Please email your resume and cover letter to: hr@ucla.edu

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