

GFCAB SPEAKER SERIES 2025-26 Food Insecurity Panel



Dr. Erika Harper

Dr. Erika Harper is a Lecturer in Psychology and Program Director for the Counseling Psychology M.S. program at CSUB. Along with being an educator in psychology and counseling psychology for the past 20 years, Dr. Harper's clinical experience includes both private and public sectors within the field of mental health and social work in California, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Dr. Harper currently teaches Health Psychology and Positive Psychology at CSUB.



Dr. Jason Watkins

Jason grew up in the community and earned a B.A. in Psychology and an M.S. in Educational Counseling from CSU-Bakersfield. He then went on to earn an Ed.D in Educational Leadership. Jason currently serves as the Director of Basic Needs, Acting Director for Services for Students with Disabilities, and Lecturer in the Psychology Department at CSU Bakersfield. In his role, Jason is involved in several local and statewide workgroups to address food and housing stability for college students as we as increase inclusion and accessibility for people with disabilities.



Susana Magana

Susana Magana serves as the Director of Health and Nutrition and oversees CAPK's Migrant Childcare Program, Women, Infant & Children Program (WIC), Cal Fresh Healthy Living Program, Central Kitchen and the Food Bank. She has been with Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) since November 2004. Susana was hired as a Subsidized Reimbursement Specialist for the Migrant Childcare Program (MCAP). She quickly moved into the Subsidized Reimbursement Coordinator position and then Program Administrator, where she was able to grow the program from \$5.3 million dollars to \$27 million dollars.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dezember Reading Room at the Walter W. Stiern Library



SAVE THE DATE!GFCAB EVENTS - SPRING 2026

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

GFCAB Speaker Series: Farmer Focus

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Walter W. Stiern Library, Dezember Reading Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

GFCAB Speaker Series: Women in Ag

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Walter W. Stiern Library, Dezember Reading Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026
GFCAB Sip 'N Scholarship
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Alumni Park, Advance registration is required.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

GFCAB Student Research Symposium

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Walter W. Stiern Library, Dezember Reading Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026 GFCAB Carrot Festival 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Alumni Park

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026
GFCAB Speaker Series: Faculty Research
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Walter W. Stiern Library, Dezember Reading Room