

# Sociology Scoop

## CSUF Sociology Newsletter, November 2022 Issue

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### Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, 12/08/22**  
Latinx Resource Center is hosting a Gingerbread Decorating Contest.  
1:00-3:00pm in PLS 180
- **Dec. 5-Dec. 16, 2022**  
Pollak library hosts 24/7 Study. Bring your Titan card if between midnight and 6:00am.
- **Monday, 12/12/22**  
Back and neck massages available if you need a study break.  
11:00pm-2:00am, TSU Fireside Lounge
- **Tuesday, 12/13/22**  
Puppies and pizza  
1:00pm-3:00pm, Becker Amphitheater
- **Wednesday, 12/14/22**  
Breakfast burrito giveaways in the Pub. 9:30am-10:30am AND  
10:00pm-11:00pm

## Advising Information

As the semester concludes, the advisors want to remind everyone that you do not need to make an appointment to have a graduation check completed. Instead, the advisors are completing grad checks and will send an email confirming the status of the check.

Additionally, as we conclude this semester, and if you are continuing into Spring 2023, please be sure to plan your advising visit early. While it is common to wait until registration time to visit advising, the need is often greater than the availability. With this in mind, the department encourages you to attend advising earlier in the semester if you are able.

Lastly, we want to encourage all of our students to think about advising as a resource that can support you in many ways--not solely for class planning. Keep in mind that meeting with a sociology advisor can include the desire to discuss not only scheduling, but also post-graduation planning, questions about campus policies, discussions of struggles you might be experiencing that are impacting your academic experience, and more.

## AKD Sociology Club News

AKD Sociology Club provides a great opportunity to become involved at CSUF, while also meeting people, finding your place within the department, and learning about relevant and timely topics. Here's pictures from our Hygiene Drive with 100+ donations in collaboration with Family Promise of Orange County & Friendsgiving!



To learn more, click [SOCIOLOGY CLUB LINK](#) or cut and paste the following link into your browser: [http://hss.fullerton.edu/sociology/students/Soci\\_Club.aspx](http://hss.fullerton.edu/sociology/students/Soci_Club.aspx)

# Resource Highlight



## *Preparing for Finals? Check out the supportive services at Pollak Library!*

### Need a quiet place to study?

- ➔ Book a study room! Whether you need to study alone or work collaboratively with a group, try reserving a spot here at the library!
- ➔ CSUF students, faculty, & staff can reserve study rooms up to three times per week!
- ➔ Good luck with Finals, Titans! For more about the study rooms:  
<https://www.library.fullerton.edu/services/study-spaces.php> & to book a room click here:  
[https://titans.service-now.com/library/library\\_catalog.do](https://titans.service-now.com/library/library_catalog.do)

### Working on a paper and need help editing?

- ➔ The Writing Center on the north side of the first floor assists students in essay writing, grammar, style, and citations.
- ➔ To access these services, you need to make an appointment either over zoom or in person! Here is the link to the website: [https://english.fullerton.edu/writing\\_center/](https://english.fullerton.edu/writing_center/)

### Technology Tools:

- ➔ CEDA provides TitanWare Titan Tech Laptop Checkout, training with IOS applications, iPad, macOS Accessibility Overview, Adobe Creative Cloud Pro & Microsoft Office 365 → located on the second floor, Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm! <https://www.fullerton.edu/ceda/>
- ➔ Genius Bar offers computers, including mac and Microsoft, for student use. They also have services such as printing, scanning, and making copies → located on the first floor, Monday-Thursday from 7am-10pm & Friday 7am-5pm! <https://www.fullerton.edu/it/students/>

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# Faculty Highlight



*Dr. LaTosha Traylor* began her academic career at U.C. Santa Barbara, earning her B.A. in Women's Studies. She then pursued her M.A. and Ph.D. in Criminology, Law, and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research interests include motherhood and criminalization, the re-entry process for women, and the effects of criminalization of vulnerable families and communities.

Dr. Traylor currently serves as CSUF's Faculty in Residence providing the Student Housing community with resources, programs, and events. She has hosted multiple events on campus such as midterm study sessions, "Tuesdays with Tosh," late-night table talks about issues in the Housing community and residential engagement among students. She does her best to ensure student safety.

Dr. Traylor believes in finding mentors and building community with peers. Dr. Traylor's mentors helped her through undergrad and graduate school, and were a leading reason why she was able to find her path. As a professor she mentors her students by talking to them about the hidden curriculum and fostering a welcoming environment. She acknowledges that academia can be isolating and create imposter syndrome, however building rapport can mitigate those feelings of isolation and increase our sense of belonging. She advises that to prevent burnout listen to your body's needs and understand that you are human first.

She loves the application of Sociology. Dr. Traylor believes in embracing in more than one identity. She considers her career now as a space for students to amplify their voices and try to understand students' lived experiences.

# Tips from Peer Mentors

## Campus Opportunities

Searching for a sense of belonging? Need help finding a community? CSUF has plenty to try:

- >ASI has [Commissions Positions](#) open (including academic stipends)
- >Student Recreation Center hosts awesome outdoor events like the [Ladies Only Sespe Wilderness Backpacking](#)
- >TSU Food Court has a GrubHub service for convenient bites!
- >[TitanLink](#) displays all 300+ clubs and organizations to join, like AKD Sociology Club!

Need a job? The Career Center can help you **build a resume, set up your LinkedIn profile, or find a job** and is FREE for CSUF students and recent alumni. Visit the Career Center during their drop-in hours or schedule an appointment. For more information, visit <https://www.fullerton.edu/career/> On campus jobs available here: <https://hr.fullerton.edu/careers/students/>

Need help due to a crisis or hardship? Access Tuffy's Basic Needs to request resources like emergency food assistance, temporary housing, and emergency grants. Students can also sign up to get alerts about **free food on campus**, receive **5 full-size hygiene products**, per month, and shop in Tuffy's Career Closet for **professional clothing**. [https://www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents/basic\\_needs/servicesandeligibility.php](https://www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents/basic_needs/servicesandeligibility.php)

## Department Kudos

Dr. Taylor Cruz has two recent publications to highlight. "The Social Life of Biomedical Data: Capturing, Obscuring, and Envisioning Care in the Digital Safety-Net" was published in *Social Science & Medicine* earlier this year. She also recently published a co-authored article, "Five Big Ideas about Artificial Intelligence," in *Contexts*.

Dr. Chris Gibson was awarded the Faculty Research Incentive from CSU-Water. As a co-PI with Hassan Davani, from the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at SDSU, they will collaborate to use this seed funding to develop an NSF funding proposal that combines Dr. Davani's research on the effects of climate change on sanitation infrastructure in coastal communities with my focus on public policy and environmental governance.

Dr. Maria Malagón has a forthcoming book chapter titled "The Spectacle of Chicana System-Impacted Youth: My Path towards Refusal" in the upcoming *Handbook of Race and Refusal in Higher Education*. She is also currently co-editing a special issue journal edition on Critical Race Feminista Methodologies in *International Qualitative Studies in Education*.

Dr. Chris Gibson and Dr. Devon Thacker Thomas are being recognized for excellence in teaching by the Faculty Development Center at CSUF.