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ASSOCIATE DEAN'S MESSAGE



"If you want to be happy, set a goal that commands your thoughts, liberates your energy, and inspires your hopes" - Andrew Carnegie

As the fall 2022 semester draws to a close, I am always inspired by graduation; A chance to see students have their dreams of completing a college education come true. However, while dreams are the fuel that inspires and motivates, goals are the engine that can change your life. Not a single student makes it to graduation on dreams alone. Each student's hard work and dedication toward achieving each goal makes their graduation possible. Even if that goal is simply getting green check marks in each box in CatTracks.

In the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, our specialty is helping students set and achieve educational goals so that they can change their lives. Allow me to highlight a few of the ways in which we help students succeed and meet the goals of WSU's strategic plan. Faculty continue to do amazing things in and out of the classroom, including co-organizing WSU's first Human Trafficking Symposium, creating a land recognition map and establishing a new food pantry in the Department of History. Last year, four new faculty members joined the college and we are in the process of hiring five additional colleagues this year.

Our college offers a variety of opportunities to our students, from resume-building internships to impactful study abroad programs. Our student senator, Kostantinos Kambouris, is an outstanding example of getting involved on campus, as you will read about in this newsletter. Thanks to our college advisors, student mentors and faculty, our college achieved its highest fall-to-fall retention ever with 62.8% of all new students returning for their second year and 72.6% of Hispanic-identifying students returning.

As you enter into 2023, I offer you a challenge. I challenge you to find happiness in Carnegie fashion. Set a meaningful goal for yourself; something based on your passions and your dreams. Then, come talk to us. See how Weber State University and the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences can help you put action to your plan. We are excited to work with you in making your dreams become reality.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brent Horn". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

- DR. BRENT HORN

ASSOCIATE DEAN, COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

FACULTY & STAFF PROMOTIONS

Join us in welcoming these CSBS team members into their new roles!



R. C. MORRIS

Previously: Assistant Professor of Sociology
Currently: **Associate Professor of Sociology**



BRAD REYNS

Previously: Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
Currently: **Professor of Criminal Justice**



MOLLY SWEEN

Previously: Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
Currently: **Professor of Criminal Justice**



AMINDA O'HARE

Previously: Assistant Professor of Psychology

Currently: **Associate Professor of Psychology**



CADE MANSFIELD

Previously: Assistant Professor of Psychology

Currently: **Associate Professor of Psychology**



PEPPER GLASS

Previously: Associate Professor of Sociology

Currently: **Professor of Sociology**



DAVID YODER

Previously: Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Currently: **Associate Professor of Anthropology**



MARIA GROVES

Previously: Instructor

Currently: **Assistant Professor of Geography**



TRACY HICKS

Previously: Administrative Assistant III

Currently: **Administrative Associate**

CSBS NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MAP



The idea for a land acknowledgement map started with Vikki Deakin, professor of history, who proposed the idea to Dean Julie Rich. With the support of the Dean's Office, Professor Deakin reached out to assistant professor of geography, Ryan Frazier who took the lead on the map's design. Geography student Brittany Betzer designed a map for a class project, which displayed current reservation land contrasted with original territories. Professor Frazier used the base data from her map and created the final design, which shows the approximate territories of the various tribes as well as the location of Weber State University today. The map will be displayed on the first floor of Lindquist Hall in 2023.

WSU'S INAUGURAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SYMPOSIUM



Weber State University hosted its inaugural Human Trafficking Symposium in October 2022. The event featured speakers from the Utah Attorney General's Office, the University of Utah and other entities involved in raising awareness and combatting human trafficking. Molly Sween, department chair and professor of criminal justice was a co-organizer of the event. The symposium had over 200 attendees from the WSU campus and across the state of Utah. Chair of the department of social work & gerontology, Mark Bigler presented "Children on the Boat: Human Trafficking in Ghana" at the symposium with social work student, Haley Miller. The College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and departments within the college were also sponsors of the event.

CSBS NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY FREE FOOD PANTRY

The Department of History houses a book lending library in Lindquist Hall 272. In addition to lending out books and giving away books for free, the department recently decided to host a food pantry within the space as well. This new addition is an extension of the Weber Cares Pantry; both locations offer students free food and hygiene essentials. The History Food Pantry provides items to help put dinner on the table as well as quick snacks for students on campus.

Professor of history and chair of the department's library committee, Vikki Deakin, said about the project, *"Food insecurity is something we know our students struggle with. If we can help our students with that in any way, it increases their ability to focus on their studies, which will help them succeed at Weber State University."*

CSBS 2023 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

The College of Social & Behavioral Sciences has six exciting trips planned with the Study Abroad office in 2023. Learn more about these trips at weber.edu/studyabroad.

- Kenya with Geography
- New York with Political Science
- Scotland & Ireland with History & Geography
- South Korea with Criminal Justice
- Southern Utah with Archaeology
- Rwanda with Political Science



CSBS STUDENT SENATOR: KOSTANTINOS KAMBOURIS



Kostantinos Kambouris is the current student senator for the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, as well as a student mentor and teaching assistant for the Department of Political Science and Philosophy. Since his first semester at Weber State University in 2020, Kosta has been able to explore his passions for the social sciences, develop a love for higher education and find endless opportunities for growth.

When Kosta realized that the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences didn't have a student senator for the 2022-2023 school year, he quickly took initiative and signed up to represent CSBS students at Weber State University. One of his goals as the newly appointed student senator is to ensure students know that they can reach out to him and rely on him as a solid resource for their academic needs.

"I want to make sure students know that they have a student senator who represents them. They have someone to reach out to about any issues they may be having or topics they feel passionate about at WSU."

Kosta understands how important it is for students to know where to go for help while navigating the world of academia. His positions as peer mentor and student senator work well together, making him an excellent resource for students. Kosta encourages students to get involved on campus however they can, as his experiences at WSU have impacted him in many ways.

"Getting involved in any level of higher education is critically important to the experience a student can have in their undergraduate career. College is about getting a well-rounded education; what is often overlooked in this educational journey are experiences where learning is happening right in front of you. The possibilities at Weber State and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences are waiting for you! As hard as it is sometimes, be curious in finding what fascinates you about our world and courageous enough to go after it. It is possible!"



During Kosta's time at WSU, he has been able to gain valuable experiences through the different programs offered at the university and in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences. During his junior year, Kosta explored the world of politics at the Utah State Legislature through an internship with the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service.

In 2022, he participated in a humanitarian project in Ghana through the Global Community Engaged Learning Program. Kosta also presented at the International Studies Association West Region Conference during the fall 2022 semester. His abstract-reviewed paper "The Syrian Civil War and The Worldwide Refugee Crisis" has been accepted for publication in *ERGO*.

Kosta will graduate in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Integrated Studies in Political Science, Geography and International Studies; all of which are programs within the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences. Kosta's plans for the future include getting a Ph.D. and pursuing a career in academic research, all while aspiring to make a difference in his local communities and beyond.

CSBS STUDENT MENTORS

The College of Social & Behavioral Sciences has three dedicated student mentors that can help students find essential resources, adjust to college life and get involved on campus. Reach out to them via email or stop by our Student Center located in Lindquist Hall 209.

- QUINN TESCH: quinntesch@weber.edu
- CALEB ROBB: calebrobb@weber.edu
- KOSTA KAMBOURIS: kostantinoskambouris@weber.edu

WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES



MARINA CARPIO

IT Support Specialist
CSBS Academic Technology Services



CHRISTY COTTRELL

Academic Advisor
Dean's Office



ABIGAIL MACK

Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Department of Sociology & Anthropology



ALEX MONROE

Administrative Specialist II
Department of Sociology & Anthropology

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MITCHELL PILKINGTON

Visiting Assistant Professor of Crime
Scene Investigation
CSBS Department of Interdisciplinary Studies



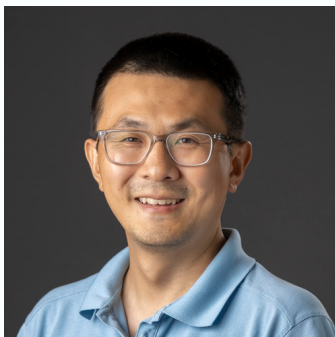
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Dean's Office



LIZBETH VELAZQUEZ

Assistant Professor of Social Work
Department of Social Work & Gerontology



XIN ZHAO

Assistant Professor of Psychology
Department of Psychological Science

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Assistant professor of anthropology, Madeline Mackie received the **Emerging Researcher Award** from the Office of Sponsored Projects at Weber State University.

Professor Mackie's research focuses on understanding the lives of early inhabitants of Western North America, particularly around the time of the last Ice Age. Her recent fieldwork allowed her to excavate a nearly 13,000-year-old mammoth butchery site and associated camp, which has provided insights about diet, resource sharing and movement across landscapes.

In 2020, the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service was restructured to take the lead on voter engagement on campus and house WSU's Political Engagement Coalition. Multiple faculty and staff within the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences are members of WSU's Political Engagement Coalition. This year, Weber State University was awarded the **Highly Established Action Plan** award by the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge for the WSU 2022 campus plan, which was put together by the coalition. WSU was also recognized by ALL IN as one of the **Most Engaged Campuses for College Student Voting**.



Barrett Bonella, associate professor of social work, received the **Ambrose Shaw Endowed Chair** award for 2022-23. His research involves interviewing alumni from the social work program to assess the long-term impacts of their community engagement on their careers.

Community engagement is a large part of the social work program, as many graduates work in local communities directly after graduation. Professor Bonella has created a database for all community-engaged projects completed by social work students in his classes, which he will use to analyze the different factors leading to the success of the projects.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Sara Dant, professor and chair of the Department of History received the **2022 Faculty Sustainability Research Award** at WSU for her presentation, "The View from the Top of the World: Climate Change in the West and the World."

Professor Dant's research reflects on the questions: can oil drilling and caribou mix, is it possible to balance environment and economy and can we afford not to? Her presentation is the foundation for a new chapter in the revised edition in her book *Losing Eden: An Environmental History of the American West*.

Carla Trentelman, professor of sociology, received the **Presidential Award for Community Engaged Faculty Member** from the Center for Community Engaged Learning at WSU.

Professor Trentelman uses community-engaged learning practices in multiple sociology courses she teaches. Through service, and occasionally a class research project, students are able to make a difference in their own community and apply their experience to what they are learning in the classroom.



Bryan Dorsey, professor of geography, received the **2022 Faculty Sustainability Research Award** at WSU for his article, "Refocusing on Sustainability: Promoting Straw Bale Building for Government-Assisted, Self-Help Housing Programs in Utah and Abroad."

Professor Dorsey's ongoing research involves working with students on Community Engaged Learning (CEL) projects in the sustainable land use planning program and during the spring field course in Moab. While in the area, students help with straw bale home construction and learn about larger scale renewable energy systems at the Latigo wind farm.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- **Heeuk Lee:** Collaborated with CJ student, Edilia Popoca Morales on a poster contest for the Western Association of Criminal Justice Conference. Morales was awarded first place for the poster.
- **Brad Reynolds & Heeuk Lee:** Co-authored "Fear of sexual assault for oneself and others: A gendered perspective from five states" for *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*.
- **Molly Sween:** Co-organizer of the inaugural WSU Human Trafficking Symposium.
- **Brad Reynolds:** Published "Does change in binge drinking reduce risk of repeat sexual assault victimization? Evidence from three cohorts of freshman undergraduate women" in *Crime and Delinquency*.

GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

- **Jeremy Bryson:** Wrote a paper with undergraduate student, Jeff Montague, titled, "Smoke Season: Exploring the Geographies of Transient Wildfire Smoke on the Wasatch Front" for the *Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters*. The paper has been accepted for publication and also won an award for the journal's Outstanding Paper in Social Sciences for 2022.

HISTORY

- **Sara Dant:** Published "Driving Utah's Rivers: Working Water in the West" in *Utah Historical Quarterly*. Presented "Tom Alexander and Environmental Stewardship in the American West," at the Western History Association Conference. Under contract for second edition of *Losing Eden: An Environmental History of the American West*. Received the Faculty Sustainability Research Award for the project "The View from the Top of the World: Climate Change in the West and the World."

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HISTORY (CONT'D)

- **Abdulnaser Kaadan:** Received the Joseph and Holly Nye Bauman Outstanding Faculty in Honors award. Presented "The War in Syria Obligated Some Orthopedic Operating Rooms to Apply Primitive Ways of Sterilization" at Billy S. Guyton History of Medicine Symposium. Presented "Human Anomalies in Some of the Medieval Medical Books." Presented "Some of Asian Physicians Achievements Still Attributed to Western Minds" at The NAAAS & Affiliates 28th Joint National Conference. Attended three conferences: 1- The 2nd International Conference on Medical Humanities in the Middle East, Doha-Qatar. 2- The International Symposium on Health History of Palestine in the Ottoman Era, Convention Center of Biruni University, Istanbul - Turkey. 3- 2022 Annual WSU Diversity Conference, Ogden, UT-USA.
- **Leah LaGrone:** Published an editorial in *Texas Monthly*, "What the 1836 Project Leaves out in its Version of Texas History." Guest speaker for Texas State Historical Association Texas Talks.
- **Tracey Smith:** Received the Joseph and Holly Nye Bauman Outstanding Faculty in Honors Award.
- **Nathan Rives:** Published his book, *The Religion-Supported State: Piety and Politics in Early National New England*, with Lexington Books. Presented "Financing the Bible in 1821: Christianity and the Early US Market Economy after the Panic of 1819" at Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association conference.
- **Matthew Romaniello:** Received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connection Grant to fund a workshop on Russia's climate at the University of Toronto in February 2023. Received the Franklin Research Grant from the American Philosophical Society to conduct archival research in the U.K. for the book project *Unplanned Obsolescence: Modernity and the Loss of the Natural World*.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HISTORY (CONT'D)

- **Matthew Romaniello (CONT'D):** Presented "'Winter certainly must take the lead': Challenging Climate Determinism at the Russian Academy of Sciences" at University College London. Presented "What About Helen? Excavating Consent from the Scottish Missionary Society Records," at Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Conference. Co-edited *The Life Cycle of Russian Things: From Fish Guts to Fabergé, 1600 - Present*, which then made the shortlist for the Diagram Prize for Oddest Book Title for 2021.

POLITICAL SCIENCE & PHILOSOPHY

- **Paul Neiman:** Published a paper titled, "Nurses' role model duties for health and COVID-19 pandemic precautions" in the journal *Nursing Ethics*.
- **Richard Price:** Panelist among Utah academics, librarians and authors during Banned Book Week in Salt Lake City. Published "Navigating a Doctrinal Grey Area: Free Speech, the Right to Read, and Schools." Presented "Heather Has Too Many Mommies: Gay Children's Books and the Christian Right Backlash" at Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Received fellowship, 2022 Warren & Spector/Warren Fellowship from the Holocaust Museum Houston. Instructor for Gateway to Learning Educator Workshop at the University of Utah
- **Janicke Stramer-Smith:** Hosted an interview series with a U.S. Representative and two European political leaders in collaboration with the Richard Richard's Foundation, Richard Richard's Institute and the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service.
- **Stephanie Wolfe:** Guest speaker at 28th Commemoration of Genocide Against Tutsis in Rwanda Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio and the Jewish Community Relations Council (via Zoom) on April 11, 2022. Received the Affordable Course Materials Award from Weber State. Authored "Reparations and the Role of Apologies" for *The Oxford Handbook of Atrocity Crimes*.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

- **Cade Mansfield:** Published "Co-Evolution of meaning-making and wisdom in processing and developmental time" in *Post-Traumatic Growth to Psychological Well-Being: Coping Wisely with Adversity*. Published "The psychophysiology of narrating distressing experiences" in *Narrative Inquiry*. Published "Challenges of the Experimental Paradigm in Narrative Identity Research" in *Journal of Research in Personality*.
- **Aminda O'Hare:** Received the 2021 Presidential Excellence in Teaching Award. Received the Outstanding Mentor Award for CSBS from the Office of Undergraduate Research. Received the 2021-2022 Hemingway Collaboration Award. Authored a chapter in new book *Creating a Place for Self-care and Wellbeing in Higher Education*.

SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY

- **R.C. Morris:** Co-authored "Accessorizing Ideology: Conservative Political Identity Shift and Firearm Acquisition" in the *Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*. The research was also presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting.
- **Madeline Mackie:** Research was featured in *Archaeology Magazine* in the article titled "High Plains Mammoth Hunters."
- **Carla Trentelman:** Received the 2022 Presidential Award for Community Engaged Faculty Member.

SOCIAL WORK & GERONTOLOGY

- **Mark Bigler:** Presented "Children on the Boat: Child Trafficking in Ghana" with undergraduate social work student, Haley Miller, at the WSU Human Trafficking Symposium.
- **Justin Lee:** Presented a paper at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education entitled "From Clinical Practice Experience to Research Question: What Former Mormon Clients Need When Leaving?"

MILESTONES

Thank You

10 YEARS

Barrett Bonella, Social Work & Gerontology

Jeremy Bryson, Geography, Environment & Sustainability

Mark Denniston, Criminal Justice

Shannon McGillivray, Psychological Science

Stephanie Wolfe, Political Science & Philosophy

15 YEARS

Carla Trentelman, Sociology & Anthropology

20 YEARS

Leigh Shaw, Psychological Science

30 YEARS

Robert Reynolds, Sociology & Anthropology

Thom Kuehls, Political Science & Philosophy

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