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*Spring 2020 Semester Newsletter*



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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday	7:30-5:30 PM
Tuesday	7:30-5:30 PM
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**Welcome to Spring 2020! I'm excited to share with you news about our outstanding graduate students and programs. And, with the award of a multi-million dollar grant from the Department of Education, you can expect to see additional programs and services for graduate students in the near future!**

**DR. DEBRA JACKSON**  
Associate Dean of Graduate  
& Undergraduate Studies

# Spring 2020 Workshops



**Save the date!**

**Workshops start at 3pm**

## Using Statistics

Presenter: Dr. Eduardo Montoya

Date: February 28, 2020

Place: CSUB Main- WSL ITV Studio B  
& AV Campus- Room 123

## Impostor Syndrome

Presenter: Dr. Anne Duran

Date: March 20, 2020

Place: CSUB Main- WSL ITV Studio B  
& AV Campus-Room 123

## Cal State Apply Graduate Application Open Lab

Date: March 27, 2020

Place: CSUB Main - EDUC 128

## Resiliency

Presenter: Dr. Richard Zamora

Date: April 10, 2020

Place: CSUB Main- WSL ITV Studio B  
& AV Campus-Room 123

To RSVP,  
email [gsc@csub.edu](mailto:gsc@csub.edu)  
OR call 661-654-2786.



# Creating an Educational Leadership Pipeline

By: Dr. R. Aaron Wisman & Dr. Michael Szolowicz

Kern County and the Antelope Valley face a shortage of educational leaders prepared to take on the challenges of our everchanging and increasingly pluralistic communities. CSUB's Educational Administration (EDAD) program is uniquely posed to remedy this shortfall. Working with local partners, the EDAD program seeks to prepare equity-minded, social justice educational leaders to act as agents of change and promote academic achievement and well-being of all students in Kern County and the Antelope Valley.

The EDAD program faculty utilize their experiences in school, district, and state-level leadership capacities as well as cutting-edge research on issues of equity and social justice in K-12 educational contexts. Faculty members also collaborate within local education collaboratives in Kern county and the Antelope Valley to provide support for current practitioners. Importantly, the EDAD program has aligned its curriculum with the California Administrator Performance Expectations to prepare graduates for the licensure exam required for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential.



**Dr. Wisman**



**Dr. Szolowicz**



# CSUB Receives \$3 Million Grant to Promote Graduate Education

Graduate enrollment at CSUB reached 1,400 students in Fall 2019. However, the number of students completing graduate programs at CSUB is inadequate to meet the service area workforce needs. In fact, only 5.2% of the total Kern County population holds a post-baccalaureate degree, compared to 12.2% for the state of California and 11.8% for the nation as a whole.

In October 2019, CSUB was awarded nearly \$3 million from the U.S. Department of Education to strengthen and accelerate our campus efforts to assist students in the successful attainment of graduate degrees. Led by Biology Professor Dr. Anna Jacobsen and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies Dr. Debra Jackson, the project involves **four** main activity areas:



Dr. Anna Jacobsen

**1** Developing an interdisciplinary, student-centered, and fully supported research program including a Summer Research component and an Undergraduate Research conference that will increase the participation and retention of Hispanic students in CSUB's STEM related graduate programs;

**2** Developing a comprehensive and collaborative faculty mentorship program to supervise graduate research activities in CSUB's STEM related programs;

**3** Developing a centralized Graduate Research Center (GRC) adequately equipped to meet the computing needs of students enrolled in CSUB's graduate programs as well as student services including an annual Grad Fair, GRE preparation opportunities, and workshops focused on financial literacy and critical thinking skills;

**4** Developing two new STEM related programs, strengthening existing graduate programs, and developing seamless transfer pathways to PhDs and other master's programs that do not exist at CSUB through cross-institutional collaborations.

According to Dr. Jacobsen, "This grant is a great opportunity to enhance the educational opportunities available to our undergraduate and graduate students. CSUB faculty are engaged in cutting-edge research and scholarship and the support provided in this grant will enable more of our students to share in these exciting discoveries. This will enable us to equip our students with the experience that they need to become the scientific leaders of the future."



# CSUB Holds Inaugural Grad Slam

On December 6, 2019, seven of CSUB's brightest graduate students participated in the campus's first Grad Slam competition. During the event, students had three minutes and one PowerPoint slide to present their research using language that not only their peers, but also non-specialists will understand. "This was great opportunity for the campus and larger community to learn about the amazing creative and academic work that is being done by CSUB graduate students," said Associate Dean Dr. Debra Jackson. The presentations were judged by former CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame inductees Sheryl Chalupa, Jeremy Adams and Debbie Wood using four criteria: comprehension, content, engagement and communication.



Biology student, Angela Madsen, won the competition with her presentation, "Soil Bacteria and Ant Interactions with Fava Bean." She will represent CSUB at the fourth annual regional 3MT hosted by the Western Association of Graduate Schools (WAGS) at its March 2020 conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She will join nearly two dozen collegiate competitors from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, North Dakota, Utah and New Mexico as well as other CSU campuses.

## CSU Trustees Award Scholar - Denisse Silva



Denisse is one of 23 students – one from each campus of the CSU system – who were selected for her exceptional efforts in the classroom & community. Awardees demonstrate academic performance, personal accomplishments, community service and financial need. Many have shown inspirational resolve along the path to college success and are the first in their families to attend college.

# Staff Changes

## *Farewell, Brenda!*

Brenda, our beloved student assistant, graduated this past Fall! We wish her the very best on her ongoing endeavors and thank her for her hard work. We will truly miss you!



## *Welcome, Jennifer!*

Jennifer is a current graduate student in the history department at CSUB. She earned her BA in History from CSUB in 2018 and her AA in History from Bakersfield College in 2016. She is also a member of the history honor society Phi Alpha Theta, a tutor for the history department, and a committee member for the Public History Institute.

We are glad to have her join the **GSC team!**



# GSC Services

## STUDY LAB/ LOUNGE

Need an area to study? Visit our technology lab/lounge located in the Numenor Building by Parking lot E!

## DAILY PAPER PRINTING

20

CSUB graduate students have access to 20 free printing pages on a daily basis.

## POSTER PRINTING

2

Every CSUB graduate student may print up to 2 free academic posters per semester.

## ADVISING

Contact us for general advising on graduate programs, scholarship opportunities & more.

## MISS A WORKSHOP?

We have you covered! Our workshops are recorded and uploaded onto our website. Go to the left hand tab under "Events and Workshops" to watch the recorded workshops.



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