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UNIVERSITY WEEK
AUGUST 18-22, 2025



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FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, August 20 • 1 – 3 p.m.

Location: SCI III-108



**Dr. Rebecca
Weller**
Presenter

POP Culture: Centering Process Over Product in the Age of AI

Worried about how generative AI is reshaping student learning—and your ability to assess it?

This interactive workshop introduces the POP (Process Over Product) approach, offering clear strategies for designing assignments that foster critical thinking, reflection, and authentic

student engagement. Through examples, hands-on activities, and creative remixing, you'll leave with practical tools to make your assignments more AI-resilient and learning-centered. Come ready to reflect, collaborate, and give your teaching a meaningful pop!



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

August 20, 2025 • 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Student Recreation Center

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Dr. David G.
Smith**
Keynote Speaker

“Education, I’d rather
have it and not
need it...”



Derek Chaney
Campus Trainer

*Unlocking Ideas, Insights, and Impact
with **ChatGPT Edu***



Paula Bray
*Facilities Management
Services Director*

*Simplify the Busywork: Discover the
Magic of **Power Automate**, The Secret
Productivity Tool You Didn’t Know You
Had*



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Program

- 7:45 a.m.** **Registration**, Continental Breakfast & University Day Food Pantry Drive
- 8:30 a.m.** **Welcome** – Dr. Deborah Thien, Provost/VP for Academic Affairs
University Day Address – Dr. Vernon B. Harper Jr., President
- 9 a.m.** Vice Presidents' Reports and Introductions of New Faculty and Staff
- 9:35 a.m.** **Strategic Plan Overview** – Dr. Shaylyn Marks
- 9:40 a.m.** **Break**
- 10 a.m.** **Student Panel** – Mike Kwon
- 10:45 a.m.** **Academic Senate Welcome Back and Faculty Awards** – Dr. Melissa Danforth
- 11:15 a.m.** **Staff Forum Welcome Back and Staff Awards** – Raul Navarro and Tabitha Marsh
- 11:25 a.m.** **Welcome Back Messages**
- CSUB Alumni Association – Tyler Moyer
 - California Faculty Association – Chapter VP Dee Solis
 - California State University Employees' Union – Horacio Gonzalez
 - Administrative Professionals Unit 4 – Leonard Perez
 - CSUB Associated Students, Inc. and Introduction of 2025- 2026 ASI Leadership –ASI President Anthonio Reyes
- 11:45 a.m.** **Closing Remarks**
- Noon – 1 p.m.** **Lunch** – Hodel's
- 1 – 3:30 p.m.** **Staff Professional Development** – SRC
- 1 – 3 p.m.** **Faculty Professional Development** – Science III-108



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed today, and throughout the year, to support our students and community.

CSUB is dedicated to address food insecurity on campus and in the community. Past research indicates that 40% of college students are food insecure and that food insecurity is associated with a number of outcomes that conflict with academic success. In order to address this need, CSUB offers a variety of resources including an on-campus food pantry, monthly food distributions, and fresh produce from our Edible Garden and various community partners. Please visit the links to the right for more information about each resource.

Our monthly food distribution takes place on the 3rd Monday of the month, or on the 3rd Tuesday of the month if there is a holiday. Reach out to our office to volunteer at the food distribution to prepare the boxes and distribute.



BASIC NEEDS
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT CSU BAKERSFIELD

**The Office of the President's webpage has the
campus' organizational charts.**

As the campus divisions have been reorganized
and created, these organizational charts provide an
overview of the divisions' structures to assist
campus employees.





Register Here!



'Runner Family Weekend 2025

FREE events to celebrate and welcome you to the 'Runner Family! All new CSUB students and their families are encouraged to attend and join the various celebrations throughout the weekend.

Participate in fun activities, join clubs, meet new friends, explore campus and experience what being a part of the 'Runner family is all about.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Student Housing Move-In

Location: Student Housing East
Calling all housing students! Begin your journey and move into student housing.

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Academic Route Tours

Location: Student Housing East
Stop by and we'll provide a personalized tour based on your class locations this fall.

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Lawn Party

Location: Student Housing East
Engage with your peers, have dinner, and play games.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Student Housing Move-In

Location: Student Housing East
Calling all housing students! Begin your journey and move into student housing.

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Academic Route Tours

Two Locations: Student Housing East & Student Union Patio
Stop by and we'll provide a personalized tour based on your class locations this fall.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

From One Parent to Another

Location: Student Union, Multipurpose Room
Roadrunner parents will share tips and insights for supporting your college student.

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Family Luncheon

Location: Student Recreation Center Gym
Enjoy games, food, and a resource fair.

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Volleyball Blue-Gold Scrimmage

Location: Icardo Center
Stop by the intrasquad scrimmage to support our volleyball team.

Starting at 4 p.m.

Enjoy free time to run errands, get supplies, and settle in.

Student Housing Midnight Breakfast

Location: Student Housing East
Calling all housing students! Stop by to connect with your peers.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

New Student Convocation Pinning Ceremony and Celebration

Location: Icardo Center (doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

Celebrate the beginning of your journey at CSUB with a ceremony and lunch.



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For more information, contact New Student and Family Programs at (661) 654-6856 or mystudentis@csub.edu

JOIN US!

Friday, Oct. 17

6:00-9:30 PM

@ Alumni Park



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Join us this fall for Party in the Park – Big Top! We are bringing the thrills and fun of the circus to our annual fundraising event with plans to boost alumni programs and strengthen community engagement with CSUB.

The 28th annual event will bring approximately 300 CSUB friends back to campus to enjoy live music, food trucks, craft beer, wine, entertainment and a silent auction under the big top lights. It's sure to be a fun time!

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\$55

for University Week
Aug. 18-22 only



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purchase tickets.

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Your Campus, Your Impact: Less Waste, More Value

Recycle E-Waste Responsibly



What is E-Waste?

E-waste includes discarded electronics like:

1. Computers, laptops, and tablets
2. Phones and chargers
3. Printers and accessories
4. Batteries and cables



Help Reduce Junk Mail on Campus!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. **Opt for Digital Communication:** Choose email or online platforms instead of printed mail.
2. **Update Your Mail Preferences:** Make sure you're not receiving mail you don't need.

Free Surplus Furniture!

Looking to furnish your department or office space? Browse and claim free surplus items available through Distribution Services!



To find out how to obtain free furniture, simply scan the QR code!



Discover More About
Our Campus Waste
Management by
Scanning the QR Code!



FACULTY AWARDS

OUTSTANDING LECTURER AWARD

CSUB is committed to providing encouragement and supporting outstanding teaching achievements by full-time lecturers. The Outstanding Lecturer Award has been established to honor a full-time lecturer for excellence in teaching effectiveness and service to the CSUB campus community.

Lindsay Nelson-Burkert, M.S., Lecturer Department of Criminal Justice



Ms. Lindsay Nelson-Burkert has been a full-time lecturer for the Department of Criminal Justice for nine years and has served in her current role as Department Chair for a year. Ms. Nelson-Burkert is considered a staple in her department and is a true model of collegiality and teamwork. She frequently engages in committee work, conference presentations with colleagues, and fosters strong professional relationships through both formal collaboration and informal social gatherings. Her commitment to cultivating professional partnerships is matched only by her immense dedication to her students. They consistently praise her for bringing concepts to life with real-world examples, her enthusiastic and engaging teaching style, and her talent for making complex material understandable.

"Teaching is more than a profession to me. I'm committed to connecting with my students, while creating a supportive environment that nurtures growth and development, and challenges them to be curious."

– Ms. Lindsay Nelson-Burkert

PROMISING NEW FACULTY AWARD

The Promising New Faculty Award has been established to recognize exemplary achievements in teaching, research, scholarship, creative activities, and/or service among all full-time, tenure-track faculty or assistant professors.

Matthew Herman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Geology



With an exceptional ability to communicate complex geoscience topics, Dr. Matthew Herman stands out for his impactful research on earthquakes and plate tectonics, his commitment to experiential learning and student success, and community outreach. Since joining CSUB in 2020, he has published 10 research papers in high-impact journals, given research talks around the world, and obtained external funding to support student researchers. His courses integrate cutting-edge geoscience, modern technology, and hands-on activities. He is committed to community engagement, presenting earthquake science to the public, giving local and national media interviews, and organizing campus events. He is also leading the development of a new Environmental Science program.

"When your work is something you love, it stops feeling so much like work. I love discovering things about the Earth and cultivating that same passion in my students."

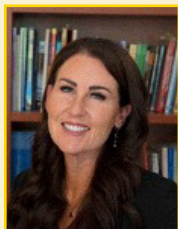
– Dr. Matthew Herman

FACULTY AWARDS

MILLIE ABLIN EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The Millie Ablin Excellence in Teaching Award is intended to recognize and encourage excellence in teaching.

Kristina LaGue, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Teacher Education



Dr. Kristina LaGue's love for teaching began in Delano, California, where she taught elementary students. In 2001, she joined CSUB as a "Distinguished Teacher in Residence." Over more than 20 years at CSUB, Dr. LaGue progressed through the academic ranks, earning the title of Full Professor in 2016, while inspiring students from undergraduates to doctoral candidates. She has held multiple leadership roles and served as Principal Investigator for major state and federal teacher preparation grants. As Department Chair, Dr. LaGue led the transformation of teacher preparation into an award-winning teacher residency model. Her greatest joy comes from teaching and mentoring future teachers and reading specialists to serve all students.

"I strive to inspire transformational educators who lead with empathy and shape communities where every voice matters and students' potential is ignited."

– Dr. Kristina LaGue

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the principle and practice of research.

Elaine Correa, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Human Development, and Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies



Dr. Elaine Correa joined CSUB in Fall 2016 as the Founding Chair of the Department of Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (now Human Development, and CAFS). She has served as Special Assistant to the Provost, Interim Associate Dean, Academic Senate Executive Member, and Department Chair. As CSUB's Faculty Ambassador for the CSU Chancellor's Affordable Learning Solutions Initiative, she advances student access through low-cost resources. Her collaborative leadership has supported faculty advancement and earned Chancellor's Office recognition for CSUB's first Open Educational Resources (OER) program and OER degree pathway. Dr.

Correa's research centers on social justice, merging theory with action. She embraces challenges as opportunities to grow, learn, and inspire through research-informed solutions.

"Open Educational Resources (OER) blends inspiration and innovative thinking together to foster positive social change with free, and open access to course content and ancillary materials for all students. The impact is truly education for ALL!"

– Dr. Elaine Correa

FACULTY AWARDS

FACULTY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

The Faculty Leadership and Service award was established in 1996-97 by the Academic Senate of California State University, Bakersfield and the CSUB Foundation in order to recognize and encourage outstanding contributions to the principle and practice of shared governance and service to the community. Faculty leadership is critical to providing an educational experience of high quality and to the overall mission of CSUB.

Danielle Solano, Ph.D., Professor **Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry**



Dr. Danielle Solano is deeply committed to service, driven by a passion for inspiring future scientists. As a professor in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, she has led numerous community outreach events for K-12 students, delivering talks on careers in chemistry, performing live demonstrations, and organizing hands-on activities designed to spark excitement about science. Within the university, Dr. Solano has provided leadership as Vice-Chair of the Academic Senate and previously as Chair of her department. She has also served as Faculty Advisor to several student organizations, including the Chemistry Club, and participated in more than 30 university-wide committees and taskforces.

"I love seeing the spark of passion for science ignite in each student, and I take pride in watching them cross the graduation stage and go on to successful careers." – Dr. Danielle Solano

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NEW ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

NEW TENURED-TRACK FACULTY

Dr. Yasser Youssef, Assistant Professor of Computer Science for Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering

NEW ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF

Chelsea Arredondo, Administrative Support Coordinator, College of Business and Public Administration

Laura Clifton, Director of Academic Personnel and Labor Relations, Faculty Affairs

Stephanie Garcia, Administrative Support Coordinator, Sociology

Katy Larson, Director for California Energy Research Center in NSME

Sauna Van Grinsven, Instructional Support Technician, Geological Sciences

Alma Villegas, Administrative Support Coordinator, Management and Marketing

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Angel Hernandez, Custodian, Facilities Management

Heleyna Jacquez, Cashier, Student Financial Services

Abel Lombero, Police Officer, University Police

Claudia Lopez, Accounting Technician, Student Financial Services

Ydalia Lucio, Administrative Support, AVP and CIO of Informational Technology Services



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Samuel Marcus, *Senior Resource Planning and Budget Analyst, Budget and Resource Planning Services*

Gary Oates, *Lead Painter, Facilities Operations*

Larry Price, *Facilities Maintenance Mechanic, Facilities Operations*

Rigoberto Razo, Jr., *Distribution Lead, Campus Support Services*

Aaron Salinas, *Police Officer, University Police*

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (CONT'D)

Heather Starr, *Director of Accounting and Reporting, Student Financial Services*

Tammy Lynn Yarbrough, *Police Dispatcher, University Police*

Arjun Ynostroza, *Operating Systems Analyst, Information Technology Services*

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND STRATEGIC ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

NEW FACULTY

DaMona Kindred, *Counselor, Counseling*

Mayra Sanchez, *Counselor, Counseling*

NEW ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF

Claudia Cuevas Bojorquez, *Academic Advisor, Undergraduate Advising*

Vaughn Eric Lord, *Director of Counseling Center, Counseling*

Angelica Mendoza, *Administrative Analyst and Specialist, Enrollment Systems*

Maegan Phillips Sanders, *Document Workflow Specialist, Enrollment Systems*

Mariela Vega Nunez, *Basic Needs Coordinator, Essential Needs*

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PEOPLE AND CULTURE

Brooke Anne Davis, Director of Employee and Labor Relations, Human Resources

Gyu Jin Kim, Conflict Resolution Manager, Civil Rights and Compliance

Celeste Seaton, Title IX and DHR Investigator, Civil Rights and Compliance

ATHLETICS

NEW FACULTY

Ray Alvarado, Head Coach Women's Basketball

Malika Glover, Assistant Coach Women's Basketball

NEW ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF

Emily Brown, Athletic Trainer

Edward Corley, Athletic Trainer

Halie Hall, Athletic Trainer

Constanza McGowan, Athletics Compliance Specialist

Ramon Prasad, Athletic Trainer

Reshawna Valentine, Athletic Trainer

