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Jazmine Sandoval Steps into Power

Meet HSU's new student body president

by Ma Salazar

Meet Jazmine Sandoval

Social and political change is difficult to achieve, but new Associated Students president Jazmin Sandoval is stepping into her role ready to make an impact.

Sandoval, a transfer student who arrived at HSU in fall 2017, has parents who emigrated from Mexico to the United States. Now, giving back to her community as a self-identifying Chicanx, she is a member of the Humboldt County chapter of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicane de Aztlán (M.E.Ch.A.), which is a club aimed at supporting Chicanx students on campus and shedding light on political issues.

Sandoval was also a part of the Womxn's Resource Center, where she held the position of environmental justice educator. Now Sandoval says she wanted to be more involved and connected with the resources here on campus. She mentioned that a big part of why she made her decision to run for president was seeing the frustration on students' faces.

"Students were frustrated about how HSU prides itself in being an HSI [Hispanic Serving Institution], but the Latinx Center is underfunded and many people of color don't feel comfortable living here," Sandoval said.

Main Goals

As a film student, Sandoval wants to mix her passion for filming with her new position as president and plans on recording A.S. meetings in order to reach a bigger audience so that all students know what is happening on campus.

"My goals for the school year is one, to build better connections and relationships with administration, staff and the community, which is Arcata," Sandoval said. "And two would be providing more help and resources on campus to students who are more



Jazmine Sandoval serves as the Associated Students president at Humboldt State for fall 2018 and spring 2019. | photo by Emilyo Arias

marginalized or underrepresented, or vulnerable."

Sandoval's job is to be the official voice and representative for the campus student body. She is involved with multiple committees where she can vote and be part of the decision making process. Some of the committees she is involved with are the University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee, Student Fee Advisory Committee, and she is also the chair of the A.S. executive committee.

Sandoval also appoints many other students to these committees to sit on and vote.

Sandoval is described by Bennett Perrault, the vice president, as reliable, involved and knowledgeable.

Perrault said he trusts Sandoval and her judgment. He hopes that students simply know that there are resources available and that they have a voice.

"She cared before she was president and she's going to care after she's president," Perrault said.

La Comunidad a llegado!

HSU's new themed housing is now open

by Sinhai Dorantes

The Latinx Center for Academic Excellence, or El Centro, has launched La Comunidad, a living-learning community centered around experiences of Latinx people.

After two years in the works, El Centro was designated to the Tan Oak building located in the Canyon residency. Director of El Centro Fernando Paz has been working closely with HSU Housing and Nancy Perez, the new CRGS professor, to develop the program's studies.

"In our center we are developing a mentoring program specifically for the work we want to do with Latinx students," Paz said. "So that was separate, but it just made sense for us to combine with La Comunidad to launch our mentoring program."

Paz wants to make sure the curriculum from Pérez's Chicanx and Latinx studies aligns well with the work the program has lined up. El Centro is currently recruiting mentors for the program in hopes to begin organizing its logistics and agenda in late September.

Meanwhile Stephen St. Onge, the director of Housing and Residence Life, is primarily focused on building its community and getting students involved early on.

"We want to get the students to come and see what their interests are, and get them involved with the programming rather than have us do it

for them," St. Onge said. "It's important that the students are involved in the programming of their own community because it offers a sense of community and belonging for students who want to participate."

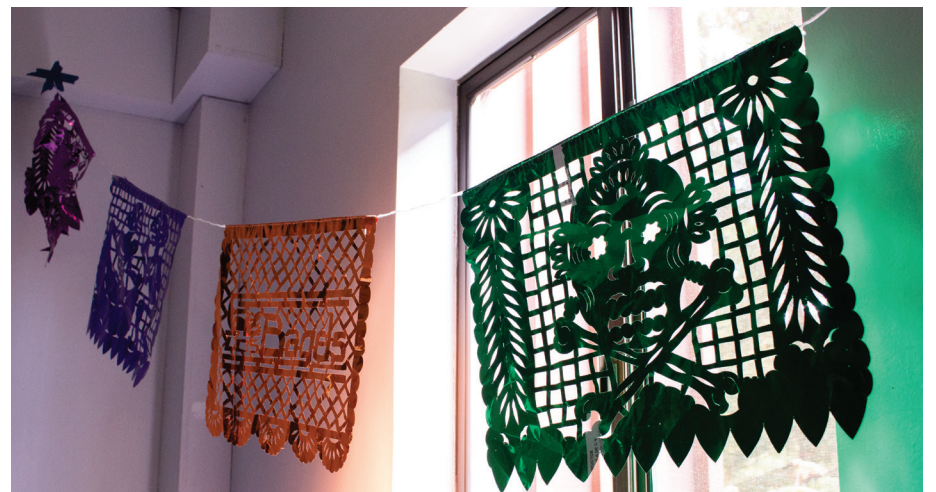
There are currently 22 students signed up to the La Comunidad housing program this semester.

Sarai Tapia, a freshman biochemistry major, chose to dorm in La Comunidad so that she could maintain a sense of her latinx roots as she is far away from home.

"I'd rather be with some people that share the same values and roots that I do than with people that I don't necessarily share values with," Tapia said. "It's good to know people but I feel like for the first year it's good to start with people who come from the same place that you come from."

Now with more themed housing to choose from, such as Rising Tides for marine biology and oceanography students, and Global Humboldt for undeclared students, the goal for students is to feel more comfortable both academically and culturally to help support their academic success.

"Our interest is in retention and helping students graduate in 4 years as well as doing better academically," St. Onge said. "We found something that is working and we want to expand in order to support student success."



The entrance of the Tan Oak building decorated with papel picado, or pecked paper a traditional Mexican folk art. | photo by Sinhai Dorantes

An Opportunity for Student Expression

Bilingual publications accepting submissions

by Ashley M. Alvarez

Instead of keeping your drawings in the margins of your notebooks and poetically graceful lines left on a napkin, students can get them published. At Humboldt State University there are multiple bilingual publications whose purpose is to publish your work.

The Matrix

The Matrix is a magazine organized by the Womxn's Resource Center that functions as a forum for feminist expressions through poetry, stories, drawings, politics and opinions.

They have been recognized as one of the top college publications by *The Nation* magazine.

Their mission is to provide a safe space, as well as embrace and empower diverse narratives. You can submit by emailing your work.

The Cultural Times

The Cultural Times magazine is a bi-annual publication organized by the Multicultural Center that publishes artwork, photos, essays and recipes. Their mission is to provide a place for students who moved far away from home to collectively come together and share their stories.

"This is how we create change, by sharing our stories, feelings, emotions, through our creativity," artist and

alumnus Jasmine Garcia said.

You can submit by email and label the subject as "Cultural Times." The deadline to contribute to the fall 2018 issue is Nov. 9.

Toyon

Toyon is a multilingual literary magazine, organized by students at HSU that publishes poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction short stories, spoken word, multimedia work, visual arts, and essays, among other things.

Their mission is to "sustain a platform for showcasing the artistic endeavors of our students," according to faculty advisor Janelle Adsit. "The student staff and I want *Toyon* to reflect the shared values and the cultural diversity of our student body," Adsit said.

Toyon is releasing a special edition this year, which features the theme of migration, or the movement of people. The deadline for this year's issue is Sept. 30, 2018, but they do accept submissions all-year round.

***Disclaimer: Ashley Alvarez is a part of the publication *Toyon*.**

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While You Were Gone

Law for Lawson is a Loss

by Héctor Alejandro Arzate

Since the unsolved death of David Josiah Lawson on April 15, 2017, there has been little rest for Lawson's family and community members who have held monthly vigils in Arcata, especially following the April departure of private investigator Tom Parker and the subsequent resignation of Arcata chief of police Tom Chapman.

On June 1, Rep. Jared Huffman, U.S. Congressman for the 2nd District of California, urged FBI director Christopher Wray to assist the Arcata Police Department in solving Lawson's case.

On July 21, Charmaine Lawson, David Josiah's mother, led a rally in Long Beach at the California State University Chancellor's office. Lawson and supporters urged the board of Trustees and HSU president Lisa Rossbacher to take action in the progress of her son's case. Lawson also urged parents of color not to send their children to HSU, citing a lack of care for their safety at the university.

In mid August, community members held demonstrations during two separate Arcata City Council meetings demanding urgency for the case, as well as Parker's reinstatement.

On Aug. 28, Rep. Mark Takano, U.S Congressman for the 41st District of California urged the FBI for assistance in resolving Lawson's case. Takano cites Arcata's limited resources for the provision of experienced homicide investigators, and notes that the case has become divisive for the community.

To Keep or Remove McKinley Statue?

by El Leñador Staff

On Nov. 6, community members of Humboldt County will decide the fate of a controversial statue representing former president William McKinley.

The decision to put the removal up to a vote was made with a 4-0 vote in an Arcata City Council on July 11. It was decided that the public would have an equal chance to give their opinion on the removal of the statue.

In February, the city council voted for the statue's removal with a 4-1 vote. Some community members in opposition gathered 1,426 signatures preventing the removal.

College students and members of the community have protested to show that they feel the McKinley statue serves the town no justice.

Humboldt State University student Barbara Singleton has attended a few of the protests in favor of the removal of the McKinley statue.

"It feels like we have taken a step forward and then 10 steps back," Singleton said. "But I honestly think that the decision will be upheld by the votes."

Local Mother Returns Home from ICE

by Meg Bezak

For seven months Arcata saw candle light vigils, fundraising efforts, and posters to free a local mother from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainment, while Claudia Portillo saw the inside of prison-like detention facilities. As of mid-June, she is now reunited with her family.

In November 2017, Portillo made a southbound trip to San Francisco for a routine checkup and expected to be back home shortly after. Instead, she was detained by ICE and transferred to a processing center in Bakersfield, California.

In June, the San Francisco judge handling her case granted her bail at \$12,000. True North Organizing Network, along with family, raised the funds necessary to get Portillo, 30, released.

Portillo had been an Arcata resident for 4 years at the time she was detained. She has been in the United States since the age of 7 after immigrating from her birthplace of El Salvador.

Mientras Estabas Fuera

Ley para Lawson es una pérdida

por Héctor Alejandro Arzate

No hay descanso desde la muerte de David Josiah Lawson el 15 de abril 2017. La familia de Lawson y miembros de la comunidad han tenido vigiliass cada mes en Arcata, especialmente después de la partida de Tom Parker y la resignación de Tom Chapman, jefe de policía de la ciudad de Arcata.

El primero de junio, Jared Huffman, congresista representante de el distrito 20 de California, incito al director de la FBI, Christopher Wray, a que asistiera a la policía de Arcata en resolver el caso de Lawson.

El 21 de julio Charmaine Lawson, la madre de David Josiah, dirigió una manifestación en la oficina del ministro de la universidad de Long Beach. Lawson y sus partidarios incitaron a la junta directiva y la presidenta de HSU Lisa Rossbacher a que tomaran acción sobre el progreso del caso. Lawson recomendó a padres de estudiantes de color que no manden a sus hijos a HSU, citando la falta de atención a su seguridad.

A mediados de agosto, miembros de la comunidad se manifestaron en dos ocasiones durante juntas del ayuntamiento para exigir urgencia en el caso y la restitución de Parker.

El 28 de agosto Mark Tatano, congresista representante de el distrito 41 de California también pidió asistencia al FBI en resolver el caso de Lawson. Takano cita a los recursos limitados de Arcata para la provisión de investigadores expertos, y notó que el caso ha dividido a la comunidad.

Preservar o Partir con la Estatua de McKinley?

por El Leñador Staff

El 6 de noviembre, miembros de la comunidad de Humboldt decidirán el destino de la estatua controversial representando a ex-presidente William McKinley.

El 11 de julio, el ayuntamiento eligió 4-0 a que el público decidiera a través de un voto.

Fue decidido que el público tendrá la oportunidad de dar su opinión sobre el asunto.

En febrero, el ayuntamiento votó 4-1 a favor de remover la estatua. Oponentes a la decisión recaudaron 1,426 firmas para prevenir la eliminación de la estatua.

Miembros de la comunidad se han manifestado para demostrar que la estatua de McKinley no sirve justicia a la ciudad.

Barbara Singleton, estudiante de HSU, atendió a varias manifestaciones a favor de la eliminación.

“Hemos tomado un paso adelante y diez para atrás,” dijo Singleton. “Pero tengo confianza que la decisión será sostenida por la votación.”

Madre local regresa a casa

por Meg Bezak

Durante siete meses Arcata vio vigiliass, esfuerzos de recaudación de fondos, y carteles para liberar a una madre local de la detención del Servicio de Aduanas (ICE), mientras Claudia Portillo vio el interior de las facilidades de detención similares a una prisión. Fue reunida con su familia a partir de mediados de junio.

En noviembre de 2017, hizo un viaje al sur de San Francisco para un chequeo rutinario del cual esperaba regresar a casa un poco después. En cambio fue detenida por el Servicio de Aduanas (ICE) y trasladada a un centro de procedimiento en Bakersfield, California

En junio, el juez de San Francisco encargado de su caso le concedió una fianza de \$12,000. La organización True North Organizing Network junto con su familia recaudaron los fondos necesarios para que Portillo, de 30 años fuera liberada.

Portillo había sido residente de Arcata durante cuatro años en el momento que fue detenida. Ella ha estado en los EEUU desde los 7 años después de emigrar de su país de nacimiento, El Salvador.



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Sanctuary on the Ballot

Community members act in support of Measure K

by Jose Herrera

Measure K

Before midterm elections arrive, Centro del Pueblo and allies will advocate for Measure K, first known as the Sanctuary Ordinance, which is in support of protecting immigrants and creating a sanctuary status for Humboldt County.

After members of Centro del Pueblo collected over 6,000 signatures last spring, county officials and the Office of Election certified and approved it as a measure on July 13 for the upcoming election on Nov. 6, according to member Brenda Pérez Mendoza.

“They decided to respect the signatures,” Mendoza said. “They expanded the certificate and put us on the ballot on there as Measure K. Measure K was a name given to us by the Office of Elections... immediately we thought as in K, keeping families together.”

The organization and their allies have been petitioning for the Sanctuary Ordinance for months. Now that their initiative is on the ballot, advocates will be campaigning to inform potential voters and gather support for it.

“It’s going to be an extremely important discussion for Humboldt,” Mendoza said. “I think right now, during the campaign, we are facing opposition from the local government. We have this big chance to give the power to the people on the ballots.”

The measure would ensure that county resources serve the local needs of the community and help law enforcement by preventing funds from being used for unfunded mandates.

According to Linda Evans, a member of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, the local branch of her organization is small but they try and support local groups working on measures, initiatives and projects.

“Hopefully, there can be some degree of feeling safer in this community,” Evans said. “Feeling welcomed. That’s what my objective is, to make people feel welcomed.”

Local Tribes Support Measure K

Centro del Pueblo member Renee Saucedo asked Wiyot Tribe members for a time slot during Wiyot Day on Aug. 25 at Table Bluff Reservation in Loleta.

“If all of them vote, we can do this together.”

According to Saucedo, Centro del Pueblo and the Wiyot Tribe had conversations for several months about the sanctuary law. The Wiyot Tribe offered support and the tribal council thought it would be an opportunity to engage and to learn about the sanctuary law.

“It means the world to us,” Saucedo said. “As you know, the Latinx community living in Humboldt, many of us identify with being indigenous or claim indigenous ancestry. So, to be collaborating now with local nations is of the utmost important to us.”

Midterm Elections

With two months left to campaign for Measure K, Mendoza said that September and October are going to be intense.

“We’ll be visiting radio stations, TV channels and the university,” Mendoza said. “We know that there is rejection but we are hopeful. We have 6,000 signatures and everyone of those people have families. If all of them vote we can do this together.”

Mendoza said that they will be reaching out to the southern part of Humboldt County where a large portion of Latinx reside.

“This is going to be the first sanctuary county in history that comes from the ballot,” Mendoza said. “If Humboldt County passes this, it’s going to be the first time in the United States that a measure like this is decided by the people.”

For more information and to read the full measure, visit www.measurek.org

Santuario en el Boleto Electoral

Miembros de la comunidad apoyan Measure K

por Jose Herrera

traducido por Anthony Alonzo-Pereira y Melissa Vazquez

Measure K

Antes de las elecciones de medio término, Centro del Pueblo y sus aliados abogaron por Measure K (Medida K), conocida primero como la Ordenanza del Santuario, que respalda la protección de los inmigrantes y la creación de un estado de santuario para el Condado de Humboldt.

Después de que miembros del Centro del Pueblo recaudaron más de 6,000 firmas la primavera pasada, los funcionarios del condado y la Oficina de Elecciones certificaron y aprobaron como medida el 13 de julio en las próximas elecciones del 6 de noviembre, según la miembro Brenda Pérez Mendoza.

“Respetaron las firmas,” dijo Mendoza. “Extendieron el certificado y nos pusieron en el boleto electoral como Measure K.”

La organización y sus aliados petitionaron por la Ordenanza de Santuario por meses. Los aliados realizarán una campaña para informar a votantes prospectivos y obtener apoyo para ello.

“Será una discusión extremadamente importante para Humboldt,” dijo Mendoza. “Creo que en este momento, durante la campaña, enfrentamos la oposición del gobierno local. Tenemos esta gran oportunidad de darle el poder del boleto electoral a la gente.”

Esta medida asegurará que los recursos sean enfocados en las necesidades locales de la comunidad y ayudaría a las autoridades evitar que los fondos se usen para mandatos sin fondos.

Segun Linda Evans, miembro de Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, su organización es pequeña pero intentan y apoyan a los grupos locales que trabajan en

medidas, iniciativas y proyectos.

“Esperemos que pueda haber una sensación de seguridad en esta comunidad,” dijo Evans. “Mi objetivo es hacer que la gente se sienta bienvenida.”

Tribus locales apoyan Measure K

Renee Saucedo, miembro de Centro del Pueblo, le pidió colaboración a la tribu Wiyot para dedicar un turno durante el Día de Wiyot el 25 de agosto en Table Bluff Reservation en Loleta.

Según Saucedo, Centro del Pueblo y la tribu Wiyot tuvieron conversaciones por varios meses sobre la ley del santuario y ofreció su apoyo.

“Significa todo para nosotros,” dijo Saucedo. “Como saben muchos de la comunidad Chicana Latinx en Humboldt, nos identificamos como indígenas o clamamos ascendencia indígena.”

Elecciones de medio término

Con dos meses para hacer campaña por el Measure K, Mendoza dijo que septiembre y octubre serán muy intensos.

“Estaremos visitando estaciones de radio, canales de televisión y la universidad,” dijo Mendoza. “Sabemos que hay rechazo pero tenemos esperanza. Tenemos 6,000 firmas y esas personas tienen familias. Si todos votan podremos lograrlo.”

Mendoza dijo que se dirigirán a la parte sur del condado de Humboldt donde viven la mayoría de Latinx.

“Este será el primer condado santuario que proviene de la votación,” dijo Mendoza. “Si el condado de Humboldt lo aprueba, será la primera vez en los EEUU que la gente decida una medida como esta.”

Para obtener más información y leer la medida completa, visite www.measurek.org



Demonstrators illustrate traditional dances in front of an audience during Wiyot Day on Aug. 25, 2018 at Table Bluff Reservation in Loleta, California. | photo by Jose Herrera

Wiyot Day 2018

by Jose Herrera

In an open field of soft browns and yellows, the wafting scent of smoking salmon and the squeals of delighted children welcomed the outside community for Wiyot Day.

On Aug. 25, the Wiyot Tribe organized their annual event from 3-10 p.m. to provide an opportunity for the whole community to come together and celebrate Wiyot culture, and honor their elders and veterans at Table Bluff Reservation in Loleta, California.

"I come and support Wiyot Day because they're our cousins," Hoopa Valley Tribe member Thomas Joseph said. "To come out here and stand in solidarity with the Wiyot people is important to uplift and empower them as the local indigenous nation."

Wiyot Day featured dance and cultural demonstrations, a Stick Game, card game tournament, live music, games for kids, vendors and dinner at 5:30 p.m.

In the center of the field, a ring of haystacks signified a gathering point for event attendees. There, colorful performances from Wiyot Tribe members and the soulful beats of drums rung high.



Guest dancers demonstrate traditional moves in front of an audience during Wiyot Day on Aug. 25, 2018 at Table Bluff Reservation in Loleta, California. | photo by Jose Herrera



Salmon cooks over a pit of charcoal during Wiyot Day on Aug. 25, 2018 at Table Bluff Reservation in Loleta, California. | photo by Jose Herrera



Participants are invited as guest performers for Wiyot Day. | photo by Jose Herrera

Project Pronouns

HSU implements new program for gender identification

by Percival Royce

Gender identity has come far from the binary system, and with the introduction of a new program, students and faculty will be able to implement their preferred gender pronouns (PGPs) with a click of a button.

On Aug. 13 Humboldt State University became the first campus across the California State University system to offer the ability for students and faculty to change their PGPs in its administrative technology. PGPs are used to refer to a person within the context of a conversation that represent an individual's gender identity.

In 2015, the University Senate drafted a proposal for the Information Technology Systems (ITS) to implement the use of preferred names in the Student Center, for those on campus

who may prefer to be addressed by a name other than what was legally assigned to them.

Following the introduction of changing your preferred name in Student Center came the proposals for two other projects: changing your campus generated username and changing your preferred gender pronouns.

Freshman English major Abby Kawai, though not a member of the trans community, thinks the ability to finally designate your preferred gender in Student Center is a step above the rest.

"I feel like this is another great example of the open-mindedness and community of this campus," Kawai said. "It's a big part of the reason I

chose Humboldt State."

However, almost immediately after the PGP project's inception, issues became apparent.

The option to change your pronouns had been selected by a system default for all students and faculty. This presented a problem for students who are trans may not have known about the option to change pronouns, who could potentially be outed.

The issue was fixed immediately, but it brought confusion to the faculty being trained in its use. Interim chief information officer Bethany Rizzardi, the head of ITS, oversaw much of the work being done on the PGP project, along with its two sister projects, and personally helped train faculty on its integration to Peoplesoft and Student

Center.

As of Aug. 28, over 100 students and faculty are using the Preferred Pronouns options from Student Center.

"I feel I'm included," undeclared first year transfer student Max Winters said. "I feel like the faculty recognizes me as a trans person and I really appreciate that."

Students or faculty who wish to set their pronouns can go to the Student Center in the myHumboldt portal, click on the User Preferences link under the Personal Information tab and finally clicking on Personal Information. This leads to a series of tabs of customizable preferences, including names and pronouns.

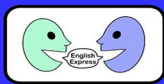
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CAPS Hires Two Counselors of Color

HSU prioritizes mental health and education

by Victoria Nazario

New counselors Cedric Aaron and James Chavers hope to inspire and give comfort to first generation students of color with their own personal experience.

“I got the sense here at HSU that.... you are the first one going to college and... you are like, ‘No one here looks like me,’” Chavers said. “No one here knows where I have come from, and when I went to college I went through an identity crisis.”

In May of 2017, Humboldt State brought in help from other California State University campuses in providing additional counselors of color in efforts to support students after the death of David Josiah Lawson.

CAPS has always offered mental health support, but lacked the unique aid that students of color needed in time of distress. Counselors of color were not hired at HSU until the tragedy occurred and shook the community.

HSU alumnus Aaron’s job is to provide students direct services including individual counseling, group counseling, crisis work, collateral services with community partners and more. He wants students to know that there is a provider that understands some of the unique experiences that students of color on campus are facing.

“People need to know that with students of color, it is very unique because as college students we have those typical challenges,” Aaron said.

“But when you are a student of color you add on a few layers to that like racism, classism, homophobia and those kind of things.”

Aaron believes that there is a stigma around his field of work and wants students of color to know that mental health is not a scary word. Instead, he says, it is something that we all need to keep stabilized and something that we must constantly nourish.

What is unique about this position is that not only does Aaron perform the same services as other psychotherapists on campus, but he also focuses and connects with students of color, along with on-campus allies and the different programs that support students of color.

“Growing up my family has always

valued community, and to never forget where you came from,” Aaron said. “So Humboldt has been my community and I really have a heart for the student population.”

Although Chavers CAPS position is temporary, he is very passionate about what he does, and is motivated to make students feel that they have an important role on campus and the surrounding community.

“You have value. Our community and our society is better when there are people who are different in it. That expands what it means to be human and gives us a sense of the richness and the texture and the flavor of what it means to be part of human society.”



Multicultural specialist Cedric Aaron (left) and postdoctoral resident James Chavers (right) are recent hires in the Counseling and Psychological Services at Humboldt State University. | photos by Emilyo Arias

Live, Learn, and Then Teach

Welcoming the new CRGS professor, Nancy Pérez

by Cassaundra Caudillo

The pungent smell of cleaning supplies clung to her clothes as she sat in a corner of the room as a child, watching her mother continue working. Decades later, Nancy Pérez is now the newest addition to the Humboldt community as a professor who specializes in Chicanx studies with a lifetime of experiences that aids her in teaching and connecting with students of all backgrounds.

Pérez's parents originate from Mexico and emigrated to the United States so that she could have access to a better life. Both of her parents did labor work and her mother continues to be a domestic worker.

"I felt like because Humboldt is so far away and a lot of the students come from far away, in that experience itself it kind of reflects our parents' immigrant experience," Pérez said. "We didn't cross borders per se, but it kind of relives a lot of those memories."

Growing up in Boyle Heights, California she attended California State University, Northridge (CSUN) as undeclared until she took a Chicanx studies course. Then she realized that's what she would major in.

She mentions the identity crisis that some students go through when feeling like they have a home both here in the U.S. and where their culture stems from. Pérez also says students may feel like they don't belong here because they're first generation. Being a first generation student herself, she can relate with a lot of her students and help them feel welcomed in this new place.

"There's a lot of people in academia that are advocating for you.... They're invested in you," Pérez said. "[You] have the potential to thrive in this space. Often times we are told that we're either from here or we're from there and I always heard that growing up.... We're here because people in the past fought



Humboldt State University's newest CRGS professor Nancy Pérez transferred from California State University, Northridge to specialize in Chicanx studies. | photo courtesy of Nancy Pérez

for us to be here."

While working at CSUN, Pérez got involved with the Central American United Student Association (CAUSA) and that aided her in helping the communities around her. Bringing the much needed visibility to her students at CSUN, she's now ready to do the same thing here.

CSUN was where she met her longtime friend Michihiro Sugata, a current professor at HSU, who had notified her about the job posting months ago. For nearly 7 years they attended Arizona State University working together as cohorts in their PhD program for justice studies.

"She's been incredibly helpful to me intellectually in helping me think about the theoretical breadth of my work," Sugata said. "She's very engaged in the community, she's a public intellectual and she's always thinking about how her work is grounded."

HSU Hooks a New Professor

Jose Marin Jarrin swims into the fisheries biology department

by Diego Ortiz

New hire Jose Marin Jarrin exchanges the warm climate of the Galapagos Islands for the cool temperatures of Humboldt County and prepares to share his deep sea knowledge.

Professor Marin Jarrin is new to Humboldt State University's faculty and was hired in a tenure-track position with the department of fisheries biology. He came to HSU because of his personal and professional goals.

He will be teaching marine fish ecology and fisheries science communication this semester.

"I really like small classes," Marin Jarrin said. "I like to interact with students one on one and I feel like that is when the students gets the most of their education because then we can really tailor our education to the student."

Marin Jarrin is from Guayaquil, Ecuador and he received his undergraduate degree in biology

from the University of Guayaquil, his Master of Science in biology from the University of Oregon in Eugene and his doctorate in fisheries science from Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Prior to coming to HSU, he worked as a fisheries ecologist at the Charles Darwin Foundation in the Galapagos Islands, west of mainland Ecuador. The Galapagos Islands are influential for being the site and contributing to Charles Darwin's research on natural selection.

Marin Jarrin's primary research focuses on the life history of a type of fish called grouper red snappers. He is interested in keeping his research from HSU and his team in the Galapagos connected. In the future, he hopes to take a summer class from HSU down to the Galapagos.

Similar to the cultural significance of fish in Humboldt, a touch of Marin Jarrin's work in Ecuador was on the

social and economic aspects of the fishery. In Ecuador some local cultural groups found the fish to be their only source of protein.

Other reasons Marin Jarrin was attracted to HSU was because of the natural beauty in the area.

"I like areas where quality of life is high so [there's] lots of things to do outdoors," Marin Jarrin said.

He enjoys many outdoor activities such as hiking, kayaking and freediving, which is underwater diving that relies on holding your breath rather than an apparatus.

He also considers it of great importance to be part of a school that is a Hispanic Serving Institution and that so many of the students at HSU are first generation.

"Our work is way more important because of the different cultures and communities we are serving," Marin Jarrin said.



Fisheries professor Jose Jarrin Marin brings his experience as a fisheries ecologist on the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador to Humboldt State University starting fall 2018. | photo courtesy of Jose Marin Jarrin

Movie Review on “BlacKkKlansman”

by Cameron Rodriguez

“BlacKkKlansman.” In the ‘50s or ‘60s one would look with bewilderment at a film with such a title. The black masses berated by white citizens and authority as Black Americans garnished a name for themselves in the same industry and system that revelled in anti-black propaganda, there is a unique irony that lies within “BlacKkKlansman.”

In a story inspired by Colorado detective Ron Stallworth’s true-life events highlighted in his novel “Black Klansman,” mixed with the militant and somewhat surreal filmmaking of the infamous Spike Lee, we have a film that is sure to be labeled a classic. “BlacKkKlansman” is in all rights a “Spike Lee Joint.” The classic Spike Lee tropes, or what I like to call “Spikisms,” are very apparent in this film, from the obscure opening to the close-up tracking shots to the random switching to musical format.

“BlacKkKlansman” has everything a Spike Lee fan would want in his films; however, in all its pageantry the film simply falls short of matching the significance of its title. Granted, this isn’t Lee’s most tame film but more akin to his other films: “Inside Man” (2006) and “Miracle at St. Anna” (2008), in terms of its packaging. After such polarizing efforts with “Da Sweet Blood of Jesus” (2014) and “Chi-Raq” (2015), this film feels, looks and appears to be toned down. Like I said before, the tropes are there but are presented in a fashion that feels quite shallow. At times the film feels like it was directed by someone emulating Lee’s style of filmmaking.

The aforementioned irony comes from the film’s attempt of garnishment that it feels it deserves. There are particular scenes within the film that not only slug along but feel dull in their attempts of social relevance. Certain characters add personality to scenes and some are just kind of there to be a not-so subtle muse for Lee’s somewhat weird sense of humor. In terms of inaccuracies, the “BlacKkKlansman” strategically uses Lee’s style of filmmaking to make up for that, but overall the film feels overwhelming at times. There are moments with good character building and motivation; however, many of these moments are overshadowed by the way the scenes kind of deflate mid-way through its buildup.

With a simple, by-the-book score from the great Terence Blanchard, the moments of high tension fall flat under their own emotional weight. If I was to score this film I would give it a 6.5 out of 10. The film isn’t, by any means necessary, Lee’s fall from grace but it isn’t exactly his saving grace either. There is some kind of social poignance to be found but it is never really stretched to its limits to truly create a profound film; “BlacKkKlansman” does not feel like it earns or deserves any true garnishment.

“Black Klansman” Audiobook Review

by Anthony Alonzo-Pereira



Movie poster provided by NBC Universal

“Black Klansman” is the story of how Ron Stallworth, an undercover police officer from Colorado, became a full-fledged member of the Ku Klux Klan and the months-long investigation that would follow.

In this book (not to be confused with “BlacKkKlansman” the film) Stallworth recounts how his investigation uncovered a list with the names of card-holding klansmen with the highest levels of security clearance in the military, in police departments and in government positions.

Stallworth is the first black officer of the Colorado Springs Police Department – I’ll leave you to grapple with the irony of a police officer leading the charge against the klan. In the book, Stallworth comes across a recruitment ad for the local KKK and calls the phone number listed. He sets up an initial meeting in which a white undercover narcotics officer attends as his stand-in. Stallworth does not reveal the officer’s real name, referring to him as Chuck. The movie recreates Chuck as Flip Zimmerman and makes him Jewish, a subtle but deliberate change. This alters the book’s narrative significantly – in the film, both officers now have a stake in the investigation.

Several names are thrown around, including an ongoing communication with David Duke, who was Grand Dragon of the KKK at the time of the book’s events. Stallworth, who also reads the audiobook, is notably jovial when he tells the story of how he suddenly put his arm around Duke while posing for a photograph, much to Duke’s horror. In-person meetings with the KKK leadership leads Stallworth and Chuck to members of the Nazi Party of Denver and Posse Comitatus, a far-right extremist hate group.

The book is the truest story we can get – I have not seen the movie, but there are some climactic scenes that are entirely made up for their dramatic effects. I won’t say which scenes to save you the spoilers, but like many Hollywood films, its “based on a true story” label is incredibly misleading. If you just don’t have time to read the book, listen to it! The audiobook is available on Amazon via the Audible app.

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9.04 | martes

Cider for Non-Profits:
CHECK IT at Humboldt Cider
Company 2-10 pm (21+ after
7 pm)

9.05 | miércoles

Community and Belonging
Fair at UC Quad 10-2 pm

HSU Solidarity Day at KBR
5:30-7:30 pm

HSU Downtown Movie
Night *Eighth Grade* at Minor
Theatre 6-9 pm FREE w/ stu-
dent ID

9.06 | jueves

LCAE Mes de la Cultura
Kick-Off at the Great Hall 5-8
pm

Lunch with Dr. Lisa Bond-
Maupin, Dean of CAHSS at
Nelson Hall East 205 12-1 pm

9.07 | viernes

Drop-in volunteering at
Y.E.S. (knitting beanies)
2-2:50 pm [every Friday after
this]

Friday Movie Night: *Break-
ing In* at KBR 6-9 pm FREE

'A Woman's Place is In Her
Home' play at KBR 7-9 pm

9.11 | martes

Pride Pizza & Pajamas at The
Jam 5-9 pm
Pueblo, Poder, y Politica at
KBR 6-7 pm

Word Humboldt Anniversary
at Northtown Coffee 6-9 pm
Spoken Word & Open Mic

9.12 | miércoles

Leadership Lounge at UC
250 5-7 pm FREE snacks and
refreshments

Afro-Latinx: Time to Talk at
Nelson Hall East 106 5-7 pm

9.14 | viernes

HSU Downtown Block Party
at Arcata Plaza 6-9 pm

Queer to Stay: Life as a
QPOC at Nelson Hall East
106 2-4 pm

Campus Climate Changes at
Library Fishbowl 12-1 pm

9.15 - 9.16 | sábado y
domingo

45th Annual North Country
Fair at Arcata Plaza 10 am-6
pm

9.19 | miércoles

Pints to Support HSU Li-
brary at Redwood Curtain
Brewery 5-9 pm

Danza! Indigenous Dance
Practice at Gist Hall 102 4-7
pm

9.22 | sábado

Pints for Planned Parent-
hood Northern CA at Lost
Coast Brewery 5-8 pm

Veterans Night Football
Game vs. Western Oregon
at Redwood Bowl 6pm

9.23 | domingo

Bilingual Guided Hike:
Trillium Falls Trail, Redwood
National Park with EPIC/Lati-
no Outdoors 10 am-2 pm

9.24 | lunes

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival
at KBR 4-7 pm FREE moon
cakes and food
CCAT Movie Night 5-8 pm

9.26 | miércoles

Poetry Slam: Convivo Con

La Comunidad at the Great
Hall 5-6 pm

9.27 | jueves

Never Shout Never concert
at KBR 9-11 pm \$15/student

9.28 | viernes

Native American Day 2018
in California Forum at BSS
162 1-9 pm

9.29 - 9.30 | sábado y
domingo

Gold Bluffs Beach Campout
9:30 am leave, return 2 pm next
day

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