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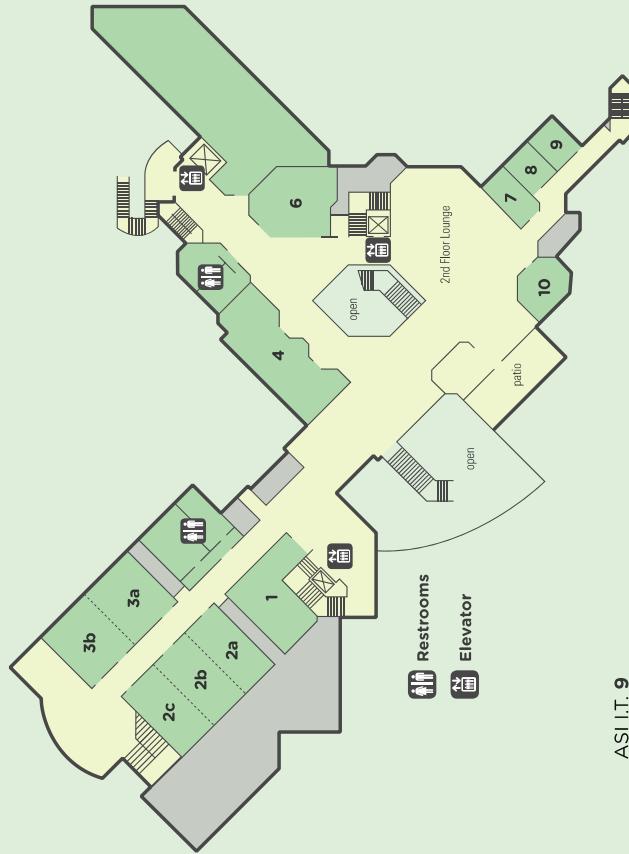
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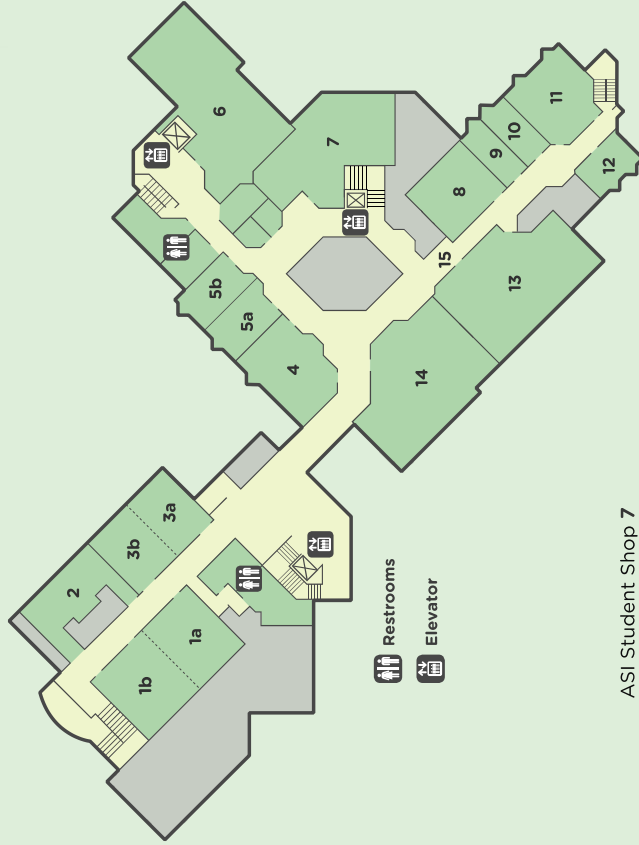
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9:00 – 9:30	Welcoming Remarks (Forest Suite)
9:30 – 10:45	Session 1 Presentations (7 concurrent panels)
11:00 – 12:15	Session 2 Presentations (6 concurrent panels)
12:15 – 1:20	Lunch and Keynote Address (Forest Suite)
1:30 – 2:45	Session 3 Presentations (6 concurrent panels)
3:00 – 3:30	Awards Ceremony (Summit Room)

## **8:15 – 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast (Forest Suite, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

## **9:00 – 9:30 Welcoming Remarks (Forest Suite, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Dr. Jennifer Murphy, SSRIC Symposium Chair and Associate Professor of Sociology, CSUS

Dr. Frederika Harmsen, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, CSUS

Dr. Orn Bodvarsson, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Dr. Matthew Jarvis, SSRIC Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science, CSU Fullerton

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## **9:30 – 10:45 SESSION 1 (Panels 1A to 1G)**

### **Panel 1A: Economic and Public Policy (Coastal Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Francis Neely, San Francisco State University*

Christopher Aguilera. Political Science, CSU Chico.

“Reagan and His War on Drugs: Let the Mass Incarceration Begin!”

Emily Bowers. Economics, CSU Fresno.

“Determinants of Systemic Risk in the U.S. Financial System”

James Proffer. Political Science, CSU Chico.

“Nation-Building and Religion”

Kaitlyn Sims. Economics, CSU Fresno.

“Public Perception of Temporary Worker Permits for Undocumented Immigrants in California”

**Panel 1B: Family and Fertility (Delta Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

Moderator: *Dr. Jacqueline Carrigan, CSU Sacramento*

Osanna Bertsch. Sociology, CSU Monterey Bay.

“Social Stigma and the Adoptive Family in Present Day United States and Media’s Role in the Narrative”

Kayla Bueltel, Justin Baker and Jennifer Dyer-Seymour. Psychology, CSU Monterey Bay.

“Are Gender and Employment Status Related to College Students’ Attitudes Toward Care Giving Responsibilities?”

Alesha Pettit. Anthropology, CSU Sacramento.

“A Fitness Cost Warning Among Nulliparous Human Females”

Kristina Spink. Human Development, CSU East Bay.

“The Formation of Chief Secondary Attachment Figures and How They Support Development in Early Childhood”

**Panel 1C: Education and Mental Health (Mountain Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

Moderator: *Dr. Meredith Williams, Humboldt State University*

Christina Arzate. Community Health, CSU Dominguez Hills.

“The Role of Peer Pressure as a Moderating Factor Between Victimization and Self-Esteem”

Karlee Hare. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“How Education Plays a Role in One’s Self-Satisfaction.

Cindy Luna. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“The Influence of Education on Job Satisfaction”

Maira Villegas. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“Bullying and Its Effects on Mental Health”

**Panel 1D: Health Issues and Race/Ethnicity (Summit Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

Moderator: *Dr. Mark Brown, CSU Sacramento*

Angela Kutsar. Sociology, CSU Sacramento

“Gender Differences in Perceiving and Receiving Mental Help in the Latino/a Community”

Vickie Phan. Sexuality Studies, San Francisco State University.

“Silent Minority: Asian American Women’s Attitudes and Concerns Around HIV”

Patrick St. Julien. Health Science, CSU Dominguez Hills.

“Mapping the Relationship between Household Income and Heart Disease in Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders”

Eric Victory. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“Discrimination and Health of Sexual Minorities: A Case of Asian and Latino/a Americans”

**Panel 1E: Psychology and Testing (Orchard Suite I, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Moderator: *Stafford Cox, CSU Long Beach*

Leo Alexander III and Misha D. Haghighat. Psychology, CSU Sacramento.

“The Reliability and Validity of the Concept Shifting Test and the Letter Digit Substitution Test as Measures of Executive Functions”

John Dennem. Social Psychology, CSU Los Angeles.

“Attitudes Toward Homosexual People: Embeddedness with Links to ATLG(S) and Behavioral Intentions”

Nasreen Toorabally and Isabella Romero. Psychology, CSU Monterey Bay.

“Construct Validity of Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 Restructured Form (MMPI-2-RF) Scales in a Forensic Inpatient Hospital Setting”

**Panel 1F: Media, Perception, and Identity (Orchard Suite II, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Moderator: *Dr. Matthew Jarvis, CSU Fullerton*

Travis Downey. Political Science, CSU Channel Islands.

“WaterGate/Nixon: The Influence of the News Media in Public Opinion and Representation.”

Nikole Holland, Saree Hamm, Shannen McGarth, Elidia Mendoza, Virginia Mendoza, Mickey Zuniga and Jennifer Dyer-Seymour. Psychology, CSU Monterey Bay.

“Can Theory of Mind be Manipulated?”

Karly Mahan, Luis Campos, Edgar Campos, Amparo Diaz, Diana Di Napoli, Dana Rosenfeld and Paul Stallard. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“The New Black Face: Representations of African Americans in Movies and its Impact on Careers”

Alexander Nelson. Sociology, Humboldt State University.

“Discursive Formulations and the Latent Power of Music in Social Movement Collective Communities.”

**Panel 1G: Linguistics, Language and Learning I (Orchard Suite III, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Moderator: *Dr. Timothy Kubal, CSU Fresno*

Dayna Barrios. Anthropology, CSU Sacramento.

“Language and Identity: The Importance of Language Revitalization in Native American Communities.”

Carla Gordon. Linguistics, CSU Long Beach.

“Linguistic Gender Dimorphism and Web Register”

Nancy Ngo. TESOL, CSU Long Beach.

“Accessing the Semantics of Japanese Numeral Classifiers”

**11:00 – 12:15      SESSION 2 (Panels 2A to 2F)**

**Panel 2A: Education and Policy (Coastal Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Francis Neely, San Francisco State University*

Rosa M. Belerique. Educational Leadership, CSU Long Beach.

“Active Duty Student Success: A Proposed Framework”

Hannah Blodgett. Public Policy and Administration. CSU Sacramento.

“Examining the Effects of Education and Other Determinants of CalWORKs Receipt”

Simone Radliff. Political Science, San Francisco State University.

“Education for Political Empowerment: The Effect of Collective-Efficacy Developing Curriculum and Experiences in High School Civics Courses on Political Engagement”

Michelle Schmidt. Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSU Monterey Bay.

“Support Transfer Students” Adjustment and Challenges Faced by Students Transferring from Community Colleges to California State Universities”

**Panel 2B: Health (Delta Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Jacqueline Carrigan, CSU Sacramento*

Yovana Gojnic. Public Policy, CSU Sacramento.

“Adolescent Physical Activity Levels and the Influence of High School Physical Education Participation”

Daniel Hernandez. Health Science, CSU Dominguez Hills.

“A Special Analysis of 4 California State University’s Walkability Scores, Availability of Community Gardens, Fresh Produce Markets and Food Desert Status”

Min Hee Park. Social Work, Humboldt State University.

“Food Insecurity and SNAP Participation Among International Students Working on a College Campus”

Mikaela Vournas. Anthropology and Geography, Cal Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

“Mapping Motivations: Nutrition in Transition in Fiji”

**Panel 2C: International Law and Politics (Mountain Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Marcela Garcia-Castanon, San Francisco State University*

Luis Antezana. Political Science, CSU Los Angeles.

“The Right to Counsel Should Extend to Unaccompanied Minors”

Eduardo Gonzalez. Political Science, San Francisco State University.

“Religiosity and Political Participation: An Analysis of Turkey’s Protests”

Zuleth Francis Lucero-Quijada. Political Science, CSU Fresno.

“Analysis of the Main Variable of Voter Turnout in Guatemala by Using The Sociological and Institutional Factors of Turnout”

Sofia Pedroza. Sociology, Cal State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

“Olympic Corruption: Depoliticalization of Sochi 2014”

## **Panel 2D: Linguistics, Language and Learning II (Orchard Suite I, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Moderator: *Dr. Amy Liu, CSU Sacramento*

Naif Almulla. Linguistics, CSU Long Beach.

“The Role of Frequency in L2 Structure Accuracy: The Acquisition of Infinitive/Gerund/Constructions by English Second Language Learners”

Amparo Diaz, Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“Elder Care Services & Costs: Who should be responsible?”

Sydney Tanimoto. Public Policy, Cal Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

“The Reality of Equity in a California Two Way Immersion Program: A Case Study of Intergroup Dynamics”

## **Panel 2E: Mental Health (Orchard Suite II, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Moderator: *Dr. Lori Weber, CSU Chico*

Alisha Barreras. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“Children and the Internet”

Charlotte Furusa. Health Science, CSU Dominguez Hills.

“The Association of Peers, Body Image, Parenting Styles/ and Stress to Self Esteem Amongst Adolescents”

Jessica Reece. Psychology, CSU Chico.

“Families Reach Self-Sufficiency in Rural Transitional Housing: Impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences”

James Reed. Health Science, CSU Dominguez Hills.

“Associations of Sleep Deprivation with Depression and Suicidal Thoughts”

## **Panel 2F: History and Culture (Orchard Suite III, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Moderator: *Dr. Todd Migliaccio, CSU Sacramento*

Peter Eden. History, CSU Sacramento.

“American Punks”

Bobby Edwards. History, CSU Sacramento.

“The Cognitive Aspects of Historical Consciousness and its Place in a Globalized Society”

Aaron J. Jackson. History, CSU Sacramento.

“Why They Endured: Trench Journalism as a Reflection of the Soldierly Community in World War One”

Amber Ramirez and Golafarin Razy. Political Science, CSU Channel Islands.

“Called into Action”

**12:15 – 1:20 Lunch and Keynote Address (Forest Suite, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

“The Data Analysis Paradox”

Mr. Mac Taylor  
Legislative Analyst, State of California

Mac Taylor was appointed to the position of Legislative Analyst in October 2008. As Legislative Analyst, he serves as the nonpartisan fiscal advisor to both houses of the California Legislature and oversees the preparation of annual fiscal and policy analyses of the state’s budget and programs. His office is also responsible for preparing impartial analyses of all initiatives and constitutional measures qualifying for the state’s ballot. Mr. Taylor earned a bachelor’s degree, with highest honors, in political science from the University of California, Riverside, and a master’s degree in public affairs from Princeton University. He also serves on the Statewide Leadership Council of the Public Policy Institute of California.

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**1:30 – 2:45 SESSION 3 (Panels 3A to 3F)**

**Panel 3A: Politics and Representation (Coastal Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Charles Gossett, CSU Sacramento*

Karina Joachin. Political Science, San Francisco State University.

“Winner Takes All: Do Latinos Make Political Choices Based on Group Identity?”

Golafarin Mehran-Razy. Political Science, CSU Channel Islands.

“War, Public Opinion, and Representation”

Dara Pilgrim. Political Science, San Francisco State University.

“Money, Polarization, and Moderation: A Look at California’s Open Primary on Fundraising and Legislator Ideology”

**Panel 3B: Health and Sexual Behavior (Delta Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Meredith Williams, Humboldt State University*

Allan Avila. Sexuality Studies, San Francisco State University.

“Cultural Reproduction: Child and Adolescent Pregnancy in Rural Guatemala”

Tayfun Hekimoglu. Health Care Administration, CSU Long Beach.

“Adolescent Pregnancy: Factors and Prevention”

Kristi Sprowl. Health Sciences, CSU Dominguez Hills.

“The Association Between Religiosity and Sexual Behaviors Among Adolescents”

Tyler Virden. Psychology, CSU Sacramento.

“Predicting Risky Sexual Behavior in Adolescence”



### **Panel 3C: Health Policy (Mountain Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Aya Ida, CSU Sacramento*

Rosemary Guillen. Health Sciences, CSU Dominguez Hills.

“Immunization Rates Among Bay Area Elementary School Populations Before and After AB 2109”

Heather King. Social Work, Humboldt State University.

“Ramen Noodles No More: “Starving” College Students and Eligibility Barriers to Cal Fresh (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)”

Aditi Sapra. Sociology, CSU Los Angeles.

“What’s Up, Doc?: Examining Doctor-Patient Relationships in California”

Kimberly Ward. Nursing, CSU Long Beach.

“Interdisciplinary Assessment and Intervention Tools for Fall Prevention in Decreasing Fall Rates”

### **Panel 3D: Issues in Law and Criminal Justice (Orchard Suite I, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Lori Weber, CSU Chico*

Sacramento Mendoza Ramos. Sociology, CSU Long Beach.

“Police Officers and the LGBT Community: An Exploratory Study Across Police Department Policies, Procedure and Specialized Training”

Katrina Ortega. Forensic Behavior Science, CSU Fresno.

“A Quantitative and Qualitative Look at Latin American Violence”

Esteban Rivas. Political Science, CSU Northridge.

“Breaking the Chain: Interpretation in Subversive Language and in the Law”

Janae Teal. Sociology, Humboldt State University.

““Black Trans Bodies Are Under Attack”: Transgendered Homicide Victims in the US 1995-2014”

### **Panel 3E: Race, Ethnicity and Education (Orchard Suite II, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Phillip Akutsu, CSU Sacramento*

Markeshia Babers-Henry. Education, CSU Long Beach.

“Psychological and Physical Health Predictors of Academic Achievement for African American College Students”

Jewell Bachelor. African Studies, San Francisco State University.

“Reclaiming Black Girlhood in School- Reclaiming Black Girlhood and Their Innocence: Will They Survive?”

Jesus Perez. Sociology, Humboldt State University.

“Latina/o Self-Identified Students at a Predominately White University: Beyond Their Freshman Year”

Rodolfo Rodriguez. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“From the Fields to College: An Analysis of College Aspirations Among Latino Farm Workers”

### **Panel 3F: Understanding Happiness (Orchard Suite III, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

*Moderator: Dr. Ellen Berg, CSU Sacramento*

Mellanie Chavarin. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“The Happier Party: Democrats or Republicans?”

Alvarez Kimes. Social Work, CSU San Bernardino.

“Happiness, Materialism, Beauty, Rater Bias, and the Halo Effect”

Christian Joy Lewis. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“Education and Its Influence On Happiness”

Barbara Valenzuela. Sociology, CSU Sacramento.

“The Effect of Children on Marital Happiness”

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### **3:00 – 3:30 Closing and Awards Ceremony (Summit Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**

#### **Award Introductions and Presentation**

Dr. Francis Neely, Associate Professor of Political Science, San Francisco State University

Awards:

*Charles McCall Award* for best undergraduate paper

*Betty Nesvold Award* for best graduate paper

*Gloria Rummels Award* for paper demonstrating the best use of quantitative data

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Congratulations to all of the student presenters!

Thank you for your hard work and for contributing to this conference.

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