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A Message from the Dean
September 30, 2020

Dear Friends,

We would like to share with you some updates from the College of Education as we begin a very different academic year during this global pandemic. With the health of our students and employees as the highest priority, all classes in the College are being offered in alternative modalities. Our faculty and staff have developed and participated in rich professional development this summer and fall so they may effectively teach-learn and support students in these online modalities. Our students in turn have provided invaluable assistance to children, youth and clients at their clinical sites. Our College staff have pivoted to online modalities as well, conducting online outreach, advising, and credential processing amongst other student services.

The College is proud to host the new CSU Center to Close Opportunity Gaps that will work with sister CSU campuses and statewide partners in developing and disseminating resources and assistance to local educational agencies and educator preparation programs to eliminate academic opportunity gaps in California's schools. We are thrilled to receive generous support from our friends and donors, especially the SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union whose recent 5-year gift will allow us to support students and mentor teachers in local school districts.

We are excited to welcome three new faculty colleagues to the College. We continue to take pride in the impactful research and scholarship of our faculty, students and alumni.

Go Beach, Go Teach, Go Lead!

Shireen Pavri, Ph.D.
Dean

NEWS & NOTES



CSULB Will Lead the CSU's New Center to Close the Opportunity Gap

Following a highly competitive selection process, Cal State Long Beach has been chosen as the host site for the CSU Center to Close the Opportunity Gap (COOG), a system-wide effort to study and eliminate achievement gaps at all levels of education... [Read more](#)

LBTRC Clinicians Host Monthly CED Student Support Groups

Clinicians from the [Long Beach Trauma Recovery Center](#) will be hosting monthly virtual support groups for any College of Education student who would like a safe and supportive space to process how they have been impacted by COVID-19 and anti-Blackness... [Read more](#)

The Long Beach College Promise Motivates Students to Reach Academic Goals

Rachael Baxter, then a middle-schooler, didn't know what she was signing, only that her mother told her it was a good opportunity and a key to her educational future. What the young teen pledged that day was a commitment, a long-range promise to do well in high school and be ready - when the time comes - to go to college... [Read more](#)



SchoolsFirst FCU Pledges Additional Support for Student Teachers

To ensure Cal State Long Beach student teachers learn from the best, SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union has donated \$436,000 over five years to support clinical practice in the College of Education. SchoolsFirst FCU's gift will fund student teaching boot camps, a Master Teacher Institute, and ongoing calibration trainings for student observation and assessment... [Read more](#)

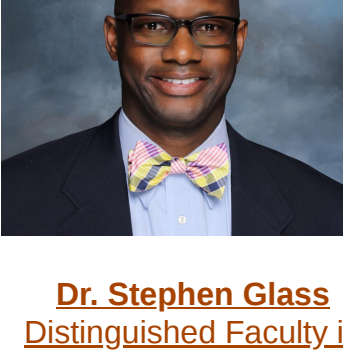


Dean's Circle Donor Contributions Inspire Opportunity

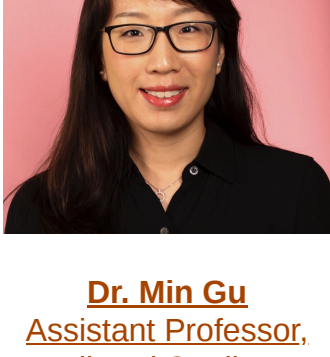
"The College of Education Dean's Circle is a committed group of community members, alumni, and emerita faculty who are focused on ensuring that our students receive cutting-edge curriculum, excellent instruction and rich clinical practice (fieldwork) opportunities, and wraparound advising support," shares Dr. Shireen Pavri, Dean of the College... [Read more](#)

FACULTY FOCUS

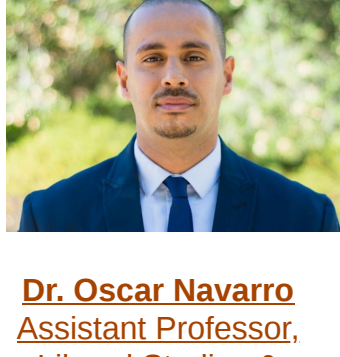
The College of Education Welcomes New Faculty



Dr. Stephen Glass
Distinguished Faculty in Residence, Educational Leadership Department



Dr. Min Gu
Assistant Professor, Liberal Studies Department



Dr. Oscar Navarro
Assistant Professor, Liberal Studies & Teacher Education Department



Dr. Jessica Pandya Awarded ORSP Multidisciplinary Research Grant

Congratulations to [Dr. Jessica Pandya](#) and Dr. Gwen Shaffer (College of Liberal Arts) on receiving the ORSP Multidisciplinary Research Grant. Their project, "Teachers' use of apps and platforms: Examining practices, concepts, and data privacy awareness," will create a pilot project with Long Beach Unified School District and... [Read more](#)

Dr. Alejandra Priede Schubert Appointed at Autonomous University of Baja California

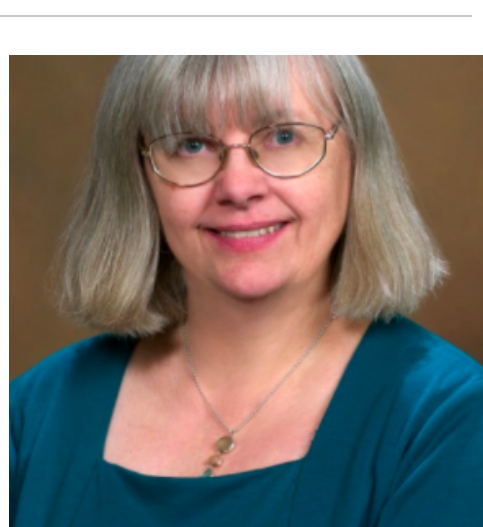
Dr. [Alejandra Priede Schubert](#) has been appointed as a member of the Relations Council of the Institute of Educational Research and Development (IIDE) at the Autonomous University of Baja California (UABC) in Mexico by the UABC's president... [Read more](#)

Dr. Cara Richards Tutor Joins Research Team to Replicate and Examine "Read Well" Program

Dr. [Cara Richards Tutor](#) will be a co-Principal Investigator on a \$4 million, 5-year study from the Institute of Education Sciences to replicate the "Read Well" program. In addition to Dr. Richards Tutor, the new study will be led by researchers at the University of Virginia and University of Texas at Austin... [Read more](#)

Recent Book by Dr. Lesley Farmer Examines Literacy Projects

Congratulations to [Dr. Lesley Farmer](#), whose book, *Impactful Community-Based Literacy Projects* was recently published. The book addresses trends in literacy efforts... [Read more](#)



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Supporting Future Educators: CED's Credential Center Staff

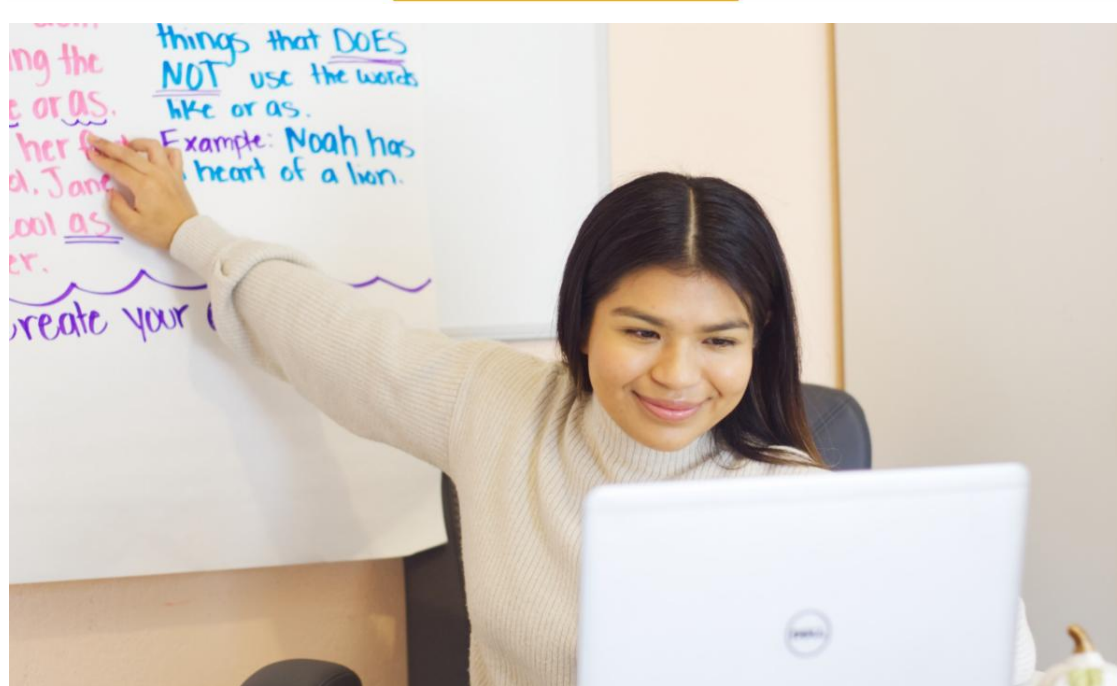
The [Credential Center](#) in the College of Education serves to support the College's learning and teaching community and its affiliated programs, while providing licensing and professional assistance to our students. In addition to many other functions, the Credential Center, serves as liaison between teacher-credential students and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing... [Read more](#)



Liberal Studies Advisors Ease Transition to College Life during SOAR

Every summer [Liberal Studies Department](#) advisors Nancy de Haro, Gabriel Rodriguez, and Aleah Garnica (not pictured) work to ease the transition to university life for College of Education Liberal Studies first-time freshmen and transfer students through CSULB's Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) program... [Read more](#)

STUDENT PROFILE



Tech-Savvy Student Teachers Give Mentors Lessons in Online Instruction

The learning curve was a steep climb for fifth-grade teacher Elsa Ortega when schools closed their doors in March because of COVID-19. How was this veteran teacher supposed to keep her students interested in math, science and reading from a distance? [Read more](#)



Single Subject Credential Student Excels in Virtual Student Teaching

Anabel Hernandez, who just completed her [Single Subject Teaching Credential](#) in Spanish, spent her final semester student teaching virtually as area schools moved to online instruction in the face of the pandemic... [Read more](#)

Summer Student Research Assistantship for School Psychology Student

[School Psychology](#) graduate student, Rory Papworth, has been awarded a summer student research assistantship with College of Education faculty, [Dr. Jacob Olsen](#)... [Read more](#)

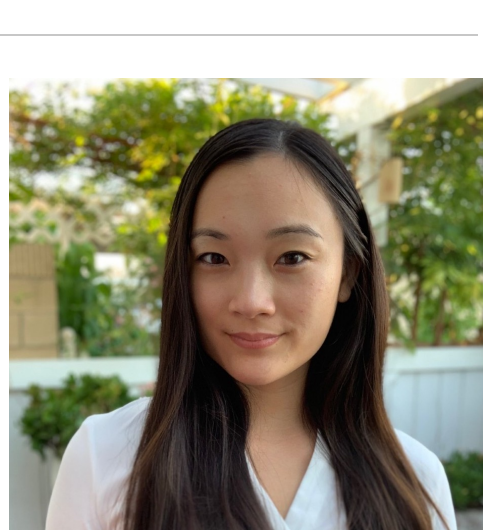


SCAE Student Awarded Summer Student Research Assistantship

[Social and Cultural Analysis of Education](#) (SCAE) master's student, Germán Aguilar-Tinajero has received a summer student research assistantship to work with [Dr. Lindsay Pérez Huber](#)... [Read more](#)

Early Childhood Education Grad Student Receives Sally Casanova Pre-doctoral Scholarship

[Early Childhood Education](#) master's student Lana Tran has been awarded the Sally Casanova Pre-doctoral Scholarship. This prestigious award provides funding to current CSU graduate students and requires the recipient to undertake a funded research project... [Read more](#)



CED ALUMNI



Ed.D. Alumna's Latest Work on the Seal of Biliteracy

College of Education alumna, Dr. Alma Castro's (Ed.D. '14) latest work has been published in *The Seal of Biliteracy Case Studies and Considerations for Policy Implementation*. This edited volume explores the Seal of Biliteracy, a policy initiative that awards high school students proficient in two or more languages... [Read more](#)

SDHE Alum Appointed as President of Irvine Valley College

Congratulations College of Education alum Dr. John Hernandez (M.S., [Student Development in Higher Education](#), '92) on his recent appointment as President of Irvine Valley College. Dr. Hernandez was appointed this summer after serving as President at Santiago Canyon College... [Read more](#)



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