

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES NEWSLETTER

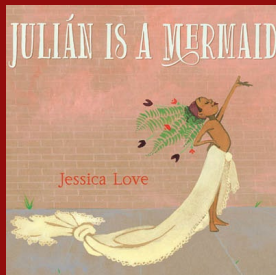


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LIBROS INFANTILES/ CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Are you familiar with the book *Julián is a Mermaid*?

The book is about Julián who loves mermaids, and after seeing some women dressed fabulously like mermaids, he recreates their style for himself—but what will his Abuela say about his new look and how he views himself? This spectacularly illustrated book celebrates individuality and the magic of creativity and self-love.



Regan Bynder

MEET OUR ECS FACULTY:

Hello ECS Students and fellow faculty –

It is such a privilege to have the opportunity to share a bit about myself and my professional and personal passions.

Like many of the other faculty, I have spent a bit of time in the field of early care and education. If I do not count the endless hours of neighborhood babysitting prior to going off to college, I have been a student and professional in the field for over 30 years. My path was a little ragged due to varied interest in not only the age of children I worked with, but also the focus of my work. I started off as a teacher in before and after school programs, switched to our youngest learners (Birth – 3) and then settled in Pre-K. Along that path I worked as a teacher, resource and referral specialist, family childcare advocate, site supervisor/program administrator, research assistant, coach and trainer.

Enough about my professional timeline, let's get into the juicy bits, my passion for this field. While I took an early stumble into journalism, I quickly rebounded finding the field of early childhood an amazing playground of opportunity, risk taking, and limitless boundaries for learning. My curiosities center around how children learn and how teachers teach; what equally supports and challenges both in their learning moments; how educators have the opportunity to establish universal designed learning spaces for questioning, exploration, inquiry, and problem solving that focus on growth mindset, yet in the same breath they unwittingly limit them. These guide me in two intimate areas of focus; STEM and Inclusion. My work in both have spanned the last 8 – 10 years, some for personal reasons but mostly professional. I have been teaching ECS 310 STEAM in Early Childhood at CSUCI since January 2019. I love teaching this course because of the students. Each group has pushed me to reimagine course content and stretched me to find multiple ways to develop connection, even in a virtual world. This past year I participated in a course design class through ACUE, learning right along with my students and implementing new online teaching strategies as we went.

When I am not teaching or working as an Operation Specialist for the Ventura County Office of Education, Early Childhood Programs Department, I enjoy hanging out with my 2 adult children, gardening, hiking and cooking.

NEWS/UPDATES:

Registrations! Please make sure you check your CARR and speak with our ECS advisor Kristen Dobson Kristen.dobson@csuci.edu to make sure you are taking the correct courses.

Do you know how to read your CARR? The best way to know what classes you need to take or to make sure you are on the right track to graduate, you can check your CARR. Click on this [link](#) to learn how to read your CARR.

If you have any questions regarding classes or what you need to take please contact our ECS advisor Kristen Dobson at Kristen.Dobson@csuci.edu. You can also schedule an appointment with her with the new system called Dolphin Navigate. Log in to you myCI portal to access Dolphin Navigate or use the following link: <https://csuci.campus.eab.com/>

If you have questions about student teaching and program counseling in general, please contact our ECS Counselor and Filed Placement Coordinator Nasha Sobieski at Nasha.Sobieski@csuci.edu. You can also schedule an appointment with her at: <https://calendly.com/nasha-sobieski> (Reminder: Nasha cannot help with class schedules and academic plans).

Student Teaching update:

All eligible student teachers have been contacted regarding student teaching and admission codes. We will be having a virtual townhall meeting regarding Fall 2021 Field placements on **Wednesday, May 19th at 4:30pm**. Zoom link will be emailed closer to the date.

If you have any questions or want to learn about the process of student teaching, please email nasha.sobieski@csuci.edu.

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES OGRANIZATION

Our ECS officers got the chance this week to begin the process of starting our very own ECS club. They have created a new survey to invite people who are interested in participating in this new club. If you are interested, please fill out [this survey](#).

CAREER CENTER:

Don't forget to check out the [Career Development and Alumni Engagement](#) Center at CSUCI which offers a variety of career-related events, workshops, programs, counseling and online content to assist you in your career development journey.

You can also follow them on: [Instagram](#) [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#)

Job Openings:

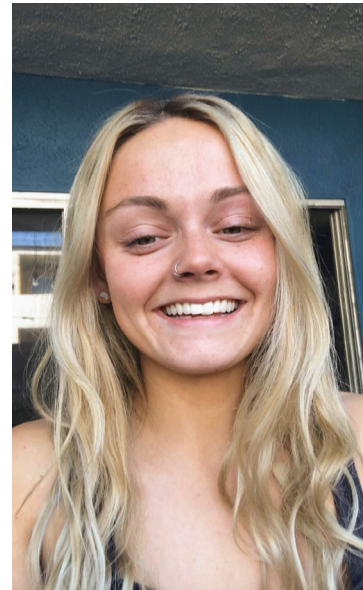
UC Santa Barbara. University of California, Santa Barbara is now hiring an Early Childhood Care and Education Teacher. For more information about the job and application, please [visit here](#).

KinderCare. The KinderCare center needs a qualified Infant/toddler teacher. If you are interested, please visit their [website here](#).

ECS STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

Hi!

My name is Amelia Coffin, I am a senior in my last semester at Channel Islands and I am currently the lead teacher for 4 and 5-year olds at a preschool in Camarillo. I love the community in the ECS major here at CI; we are surrounded by so many wonderful students and professors, from whom I have learned so much. I also appreciate that the ECS program has introduced me to a wealth of diverse research, practices, and resources, while reinforcing the importance of conscientious and intentional teaching- I know I will take these lessons into all my future classrooms!



Amelia Coffin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pinning Ceremony. If you are graduating by the end of Summer 2021 semester, you should have received an email regarding the pinning ceremony. If you are interested, please RSVP.

The event will take place on Sunday, May 23rd from 10:00am-2:30pm (20 min. time slots available). ECS students should register for the morning spot.

If you haven't already and are interested, make sure to order ECS stashes from the Library.

Application is Open for Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling at Auburn University. If you are interested in acquiring a Masters degree in rehabilitation counseling and work with individuals with disabilities, Auburn University is now accepting applications and is due May 15th. For more information about the program and findings. [visit their website.](#)

Sí Se Pudo Celebration. The Chicana/o Latina/o Faculty Staff Association invites all graduating seniors to the 7th annual si se pudo celebration! The event will take place virtually on may 21, 2021 at 6:00pm. Go to [Si Se Pudo Graduation Celebration](#) for information about our bilingual recognition celebration.

[Stay Strong Dolphins!!!](#)

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Thank you for reading. If you have any questions or concerns, please email:

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