



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD

# GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER

## Fall 2020 Semester Newsletter

**Washington Monthly Ranks CSUB No. 9 for Affordability, No. 19 for Master's Programs**

**CSUB among top 20 in Bang for the Buck College:**

**West and Master's University Lists**

[news.csub.edu](https://news.csub.edu)

& [washingtonmonthly.com/2020college-guide](https://washingtonmonthly.com/2020college-guide)



### OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8:00-5:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00-5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00-5:00 PM
Thursday	8:00-5:00 PM
Friday	8:00-5:00 PM

### LOCATION - VIRTUAL

In-person services are currently unavailable. Please contact us via our email address [gsc@csub.edu](mailto:gsc@csub.edu) and someone will get back to you during our normal business hours.

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A very warm welcome and good wishes of wellness in these turbulent times. Challenging times bring new opportunities and we at the Graduate Student Center stand ready to facilitate and foster graduate student success, whether via virtual or in-person as conditions allow. Please look forward to exciting workshops, funding opportunities, research engagement, and implementation of our Title Vb grant, which will enhance opportunities for all our graduate programs and students. Have a great fall term.

–The Graduate Student Center

# *Fall 2020 Workshops* **Save the date!**

All workshops will be through Zoom



Financial Aid & Financial  
Literacy

Date: September 18, 2020

Grad Slam 101:

Getting Started

Date: October 30, 2020

Culminating Experiences  
Professors' Perspectives

Date: October 16, 2020

Grad Slam 201:

Memorable Messaging &  
Visceral Visuals for Impact

Date: November 6, 2020

Pre-Doctoral & Doctoral  
Funding

Date: October 23, 2020

Grad Slam 301:

Communicating with  
Confidence

Date: November 13, 2020

Resiliency  
in Graduate School

Date: November 20, 2020

Grad Slam Competition

Date: December 4, 2020

**Workshops start at 3pm!**

Email us at [gsc@csub.edu](mailto:gsc@csub.edu) or check out our  
website for **Zoom** workshop information at  
<https://www.csub.edu/graduatestudentcenter/>.

# In the News:

"CSUB graduate programs requiring hands-on experience forced to adjust during pandemic to help students reach success." Kern Sol News (E. Ramos, 2020, September 1).

In this excellent article, Drs. Deborah Boschini and William Kelly, Chair of the Nursing Department and Director of the Counseling Psychology Program, respectively, are interviewed on how they have had to adjust to remote learning. This has placed high demands on their programs, which require hands-on-experience.



Dr. Boschini is quoted, "We have an excellent Simulation Center on campus to practice nursing care using high-fidelity Mannequins ... [and] Like pilots in the aviation industry, our students can practice with simulators to prepare for both routine and emergency situations."

Similarly, Dr. Kelly is quoted, "We are complying and making adjustments to ensure our students are well-trained as future therapists, regardless of whether they are meeting face-to-face or online ... [and] Because we are training therapists and value interpersonal interactions, we are offering our classes and supervision in 'real-time' rather than asynchronously."

Kudos to these to outstanding programs in our campus, who are going beyond the call of duty to continue high quality instruction in difficult times. The full article can be read at: <https://southkernsol.org/2020/09/01/csub-graduate-programs-requiring-hands-on-experience-forced-to-adjust-during-pandemic-to-help-students-reach-success/>





## ONLINE M.S. IN KINESIOLOGY

Point of Pride, our Newest Graduate Degree Program on Campus

### **Push yourself to the next level**

Designed for those interested in the allied health and fitness professions, the Online Master of Science in Kinesiology (MSK) provides students with a breadth of knowledge in kinesiology including an emphasis in behavior change, exercise physiology, program design, movement science, and evidence-based practice in kinesiology.

The program combines a rigorous academic experience with real-world applications to address a variety of health-related issues facing our society. MSK students gain experience evaluating individual needs, developing exercise and wellness plans, and educating individuals and their families. The program curriculum bridges theory, evidence-based practices and practical application. A solid foundation of core courses along with specialized instruction in current topics prepares professionals to positively impact the populations they serve.

In addition to the comprehensive general coursework, the program features a culminating experience or thesis (student option) that provides students with a practical experiential learning opportunity or a research experience.

The MSK can be completed in 4 semesters (18 months), is offered 100% online, and students have the option of attending full or part time.

For more info, go to <https://extended.csub.edu/programs/online-ms-kinesiology>.

# KUDOS

## Congratulations to the 2020/21 CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program

**Awardees:** Funded by the Office of Chancellor, this \$30,000 award seeks to fund students who intend on becoming future faculty members of the CSU, with the funds forgivable over five years of work in the CSU. The following are the selected students, Ph.D. programs they will attend, and their faculty sponsors:

### **Alam Alvarado**

Idaho State University  
Dr. Isabel Sumaya

### **Raveena Parmer**

University of Arizona  
Dr. Amy Gancarz-Kausc

### **Morgan Musquez**

Idaho State University  
Dr. Isabel Sumaya

### **Layla Vasquez**

University of Southern California  
Dr. Isabel Sumaya

## Congratulations to the 2020/21 Graduate Research Scholars and their Faculty

**Sponsors:** Funded by CSUB Foundation, the SRS Program supports student faculty teams with a \$2,000 award each to conduct and complete a project involving research, scholarship, or creative activity. This year graduate students' awardees, their sponsors, and projects' names include:

**Misbah Chaudhry**, Biology, Dr. Isolde Francis sponsor. "Exploring the biocontrol potential of *Streptomyces* isolates against *Pythium violae*, a dominant carrot pathogen."

**Chanel Manzano**, Biology, Dr. Isolde Francis sponsor. "Investigating the role of methylated cytokinins in *Rhodococcus fascians* pathogenicity."

**Dianna Mojica**, Biology, Dr. Isolde Francis sponsor. "Unraveling the first step in the *Streptomyces* scabies pathology: how does the pathogen sense it is in the vicinity of a living root?"

**Rachel Tatro-Duarte**, English, Dr. Charles MacQuarrie sponsor. "Creating Virtual Worlds for Teaching Literature."

**Nancy Vargas**, Psychology, Dr. Richard Zamora sponsor. "Understanding Internalized Stigma of Mental Illness of Persons Who Experience Suicidal Thoughts, Behaviors, or Attempts."

**Natalie Velasco**, Criminal Justice, Dr. Kallee McCullough sponsor. "An analysis of the law that pertains to correctional education within the United States."

**Monike Reynozo**, Political Science, Dr. Dirk Horn sponsor. "New World Order: Neo-Colonialism China and Latin America."

**Claire Savage**, Biology, Dr. Kane Keller sponsor. "Pairwise Plant-Soil Feedback of an Invasive Species and California Native Species Along an Abiotic Gradient."

**Denisse Silva**, Psychology, Dr. Richard Zamora sponsor. "Barriers Towards Achieving 'Student Success:' Voices of Latinx First Generation College Students."

## Congratulations to the 2020/21 CSU California Pre-Doctoral Program Sally

**Casanova Scholars:** Funded by the Office of Chancellor, baccalaureate and master's level students can get funding for summer research experience at a doctoral institution, grad application, GRE training, conferences attendance, and journal/book purchases. CSUB students who participated in this year's competition include:

### Anthony Ponce

Economics Department

Dr. Aaron Hedge, sponsor

Awardee

### Jacob Watson

Psychology Department

Dr. Amy Gancarz-Kausch

Awardee

### Jacob Richardson

Sociology Department

Dr. Rhonda Dugan

Honorable Mention

To apply to the above programs for academic year 2021/22, please see page 2 for the upcoming Pre-Doctoral & Doctoral Funding workshop, October 23, 2020.

## Faculty Profile, Counseling Psychology Program



Dr. Soeun Park: "I hope students develop their views about individuals, relationships and communities on a scientific basis. I also hope they better understand about themselves. Whether they are going to be in a helping profession or not, I hope they continue to grow as a person who genuinely care about other people."

Social Sciences and Education welcomes new faculty Dr. Soeun Park. Dr. Park is excited to be an assistant professor of the M.S. in Counseling Psychology Program in the Department of Psychology. She earned her doctoral degree at the University of Iowa and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Park is teaching multicultural psychology for undergrad and courses about counseling theories and skills with diverse populations for graduate students. "I enjoy teaching these classes as I can be who I am as a woman of color psychologist and share my clinical experiences. I strongly believe in integrating lived experiences into my classes," said Dr. Park. Interview by Shelby Parker for [csub.edu](http://csub.edu) (9/4/2020)

Source: <https://news.csub.edu/social-sciences-and-education-welcomes-new-faculty>

## CSUB Title Vb Grant: STEM Graduate Excellence

Our university was awarded close to \$3 million by the U.S. Department of Education to strengthen, expand graduate programs, and to create a culture of graduate school going student pipeline. With only 5.2% of Kern County residents holding a post-baccalaureate degree, compared to 12.2% for state and 11.8% of the US population, this grant is a first step in meeting our community's needs in graduate education.

According to Drs. Anna Jacobson and Debra Jackson, this STEM Grant seeks to (a) increase research-oriented activities in all graduate programs, as these are essential to sustain vibrant, high quality programs that serve all our students, particularly underserved populations. (b) Develop faculty-student mentorship programs in STEM related programs to increase graduate research activities. (c) Develop a centralized Graduate Research Center (CRC) to support student success by meeting computing needs, research opportunities through a Grad Fair, and provide workshops in financial literacy and critical thinking skills. (d) Develop two new STEM related programs that can increase pathways to PhDs and other related programs by creating cross-institutional collaboratives—the two programs are masters' degrees in Kinesiology and Computer Science.

Please keep an eye on this grant's activities and apply for opportunities that emerge. Two such opportunities are listed below:



**ATTENTION CSUB GRADUATE STUDENTS:**

**DELL LAPTOPS ARE AVAILABLE!**

Laptops checkouts are first come, first serve and we have a limited supply. Please email the Graduate Student Center to check availability and setup a time to pick up a laptop.

You must be a graduate student and enrolled in classes for the Fall 2020 in order to be eligible.

**Email: [gsc@csub.edu](mailto:gsc@csub.edu)**



**CSUB STUDENT FACULTY-MENTOR COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES**

The Graduate Student-Faculty Collaborative Research program is funded by CSUB Title VB and will support student-faculty teams with a monetary award to conduct and complete a research project within the 2020-2021 academic year.

Open to biology, geology, nursing, & kinesiology graduate students submitting a research proposal.

**\$1500**  
Faculty will receive \$500.

For more information, go to our website [www.csub.edu/graduatestudentcenter](http://www.csub.edu/graduatestudentcenter) or contact the GSC at [gsc@csub.edu](mailto:gsc@csub.edu).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**