



# COMMUNITY BUZZ



Department of Communication Studies

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Con-  
grats to  
Jessica Noe who  
received one of the  
2016 SACNAS Stu-  
dent Presentation  
Awards!



Con-  
grats to Dr.  
Mercado for Inno-  
vation in Community  
Engagement Award  
Celebrating the In-  
novative Work!

Thoughts in Passing  
drawings by claudia bigen



Dr. Tullis and  
her class visited The  
Humanities Center  
gallery! It's open  
until December 14!



Dr. Keeling's COMM 101 class went to Escape Room, where they learned about group communication and team work!



Professor Lew was a guest for KPBS and NPR "Roundtable for Fake News Wars". Way to represent USD!



# Dr. Del Rio

Born and raised in San Diego, Dr. Esteban del Rio is an alumni of USD where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in...History! IKR?! He came to his senses and moved to the east coast where he received his PhD At University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Dr. del Rio has been teaching at USD since 2006.



## **CB: Can you explain your research?**

DR: Most of my work can be described as transnational "Latina/o media studies," but I am generally interested in how conflict and power are negotiated in the culture, and how resistance and dissent works as counter-hegemonic struggle. I study everything from journalism to museum exhibits to moving image culture.

## **CB: Where did this interest stem from?**

DR: My interest in these areas likely came from my opposition to California Prop. 187 in 1994 and from teaching Media & Conflict every year since 9/11/01. Conversations with my students has sharpened my interest in conflict in a global sense and taught me the radical urgency of communication as a tool for analysis and social justice.

## **CB: What is your philosophy towards your teaching?**

DR: I believe teaching leads to personal and social transformation. That's my goal, in the direction of social justice, empathy, and love. Successful teaching to me is the ability to exchange ideas. I want to convey the absolute deadly seriousness of cultural questions, while creating a space together for stories, humor, music, and ideas that can bind our development together.

## **CB: If you could live in a book tv show or movie what would be and why?**

DR: There is an out of print children's book called "What Happens on Wednesday." My 7 and 11 yr old daughters love this book - but not as much as I do. I would not want to be in the book, but if I could live in the moment of reading this book to my daughters as small children, in my lap at bedtime - I would live there forever.

## **CB: What words of wisdom would you pass on to your 18 year-old self?**

DR: At 18, I was naive and shy and didn't travel much further than the four corners of Linda Vista. I would encourage myself to read more seriously, have more confidence, study abroad in Latin America, join a protest for justice, and put ideas out into the world instead of my sketch book.

## **CB: If you could go back in time what year would you travel to?**

DR: Let's keep it in my lifetime: 1993 was a terrific year for me. I turned 20, music was good, films were good, I had a beautiful new girlfriend (who I married 10 years later), I was getting turned on to theory and politics and was surrounded by people who loved me for who I was. I was a student at USD!

## **CB: What influenced you to pursue your PHD and teach?**

DR: I took a job at UC Riverside in community service. I missed my girlfriend who was out at UMass, so I applied to the PhD program, got in, and the rest is history. They don't teach you how to teach in a PhD program. I learned to teach during a job I had in college: I coached track and field every spring as a second or third job - I made \$1000 for the season, which probably worked out to \$1.50/hr. Happily, I make more than that now :)





# DANIEL MCARDLE-JAIMES

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Born in Hawaii. Lived in New York, San Diego, San Francisco.  
Currently located: Portland.

**Favourite:** Portland! Beautiful balance of nature and city life.

Transferred to USD sophomore year.

"**Best** decision ever made".



Board member at high school, Mid Pacific Institute, planning and mentoring scholarship program. Guest lecturer and speaker at USD

Loves eating, playing tennis, volunteering at nonprofits (*Alzheimer's Association*) including time at USD and **most** recently, gardening!



"Being in Oregon, having an opportunity to venture my yard".



**Most** influential person: Dr. Leeva Chung

**One** word to describe yourself: Generous

**One** thing you miss about USD: "All the emotions and feelings from the unique environment at USD"

"Continuously be really sure about who you are, where you're going. Have confidence in where you go. Don't let anything hinder your success".



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# SAVE THE DATE

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

December 2016					1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12 Last day of classes! 	13 Dead Day 	14 FINALS! 	15 Chung's B-day! 	16	17	
18	19	20 Last day of finals! 	21 Get well soon, Sullivan! 	22 Bond meets his first niece! 	23	24 Moran preparing holiday meals 	
25 	26	27	28	29	30 	31	
Notes:					<p>Professors O'Rourke, Lew, and Canepa will be hibernating this break.</p> 		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>January 2017</h1>							
1	2	3 Tullis' B-day! 	4	5 James' stay-cation! 	6	7  Brinson goes to Utah!	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
		Ghio goes to Hawaii!					13 Pace and Pierson on a plane to sundance! 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Bowman goes to Disneyworld! 		Mercado's B-day! 			Chung's Asia tour ends		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Williamson goes on horse adventures 				First day of classes! 		Gung Hay Fat Choy!!! Year of the Rooster	
29	30	31	Notes:  Happy New Year !!! 2017				