

NEWSLETTER

Office of First Generation & Peer Mentoring Programs

Welcome Back!

I hope that you and your loved ones are well! We are entering into a new semester which I feel much more prepared for, I hope you do too. This being said, there is still uncertainty and perhaps even anxiety in certain respects. While we may have adjusted to the situation a bit more, there are still challenges that many of us face in attending school and working from home. Know that we are here to support you! We have an awesome team that will provide much more intentional and targeted support, including new things like this newsletter that are intended to provide: community, validation, education, wellbeing, and opportunities to learn about social justice and practice your leadership. I look forward to working with you!

P.S. we had a remarkable Summer Bridge Program with over 100 registrations! Our faculty, campus partners, and students leads did an amazing job fostering opportunities for community development and sense of belonging. All students chose a research topic at the beginning of the program and presented their research findings during the culminating event. This was truly a an interdisciplinary program which used culturally responsive pedagogy to inform its practice! If you're curious to learn more about Summer Bridge, let us know!

In community,

Aracely Torres

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Meet our Office Staff

Aracely Torres (She, her, hers)

Director for the Title III Program & First Generation and Peer Mentoring Programs

Favorite song: To My Love by Bomba Estereo & Querida by Juan Gabriel

First Gen: Yes

Random Fact: I woke up next to a dead rat at a beach at the Cadiz Carnival in Spain

What I like to do for fun: A day at the beach

Cassandra Godinez (She, her, hers)

STEM Pathway Peer Mentoring Coordinator

Favorite song: Dance With Somebody by Whitney Houston

Random Fact: I am a HUGE college football fan

What I like to do for fun: Go on hikes with my son (pup) Apollo

Savannah Arceo (She, her, hers)

Student Office Assistant

Favorite song: Yellow Hearts by Ant Saunders & Audrey Mika

First Gen: Proudly!

Random fact: I am double jointed in both of my thumbs

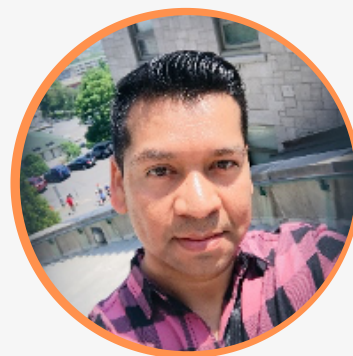
What I like to do for fun: Hike, try new recipes, and listen to music

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Faculty Spotlight

Alex Lev Da Silva



WHAT SCHOOLS DID YOU ATTEND?

North-West College: Pharmacy Technician

Louisiana State University: English & TESOL (Teaching English to speakers of other languages.)

Mt. San Antonio College: Paralegal Studies, World Languages

Central Texas College: Paralegal Studies, Court Interpreting

Graduate

Cal Poly Pomona: Rhetoric & English Composition

University of La Verne: Doctor of Education and Leadership

FIRST GEN?

First to attend college and graduate from a family of 9.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN?

Travel, nature walks, study languages, foodie, art & museums

FAVORITE SONG?

Boomerang by Thai singer Tongchai Mekintai (90s music)

WHAT IS A RANDOM FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?

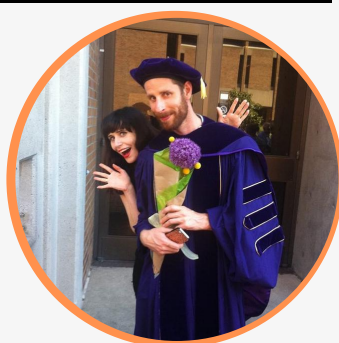
Veteran (7 years Army), Peace Corps Volunteer (Algeria), I have OCD

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Faculty Spotlight

**Dr. Calavitta-Dos
Santos**



WHAT SCHOOLS DID YOU ATTEND?

Undergraduate

Cleveland State University, BA

Graduate

University of Washington, PhD English Literature

University of Washington, MFA Creative Writing of Study

FIRST GEN?

Not First Gen, but first in my family to go to college

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN?

Estate sales, poetry & conceptual art (I am part of a group of artists opening this Friday at ARC Gallery!)

FAVORITE SONG?

Anything by Enya or Snatam Kaur

WHAT IS A RANDOM FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?

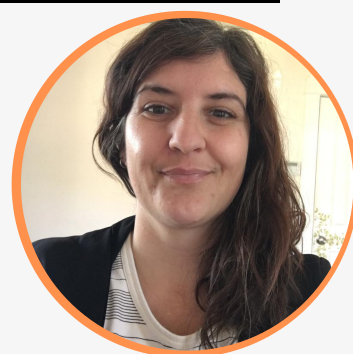
I just finished a book of poems based on Trip Advisor reviews.

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Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Emily Cilli Turner



WHAT SCHOOLS DID YOU ATTEND?

Undergraduate

Colorado State University, Mathematics

Graduate

Masters: University of Colorado Boulder, Mathematics

Doctorate: University of Illinois at Chicago, Mathematics

FIRST GEN?

No

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN?

Hiking, walking my dogs, cooking new things, and watching comedies!

FAVORITE SONG?

Piazza, New York Catcher by Belle & Sebastian

WHAT IS A RANDOM FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?

I have traveled to over 40 countries

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Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Gail Tang



WHAT SCHOOLS DID YOU ATTEND?

Undergraduate

SUNY Binghamton University (State University of New York- like CSU, but for NY), Mathematics & minor in Computer Science

Graduate

University of Illinois at Chicago, Master of Science

University of Illinois at Chicago, Doctorate of Arts Mathematics

FIRST GEN?

Not for my bachelors, but for my doctorate yes!

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN?

So many things, but I like to garden and engage in other DIY homesteading activities.

FAVORITE SONG?

I don't really listen to music.

WHAT IS A RANDOM FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?

I almost quit grad school, but my community of peers and mentors supported me to finish!

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A message from Cassie



**I've always loved
the first day of
school better than
the last day of
school. Firsts are best
because they
are beginnings.**

Jenny Han



Although this first day of school looks different than others, do not let this moment go unnoticed. Whether it's your first day of college, first day of senior year, first day with all major courses, or first day of new job. Celebrate how far you have come and where you are going to be. We are here for you, & we are all in this together. Here's to many new beginning's.

-Cassandra Godinez

First week reminders

Be sure to mute your microphone when joining class so there is no background noise when the professor is speaking.

Appropriate attire is necessary, dress good to feel good.

Make sure to participate whether it is by unmuting yourself or interacting with your professor via chat.

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Important Deadlines

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|  August 31, 2020 | First day of classes |
|  September 7, 2020 | Labor Day |
|  September 9, 2020 | Last day to register/add classes without a late fee |
|  September 9, 2020 | Last day to drop any/all classes without a late fee |
|  September 10, 2020 | Late Registration/Adds by appeal with a \$50 fee if approved begin. |
|  September 10, 2020 | Withdrawal period begins.
"W" will be reflected on transcript |
|  September 10-16, 2020 | Withdrawal period 75% tuition refund |
|  September 17-23, 2020 | Withdrawal period 50% tuition refund |
|  September 23, 2020 | No refunds |

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First Generation Fridays

Open to all students

September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th

9:00 AM-10:40 AM

ZOOM LINK

Meeting ID: 596 525 3739

Passcode :1p6r19



Monthly Luncheons

Open only for Program participants

September 16th, October 21st, November 18th

12:00 PM- 1:00 PM

ZOOM LINK

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National First Generation Day

Open to all students

November 8th



Workshops

Open to all students

ZOOM LINK

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Drop-in Office Hours

Office hours for all students 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

September/October 2020 every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

November/ December 1st & 3rd Monday, Wednesday, Friday of the month

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