

FOOTNOTES

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Graduation 2018



L-R back row: Vanessa Sanchez (Hist), Michael Manahan (Soc), Aaron Pak (Hist), Joe Deniz (Hist), Lance Jones (Hist), Anne Larsen (Soc), Christian Jackson (Soc).

Front row: Karin Pandher (GS), Ixel Villanueva (Soc), Salli Lee (Soc), Kristine Kawamoto (Soc), Winta Hailemariam (GS), Ken Crane, Laura Becerra (Soc), Chris Huynh (Hist).

Not pictured: Suzanne Aguilar (Hist), Danielle Chang (Soc), Kelly Larios (Hist, Honors), Shane Shelton (Hist), Daniel Velasquez (GS), Erin Wallace (Soc), Esmeralda Zamora (Soc), Kirsten Rasmussen (Hist).

Photo: Natan Vigna

Farewell to Jeff Dupee

By: Minji Oh, Global Studies/Music & Honors

There are many ways to describe Professor Dupee. However, the best way would be just “Professor Dupee.” During Winter Colloquium Dr. Dupee gave the students an abbreviated story of his life and how he found his “calling.” Though he did elaborate, he managed to sum it up in one poignant statement that went a little something like this: “I love being called ‘Professor’ because I love to teach.”

However, Professor Dupee is not always that serious. His classes were sources of entertainment as well as education. He had a myriad of different methods to capture the fleeting attention of college students that had much better things to do, like stare at their phones. For example, in one class, he would have his students taste cheeses from all over Europe and match each cheese to a European country. Additionally, he would play movies in many of his classes, fusing his love for film with his passion in history, giving many students a reprieve from “ordinary” class activities.



Above: Dr. Dupee with Dr. Gutierrez-Romine, perhaps pondering the origins of *Casu Marzu*?

Left: cheese connoisseur Monsieur Dupee & crew

It probably is very apparent that completely contrary to the stereotype of strict, scary professors, Dr. Dupee is extremely approachable. He would always be available to talk if a student had concerns about their grades, had questions about the class material, or even just needed help with personal matters. Professor Dupee epitomized the image of the kind, caring instructor, of the type of Mr. Keating in *Dead Poets Society*, but a bit more subdued.

Because he is such a wonderful teacher and person, many of his students are still disappointed that they cannot take his classes anymore. He probably is living it up in Nipomo but it is a retirement extremely well deserved. After years of inspiring, exciting, helping, and teaching, Dr. Dupee deserves the best retirement—until some of his former students gang up to drag him back because they miss him too much!

New Initiatives 2018

Lisa Kohlmeier Graduate School Scholarship

In memory of Lisa Kohlmeier, who served as a historian in our department from 2005-2017, a scholarship has been established by her colleagues, students, and friends to assist college seniors facing steep application fees for graduate and professional school. Andrew Howe (ahowe@lasierra.edu) is spearheading the fundraising effort. **If you wish to contribute**, please make your check out to La Sierra University, and write "Lisa Kohlmeier Scholarship" on the memo line. You can then mail it directly to Advancement (Office of Advancement/La Sierra University/4500 Riverwalk Pkwy/Riverside, CA 92505). Thank you for helping us to memorialize Prof. Kohlmeier in this way.



New Delmer Ross Scholarship Fund:

There currently exists an endowed scholarship in the name of Elmer Ross, named in Honor of Dr. Delmer Ross's father, for students interested in pursuing Latin American studies. This year we received another generous gift from the estate of Delmer Ross to establish another scholarship to help send students to travel to conferences to present their research.

Social Studies: Teaching Emphasis

We are working with the School of Education to develop a track for our majors to complete teaching credential courses as part of their four-year degree. Katherine Koh is leading this effort.

New B.A. in Political Science (we're bringing it back!)

In days past we offered a B.A. in History and Political Science (known colloquially at the time as the HIPS major!). HPS students regularly serve as interns in the offices of congressional representatives, state assembly members, and local government. The idea of creating a major in political science has long been considered a natural fit for our department. A proposal for the new major is currently under review by the College of Arts and Sciences, and has so far been well received.

Backus Lecture 2018

For the 2018 Backus Lecture, Timothy Golden, who directs the Donald Blake Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Culture at Walla Walla University gave a talk on “The Sickness Unto Life: Auto-Immunity, Racism, and American Democracy”, in which he examined the permanence of racism and the moral obligation to resist it.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Golden’s career included 20 years as a criminal defense attorney and a stint in the Federal Court of Appeals.



Mark your calendars for the upcoming 2019 Backus Lecture: “Who Defends the Persecuted in Iraq, Nigeria, and Sudan?”

Tina Ramirez will share how her organization *Hardwired* is fighting religious oppression around the world through indigenous networks of leaders. Ramirez is author of *Iraq: Hope in the Midst of Darkness*. The event takes place Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 6:00 pm Cossentine Hall 100.

New Courses

ANTH/HIST 3-- Food and Culture (A. Howe): A study of historical, political, and anthropological dimensions of food, from production to transportation to consumption. Some specific areas to be covered: agriculture, nutrition, disease, commerce, labor, colonialism, immigration, cultural appropriation, aesthetics, taste, social class, family, memory, plenty & privation, regional identity, and globalism.

HIST 338 Nature and Culture (A. Howe, Spring): An examination of the history of human-environmental relations in the United States and of nature as a cultural concept mediated by specific contexts and communities.

HIST 466 Reproductive Health, Justice, and Politics in American History (Alicia Gutierrez-Romine): This course will examine reproductive issues from a historical and structural perspective to understand how reproduction and reproductive rights intersect with hierarchies of power.

PLSC 296 Special Topics: Immigration Law (M. Shin, Fall 2018): An overview of the political and legal environment of immigration policy and its implementation in naturalization, DACA, asylum, and other forms of federal immigration law.

Spring Quarter Documentary Screening 2018



We had a fantastic turnout for the screening of the documentary, “Dalya’s Other Country”, a story of a teenage Muslim girl leaving Aleppo, her parents’ divorce, and her all-girl Catholic high school in California. A panel of students, including two from our Global Studies program, responded to the filmmakers. Carrie Specht, (top left corner), Assistant Prof. of Film and Television, co-moderated the event along with Ken Crane; we also worked with community partners World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California. Big “Thanks” to Ketsia Duvall for organizing the panel and creating the photo montage above.

Fall Party 2018



Left: photo booth,

clockwise from far left:

Katya Rose (History)

Jessica Flores (History)

Paola Elman (Sociology)

Monica Mendoza (Sociology)

Julia Morales (Sociology)

Ketsia Duval (Global Studies)

Below: general mayhem of the
icebreaker

Photos: Alicia Gutierrez-Romine



Faculty News

Andrew Howe



Dr. Howe's recent scholarship includes book chapters on the cinematic portrayals of Sara Roosevelt, gendertopia in *The 100*, and religion as portrayed in *Game of Thrones*, as well as an article on power and governance in *The Walking Dead*, in the *Journal of Popular Television* (co-authored with Sean Evans). Recent conference presentations include papers on John Christopher's mid-century climate change fiction (Popular Culture Association) and the Odyssean dimensions of the cattle drive film (Pacific Ancient & Modern Languages Association).

Katherine Koh



Dr. Koh spent this past spring on sabbatical, taking time to conduct research in England on a new project that follows the adventures of the Elizabethan Jeweller, Sir William Herrick. Her research took her to archives in Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester, Leicester, and London. She is also in the process of finishing up articles and an edition of letters for the Oxford Historical Society. In her spare time, she has been preparing for her courses this year in Reformation history, Islamic history, intellectual history, and (of course) European history.

Eric Vega



Dr. Vega has recently presented research on modes of contact between transnational fathers and their children (Society for Research in Child Development) and is currently interviewing fathers/parents on their lifestyle sports (skateboarding) and parenting practices. He now teaches the research methods course for all the majors in the department, as well as a wide array of courses for the sociology majors in pop culture, gender, and families.

Won Yoon



Won is our veteran professor and scholar in residence. He is working on his latest book about the Asian diaspora in the Americas in the period between the Opium War and the Pacific War (1842 to 1941). He continues to support both our Global Studies and sociology majors with his specializations in the social development of East Asia and impacts of globalization. He also regularly contributes to the Korean language *Signs of the Times*.

Alicia Gutierrez-Romine



Dr. Gutierrez-Romine has been busy with finishing her manuscript for publication. Over the summer she was able to hire a student worker and submit a complete draft for review. She has since received comments from those reviewers and is expecting to be done with the manuscript in the next few months so she can get her next research project off the ground. In addition to manuscript prep, Dr. Gutierrez-Romine recently presented some of her research at the Western History Association's Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, where she was also asked by C-SPAN to do an interview for American History TV. She will also present this spring at the Sigerist Circle Scholarly Session at the American Association of History of Medicine in Columbus, Ohio.

Ken Crane



2018 began with Ken and students hosting an International Visitor delegation of professionals from Slovenia who work in refugee asylum and support. In June Ken presented a paper at the Migration Conference in Portugal on the reaction of Iraqi refugee youth to recent shifts in US refugee policy. Ken keeps plugging away on a manuscript based on seven years of ethnographic work with Iraqi refugees in the Inland Empire. He he attempts to chair a department which, he says, "is the best group of people I have ever worked with be a lot worse if they weren't such kind and collegial types, mostly."

The Department of History, Politics, & Sociology Faculty,



(left to right)

Andrew Howe, History &
Director of Honors Program
Won Yoon, Sociology
Eric Vega, Sociology
Alicia Gutierrez-Romine,
History
Katherine Koh, History
Ken Crane, Sociology & Global
Studies & Chair