

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES NEWSLETTER



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LIBROS INFANTILES/ CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Are you familiar with the book *The Boy Who Touched the Stars? El niño que alcanzó las estrellas* written by José M. Hernández, illustrated by Steven James Petruccio

It's about a boy who would look at the window and stare at the stars. Later when he saw a man land on the moon, he knew he wanted to be an astronaut.



Dr. Adria Taha-Resnick

MEET OUR ECS FACULTY:

Happy New Year ECS students!

I am Dr. Adria Taha-Resnick and have been teaching at CSUCI since 2011 in the Early Childhood Studies Program. I began working in early childhood almost 30 years ago in a home-based program and loved being with children. When I decided to major in Child Development (Sacramento State), I had no idea I would be in higher education. I began as an assistant and as I earned my units became a lead teacher. I have worked in classrooms of all ages, including school age. I decided to pursue administration and have worked as an administrator in various programs. As an administrator, I found that I truly enjoyed coaching and leading the teachers in the program. I began leading a lot of workshops and branched out to start presenting at conferences. Teaching adults lead me to higher education where I embrace and am honored to be a part of your professional development. At CSUCI, I have taught ECS 101, ECS 320, ECS 322, ECS 470, ECS 471 and student teacher supervision. My research interests include leadership and professionalism throughout the early education field and examining quality initiatives. In addition to my teaching, I am involved at the local level as a longtime member of the Ventura County Local Planning Council and served 4 years as Chair. At the State level, I have served as a committee member, Professional Development Chair and Vice President of the California Association for the Education of Young Children. I was elected President in the last election and my Presidency begins July 1, 2021. I am honored to be serving the early childhood educators of California. I am always happy to share with students the many journeys their career may take, and how to be involved with the many amazing professional organizations that support us.

Aside from my professional life, I am married and have two very awesome daughters. We enjoy traveling together, watching movies, and eating good food.

I wish you all a wonderful semester and look forward to sharing your successes soon.

NEWS/UPDATES:

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 1st. For more information and to RSVP please visit their [website](#).

Credential information session. If you are interested in the credential program after your bachelor's degree. They are offering an information session on January 29th. For more information please visit their [website](#).

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. 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 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 OGRANIZATION

Our ECS officers are scheduling to meet in the upcoming week about starting the club.

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](#)

JOB OPENING:

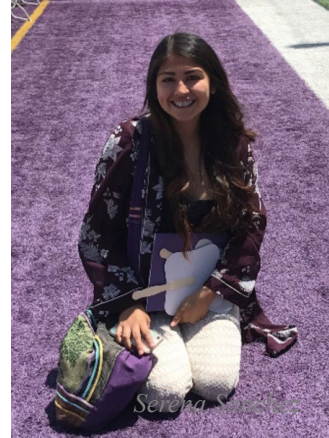
Are you interested in a part-time babysitting job in Ventura? Sierra O'Toole needs a babysitter for her 4-month-old daughter. If you are interested, you can email her at Sierrapartridgeotoole@gmail.com

VCOE Early Childhood Programs is looking to fill **2 vacancies**. The ECE Technical Assistance Specialist provides coaching and training to early childhood educators in Ventura County. For more information, please visit this [link](#).

ECS STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

Meet our ECS organization Officers

My name is Serena Sanchez. I am a senior at Channel Islands, as an ECS major. My favorite color is purple and I love to star gaze. I chose CI because my aunt and my sisters are all alumni and always heard great things about CI especially the ECE program. The experience has been amazing, the support not only before COVID-19 but after once we went fully online. I have had the support from teachers, advisors and peers I have met from my classes.



Stephany Villagran Alfaro

My name is Stephany Villagran Alfaro. I am attending my second semester at CI as a first-generation student. I transferred from Moorpark College, to finish my Bachelor's in Early Childhood Studies. My goal is to serve children and families who are bilingual as I am a fluent in Spanish.

Hello, my name is Alondra Davila. I am a transfer student from Oxnard College, and this is my second semester at CSUCI. My major is ECS. I am also working on my special education credential and bilingual authorization. I have chosen to attend CSUCI because of its growing ECS field and its campus size. I knew that by the campus size, I would build great relationships with different professors and students, which I was able to do on my first semester.



Alondra Davila

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet Mayra Ruiz. Meet our new School of Education Social Media and Administrative Support Coordinator Mayra Ruiz. She will be working with our Dean and taking charge of our SOE social media accounts. Give her a shout-out by following our SOE social media accounts:

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Sacramento State University Maters in Arts in Child Development Program. Did you know that the CSUS is still accepting applications for Masters in Arts in Child Development Program? For more information please visit their [website](#).

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.

Stay Strong Dolphins!!!

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