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Chair's Corner

Welcome to our Spring 2023 Communicator. We are thrilled to report that we made it through the academic year starting and ending on campus! In person graduation celebrations took place, and we reveled in our students' accomplishments with their families and friends. In addition to our graduates, we also celebrate Jodi Engelhardt, who was our American Kinesiology Associate award winner this year. Additionally, we honor our Kinesiology Scholar Award Winners: Gabriel Carlota (gold), Jodi Engelhardt (silver), and Melanie Kim (bronze); and our Kinesiology Service Award Winners: Melanie Kim (gold), Gabriel Carlota (silver), and Jodi Engelhardt (bronze). Congratulations to them all!

Last November, we participated for the first time in the SJSU Day of Giving Efforts. As a result of the generous contributions from our community, we were able to support eight students to attend academic conferences. A hearty thank you to those who contributed to our fundraising efforts to support student travel!

This week we had a surprise visit from the Consul General of Japan in San Francisco! As part of his meeting with President Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Consul General Noguchi Yasushi made a visit to Yoshihiro Uchida Hall (YUH) to learn about the history of the building. We shared with him that in May of 1942, the men's gymnasium was a registration center for people of Japanese descent before they were forcibly removed to camps across the US. Transitioning from this harrowing time in our history, we discussed the incredible contributions of Coach Yosh Uchida, for whom the building is now named. After a visit to the trophy display case, which provides a history of Coach Uchida's achievements, we visited the dojo, where a judo class was in session. It was an honor to share both the troubling and triumphant historical aspects of our campus. On April 1st, 2023, we celebrated the 103rd birthday of Coach Uchida and hosted the Judo Collegiate Nationals in YUH. It is important that we remember our history and share it with our community and learn from the mistakes of the past.

I want to continue to update you on our strategic planning process. We have identified working groups for the priority areas of: Academics & Academic Support, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. To increase our connection with alumni and prepare our students to be exemplary professionals, we have reconvened the Advisory Board and had our first meeting this spring. Many thanks to the members of the Advisory Board, and we look forward to their substantive contributions in the future. We have also worked with our students to revive the Kinesiology Ambassador's Club and look forward to continuing to support them in their efforts.

As always, I want to thank all our students, faculty, and staff who make the Department of Kinesiology a vibrant place, where we continue to work to keep us all moving. Your continued generosity helps us to support the academic mission of the department and support our students.

Tama Z. Seng

KIN 111 (ITL) Venture Around Vietnam: Sport and Culture Faculty-Led Program - Winter Session 2023

During Winter Session 2023, Dr. Michael Dao led a group of 11 students on a two-week faculty-led study abroad program in Vietnam. KIN 111 ITL (Vietnam) immerses students in Vietnamese conceptions of sport, (physical) culture, history, and society. The class started in Saigon in Southern Vietnam, where the students took in the city landscape, museums, cultural sites, various markets, and a day trip to the Cu Chi Tunnels. As a major component of this course, students also participated in traditional Vietnamese martial arts and lion dancing during their time in Saigon. After a couple of days in Saigon, the class made their way to Central Vietnam, where they experienced the history and culture of the former imperial capital of Hue. While in Hue, the class visited and spent a day engaging with youth at social and community centers. Also, in Hue, there was a unique experience of traveling to the rural district of A Luoi to experience a different side of Vietnamese life and cook a family-style dinner. Lastly, the class moved to the beaches of Da Nang and the scenic ancient town of Hoi An. KIN 111 ITL (Vietnam) was a trip where students experienced the local history, culture, and Vietnamese lifestyle. The class is currently accepting applications for the course in Winter 2024. You don't want to miss it!



Siempre Sports Academy

Dr. Lamont Williams continued to host professional development workshops in his leadership of the Siempre Sports Academy. The continued focus on providing student-centric professional development workshops to underrepresented students looking to work in the world of sport has been amplified by the development and inclusion of a student support team! As such, Dr. Williams added Dhwani Shah, Audrie Naranjo, Michelle Louise Maligat, and Scott Thompson as teammates to increase the impact and involvement of students in owning their own development. The first event, titled “Leveling the Playing Field: A Dialogue on Diversity in Sports” was completed in partnership with Major League Soccer’s San Jose Earthquakes at PayPal Park in March 2023. The workshop featured speakers from the San Jose Earthquakes Organization, including SJSU Kinesiology alums Alyssa Villaruz (Director of Account Services) and Ricky Dorrego (Team Coordinator), along with Prerna Aneja (Digital Marketing Coordinator) and Tutul Rahman (VP of Marketing). The SSA team was also able to host a second, more hands-on workshop in April, titled “Developing a Winning Profile with LinkedIn and Adobe.” The second workshop was led by Dr. Williams, with assistance from Raymond Lam (SJSU Adobe Trainer and Instructional Designer) and Lyric Kochendorfer (Adobe Student Representative).



KIN Students at the Special Olympics

On April 26th, 2023, the Plex hosted a Special Olympics event for postsecondary athletes (ages 18-22) from local school districts, including Santa Clara Unified and San Jose Unified School District. The event was made possible thanks to the efforts of Kinesiology students from KIN 156 and KIN 159, who volunteered to set up activity stations and helped the athletes participate in various activities. The students also provided valuable peer support to the athletes throughout the event. The event was a resounding success, and Drs. Lee and Siebert plan to continue this effort to include KIN students in outreach activities that serve diverse populations in the local community.



Sammy Fit and Sammy Splash

Sammy Fit is a physical activity program designed for children with disabilities aged 4 to 16 years of all ability levels to promote their gross motor and social communication skills. The program is led by APE (Adapted Physical Education) specialists as part of the SJSU Kinesiology courses (KIN 156, KIN 178, KIN 179) and is held at San José State University.

Sammy Splash is an aquatics program for children and youth aged 4 to 21 years with disabilities. Kinesiology students enrolled in KIN 107 work 1-on-1 with swimmers, adapting instructions based on individual needs. The program aims to improve swimming and water orientation skills, fitness, and social communication. Sammy Splash is held at the Timpany Center.

Both programs serve as pre-professional training for undergraduate students and APE teacher candidates, allowing them to develop the necessary skills to become movement specialists.

If you know of any parents or guardians who might be interested in enrolling their children in these programs, please direct them to fill out this [Google Form](#) or <https://forms.gle/TaVHQsR6fYRsz2pJA> to provide to the Program Directors (Sammy Fit: Drs. Jihyun Lee and Erin Siebert; Sammy Splash: Dr. Jihyun Lee) with your email address. The person will be notified when registration for Fall 2023 programs opens in August 2023. SJSU volunteers who are interested in helping these programs, please contact the directors. Thank you for your interest in Sammy Fit and Sammy Splash!



Dr. Shirley Reekie was invited to the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Leadership Breakfast in early May and met speaker Dr. Condoleezza Rice, former US Secretary of State. Dr. Reekie is Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 300 "Spartan" based at Alviso.



Timpany Center Pool Re-opening!

The Timpany Center just completed a much needed renovation of the indoor pool. Years of high usage, warm water and metal wheelchairs highly impacted the integrity of the plaster and other pool components. The four month project took the pool down to the rebar, replacing gutters, tiles, filtration, and plaster. The lighting systems were updated and lights were reinstalled both in the pool and in the skylights above the pool. During this time, the TC staff provided land fitness programming and increased Zoom sessions to keep the community active during the shutdown.



SJSU Tai Chi

As the President of the US Collegiate Taiji Federation, Dr. Chi-hsiu (Daniel) Weng conducted a two-day Continuing Education course for licensed acupuncturists on April 15 and 16. The course offered a total of 14 credits recognized by the California Acupuncture Board and the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Lecturers were from UC Berkeley, Stanford University, USA Christian Mission Seminary, Santa Barbara College of Chinese Medicine, University of East-West Medicine, and SJSU.

The poster features a dark background with a subtle grid pattern. At the top left are logos for the US Collegiate Taiji Federation and NCCAOM. The main text is in a serif font, listing the event dates and times. Below this is a red banner with white text identifying the guest lecturer. A central graphic shows seven circular portraits of the lecturers, connected by a network of arrows. At the bottom, there is a block of text providing registration details, including a Zoom link and contact information.

US Collegiate Taiji Federation
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& NCCAOM PDA Points (14)
04-15-2023 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
04-16-2023 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Honorary Guest Lecturer from
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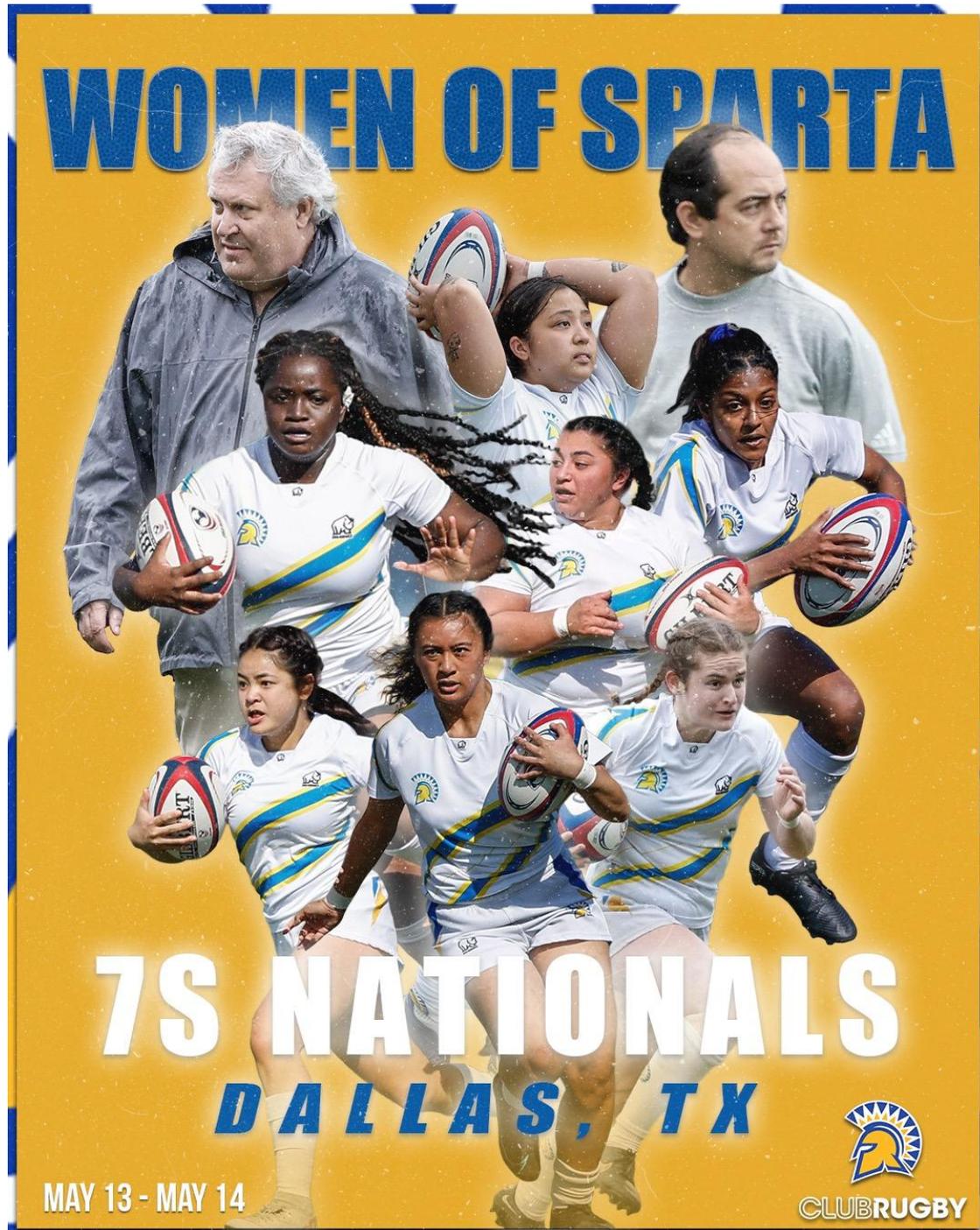
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On May 6 and 7, a few students from Dr. Weng's Tai Chi class attended the 9th Annual Kung Fu Tai Chi Tournament. The tournament was among many activities celebrating the official Annual San Jose Kung Fu Tai Chi Day at the San Jose Convention Center. The team earned a silver medal in their competition. L-R front row —Coach Dr. Weng, Siting Liang, Kris Weller, Ashley Antonia, Kenny Nacino (Captain). Second row- Rafael Fernandez, Arya Parekh, Zenas Dian. Tristan Bowen.



SJSU Women's Rugby Club participated in Nationals in Dallas, Texas, on May 13th and 14th

The team is coached by physical activity instructor James Fonda.



Student and Alumni Awards, News, Presentations and Research

Katherine Apostol (B.S.) was accepted into the Occupational Therapy graduate program at San José State University.

Cullen Carrol (M.S.) was named the Head Coach of Athletic Performance for San José State University Football.

Under the supervision of Dr. Matthew Bejar, **Ashley Windham (BS Kinesiology student)**, **Sarah Stickell (BA Psychology and BFA Dance student)**, and **Dhwanil Shah (MS Kinesiology - Sport Management student)**, attended the 2023 Association for Applied Sport Psychology Diversity in Sport Regional Conference at Long Beach State University. They presented an immersive workshop entitled, "JEDI Training for Youth Athletes," which focused on practical strategies for facilitating justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion conversations and activities with 8-to-10-year-olds.

- Windham, A., Stickell, S., Shah, D., & Bejar, M. P. (2023, April 21-22). JEDI training for youth athletes [Workshop]. Association for Applied Sport Psychology Diversity in Sport Regional Conference, Long Beach, CA.



Under the supervision of Dr. Hu, **Aliza Desiatnik** (undergraduate student) was awarded a 2023 Student RSCA Fellowship.

Congratulations to **Monica Peña** who completed her first professional presentation with her advisor Dr. Jessica W. Chin at the Western Society for the Physical Education of College Women (WSPECW). Monica was also a recipient of the 2022 WSPECW President's Education Equity Scholarship.



Under the supervision of Dr. Jensen, graduate student **Stephanie Wang** was awarded a Student RSCA Fellowship Award (\$3000) from the Office of Research in Innovation.

Under the supervision of Dr. Jensen, two undergraduate students, **Matthew Pizano and Gabriel Cota**, were finalists at the 2023 SJSU Research Competition.

As the primary investigator of a large project, Dr. Jensen led a team of student researchers to present posters at the CSU Biotechnology Symposium in January 2023:

- Pizano, M., G.B. Carlota, S.S. Wang, A.K. Jensen (P.I.). The Effect of Exercise Intensity on Metaboreceptor-mediated Exercise Pressor Responses in Humans (CSUPERB, Santa Clara, CA 2023)
- Wang S.S., M. Pizano, G.B. Carlota, A.T., Bui, A.K. Jensen (P.I.). Does the Vagal Tone Influence Metaboreceptor-mediated Pressor Responses to Acute Exercise? (CSUPERB, Santa Clara, CA 2023)

Francis Huldi, M.A. Kinesiology degree in exercise physiology, and Dr. Cisar recently had a publication accepted titled "Developing an Annual Training Program for the MMA Athlete" in Strength and Conditioning, a journal of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. The publication was developed from his KIN 298 Plan B Project, in which he developed a comprehensive annual training program for mixed martial arts athletes.

Victoria Tu graduated from the undergraduate kinesiology program at SJSU in 2019, originally planning to pursue a career in occupational therapy. After stumbling across the MS in Human Factors program from SJSU, she started to envision a future as a UX designer rather than as an OT. With encouragement from Dr. Wughalter, who taught in the graduate program, Victoria applied to the program and graduated with a Master of Science degree in December 2022. Currently, she works as a UX designer for Amazon

Faculty and Staff - News and Awards

This year, much of our faculty and staff were recognized for their years of service to San José State University and, more importantly, the Department of Kinesiology. Congratulations, and we thank our Kinesiology family for their continued service!

Albert Ayers was recognized for his 15 years of service to SJSU

Dr. Thomas Beggs was recognized for his 25 years of service to SJSU

Dr. Matthew Masucci was recognized for his 20 years of service to SJSU

Christian May was recognized for his 25 years of service to SJSU

Jodi Mercer was recognized for her 20 years of service to SJSU

Daniel Murphy was recognized for his 15 years of service to SJSU

Dr. Shirley Reekie was recognized for her 40 years of service to SJSU

Dr. Jennifer Schachner was recognized for her 20 years of service to SJSU

Curt Sennewald was recognized for his 30 years of service to SJSU

Dr. Tamar Semerjian was recognized for her 15 years of service to SJSU

Dr. Yoshihiro Uchida was recognized for his 75 years of service to SJSU



Dr. Michael Dao was awarded the 2022-2023 College of Health and Human Sciences Tenure-Track Scholarly Excellence Award and **Curt Sennewald** was awarded the 2022-2023 College of Health and Human Sciences Superior Staff Service Award.

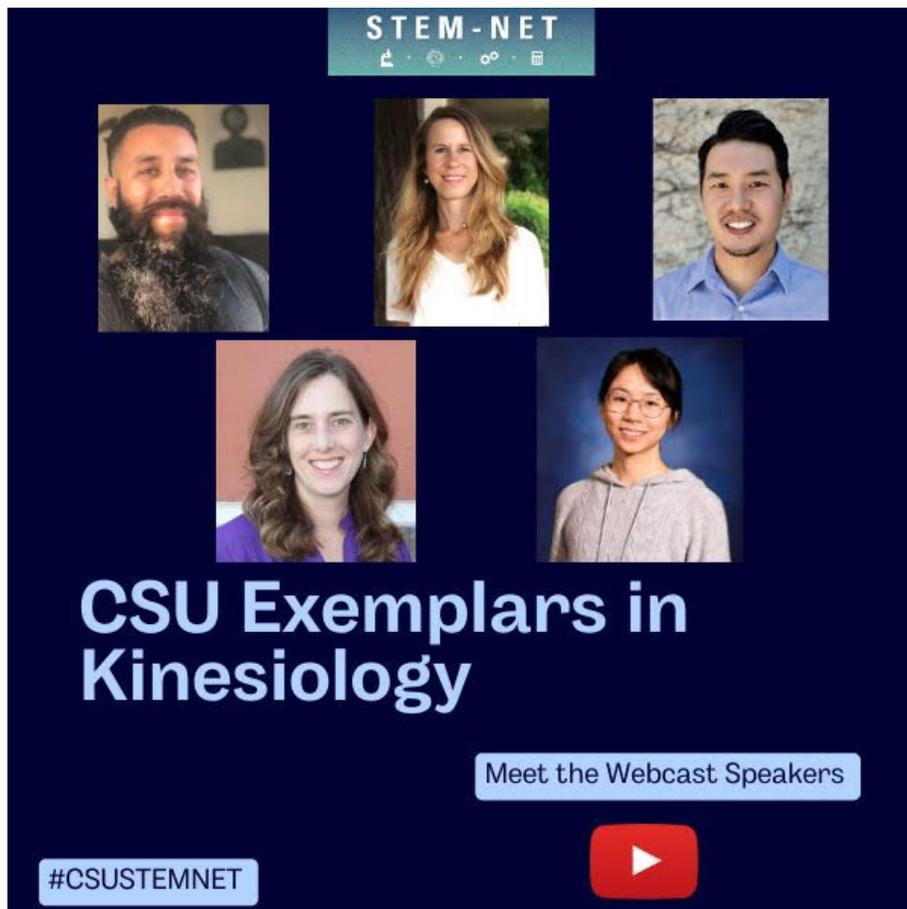


Dr. Matthew Bejar was awarded a 2023 SJSU RSCA Seed Grant for a project entitled, "Knowledge, Facilitators, and Barriers to Exercise in Individuals with Dysautonomia."

Dr. Matthew Bejar was selected to be on the search committee for the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education.

Dr. Yang Hu was awarded a 2023 RSCA Seed Grant for a project entitled, "Innovative Approach Using Mobile Technology and Machine Learning to Predict Fall Risk in Underrepresented Community-Dwelling Older Adult."

Dr. Yang Hu was invited to present at a CSU STEM-NET webcast: CSU Exemplars in Kinesiology



Dr. Jihyun Lee was awarded the Employment Preparation and Services Grants by the Department of Developmental Services (\$710,000). Alongside other co-researchers across different CSUs, PI: CSU-Long Beach (Power, K); Co-PI: San Jose State University (Lee, J. & Love, M), CSU-San Marcos (Brooks, R), CSU-Northridge (Laskt, B), San Francisco State (Hagiwara, M., & Paulson, J), and CSU-East Bay (Kemper, S., & Taylor, S), the project will run from January 2023 to June 2024. The project supports the academic and social inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in college to prepare them for competitive integrated employment. All PIs have an equal portion of percent effort and role.

Dr. Jihyun Lee and **Dr. Seung Ho Chang** were awarded the 2023 College of Health and Human Sciences Research Development Grant (\$9,760). The research project entitled "*Learning Through Physical Activity in Early Childhood Settings*" will be conducted from January 23 through May 26. The purpose of this research is to investigate teachers' use of physical activity in early learning environments (children ages 4 to 6) and children's engagement in physical activity.

Dr. Jihyun Lee was the Keynote Speaker at the Palo Alto Inclusive Resource Fair on February 28, 2023. Dr. Lee introduced the PAUSD Superintendent's Update on March 10th: <https://www.pausd.org/about-us/news/superintendents-update/do/~board/sup/post/superintendents-update-march-10-2023>

Dr. Jennier Schachner was invited to give two presentations at the International Council of Active Aging (ICAA) In Anaheim, California, on October 31 and November 1, 2023. The two presentations are entitled "Safe and effective modified martial arts programming" and "Employee Training: Combating Ageism through Empathy and Immersion."

Dr. Lamont Williams was awarded Assigned Time for Exceptional Levels of Service to Students to continue to grow Siempre Sports Academy for the 2023-2024 academic year. To date, every Siempre Sports Academy event has resulted in students receiving employment at the hosting sport organizations!

Dr. Lamont Williams was asked to once again accompany 12 Spartan college athletes to the Black Student-Athlete Summit, this time attending the University of Southern California in May of 2023.

Dr. Lamont Williams participated in Adobe FLC on Digital Counter-storytelling.

Dr. Lamont Williams facilitated the “Creating a Welcoming Environment” Discussion at the Equity in Action Symposium.

Dr. Lamont Williams co-facilitated (with Lauryn Miller) DEI Dynamic Dialogues for SJSU Athletics.

Publications

Armstrong, C.G. (In Press). Identity in escrow: A case study of a professional golf management university program. Submitted to: *International Journal Golf Science*.

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August, A., Fusaro, M., Golloher, A., **Lee, J.**, Slusser, E., & Sliva, S. J. (2023). Get up and move! Encouraging physical activity during the learning day. *Teaching Young Children*, 16(3) 4-7. <https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/tyc/spring2023>

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Lee, J., Golloher, A., & **Chang, S. H.**, (2023). Preparing for the era of cross-professional collaboration to promote physical activity in early childhood education settings. *Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance*, 11, 3-5. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07303084.2022.2136883> *Collaboration between Dr. Lee and Dr. Chang*

Williams, A.L. (2023). The (Black) Struggle That Must Be: Black Masculinity, Black College Athletes, and Black Mental Health through a looking glass. *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies*.

Williams, A.L. (2023) Writing through Pain: Ars Spirituality, the Black Atlantic, and the Paradox of Diasporic Belongingness. *Qualitative Inquiry*

Harry, M., **Williams, A.L.**, & White, K. (2023) – Academic Experiences of Athletic Advisors in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics*

Faculty Presentations, Speaking, & Workshops

Armstrong, C.G., & Davies, M.J., Blaszk, M., Mastromartino, B. (May, 2023). From NHL Seattle to SeaKraken: Fan perceptions of a new team brand over time. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM), Montreal, QC, Canada.

Flores, A., Pradhan, S., Asuncion, A., **Armstrong, C.G.** (April, 2023). Attitudes toward social activism by professional athletes. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association (WPA), Riverside, CA.

Lindo, J., Lee, S., **Bejar, M. P.**, & Goodson, A. (April, 2023). Cancel culture in sport [Lecture]. *Association for Applied Sport Psychology Diversity in Sport Regional Conference*, Long Beach, CA.

LeCrom, C., Howell, S., Bravo, G., **Dao, M.**, & Shapiro, S. (May, 2023). Sport management research overseas: benefits, challenges, and contributions. North American Society for Sport Management Annual Conference. Montreal, QB, Canada.

Lee, J., & Chang, S. (April, 2023). Parental support and concerns about physical activities of their children with autism spectrum disorder during COVID-19. Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America National Convention and Exposition. Seattle, WA.

Chang, S., & Lee, J. (April, 2023). Exploring physical activity and health-related fitness content knowledge of college students. Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America National Convention and Exposition. Seattle, WA.

Lee, J., Golloher, A., Fusaro, M., **Chang, S.H.**, Slusser, E., & Spitzer, J. (January, 2023). Integrating math across the TK-2 curriculum. Presented at the Bay Area and Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Collaborative 2023 Virtual Conference.

Slusser, E., Fusaro, M., Golloher, A., **Lee, J.**, Chang, S.H., & Spitzer, J. (January, 2023). Building foundations for early number and math skills. Presented at the Bay Area and Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Collaborative 2023 Virtual Conference.

Jin, L. & Xu, X.J. (July, 2023)The effect of different insole stiffness on ankle joint moment during walking. 16th Biennial Footwear Biomechanics Symposium. Osaka, Japan.

Reyes, K.E., **Jin, L.**, Westley, L., & Hannigan, JJ. (May, 2023) Lower extremity joint work in the Nike Vaporfly Next% compared to minimalist footwear. 2023 Northwest Biomechanics Symposium. Seattle, WA, USA.

Yang, B. & **Jin, L.** (May, 2023). The effect of muscle fatigue on lower extremities biomechanics during lay-up and landing in recreational basketball players. 2023 Northwest Biomechanics Symposium. Seattle, WA, USA.

Jensen, A. (March, 2023). The role of sympathetic nervous system activity on blood pressure regulation in individuals with autism spectrum disorder. CSU-STEM NET - NIH-funded research

Jensen, A. & Chang, M. (March, 2023). Effect of integrated exercise in children with autism spectrum disorder. Presentation at the Western Regional Occupational Therapy Symposium. Las Vegas, NV, USA.

Peña, M., & Chin, J. W. (November, 2022). Centering Latinx voices and experiences: Using LatCrit and Chicana theories in sport and health research. Western Society for the Physical Education of College Women (WSPECW). Pacific Grove, CA.

Dr. David Furst Scholarship in Sports Studies Recipients

The Dr. David Furst Scholarship in Sports Studies is awarded to two graduate students completing a Plan A research thesis in the field of Psychosocial Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity Graduate Program and hold a 3.5 or above GPA in all major course work. **The two recipients of the Dr. David Furst Scholarship in Sport Studies are Kendra Campbell and Monica Pena.** Kendra, in their thesis, examined inclusive sport spaces and personal trainers within the transgender community. Monica examined Latin women's sports and physical activity experiences in the American Southwest. Congratulations to Kendra and Monica!

Department of Kinesiology Scholar and Service Awards

The Department of Kinesiology Scholar and Service Awards recognize and promote academic and service excellence; to further the professional competence and dedication of accomplished students, and to promote kinesiology and its related fields.

The Scholar Award recognizes students who have achieved a distinctive academic and leadership record, having demonstrated a commitment to exceptional scholarly interests and academic excellence in Kinesiology-related fields and organizations.

Scholar Awards

Gold: Gabriel Carlota

Silver: Jodi Engelhardt (pictured here)

Bronze: Melanie Kim



This Service Award recognizes undergraduate students who have established a distinctive record of service to the community, having demonstrated exceptional leadership and a commitment to social justice and diversity through positive community engagements.

Service Awards

Gold: Melanie Kim (pictured here)

Silver: Gabriel Carlota (pictured here)

Bronze: Jodi Engelhardt



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A donation to the Department of Kinesiology helps us to smooth these transitions and support the high level program we have always been.

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