Congrats to Jessica Noe who received one of the 2016 SACNAS Student Presentation Awards!

Congrats to Dr. Mercado for Innovation in Community Engagement Award Celebrating the Innovative Work!

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!
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 of Linda Vista. I would encourage myself to read 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 in 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 :)

**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".

**INFO-GRAPHIC BY SHIEN-LI TEO**
December 2016

11  12  13  14  15  16  17
---  Last day of  Dead  FINALS!  Chung’s  ---  ---
    classes!  Day     B-day!   ---  ---
4   5   6   7   8   9   10

18  19  20  21  22  23  24
---  Last day of  Get Well Bond  Moran pre-
    finals!  Soon, Sullivan!  meets his paring holi-
11   12   13   14   15   16   17
day meals

25  26  27  28  29  30  31
Christmas tree  ---  ---  ---  ---  ---

Notes:

Professors O’Rourke, Lew, and Canepa will be hibernating this break.
January 2017

1. 2. 3. Tullis’ B-day!
4. 5. James’ Stay-Cation!
6. 7. Brinson goes to Utah!
8. 9. Ghio goes to Hawaii!
10. 11. 12. Pace and Pierson on a plane to sundance!
13. 14. Mercado’s B-day!
15. 16. Bowman goes to Disneyworld!
17. 18. 19. Chung’s Asia tour ends
20. 21. First day of classes!
22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. Gung Hay Fat Choy!!! Year of the Rooster
29. 30. 31. Notes:

Happy New Year!!!
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