
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
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POINTS OF PRIDE

Africana Studies: Student Success

Africana Studies had a 90 percent first-time-freshmen graduation rate in 2013-14.

Anthropology: The Forgotten Casualties Project

In 1928, more than 400 people were killed in a massive dam break in L.A. County—and the tragedy is barely recognized. That is now changing thanks to the “Forgotten Casualties” Project, directed by Anthropology professor James Snead, who with his students is helping to rewrite local history and bring greater awareness of the St. Francis Dam disaster to the community.

Geography: Faculty Excellence

Geography Professor Steve Graves published an eText in early 2015 that has saved our students more than \$36,000 during the first semester that it was available. Furthermore, the eText has proved a highly effective learning tool with student performance on specific evaluation tools improving after adoption of the text. As a result, more than a dozen other schools, colleges and universities around the U.S. have already adopted Dr. Graves’ text, helping bolster the reputation of the Geography department and the university.

History Master’s Program

The website graduateprograms.com has ranked the CSUN History graduate program 19th in the country, based on responses of current students and graduates of the program.

History: 2015 Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award

History professor, Dr. Tom Devine won CSUN’s 2014–15 Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award for his book *Henry Wallace’s 1948 Presidential Campaign and the Future of Post-War Liberalism*.

History: Community Education and Involvement

Dr. Jessica Kim’s Public History Class is working with El Pueblo de Los Angeles and the National Parks Conservation Association to develop an exhibition on the role of individuals of African descent in founding El Pueblo.

Undergraduate and graduate History students are working with high school students and community members on research projects uncovering Macarthur Park/Westlake neighborhood history.

Political Science: Experiential Programs

Over the past two years, the Political Science DC Internship program has sent 56 students to Washington, D.C., to live, work and learn in the nation's capital for a semester, interning for members of Congress, agencies, and non-profit and advocacy organizations.

Students in the Model UN program consistently garner top honors at local, national and international competitions. In 2015, our students received the coveted "Outstanding Delegation Award" at both the New York and Washington D.C. National Model United Nations Conferences.

Psychology: Faculty Excellence

Psychology professor Debbie Ma received the 2014-2015 Exceptional Levels of Service to Students Award.

In recent years, 11 Psychology department faculty members have received CSUN awards for outstanding teaching, service, scholarship and mentoring.

Department of Social Work in the Top 20 MSW Programs

Our Department of Social Work program was rated in the top 20 Social Work M.A. programs in the nation.

Department of Social Work: Community Service

At the Lobby Days event in April 2015, 62 MSW students visited Sacramento to lobby for social work-related bills on minimum wage adjustment, immigration status for healthcare coverage and the CalWORKS family welfare program.

Sociology: Student Success

In 2015, four of our graduate students were accepted into prestigious doctoral programs in sociology.

Our department has had both an undergraduate and graduate student receive "outstanding student awards" from the California Sociological Association.

Several students recently worked on the federally funded CSUN Institute for Community Health and Wellbeing grant.

Urban Planning: New Master's Degree Program

The Department of Urban Planning admitted the first cohort of graduate students in the Fall 2015 semester. This is a competitive degree in the region, because it was designed for working professionals to complete in a relatively short period of time.

Urban Planning: Community Service

Our students and faculty members have been actively engaged in local community planning on Reseda Blvd. participating in Mayor Eric Garcetti's "Great Streets" Initiative.

Two CSBS Faculty Win 2015 Distinguished Teaching Awards

CSBS Professors Kenya Covington, Urban Studies and Holli Tonyan, PhD. Psychology were both awarded the 2015 Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Award.

Center for Urban Water Resilience

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences chartered a new Center, the Center for Urban Water Resilience. The Center will serve as a resource for the development of a comprehensive water research program at CSUN, as well as a repository of knowledge and expertise available on urban water resource issues for use in problem-solving, planning, practical design, policy development, research and education.

C.A.R.E.-- Center for Assessment, Research and Evaluation

Faculty from the Departments of Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, Education, and Public Health developed and chartered a new research center. The Center for Assessment, Research and Evaluation is designed to provide services, training, and professional development for faculty, students, and community agencies, as well as employment and mentorship for CSUN undergraduate and graduate students.