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SCS INSIDE LOOK

School of Continuing Studies Newsletter



Welcome from the Director

Greetings!

As the new Director of the School for Continuing Studies (SCS), I want to take this opportunity to say Happy Holidays to all of you who have been connected to our programs over the years. I think I can safely say that 2020 has been a year that none of us will ever forget. COVID-19 has changed so much in such a short amount of time – the way we work, educate our children, interact with others, and even how we learn. Luckily for us, SCS has a long history with online education and has been able to pivot fairly easily to being fully online. Our instructors have quickly and effectively transitioned to online teaching and are working to train in digital pedagogy with the help of our instructional design team. We know there have been some bumps along the way as we all learn how to function in this new modality, but we continue to strive to maintain high standards of academic rigor.

Since I took on the role of Director in June of this year, SCS has gone through some structural changes and will continue to be reimaged as we move forward. We have had several staff transitions, have begun to develop a new infrastructure, and are working to create a new strategic plan for the future. In September, SCS said goodbye to Bridgett Gloudeman. We are so grateful for the time and energy she gave our students and adjunct faculty during her years as the Enrollment Coordinator. We wish her luck in her new endeavor (Law School!) and can't wait to see where her path takes her. Since Bridgett's departure, we've been able to hire a whole new team. Each new member brings with them a wealth of knowledge and experience. Su Hanson, our Administrative Assistant, is our go-to for all things course related - scheduling, hiring of adjuncts, etc. Camille Houston, our Enrollment Assistant, is here to assist students with enrollment, Moodle access, and academic planning. Dr. Deborah Grijalva, our Assistant Director, is our liaison to our corporate and community partners. She is also leading the charge on our new marketing campaigns, including all of our social media accounts (so if you are loving our new posts as much as I am, you can thank her for those!).

As you look over this inaugural SCS newsletter and our new website, I hope you'll pay particular attention to all of the new programs and general education opportunities we have available. And, you should know that this is only the beginning. We have lots of fun projects in the works, like summer school for undergraduate students, a nonprofit management certificate, reinvigoration of our marketing, organizational leadership, and supply chain management certificates, and a new partnership with the School of Education that will allow us to offer prep courses for CSET and RICA, exams needed to get a teaching credential in California.

WELCOME FROM SCS DIRECTOR - CONTINUE

It is our hope that we can prove to you that “A Redlands Education is for Everyone.” We know that not everyone can go the traditional route to get a degree. We know that people have families, jobs, and other responsibilities that make achieving their educational goals feel impossible. But we also know that learning happens in many ways – online, in person, and on one’s own. So, we want you to know that we are here for you – to help you grow your skillset, make yourself more marketable, and to develop your love of learning!

I am very proud of our little corner of the University of Redlands and our team.

Happy Holidays!

Amy Moff Hudec, Ph.D.



Meet our New SCS Assistant Director

Deborah D. Grijalva comes to us with many years of higher education experience and a newly minted doctorate! This past June, she graduated with a Doctorate of Educational Leadership from California State University, San Bernardino. Her research seeks to understand first-generational Latina student awareness of graduate school opportunities. Her dissertation titled "Graduate School Awareness for First-generation Latinas: Cracking the Glass Ceiling - A Validation Study" sought to understand Latinas' enrollment gap in graduate school. Currently, the Latinx population is the fastest-growing population in the United States, and Latinas account for one in five women in the nation. By 2060, Latinas will likely make up one-third of the nation's females. The purpose of Dr. Grijalva's mixed-methods validation study was to examine how to best provide graduate school awareness at a four-year Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) in Southern California.

Additionally, Deborah is a first-generation college graduate and the first in her family and extended family to graduate with a Bachelor's in English and a Master's in Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino. During her graduate work, she had the opportunity to study abroad in Seoul, South Korea, for the 7th Seoul Case Study program. She recently presented her dissertation research at the Sixteenth International Symposium on Social Communication at the Center for Applied Linguistics of Santiago de Cuba's branch of the Ministry of Science, Technology, and the Environment.

Deborah has over fifteen years of work experience in higher education. Her most recent work was with the Master's in Business Administration department at California State University, San Bernardino as the Executive MBA Coordinator. There she was responsible for coordinated recruitment, marketing initiatives, admission, advising, and graduation processes for the traditional and online Masters in Business Administration (MBA) additionally served as the Masters in Science of Accountancy (MSA) interim Coordinator. Along with her extensive administration background, Dr. Grijalva also has teaching experience in expository writing and freshmen seminar. She is excited to join the University of Redlands family and begin to contribute to the university community.

Along with her husband, three-year-old daughter, and two dogs, Deborah resides in the City of Redlands.



SUMMER SCHOOL COMING SOON! 2021

While 2020 has not been an ideal year for any of us at the University of Redlands, we are hopeful about the future. As the world goes through significant changes, we as a university community want to do so as well. For some time now, the School of Continuing Studies (SCS) has been working to offer summer courses to College of Arts and Sciences students, which would allow students to catch up or get ahead on credits.

Our current plan is to offer an eight-week summer session from June through August 2021. SCS will have ten four-unit courses offered in many disciplines. All courses will be online this summer. If all goes well during this pilot, we will have in-person and online summer school courses in the future.

These courses, though designed for CAS students, will also be available for our School of Business students and visiting students. All are welcome!

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This could be YOU!

Students we want to hear from you and share your success story! If you are interested in being highlighted please reach out to Deborah Grijalva at deborah_grijalva@redlands.edu with a short blurb and a photo/headshot.

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