



DR. ALEX MADVA

2018 - 2019 FACULTY FELLOW

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) has named Dr. Alex Madva as a Faculty Fellow for 2018-2019.

Being part of the Philosophy Department, what led Dr. Madva into research was wanting to stay in the college environment and becoming a research scholar was the path he took.

His work is an intersection between philosophy and social psychology. Dr. Madva's focus is on the social, ethical and political implications of research on implicit bias. "I would want the public to know that there are lots of techniques for reducing our biases, both at the individual and institutional level.

By mentoring students, Dr. Madva has had many rewarding moments such as seeing students go into law school and graduate school in philosophy. There are minor challenges when mentoring students such as conflicting schedules, but the rewards are much greater. For example, one great reward was seeing his students from his class, The Philosophy & Psychology of Implicit Bias, put together an event at the Fox Theater in Downtown Pomona. The event featured speakers such as Dr. Madva and rapper KRS-One. The students received the Presidential Discovery Fellowship for this project.

As a Faculty Fellow of the OUR, Dr. Madva wants to engage faculty in departments who are not as involved in undergraduate research and open doors for faculty and students. He wants to show the empirical evidence on how undergraduate research is beneficial for students to be successful in graduate school and professional careers.

Dr. Madva's advice to Cal Poly Pomona students is, "I would not recommend taking too many courses at one time. A lot of students try to finish at CPP as quickly as possible and they are overloaded on courses and get overwhelmed. Especially for students who are doing undergraduate research, make sure you have enough time, between your other classes, work, etc., to really put your all into the project."