California State University

School Of EDUCATION CHANNEL ISLANDS

JULY 2022

From the Dean

Maccha Yantra

Dear SOE Colleagues, Students, Alumni, and Community Partners,

When I began conducting research in Southern India in 2006, I had the opportunity to visit the Infosys training campus in Mysore. During my doctoral studies, I had devoured Edgar Schein's classic, Organizational Culture and Leadership. On tour, my guide took me to see some of the countless facilities for professional development, and there, before me, amusingly, 9,083 miles from home was The Edgar Schein Room. I laughed out loud, and recalled some of Schein's salient assertions about culture:

"Culture is the deeper level of basic assumptions and beliefs that are shared by members of an organization, that operate unconsciously and define in a basic 'taken for granted' fashion an organization's view of its self and its environment."

"In most organizational change efforts, it is much easier to draw on the strengths of the culture than to overcome the constraints by changing the culture."

"Humble Inquiry is the fine art of drawing someone out, of asking questions to which you do not already know the answer, of building a relationship based on curiosity and interest in the other person."



Pictured: Senior Software Engineer Nisha Kukken and Elizabeth Reilly, Infosys, Mysore India

As I consider the path we chart together through our extraordinary times, I embrace the wisdom that I have entered a culture new to me and that each of you serves as a guide and teacher. I spend a great deal of each day striving to engage with our colleagues and community partners, remaining curious and engaged in learning more. Already apparent to me are the passion and commitment of our faculty and staff to the education project.

Even in summer, our School of Education is a hub of design thinking and innovation as we imagine serving our region even more broadly and deeply. I have been invited to engage in a number of initiatives—supporting to reality the dream of an Early Childhood Education Center, which will provide cradle through career opportunities for our faculty, staff, students, children, and workforce needs. Over time, you will be learning more about those who are front and center in bringing this community project to fruition.

Prior to my work in India's "Silicon Valley" of Bengaluru, I sought metaphors to drive the way I could think about leadership in a global society. I learned that early Hindu astrologers used a magnet—an iron fish compass that floated in a vessel of oil and pointed to the North. The Sanskrit word for the mariner's compass is Maccha Yantra, or fish machine. It provided direction, and, metaphorically, illumination and enlightenment. Thank you for permitting me to join you on a journey and for being my Maccha Yantra.

Looking forward,

Elizabeth

Elizabeth C. Orozco Reilly
Dean and Professor

News and Notes

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Annual Faculty and Staff Retreat

Our retreat will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Broome Library and end around 3:30. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

August/September 2022

Tenure Line Hiring

The Provost has authorized two new lines for SOE. The Dean will work with the Academic Chairs to ensure they have the support they need to initiate the searches early.

October 2022

Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) Fall Convening

"Charting Our Course" includes a restart of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at CI. We presently provide no support for our region for senior K-12 and community college leadership roles—most of which require the doctorate—and our regional superintendents endorse offering the degree. With that goal in mind, SOE is rejoining CPED, which will give us immediate access to the national network and to our 12 CSU CPED members whose Ed.Ds are housed in their colleges of education. A team of us will be attending the Fall Convening in Pittsburg to reengage once again.

January 2023

New Name, New Departments

In January 2023, the School of Education will become the College of Education, according to Provost Mitch Avila! Throughout the fall, the tenure line faculty will work on reorganizing into academic departments. They will invite input from our lecturers and staff.

March 2023

School of Education Social Justice Conference

SOE will once again host the annual Social Justice Conference in early March 2023 on the CI campus. (The actual date will depend on availability of our keynote speaker.) The Steering Committee is just assembling, so do reach out to Brittany Heery (brittany.heery@csuci.edu), our new SOE Social Media and Events Coordinator, if you'd like to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to showcase CI and our region.

Awards and Accolades



Congratulations to Dr. Luz Herrera on her two latest publications. One is titled "Growing Critical Bilingual Literacies in a Bilingual Teacher Residency Program". The other is titled "Paradigmatic Tensions in Translanguaging Theory and Practice in Teacher Education".

She has also partnered with Dr. Carla España and Penguin Random House to create 6 collections of 15 books designed for multilingual and bilingual kids and their teachers. Find it here.

Catch Dean Elizabeth Orozco Reilly's July 6, 2022 interview, "About Education," with Neil Kreisel on KZSB AM 1290 and simulcast on FM 96.9 here.

We would also like to congratulate two of our students, Jacqueline Saldana and Ani Lusparyan, on winning the Ventura County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Award!

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La Escuela de Educación de California State University Channel Islands sirve a estudiantes, familias y comunidades por medio de la preparación efectiva de maestras/os y líderes culturalmente competentes que trabajan en colaboración para inspirar el aprendizaje y promover la equidad en y a través de la educación.