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2021-2022

DR. ELIZABETH GUNN, DEAN

DR. JONATHAN DUNNING,
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ADMINISTRATION

DR. DIANE CARRASCO-JAQUEZ, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ENGAGEMENT

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Be bold. Be great. Be state



"But no one does this on their own.

The path was cleared for me so that
I might rise to this occasion."

Ketanji Brown Jackson,
 Supreme Court Justice,
 speaking at her confirmation
 on April 7, 2022

DEAN'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) began fall 2021 as a transitional semester, and it marked my first experience with students and faculty on campus. As Nevada State College (NS) resumed face-to-face activities upon waning COVID-19 restrictions, the spring 2022 semester was heralded as "back and bold" as we returned to a fully in-person institution. I could not have been more pleased to watch the sidewalks and common spaces come to life with student, faculty, and staff energy. Thus, it is with deep gratitude that I reflect on the year behind and ahead.

A few of my favorite moments from this past year include the launch of new initiatives including the first annual LAS Faculty and Staff Awards, the LAS Faculty Advisory Board, the LAS Student Advisory Board, and the LAS Faculty and Staff Engagement Calendar. With the wellbeing of faculty, staff, and students at the forefront of my vision and planning, these priorities were centered on fostering a culture of commonality and unified direction.

With LAS at the center of NS' educational and cultural mission in championing the New Majority – first generation students, Dreamers, students of color, and anyone seeking mobility through education – I join our community in celebrating the appointment the first African American woman, the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson, to the Supreme Court this year. It has taken 232 years and 115 prior appointments for this achievement. May she inspire countless NS students in their pursuit of excellence and justice.

On a related note, I will continue to ensure that LAS is a site of serious inquiry and advocacy for social justice, especially as these relate to our academic disciplines, faculty expertise, and students' academic pathways and experiences. As such, I continued the Dean's Social Justice Series with several marquee speakers including Ms. Marion Gray-Hopkins, a leader in the Black Lives Matter movement. The Social Justice Series will continue into the next academic year and beyond to ensure that LAS prioritizes anti-racist and inclusive learning and practices across our campus.

My attention has also focused on organizational structure as LAS continues to evolve into a more complex entity with six academic departments, 80 full-time faculty, about 150 part-time faculty, about 3,000 students, and numerous co-curricular programs. As such, it is my pleasure to welcome the founding Associate Dean of Engagement, Dr. Diane Carrasco-Jaquez, to the LAS team. Similarly, the revised Coordinator for Student and Faculty Engagement, reporting to Dr. Carrasco-Jaquez, serves to bolster both faculty and student affairs and programming at the LAS level. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with Dr. Carrasco-Jaquez, Dr. Jonathan Dunning, Associate Dean of Administration, and our entire LAS team to ensure that we serve our constituents with transparency, just practices, inspiration, and gratitude.

Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, Dean
 School of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 Nevada State College



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Ken Schultze presenting at the May 5, 2022 Department of Psychology and Counseling Poster Symposium

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- In Memoriam: English major, Terri Grayson, passed away this year. She was posthumously awarded her B.A. in English with a minor in Creative Writing, and the latest publication of 300 Days of Sun was dedicated to her.
- NSC student team won first place in the coveted Collegiate Business Case Competition at the 2022 Society for Advancement of Management International Conference
- Ten Visual Media students traveled to Los Angeles for an industry tour
- Students participated in the first annual Game
 Jam, a videogame creation event also overseen by
 Dr. Curtis with assistance from Dr. Aaron Wong
 and Dr. Tim Malacarne
- History, Law, and Society student Karen Cano was accepted into The Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Detroit
- Tyler Gormley received the NASA Grant for the 2022-2023 school year
- Rogelio (Chris) Petras and Alejandra Carrillo-Marroquín won 1st Place Oral Presentation for their talk titled, "Gender and Racial Differences in Faculty Feedback Practices" at the 2022 Undergraduate Research and Creative Works Conference

LAS FACULTY AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 BOOKS PUBLISHED
- 1 BOOK CHAPTER PUBLISHED
- 37 PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES PUBLISHED
- 43 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS
- 7 CREATIVE WORKS PUBLISHED
- 13 ACTIVE GRANTS
- 11 INVITED EXPERT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS
- 1 FILM DISTRIBUTION
- 1 INVITED JOURNAL GUEST EDITOR
- 12 NSHE, NSC, and LAS AWARDS WON

A CLOSER LOOK

- Dr. Bo Liang co-authored "Using integrated marketing communications to promote country personality via government websites in *Place* Branding and Public Diplomacy
- Jo Meuris' film Aurora completed its festival run with 61 acceptances, 14 awards, and a distribution deal with the Show of Shows, which screened on campus, at Comic Con, and locations around the country
- Kat Furman, administrative assistant, was accepted into the PhD program in Anthropology at UNLV
- Dr. Chris Harris published "Academy Mixtape: Collaborative Curation and Radical Persistence" in Transformative Media Pedagogies
- Heather Lang-Cassera's (MFA) poetry collection,
 Gathering Broken Light, topped the bestseller lists on
 Amazon and was named the 2021-2022 CTLE Fellow
- Department of Psychology and Counseling faculty engaged with numerous community partners:
 Bravely, Children's Advocacy Alliance, Kosciusko Country Drug Court Program, Sierra Club
- Helen Corbello, NS student and administrative assistant, completed her BS in Business
- Employment milestones: Dr. Peter LaChapelle and Dr. Shirli Brautbar with 15 years and Tricia Ramos with 10 years.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- New Latin American Heritage and Diaspora Minor was launched this year
- BS in Chemistry launch planned for Fall 2022
- The BA in Psychology will be the prevailing degree as the BS phases out
- Data, Media, and Design offered a new course in tattooing cross-listed in Art and Anthropology

LAS Strategic Plan 2020-2022 Old and New Academic Departments as of July 1, 2021

Business

Humanities

Physical and Life Sciences

Social Sciences

Business: Dr. Neil Longley, Director

Data, Media, and Design: Dr. Adam Davis, Chair

History, Law, and Society: Dr. Lance Hignite, Chair

Humanities: Dr. Joanna Shearer, Chair

Physical and Life Sciences: Dr. Bryan Sigel, Chair

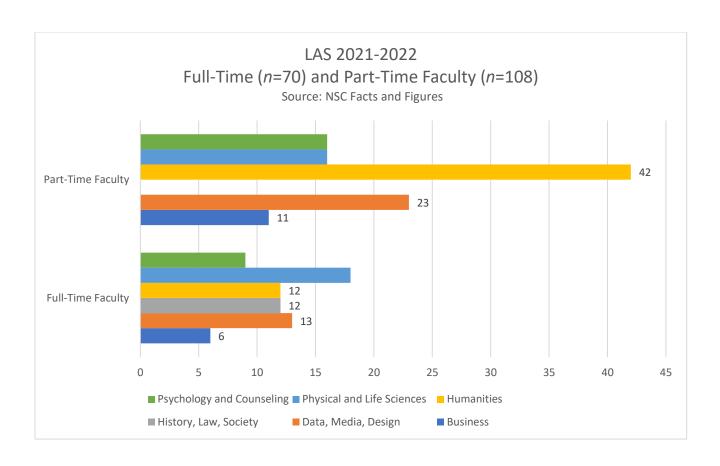
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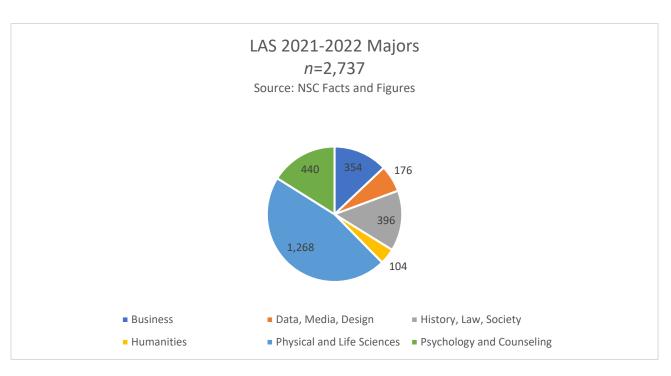
Dr. Shantal Marshall, Chair through June 30th

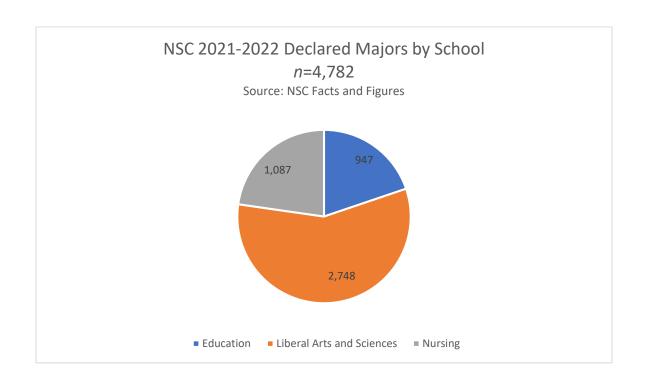
Dr. Laura Naumann, Chair as of July 1st

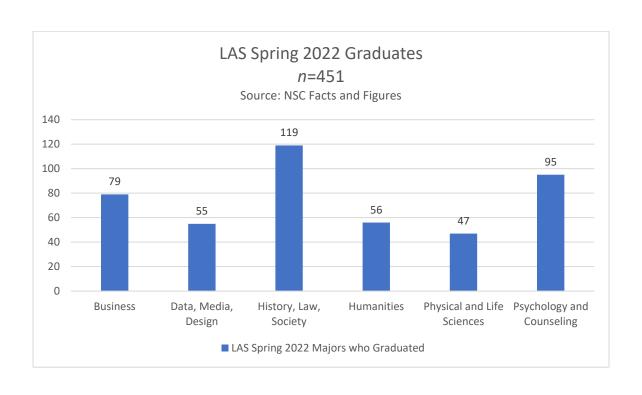


LAS Department Chairs, Administrative Assistants, and Dean's Office at Sunset Bowl following the May 2022 LAS professional planning days.









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OCTOBER 19, 2021 3:30PM-5:00PM

PARALLEL PANDEMICS: WOMEN OF COLOR LEADING THROUGH ADVERSITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

DR. MARIAM LAM. VICE CHANCELLOR FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE (PANELIST)

YAHINI SHORI, POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BIG TEN STUDENTS (PANELIST)

DR. PAMELA SCOTT-JOHNSON, PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY (PANELIST)

MADINAH ELAMIN, MSW., DIRECTOR OF THE GLOBAL VILLAGE, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY (MODERATOR)

NOVEMBER 10, 2021 6:00PM-7:30PM

POETRY AND POWER: SPOKEN WORD, SPOKEN JUSTICE

SIN Á TES SOUHAITS CLARK COUNTY POET LAUREATE

WITH READINGS AND PERFORMANCES
BY THE BLUE SAGE WRITER'S GUILD
PLUS OPEN MIC WITH ALUMNI, STUDENTS, & FRIENDS

CO-HOSTED BY THE BLUE SAGE WRITER'S GUILD

FEBRUARY 22, 2022 3:30PM-5:00PM

MARION GRAY-HOPKINS

A MOTHER'S JOURNEY: FROM TRAGEDY AND PAIN TO PURPOSE AND HEALING



Gray-Hopkins began her work in 2000 as an activist in the movement for social justice, civil liberties, and police accountability following the senseless killing of her unarmed 19-year-old son Gary Hopkins, Jr. She is a board member of American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland, and she is actively engaged with the Maryland Campaign for Justice and Police Accountability, Black Lives Matter, Forced Trajectory Project, ON US Inc., and Amnesty International.

Gray-Hopkins is the recipient of numerous awards including the Washington Peace Center "No Justice No Peace Award," the 2020-2021 Love Not Blood Unsung Hero Award, and the 2021 CAST award in recognition of her outstanding work in the movement.

APRIL 6, 2022 1:00PM-2:00PM

LAS STUDENT TOWN HALL

CALLING ALL LAS STUDENTS!
COME CHAT WITH THE DEAN
SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES, IDEAS, &
THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 DEAN'S SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES



REGISTER HERE

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Faculty and Staff Engagement Calendar 2021-2022

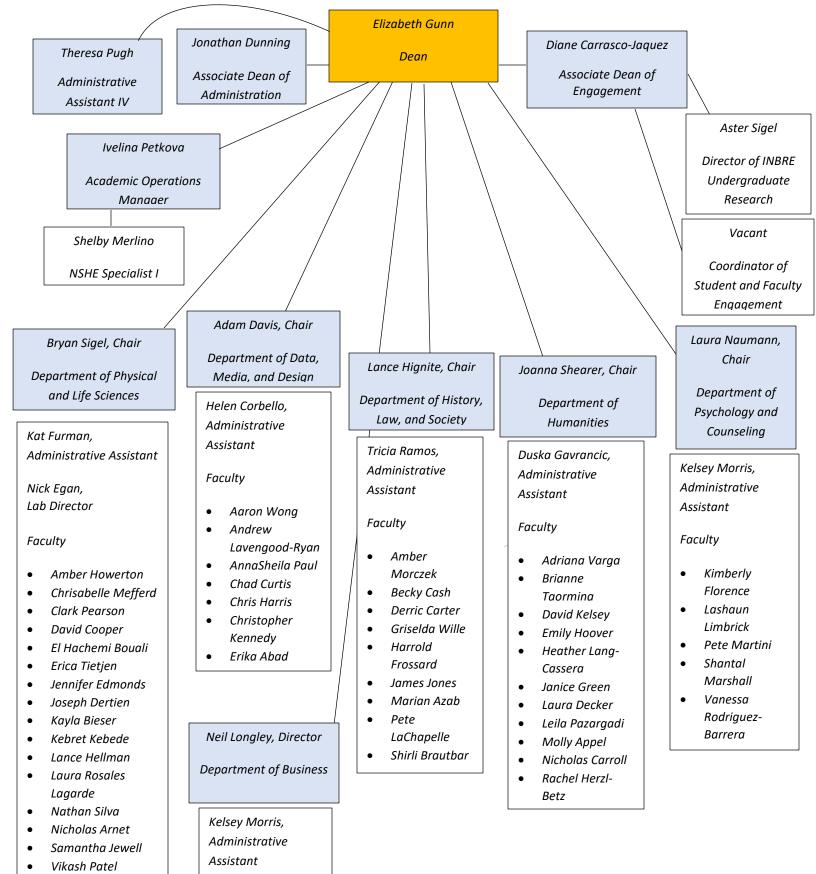
All activities are optional, but please rsvp to the calendar invite

Category	Activity	Date
Professional development and diversity, equity, and inclusion	Revising the Standards of Academe with equity best practices workshop: full-time faculty choose one date	 Workshop option I: September 7, 2:00pm-3:30pm Workshop option II: September 9, 9:00am-10:30am
Social	Informal lunch and chat about the Netflix series <u>The</u> <u>Chair</u> starring Sandra Oh: share your thoughts among friends and colleagues	September 17 12:00pm-1:15pm via Zoom
Social	Picnic with the Dean families and pets welcome	October 8 2:30pm-4:30pm at Desert Pulse Park 475 Pulse Ave Henderson, 89015
Professional development, social justice, and diversity, equity, and inclusion	Parallel Pandemics: Women of Color Leading through Adversity in Higher Education	October 19 3:30pm-5:00pm via Zoom
Professional development	Pedagogy Workshop, Discussion, and Practice centered on "Deconstructing Power, Privilege, and Silence in the Classroom" by Ochoa and Pineda, facilitated by Dean Gunn	November 2 9:00am-10:30am via Zoom
Social justice and diversity, equity, and inclusion	Poetry and Power: Spoken Word, Spoken Justice with Sin Á Tes Souhaits	November 10 6:00pm-7:30pm via Zoom
Social and self-care	Casual, easy hike followed by informal non-work chat with friends and colleagues and bring your lawn chair and a beverage	November 19 8:30am-10:00am Sloan Canyon/McCullough Hills
Professional development and interdisciplinary collaboration	Faculty interest session for interdisciplinary work in preparation for Dr. Jacob's workshop	• January 21 11:00am-12:00pm via Zoom
	Interdisciplinary Research in LAS, a workshop presented by Dr. W. James Jacob, nationally recognized expert in interdisciplinary research	• January 28 9:30am-11:00am via Zoom
Professional development and interdisciplinary collaboration	Faculty Research and Creative Enterprise Brown Bag Lunch January: Creative Writing faculty and friends reading from recent publications, all LAS faculty and staff are welcome	January 28 12:00pm-1:00pm Location TBD
Professional development	Spring 2022 LAS Faculty and Staff Meeting	February 3 3:30pm-4:30pm Location TBD
Social justice	A Mother's Journey: From Tragedy and Pain to Purpose and Healing with Marion Gray-Hopkins	February 22 3:30pm-5:00pm via Zoom

Professional development and interdisciplinary collaboration	Faculty Research and Creative Enterprise Brown Bag Lunch February presenters TBD, all LAS faculty and staff are welcome	February 25 12:00pm-1:00pm LAS 124
Social	Pizza and camaraderie	March TBD Lovelady Tavern
Professional development, interdisciplinary collaboration, and diversity, equity, and inclusion	Transforming Campus Climate (tentative title) with Dr. Julia Mendez Smith, Chancellor's Fellow for Campus Climate, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro	March 22 or 24 TBD 9:00am-11:30am via Zoom
Professional development and interdisciplinary collaboration	Faculty Research and Creative Enterprise Brown Bag Lunch Interdisciplinary conversation about water	March 25 12:00pm-1:00pm Location TBD
Professional development	LAS grant writing strategies with Dr. Molly Appel, Dr. Laura Naumann, Dr. Zach Woydziak, and Grants Specialist Christine González	April 12 3:30pm-5:00pm LAS 123
Social	By faculty and staff request, difficult 6 mile hike on the River Mountain Trail in Boulder City with views of Lake Mead Hike followed by donuts and informal non-work chat with friends and colleagues – bring your lawn chair and a beverage	April 15 8:30am-12:00pm River Mountain Trail Parking at the River Mountain Trail Parking/Trailhead (not River Mountain Loop) located just before St. Jude's Ranch for Children on the left side of US-93 headed northeast toward Lake Mead on US-93 north — Latitude and Longitude for GPS 35.984330741278086, - 114.84278377015073
Professional development and interdisciplinary collaboration	Faculty Research and Creative Enterprise Brown Bag Lunch April presenters Dr. Shantal Marshall and Dr. Peter LaChapelle	April 29 12:00pm-1:00pm LAS 124
Social	First Annual LAS Faculty, Staff, and Students Awards and Tradition	May 11 1:00pm-3:00pm KAB Auditorium



Department of Business Students and Faculty at the Spring 2022 Commencement Ceremony



Vu Duong

Zach Woydziak

Faculty

Bo Liang Heidi Batiste Jessica Parks Michelle Region-Sebest Raul Tapia SCHOOL OF LIBERAL
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DIRECTOR: NEIL LONGLEY

Be State.

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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller

Director's Annual Message

The Department of Business is a hub of activity these days, and we have so much exciting news to share. Here are some highlights:

- The Spring 2022 semester saw the Department launch its Executive-in-Residence (EIR) program, with Mr. Tom Skancke being appointed as the program's first-ever EIR. The EIR program invites a prominent business leader from Southern Nevada to spend an immersive semester on campus, collaborating with students, faculty, and college leadership on numerous activities and projects. Some of the areas of involvement for the EIR include: assisting students and faculty in applied learning projects; providing career counseling and mentoring advice to interested students; working with student clubs and their faculty advisors to enhance/promote the activities of the club, and; building further partnerships with the local and regional business communities.
- The Women in Business (WiB) Club was launched under the direction of Dr. Bo Liang. It aims to create opportunities for women to become strong leaders and future role models. The club will foster an inclusive community of current students, alumni, and local business professionals. Activities include networking, speaker panels, and skills workshops.
- The Entrepreneurship & Small Business Leadership Club was launched under the direction of Dr. Michelle Region-Sebest. The club provides members with the opportunity to increase their understanding of how to start and run a small business through participation in incubator discussions, workshops, networking events, and business leader mentoring opportunities. The organization aims to provide a forum for the professional development of members interested in running a small business. This includes taking the necessary steps to create a small business, learning how to pitch a small business idea to investors, finding capital, and participating in local community outreach to experience small business ownership.

Moving forward, key goals for 2022-23 include further increasing our engagement with alumni and the local business community.



"I urge students to get to know their classmates networking is critical to business success, and your fellow students can be a valuable professional resource for you long after graduation."



Champions!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Briana Saldivar graduated from Nevada State May 2022 with a degree in Business. From the moment Briana set foot on the Nevada State campus, she has taken advantage of many opportunities to grow, including active participation and leadership in student organizations, mentorships and training opportunities, and academic research with faculty. Briana has served as President of the Dreamer's Club, providing support and resources for undocumented and DACAmented students on campus. Briana also served as the president of the Society for Advancement of Management (SAM). During her term as SAM president, she has provided opportunities for members to increase career readiness skills through participation in inperson and virtual workshops. She has also contributed to two research projects with Dr. Batiste (Assistant Professor of Business) including one conference presentation and one manuscript which is currently under review by a peer-reviewed journal. Briana worked on campus in the Office of Institutional Advancement where she was exposed to the NSC Foundation Board operations, social media management and alumni engagement. She completed three summer internships, including most recently, Credit One Bank, where she has accepted a permanent position in Marketing.
- Our NS Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) student chapter competed in the 2022 SAM International Business Conference on March 31, 2022. Our team won 1st place in the Open division in the Collegiate Business Case Competition; this is their second year in a row winning the competition.
- Business student Maria Balleza Franco, under the direction of Dr. Batiste, participated in the poster session at the Undergraduate Research and Creative Works Conference; she won 1st place in the Social Science category!

FACULTY AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

- The latest addition to our business faculty is Dr. Jessica Parks, who joined us in August 2021 as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Parks teaches Principles of Managerial Finance and other courses in the Financial Services concentration. The concentration provides an overview to various financial services professions including banking, investment planning, financial planning, and financial counseling. She completed her doctoral education from the University of Georgia. Her research focuses on the use of poverty simulations and college students' attitudes towards poverty.
- The latest addition to our Business staff is Kelsey Morris, who joined our team in November 2021 as an Admin Assistant. In 2020, she graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with her Master's Degree in Public Administration. Kelsey is currently working on her Doctorate Degree in Management at the University of Phoenix; her dissertation topic is female entrepreneurs. Kelsey came to work at Nevada State because she is passionate about NSC's mission to represent and serve diverse and underserved students.

A CLOSER LOOK

- Heidi Batiste co-authored "Cross-Cultural Mentoring in Higher Education: The Use of a Cultural Identity
 Development Model," in Mentoring & Tutoring
- Bo Liang co-authored "Using integrated marketing communications to promote country personality via government websites" in Place Branding and Public Diplomacy

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Our new curriculum was rolled-out in the Fall 2021 semester. Some highlights include:

- Fewer "required" courses in Business, and, instead, more opportunity for students to specialize in an area of their particular interest.
- Required Courses: All BS in Business students, regardless of specialization, will take core foundational courses in each of the four "pillars" of business: Accounting, Management, Marketing, and Finance.
- Students will then choose one of five possible concentration areas. All are intended to provide students with the job-ready skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the Southern Nevada economy.
- The concentrations are: Diversity & Human Resource Management; Management & Leadership; Marketing; Financial Services, and; Sport Business

- 29 Total courses and 103 sections offered
- 1,208 Total overall enrollments in the department
- 2 Majors and 2 Minors
- 79 Total number of 2021 graduates
- Total number of faculty
 - o 6 Full-Time Faculty
 - Dr. Heidi Batiste; Assistant Professor, Untenured
 - Dr. Bo Liang; Assistant Professor, Untenured
 - Dr. Neil Longley; Full Professor, Tenured
 - Dr. Jessica Parks; Assistant Professor, Untenured
 - Dr. Michelle Region-Sebest; Assistant Professor, Untenured
 - Dr. Raul Tapia; Associate Professor, Tenured
 - 11 Part-Time Faculty

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"Strength lies in differences, not similarities."

- Steven Covey

CHAIR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

The Department of Data, Media & Design is an innovative and unusual combination of disparate programs, including Communication, Data Science, Math, and Visual Media, and covering Art and Music as well. I still get the odd look when listing off programs as folks work to process the way that, say, art and math go together (here's one way: we have an art class taught by a math instructor).

The department was born from a vision to house the nascent Data Science program in a department where a new graphic and UX/UI program could be built, but it became much more than that. We have already witnessed the intersections between the arts and sciences emerging from casual conversations among our energetic faculty, moving into interdisciplinary action. We have gained more from our differences than our similarities, and the spirit of the department seems to hew closely to the institutional mission to innovate as we grow and to recognize and celebrate difference.

In the past year we emerged – carefully – from the global pandemic and welcomed a return to the close (if generally masked) interactions between faculty and students that are a hallmark of Nevada State. We have worked to support and promote the Data Science degrees, replete with new courses, and are reevaluating admission and selection strategies for first-year math courses. We have also moved into teaching across campuses, with AnnaSheila Paul, a Nevada State faculty member embedded with Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno, teaching on campus there and remotely in Henderson simultaneously.

We welcomed three new faculty members to the department, including Dr. Chad Curtis in Data Science, and Andrew Lavengood-Ryan and Dr. Nandita Sahajpal in Math. We are also pleased to welcome Helen Corbello as the new Administrative Assistant.

We're looking forward to another great year of challenges, opportunities, and collaboration.



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Visual Media students outside Warner Bros. Studios

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Three Communication students traveled with Dr. Chris Harris for the Salzburg Global Seminar in Austria after a hiatus during the pandemic; students and faculty collaborated on ways to foster post-pandemic equity and social justice
- Four student INBRE researchers worked with nanoparticles, overseen by Dr. Chad Curtis;
 Aubree Tannehill will present on the research at the INBRE annual meeting
- Students participated in the first annual Game Jam, a videogame creation event also overseen by Dr. Curtis with assistance from Dr. Aaron Wong and Dr. Tim Malacarne
- Tricia Russell, a Communication student, organized and hosted "The Art of Storytelling," a speech competition
- Advanced cinema students produced a 9minute film, 'Inc.', that was shot in various campus locations and submitted to festivals
- Ten Visual Media students traveled to LA for an industry tour

FACULTY AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 book chapter published
- 1 special edited journal
- 1 journal article published
- 4 conference presentations
- 1 grant awarded
- 1 patent awarded
- 1 distribution deal

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- Jo Meuris's film Aurora completed its festival run with 61 acceptances, 14 awards, and a distribution deal with the Show of Shows, which screened on campus, at Comic Con, and locations around the country
- Dr. Chris Harris published "Academy Mixtape: Collaborative Curation and Radical Persistence" in Transformative Media Pedagogies
- Dr. Tim Malcarne published "Connected Audience in Social Performance" in Sociological Theory
- Dr. Aaron Wong, along with Brian Martinelli, secured a patent for the Test Tube Suspender, which they invented

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- ART 240 3D Modeling for 3D Printing is newly invigorated with the addition of a resin printer and laser cutter as part of a new maker space on campus
- A significantly revised Data Science minor and new courses came online as the degree continues to grow and evolve
- A new course in tattooing, cross-listed between Art and Anthropology, explores the aesthetics, history, and culture around tattoo art

Full-time faculty: 13

Chris Harris, Professor of Communication

Derryce Howzell, Lecturer of Communication

Seseer Mou-Danha, Assistant Professor of Communication

Chad Curtis, Assistant Professor of Data Science

Tim Malacarne, Assistant Professor of Data Science

Seth Churchman, Lecturer of Mathematics

Andrew Lavengood-Ryan, Lecturer of Mathematics

Krystle Oates, Lecturer of Mathematics

Nandita Sahajpal, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Aaron Wong, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Adam Davis, Associate Professor of Visual Media

Jo Meuris, Associate Professor of Visual Media

AnnaSheila Paul, Lecturer and Coordinator, Visual Media

Part-time faculty: 23

Number of courses: 116

Number of courses with dual credit: 119

Number of sections: 170

Number of sections with dual credit: 245

Number of majors: 176 Number of graduates: 39

Numbers by program:

Communication: 50 majors, 21 graduates

Data Science: 6 majors

Math: 21 majors, 2 graduates

Visual Media: 99 majors, 16 graduates

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"She stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails."

- Elizabeth Edwards

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The word chosen to describe the inaugural year of the Department of History, Law and Society (HLS) is resilience. Resilience is defined by the American Psychological Association as the process and outcome of successfully adapting to difficult or challenging life experiences, especially through mental, emotional, and behavioral flexibility and adjustment to external and internal demands.

HLS has diverse and dynamic leaders who provide students with unique and challenging academic adventures, turning academic success to personal and professional growth. In addition, the lived experiences of our faculty provide a unique opportunity for student-faculty relationship building and mentoring.

HLS has award winning faculty and students. Our faculty and students have experienced and overcome a variety of challenging personal, professional, and academic difficulties. In spite of these challenges, HLS faculty and students have adapted and excelled in their personal, professional, and academic lives.

HLS has seen the loss of three faculty members through retirement and resignation. Our resilience to these losses provides us the opportunity to seek out and welcome new colleagues who will provide new energy, new ideas and new ways to serve our students.

The Department of History, Law and Society is prepared to face the future. We are resilient, renowned, and united in our quest to provide students with the tools they need for self-efficacy, success, and motivation to achieve personal and professional growth both in the classroom and beyond.

Dr. Lance Hignite, Chair
 Department of History, Law and Society
 School of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 Nevada State College





Criminal Justice Club students preparing donations for the homeless.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- HLS Student Spotlight for Graduation Kira Leal (BACJ w/ minor in PSY).
- 5 student research presentations including the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference, Pacific Sociology Association conference, Undergraduate Creative Works conference, and CRJ Capstone Course Research Presentation.
- Karen Cano was accepted into The Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Detroit, MI (funded by the National Science Foundation and pictured below).



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS (2020-2021)

- Dr. Paul Buck created the Eunice Foote Environmental and Resource Science Scholarship that awarded \$8000 to students
- **20** research/scholarly presentations
- 10 articles/book chapters accepted for publication
- 6 guest speaking events

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

- LAS Social Justice Award Dr. Amber Morczek (pictured left, center)
- LAS Full-Time Faculty Teaching Award –
 Dr. Marian Azab (pictured left, right)
- LAS Faculty Research and Creative Enterprises Award – Dr. Jamie Palmer
- LAS Full-Time Faculty Service Award –
 Dr. Logan Kennedy (pictured left, left)
- Nevada Regents' Rising Researcher Award –
 Dr. Katherine Durante
- 10-Year Milestone Tricia Ramos
- 15-Year Milestone Dr. Peter La Chapelle
- 15-Year Milestone Dr. Shirli Brautbar

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- History and Interdisciplinary Studies now have fully online degree options
- Gender & Sexuality degree revision underway
- Interdisciplinary Studies developed a twoconcentration degree program
- Latin American Heritage and Diaspora minor created in History
- Public Administration-Law Enforcement degree revision underway
- Sociology degree revision underway

ENROLLMENT and GRADUATION NUMBERS DEPARTMENT of HISTORY, LAW AND SOCIETY

121 Total Graduates 613 Students Enrolled

ACADEMIC PROGRAM NUMBERS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

47 2021 Graduates

238 Majors

51 Minors

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

8 2021 Graduates

40 Majors

GENDER AND SEXUALITY

6 2021 Graduates

20 Minors

HISTORY

30 2021 Graduates

76 Majors

68 Minors

LAW ENFOREMENT

8 2021 Graduates

42 Majors

12 Minors

SOCIOLOGY

20 2021 Graduates

66 Minors

FACULTY

FULL TIME FACULTY – HISTORY, LAW AND SOCIETY		
<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	
Marian Azab, Ph.D.	Lecturer of Sociology	
Shirli Brautbar, Ph.D.	Professor of History	
Paul Buck, Ph.D.	Associate Professor of Anthropology	
Derric Carter, Ph.D.	Lecturer of Interdisciplinary Studies	
Becky Cash, MA	Lecturer of History	
Harold Frossard, DCJ	Lecturer of Criminal Justice	
Lance Hignite, Ph.D.	Associate Professor of Criminal Justice	
James Jones, Ph.D.	Lecturer of Law Enforcement	
Peter La Chapelle, Ph.D.	Professor of History	
Amber Morczek, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice	
Jamie Palmer, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Sociology	
Griselda Wille, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Latin American History	



History students visiting the Clark County Museum.



Paul Buck and his wife Maureen at Paul's Retirement celebration.

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Dr. Joanna Shearer

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"I will have my serpent's tongue – my woman's voice, my sexual voice, my poet's voice. I will overcome the tradition of silence."

Gloria E. Anzaldúa,
 Borderlands/La Frontera

CHAIR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

This year has marked some significant changes for the Humanities Department as we said a bittersweet farewell to our colleages in History, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Visual Media who transitioned into new and, in some cases, newly created departments in LAS. We will certainly miss having everyone as part of Humanities, but we are excited to see the broader vision for our School come to fruition. During my first year as as Chair, I have seen firsthand the incredible amount of personal effort faculty & staff have given to support our students through unprecedent challenges, and I am so inspired by the high level of innovative service Team Humanities always provides to the campus community. In turn, our students inspire us with their commitment to pursuing their educational goals despite seemingly insurmountable odds. They continue to show up no matter what, and so too shall we.

In the coming academic year, the Deaf Studies faculty are working on some exciting revisions to the Interpeting Minor. Also, Deaf Studies & Spanish will be joining our colleagues in Math in utilizing the brand new Language & Learning Lab in Dawson. This space will provide tutoring, workshops, and social opportunities for language learners (sometimes with voices off and sometimes voices on). Futhermore, the Latin American Heritage & Diaspora Minor was finalized, which added several new course options in English literature, Spanish literature, & public history. The Spanish program is working on expanding its dual credit courses to include those for Heritage speakers. The Rhetoric & Composition faculty will continue to build upon their work for Co-Requisite Composition (NSHE). And, last but not least, the English program is thrilled to have four graduates in the Creative Writing Minor, which newly debuted in Fall 2020. We are truly excited by the interdisciplinary interest in creative writing on campus and look forward to growing this program.



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STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- In Memoriam: one of our English majors, Terri Grayson, unfortunately passed away this year.
 She was posthumously awarded her B.A. in English with a minor in Creative Writing, and the latest publication of 300 Days of Sun was dedicated to her.
- **2 English Majors** completed honors thesis projects:
 - Gabriella Joseph (pictured above with Dr. Leila Pazargadi): "The Gift of an Education: Agency in Women's Award-Winning Memoirs"
 - Allie Bowler: "My Loneliness is Killing Me But So Are You: How the Mortal Instruments Series the Misogynist Notion in YA Readers that 'To Love is to Destroy'"
- Ruby Burch (English) was awarded second place in Poetry Promise's John Oliver Simon Poetry Award (most folx in this competition were MFA's!)

FACULTY AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

- **2** BOOKS
- 2 GRANTS (NEH)
- 5 PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES
- 14 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS
- 5 INVITED TALKS
- **7** CREATIVE WORKS POTPURRI (short stories, poems, Zines, etc.)

A CLOSER LOOK

- Dr. Molly Appel & Dr. Leila Pazargadi

 Eds. "Testimonial Encounters in the Americas: Threading Community
 Together via Testimonial
 Disclosure," American
 Literatures. Univeristy of Graz, 1.1.
 Oct 2021
- Heather Lang-Cassera's (MFA) poetry collection, Gathering Broken Light, topped the bestseller lists on Amazon and was the 2021-2022 Regent's Teaching Award recipient
- Dr. David Kelsey resumed his work with the ASL Festival after a COVID hiatus & facilitated a virtual Q & A for students with Daniel Durant, star of the Oscar winning film CODA
- Emily Hoover's (MFA) novella in stories, Snitch, was published by Wordrunner eChapbooks.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- The Latin American Heritage & Diaspora Minor was approved and will be available starting Fall 2022 – it is an interdisplinary degree comprised of English, Spanish, & History courses
- Deaf Studies officially adds a new elective course – AM 411: Inequaity, Deafness, & the Law in Fall 2022
- The English faculty are working in collaboration with SOE to develop a ENG 102 course that includes curriculum geared towards K-12 teaching as well as Praxis support

Full Time Humanities Faculty: 12

- David Kelsey, Lecturer (Deaf Studies)
- Janice Green, Lecturer (Deaf Studies)
- Kathryn Sprouse, Lecturer (Deaf Studies/ASL Interpreting)
- Nicholas Carroll, Lecturer (Spanish)
- Molly Appel, Assistant Professor (English)
- Laura Decker, Assistant Professor (English)
- Emily Hoover, Lecturer (English)
- Summer Liu, Lecturer (English)
- Leila Pazargadi, Associate Professor (English)
- Joanna Shearer, Associate Professor (English)
- Brianne Taormina, Lecturer (English)
- Adrianna Varga, Lecturer (English)

Humanities Faculty Abroad: 3

- Elizabeth Gunn (LAS Dean & Full Professor English/Humanities)
- Rachel Herzl-Betz (Writing Center Director English/Writing Studies)
- Heather Lang-Cassera (FYE English)

Part-Time Faculty: 42

Traditional: 27Dual Credit: 15

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Department 2021-2022
Snapshot

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Discipline by Degree	Total Course Enrollment by discipline	Declared Majors	Declared Minors	*Graduates (Total)
Deaf Studies (majors, minors) & ASL Interpreting (minors)	586	51	85	33
English (includes Composition)	960	53	33	18
Social Justice (minor) – (ETS)	297	N/A	21	5
Spanish (Traditional & Heritage Speaker minors)	80	N/A	16	*program debuted in Fall 2020
Philosophy (no degree)	190	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Dr. Bouali's students in the Spring Mountains.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We are excited to provide you our second annual update on the activities of the Department of Physical and Life Sciences (PaLS). During the past year we began to emerge from the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In Fall 2021 only our labs and a few lecture classes were conducted in-person, but by Spring 2022, nearly all of our courses had returned to their regular modalities. As our operations normalized, we found ourselves in a new and different educational landscape. Our students, some of whom had spent the second half of their high school experience in "lockdown", had different expectations and skills than students we taught pre-pandemic. Our faculty were also armed with new tools and techniques (as well as longer hair- see chair picture) that they developed during the pandemic to engage our students. Our undergraduate research experiences continued to flourish and expand despite the challenges and disruptions, and we even saw growth in our degree programs. We look forward to continuing to adapt to this new landscape and offering our students enriching and valuable education and experience to prepare them for their future science careers.



"From the night, his solitude, the poet finds day and starts a diary that is lethal to the inert. The dark landscape yields a dialogue."

--Salvatore Quasimodo, Nobel Lecture 1959, "The Poet and the Politician"



2021 Summer iSURF Program

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

On May 02, 2022, Lucas Wadley successfully defended his Honors Thesis:

"Implementation of the CRISPR/Cas9 System for Knockout of *rps*T in *Bacillus cereus* to Determine Antibiotic Susceptibility".

Tyler Gormley received the NASA Grant for the 2022-2023 school year.

Jared Church, Alice Hulslander, Taevien Loa, Gabriella Montes, Alexia Rivera-Perez, and Lucas Wadley all received NSF EPSCOR UROP awards in 2021-2022.

DEPARTMENT NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS (2021-2022)

- Dr. Kebret Kebede- promotion to Professor of Human Health Sciences
- Dr. Zachary Woydziak- promotion to Professor of Chemistry
- Dr. Laura Rosales Lagardepromotion to Associate Professor of Environmental Science
- Dr. Samantha Jewell- promotion to Associate Professor of Biology
- Published 6 peer-reviewed articles, contributed 7 conference presentations, and awarded 1 patent.
- 10 active grants awards totaling \$1.08M for 2021-2022.
- Administrative News
 PaLS Administrative Assistant Kat
 Furman was accepted into the
 UNLV Anthropology Ph.D. program
 starting Fall 2022.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

New Programs

B.S. in Chemistry (Fall 2022)

New courses

- BIOL 330 (Plant Biology)
- CHEM 431/432 (Advanced Inorganic Chemistry)
- GEOL 333 (Principles of Geomorphology)
- GEOL 405 (Geology of National Parks)

ENROLLMENT and GRADUATION NUMBERS DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

47 Total Graduates 1,516 Students Enrolled

ACADEMIC PROGRAM NUMBERS

BIOLOGY:

35 2022 Graduates

285 Majors

22 Minors

HUMAN HEALTH SCIENCES

3 2022 Graduates

930 Majors

14 Minors

CHEMISTRY

B.S. Begins Fall 2022

40 Minors

ENVIRONMENTAL and RESOURCE SCIENCE:

8 2022 Graduates

53 Majors

4 Minors



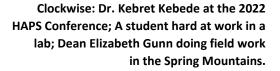
Dr. Joseph Dertien and students at Cathedral Rock.

Full Time Faculty - Physical and Life Sciences		
Name	Title	
Nicholas Arnet, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Chemistry	
Kayla Bieser, Ph.D.	Associate Professor of Biology	
El Hachemi Bouali, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Geosciences	
David Cooper, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Chemistry	
Joseph Dertien, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Biology	
Hon-Vu Duong, M.D.	Distinguished Lecturer of Biology	
Jennifer Edmonds, Ph.D.	Associate Professor of Biology/Microbiology	
Lance Hellman, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Human Health Sciences	
Amber Howerton, Ph.D.	Associate Professor of Chemistry	
Samantha Jewell, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Biology	
Kebret Kebede, M.D.	Associate Professor of Biology	
Brian Martinelli, M.S.	Senior Lecturer of Physical Sciences	
Clark Pearson, Ph.D.	Lecturer of College Success	
Laura Rosales-Lagarde, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor of Environmental Science	
Bryan J. Sigel, Ph.D.	Department Chair and Associate Professor of Biology	
Nathan Silva, Ph.D.	Senior Lecturer of Biology	
Erica Tietjen, M.S.	Lecturer of Biology	
Zachary Woydziak, Ph.D.	Associate Professor of Chemistry	

Administrative Faculty and Staff - Physical and Life Sciences		
Name	Title	
Nick Egan	Laboratory Coordinator	
Kat Furman	Administrative Assistant III	
Aster Sigel, Ph.D.	Director of Undergraduate Research	

Part Time Faculty - Physical and Life Sciences		
Name	Discipline	
	Biology, Chemistry,	
Malak Charara, M.S.	Nutrition	
Roger Dexter, M.S., D.C.	Biology	
Nicole Espinoza, M.Ed.	Biology	
Chandler Hassan, B.S.	Chemistry	
Daniel Koury, Ph.D.	Physics	
Nicole Marcellus, M.S., Pharm. D.	Biology	
Mefferd, Chrisabelle, M.S.	Biology	
Alicia Mellor, M.S.	Biology	
Patel, Vikash. M.S., M.P.H.	Biology	
Jacqueline Phan, M.S.	Chemistry	
Meghan Rodela, M.S.	Biology	
Gabrielle Rum, Ph.D.	Chemistry	
Richard Sorrentino, Ph.D.	Biology	
Jo Stenberg, D.C.	Biology	
Sarah VanderMeer, Ph.D.	Geology	
Joseph Wilcox, Ph.D.	Biology	









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"When I dare to be powerful — to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."

-Audre Lorde

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hello! I'd like to introduce myself as the new Chair for the Department of Psychology and Counseling. I have been a faculty member at Nevada State since 2013 and am excited to continue serving the institution in my capacity as Chair.

First, I want to thank outgoing Chair Dr. Shantal Marshall, Associate Professor of Psychology, for serving as Department Chair for the last three years—first for Interdisciplinary Social Sciences and most recently for Psychology and Counseling. She helped lay important groundwork from which I will continue to build to elevate our Department. Thank you for your service; enjoy your sabbatical!

Next, to recap the 2021-2022 year, we continued to navigate the transition back to teaching and working in person, while simultaneously maintaining online and hybrid options for students and staff—what appears to be the "NEW NORMAL".

We welcomed one new faculty member to the department—Pete Martini—whose specialty includes applied social and health psychology. He has helped broaden our in person course offerings in Research Methods, Statistics, Health Psychology, and Psychology and the Legal System.

We also completed a major curriculum revision that includes a phasing out of our Bachelor of Science degree in favor of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree with one of three specializations that more directly align with critical workforce needs (see Curriculum Highlights).

Finally, we said goodbye to four of our dedicated full-time faculty—Wendi Benson, Carol Lee, Roberta Miranda, and Christina Squires—who left Nevada State to pursue other opportunities. Part-time Instructor Lashaun Limbrick will join us as a full-time Emergency Lecturer in Counseling and we will conduct searches to fill the four vacancies in the upcoming academic year.

We continue to imbue our work with a commitment to engage our students as critical thinkers and future change agents.



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Undergraduate Research & Creative Works

1st Place Oral Presentation Winners

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Rogelio (Chris) Petras and Alejandra Carrillo-Marroquín won 1st Place Oral Presentation for their talk titled, "Gender and Racial Differences in Faculty Feedback Practices" at the 2022 Undergraduate Research and Creative Works Conference.
- Margaret Bowman co-authored a manuscript submitted for publication with Dr. Carol Lee titled, "Preliminary effectiveness of a selfguided, asynchronous online stress and anxiety management workshop."
- Alumna Paula Ramirez co-authored an article with Dr. Laura Naumann titled, "Caught on Camera: Cross-Race Interactions Captured in Daily Life," and published in the Journal of Research in Personality.
- Rogelio (Chris) Petras was the Class of 2022
 Student Spotlight for the Department of Psychology and Counseling at graduation; he enrolled in an Interdisiplinary Social Psychology PhD program at the University of Nevada, Reno.

FACULTY AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Shantal Marshall received the LAS
 Department Chair of the Year Award
- PTI Dr. Lashaun Limbrick received the LAS PTI Service Excellence Award
- o 2 peer-reviewed articles published
- o 2 manuscripts submitted with students
- 8 conference presentations with students
- Over 30 students individually mentored

FACULTY CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

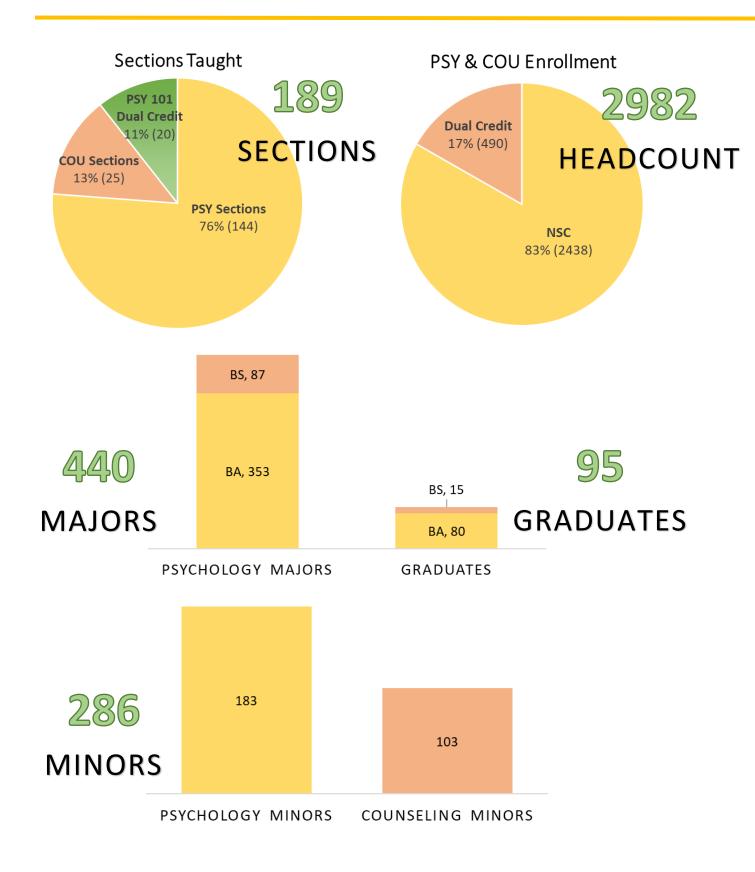
- o Dreamer's Club
- Psi Chi, International Honor Society
- STING Academy
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NSC Chapter
- Undergraduate Research & Creative Works

FACULTY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- o Bravely, a mental health company
- Children's Advocacy Alliance and Strong Start
 Nevada
- ChildHelp at UNLV's The PRACTICE
- Kosciusko County Drug Court Program
- o PBS Kids
- Saginaw Valley State University Substance Use
 Disorder Extension for Community Healthcare
 Outcomes (ECHO)
- Sierra Club and the Access Fund

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- Psychology and Counseling is phasing out the Bachelor of Science in Psychology.
- Psychology and Counseling added three
 Bachelor of Arts degree specializations in additional to the General Psychology degree:
 - Clinical and Mental Health (CMH)
 - Developmental (DEV)
 - Intergroup Dynamics & Social Equity (IDSE)
- Dr. Laura Naumann taught the first section of PSY 493 Academic and Career Preparation in Psychology in Spring 2022.



FACULTY

FULL TIME FACULTY = 9

- Associate Professors of Psychology
 - o Wendi Benson (Fall 2022)
 - Shantal Marshall
 - o Laura Naumann
- Assistant Professors of Psychology
 - o Carol Lee
 - o Pete Martini
 - Vanessa Rodriguez-Barerra
 - o Christina Squires
- Lecturers
 - o Kimberly Florence, First-Year Experience
 - o Roberta Miranda, Counseling

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PART TIME FACULTY = 16

- Armando Gonzalez
- Aydasara Ortega Torres
- Casey Casillas-Nicholls
- Christopher Stanley
- Elizabeth Brandise
- Eric Mason
- Esther Hanes
- Jeannine Klein
- Jennifer Shultz
- Jillian Wocjik
- Lashaun Limbrick
- Mark Brana
- Michael Konrad
- Ponchita Lopez
- Susan Manville
- Veronica Glover