

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES NEWSLETTER



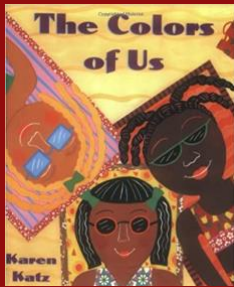
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LIBROS INFANTILES/ CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Are you familiar with the book *The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz?

It's about Lena who wants to paint a picture of herself. She wants to use brown paint for her skin, but after a walk through the neighborhood, Lena learns that brown comes in many different shades.



Dr. Annie White

MEET OUR ECS FACULTY:

Dear ECS Students: My name is Dr. Annie White and I am faculty with the Early Childhood Studies Program. I have been teaching at California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) since 2015. I live in northern California (CA) at the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. I live with my husband and our granddaughter on property that has been in the family for close to 60 years. Also, I live in Camarillo, next to the university. Usually, I commute between my northern and southern CA homes. However, due to the pandemic, I have been living fulltime at my home in northern CA and teaching virtually through distance learning. I have been in the field of early childhood for over 40 years, I started my career providing childcare through a Resource and Referral agency in Berkeley, CA. I continued working with children when I lived in Alaska, where my oldest son was born. Before beginning teaching at CSUCI, I worked for Head Start for 20 years in various roles, such as home visitor, area supervisor, child development specialist, and manager. Also, I taught early childhood education courses at Sierra College and American River College. My research interests include Learning Stories and family engagement. I am passionate about Learning Stories and incorporate this powerful formative assessment method in the courses I teach. I am a founding member and current president of the nonprofit, Supporting the Advancement of Learning Stories in America ([SALSA](#)) which works to advance Learning Stories in the USA and beyond. We co-host National Learning Stories conferences and offer Learning Stories inquiry groups where we practice writing, sharing, and reflecting on our Learning Stories practice. In partnership with Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE), I co facilitate an online [Learning Stories Inquiry group](#). I teach a UNIV 392 course, "Narrative Stories in New Zealand". This is a study abroad course where I take students to New Zealand to learn about their amazing early childhood system, including their National curriculum, Te Whāriki and the assessment method that they developed, Learning Stories. If we are back on campus in the fall, I am hoping to offer the New Zealand study abroad course and trip again. Information sessions will be offered in the spring. I hope you consider attending an information session to learn more about the course!

Also, in other courses I teach, I incorporate service learning and interdisciplinary trips to the Santa Rosa Island. I hope you will join me in serving our community and in the future, attending a trip to the Island. If you would like more information, you can contact me at annie.white@csuci.edu. I am looking forward to growing and learning together, virtually or face to face on campus, out in the community, on an island, or perhaps, even in another country. The opportunities and possibilities at CSUCI are amazing. I can't wait to continue our journey of learning together soon!

NEWS/UPDATES:

Credit/No Credit. In response to the disruption caused by COVID-19, Academic Senate has passed a resolution providing all students with the choice to change their individual course grading basis from a Letter Grade (A-F) basis to a Credit (CR)/No Credit (NC) basis for Spring 2020, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. Courses initially offered as CR/NC will remain CR/NC.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.csuci.edu/registrar/letter-to-credit-no-credit.htm>

Scholarships. CSU Channel Islands offers scholarships each year to outstanding undergraduate and credential students based on financial need, academic merit, or both. Scholarships are private funds that do not have to be repaid.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.csuci.edu/financialaid/scholarships.htm>

There will be a Fall 2020 Workshop on December 16th, from 11 am to 12 pm. If you are interested, please register [here](#).

Get Money! The QCVV Teaching stars wants to support you! If you work in Ventura County, work 5 or more hours per week with children birth – 5 years old in a center or FCC program you may be eligible to receive \$175 per units.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.vcoe.org/Early-Childhood-Programs/Teaching-Stars-Project>

Advising Reminder. 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 your 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 Field 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 students who submitted the survey should have received an add code for the Student Teaching courses. Due to Covid-19, there will be no field placements in the Spring 2021 semester. However, the ECS faculty have planned exciting experiences for you.

A reminder about student teaching for future student teachers:

- Pre-requisites for student teaching: ECS 320, ECS 325, and SPED or PSY 345. You also need to be senior standing and in your LAST two semesters of your bachelor's degree.

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES ORGANIZATION

Students met on December 3rd and talked about visions for the organization. Students have volunteered to be officers and we will begin the process of starting the organization at the beginning of our Spring 2021 semester.

If you are interested in being part of starting this organization, 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 OPENING:

Children "R" Us Child Development Academy are looking for qualified preschool teachers, teacher aids, and interns. For more information, please visit this [flyer](#).

ECS STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

My country through my eyes

Ayubowan! Aayu-bo-wan (Hello)

My name is Pattiya Peries. I am excited to share my culture with you. I am from a beautiful island called Sri Lanka, in South Asia.

It is slightly larger than the state of West Virginia. Sri Lanka is home to 20 million people, almost equal to the population of Texas.

The central part of the country is mountainous and cold. Sadly, it does not snow. The border boasts of picturesque beaches which are common tourist attractions. The main religion in my country is Buddhism. The food in my country is very spicy, and rice is a staple in our diet. Traditions are an important part of my culture.

I am honored to share my culture with you. If you ever decide to visit Sri Lanka, you'll be amazed by the hospitality of everyone in our country. You can also travel anywhere within the country in one day! If you visit a Sri Lankan restaurant one day, definitely try 'kottu' it's a local favorite!



Pattiya Peries

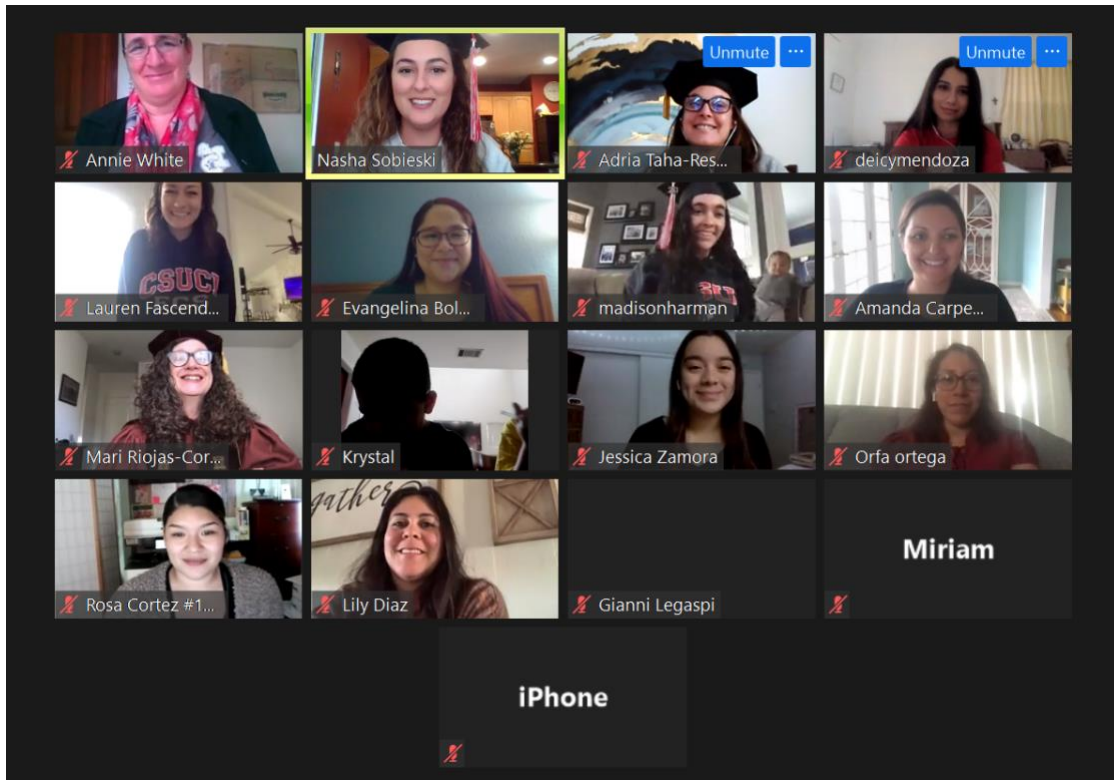
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you are interested in the Credential program, they are offering an information session on January 15th and January 29th. For more information please visit their [website](#).

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATES!

As the semester Fall 2020 is coming to an end, we wanted to celebrate and congratulate our graduates for the completion of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Studies. YOU DID IT!

We are asking our Graduates to fill out this [survey](#) to collect data on what our graduates do after they finish their Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Studies.



Stay Strong Dolphins!!!

Thank you for reading. If you have any questions or concerns, please email our ECS program counselor and field placement coordinator nasha.sobieski@csuci.edu