



**November 2023**

### **Upcoming CLASS Events**

#### **Theatre Production: *OFFICE HOUR* | December 5 – 7, 2023**

Don't miss Theatre's last performance of 2023, *OFFICE HOUR*! New York Magazine calls *OFFICE HOUR* "vital, honest, and valuable...*OFFICE HOUR* is interested not only in the question of gun violence, but in the painful, isolating struggle faced by the children of immigrant parents in this country." To purchase tickets, visit Theatre's [website](#)!

#### **Music Department Holiday Concert | December 3, 2023, at 4 PM**

The CPP Music Department is kicking off the holiday season with a festive Holiday Concert on Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 PM in the University Theatre. Purchase tickets for the holiday concert and other upcoming concerts [online](#)!

***Tell us what events are happening in your departments through the "Submit Your News" form at the bottom of this newsletter.***

### **Communication**

**Zane Landin**, ('22 communication), was [featured in Cal Poly Pomona's "Dreams of Success" video](#) campaign that followed Zane's CPP experience from imposter syndrome to finding mentors and embracing his identity through getting involved on campus. Watch how Zane found community and discovered his passion for communication and DEI work, leading him to the White House.

### **Sociology**

Assistant professor of sociology, **Bianca N. Haro's** Senior Symposium course, "The Sociological Landscape of Pomona, CA" has been [selected as an awardee for the Fall 2023 Signature Polytechnic Experience \(PolyX\) Hub at Cal Poly Pomona](#). This course has been recognized as a distinguished program and will be prominently highlighted on the PolyX Hub website, showcasing exemplary programs at Cal Poly Pomona.

Sociology Professor, **Anthony Ocampo's** book "Brown and Gay in LA" is now available in paperback from New York University Press. Ocampo's book has been praised as a masterful ethnography. [Learn more about it on Polycentric](#).

Sociology and Criminology Assistant Professor, **Peter Hanink's** latest article "[Reforming the Police: Examining the Effect of Message Framing on Police Reform Policy Preferences](#)" was published in the *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

Sociology '93 alum, **Jose Gomez**, [was announced](#) as the new interim Superintendent-President at Pasadena City College.

## **Music**

**The Music Department** welcomed renowned, grammy-nominated cellist Matt Haimovitz from McGill University in Montreal. Haimovitz conducted a masterclass and performed with **Music Professor Nadia Shpachenko-Gottesman**. [Read more about it on Polycentric](#).

Music Industry Studies '15 alum, **Simone Ledward Boseman** found healing after the death of her husband, "Black Panther" actor Chadwick Boseman, by spilling her grief in her [nine-track debut album, "the mornings"](#).

**Yalil Guerra**, adjunct professor of music, [was featured in ProSound News](#) and Mix Magazine about his partnership with Mojave Audio to capture live recordings of the orchestral performances that celebrate lesser-known works and composers.

The work of award-winning composer **Isaac lo Schankler**, associate professor of music, will be featured in a [workshop series for developing composers and librettists hosted by opera-theater company Overtone Industries](#) at the Teatro Frida Kahlo in Los Angeles on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Econ**

Assistant professor of Economics, **Shih-Tang Hwu's** paper "Markov-Switching Models with Unknown Error Distributions: Identification and Interference with the Bayesian Framework" was accepted by Studies of Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics.

## **Geography and Anthropology**

**Dani Savinon**, Geography Major, won the prestigious President's Paper Award at the Undergraduate level at the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Conference! Her groundbreaking paper, "From Green Lawns to Green Gentrification, A Look at Shifting Landscapes," offers a fresh perspective on the interplay between plant integration in new developments and green gentrification in Santa Ana, CA. Savinon is advised by Dr. Gabriel Granco in the Department of Geography and Anthropology.

**Remi Burton**, Geography and Anthropology's Administrative Coordinator recently published a children's book titled "The Eight-Legged Hotel." Remi's inspiration for the book came after a neighborhood walk with her daughters sparked their imaginations. Remi shares that the book is truly a story of life, life lessons, friendships, struggles we all face, the friend we all yearn for, and the power of compassion and teamwork. ["The Eight-Legged Hotel" is now available for purchase on Amazon](#).

## **English and Modern Languages**

English honors '14 alum, **Abi Inman** [reported on NPR social media](#) about the Supreme Court case on federal gun bans. In her role as Visuals Community Manager, Inman works with both NPR journalists and NPR's followers on Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube to create a more informed public through meaningful experiences.

## **Psychology**

**Tierra T. Ellis**, assistant professor of psychology and licensed psychologist, was invited to [contribute an article to CNBC](#) as an expert psychologist to discuss parasocial relationships. The article was inspired by the fan response to Beyonce's Renaissance Concert tour.

**Rachel Baumsteiger**, assistant professor of psychology, published a chapter titled "Promoting prosocial habits" for [Advances in Psychology Research](#) Volume 151 by Nova Science Publishers.

### ***Ethnic and Women's Studies***

**Alvaro Huerta**, associate professor of ethnic and women's studies and urban and regional planning, recently moderated the "URBAN Matters – Community Engaged Research Ethics" panel and was interviewed by New Orleans's media outlet *Gambit* for article "[Street food for thought: The fight over regulating street vending heats up in New Orleans.](#)"

**Ayana Jamieson**, assistant professor of ethnic studies and founder of the Octavia E. Butler Legacy Network, was mentioned in a recent [Los Angeles Times article](#) as an important thought partner for the New York-based artist who wrote the article discussing Octavia Butler's life and work.

### ***Political Science***

Adjunct professor of political science and poli sci alum '04, **Farrah Hassen's** latest op-ed "[Americans want a ceasefire in Gaza. It's our politicians who are out of touch](#)" was published in several newspapers nationally and promoted by the Chancellor's Office.

Assistant professor of political science, **Mary Anne Mendoza-Davé's** co-authored paper "[A Case for Description](#)" was recently published in *PS: Political Science & Politics*. The paper addresses four areas in which description contributes to Political Science: conceptualization, policy, relevance, the management and leveraging of data, and challenging entrenched biases, and diversifying the field.

As [director of legal affairs at Alteryx](#), **Christina Whittaker** ('07, political science) has led more than \$500 million of acquisitions and the acceleration of Alteryx Ventures program that completed nine ventures earlier this year.

### ***CLASS Dean's Office***

**Tiffany Frontino**, CLASS Dean's Office Budget Analyst, recently completed the rigorous 6-month [CPP EDGE Leadership Development Program](#). The mission of the CPP EDGE Program is to inspire, ignite learning, and prepare future leaders as they explore and further develop their personal and career aspirations. Participants gain valuable experience, acquire essential skills, and evolve as leaders and advocates to promote the CPP Culture.

### ***Submit your news!***

**CLASS Kudos** is a monthly list of shout outs to brag about the incredible work you're doing! Keep us up to date on what's happening in your departments and tell us about upcoming events, share exciting news, announce student successes, and more by [submitting your news on our website](#)! For questions, contact CLASS Communications Specialist Ashley Bagwell, [adbagwell@cpp.edu](mailto:adbagwell@cpp.edu).

*Deadline for the next CLASS Kudos is **December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.***

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