

# EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES NEWSLETTER

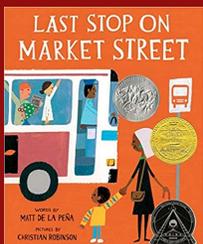


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## **LIBROS INFANTILES/ CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

Are you familiar with the book *Last Stop on Market Street*? It's written by Matt de la Peña and illustrated by Christian Robinson.

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandmother ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car or why doesn't he have an iPod like his friends.



Lauren Chase

## **MEET OUR ECS FACULTY:**

Happy Spring Semester ECS Students! If I haven't met you yet I am looking forward to getting to know you! I am Lauren Chase, faculty for the Early Childhood Studies program with the School of Education as well as Ventura College in the Child Development Program.

As long as I can remember I have worked with children and knew I would have a career in the field of Education. In middle school I was an aid for a previous teacher of mine and she put me as a facilitator for weekly small group book clubs. I will always remember her telling me I had a "knack for teaching," her words stuck with me all these years as well as the understanding that educators have the potential to have a lifelong impact on us.

I grew up in Ventura County and completed my Bachelor's Degree in the Early Childhood Studies Program from California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI) in 2011. Throughout my time in college and beyond I worked in preschools full time while studying to earn my BA degree in ECS. I have worked in local preschools serving infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children. I started as a teacher aid in a preschool classroom, worked my way up to lead teacher and site supervisor for a time. Upon graduating from CSUCI I knew I wasn't done learning so I moved on to California State University, Northridge to earn my MA in Educational Psychology emphasizing in Early Education. I wrote my thesis on curiosity in the classroom and how that relates to children's learning and motivation. While working on obtaining my degree I served on the local chapter of the Association for the Education of Young Children as accreditation chair from 2011-2013. During that time, we put on networking events for members and connected with local families, teachers in programs and family child care.

I began my career in higher education in 2014 at Ventura College and then joined CSU Channel Islands as faculty in Fall 2015 first as a Student Teaching Supervisor and then teaching courses the following semester. I have been married since 2015 right before starting my career at CI. We have two small children Amelia (3) and Jack, who will be a whole year old in April. I have grown so much during my time at CI, first as a student and then as an educator. Outside of CI I am an ongoing home decorator, always tinkering with my house and beginning new DIY's. Since the start of the pandemic I am a stay at home/work from home mom which at times is difficult (and quite distracting) but incredibly rewarding- I have even taught class with one on my lap or hip! I love to read, and have recently really started to love and learn how to keep a vegetable garden- we are reaping the benefits of our winter garden now, mustard greens, beets, carrots, broccoli and more.

I am honored to be a part of your experience at CI and grateful to learn alongside you. Looking forward to a wonderful semester as we continue to evolve and take on the rapid changes this year continues to bring. Reach out to me to say hello [lauren.chase@csuci.edu](mailto:lauren.chase@csuci.edu).

We've got this Dolphins!

## **NEWS/UPDATES:**

**ECS Spring 2021 Symposium.** The Early childhood Studies program is hosting a Spring symposium on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 9 pm. The event will start at 6 pm featuring our Keynote speaker Miriam Beloglovsky following with different panelist at 8 pm for our students.

A flyer will be distributed with RSVP and link information. If you have any questions please email Nasha Sobieski at [nasha.sobieski@csuci.edu](mailto:nasha.sobieski@csuci.edu).

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**Scholarships.** The School of Education is offering Scholarship opportunities. For more information, please visit the [SOE scholarship page](#).

CSUCI's Scholarship application window for Fall 2021 is available from January 1, 2021 through March 2, 2021.

There will be scholarship workshop on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information and to RSVP please visit their [website](#).

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**Credential Programs Application Process Workshop.** If you are in the process of applying for the credential program, they are offering an application workshop to navigate the application process. To RSVP, complete the survey by clicking [here!](#)

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**Advising.** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

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## **Student Teaching update:**

Student should start thinking about whether or not they are eligible to student teach in the Fall 2021 semester.

A reminder about student teaching pre-requisite:

- 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. You CANNOT take both student teaching classes concurrently.

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

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES CLUB**

Our ECS officers need more members!

If you are interested in being part of starting this organization, please fill our 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](#)

## **PEEP IS HIRING:**

Peer Education and Equity Programs (PEEP) is hiring multiple student leadership positions for the Academic Year 2021-2022. For more information please check their website [here](#).

## **ECS STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:**

My name is Yuritzy Bravo, I am from Avalon, Catalina Island, California and this is my fourth year at CI. I will be graduating in May and my goal is to teach and help the children in my small community. I chose CSUCI because of its beautiful campus, and great ECS program. I knew that CI would be a great fit for me. I chose to major in ECS mainly because I have always wanted to be a teacher. I have enjoyed my experience at CI and I am ready to see what the future has in store for me!



*Yuritzy Bravo*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CAPS.** Part of your CSUCI tuition covers Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). CAPS provide short-term mental health services in confidential setting to assist students in achieving their academic and personal pursuits. Please check out their [website](#) to learn more about their wide range of services and take advantage of their amazing services.

**Writing & Multiliteracy Center.** The WMC offers range of free support services that help address 21<sup>st</sup> Century challenges of creatively thinking about, reading, and composing in written, oral, visual, and digital forms of communications. The offer support students across all disciplines at any stage of writing/communicating. For more information, please visit their website [here](#).

**ECE Career Advancement Training.** Do you want to learn more about advancing your career in early care and education (ECE)? Join VCOE Early Childhood Programs, in partnership with VCOE Credentialing and The Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC), to learn more about the resources that are readily available. To learn more and register, [click here](#).

**VCOE STEAM Symposium.** VCOE STEAM is hosting their 6<sup>th</sup> annual Symposium. They will be focusing in learning for social justice and environmental literacy. For more information and registration, please [click here](#).

**Summer SURF.** Summer Research Fellowship (SURF) is a paid opportunity to engage in a faculty-mentored research project at CI over the summer (Held virtually). Students receive a \$3,000 stipend, participate in an interdisciplinary learning community, and enjoy professional development opportunities. The 2021 application is due February 28<sup>th</sup>, for more information about SURF and application process, please follow [this link](#).

**African American History Month Lecture.** The Broome Library would like to announce our upcoming monthly recognition guest lecture by award-winning poet, playwright, and novelist Angela Jackson Brown. Her lecture “Reclaiming the Black Family in Literature: One of the Many Reasons Why I Write” is this Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm PST. The event is not limited to CI, all are welcome, feel free to share this invitation widely with students. Registration is available [here](#).

**Ethnic Studies Speaker Series.** Dr. Ed Curammeng from CSU Dominguez Hills will be speaking about ethnic studies in K-12 schools in California. This even will be happening on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm- 2:30pm. If interested, please [RSVP here](#).

**[Stay Strong Dolphins!!!](#)**

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