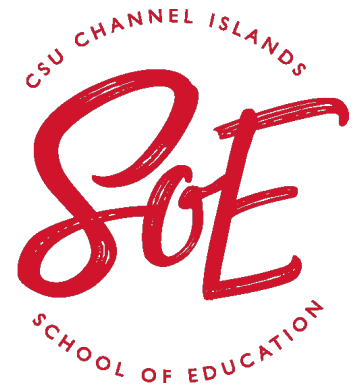


# EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES NEWSLETTER

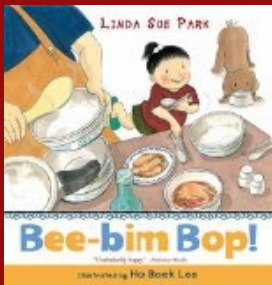


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## LIBROS INFANTILES/ CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Are you familiar with the book *Bee-Bim Bop!* by Linda Sue Park?

This book is about a hungry girl helping his mother making **Bee-Bim Bop!**, a traditional Korean rice dish. The story tells of shopping, preparing ingredients, setting the table, and sitting down to enjoy a favorite meal with the family.



Krista Bloom

## MEET OUR ECS FACULTY:

Hello ECS Students!

We made it! We are halfway through the Spring semester and it has been a pleasure getting to meet and work with so many of you this semester.

For those of you that I have not met yet, my name is Krista Bloom and I have been a lecturer and fieldwork supervisor in the Early Childhood Studies program here at CSU Channel Islands since 2018. I also graduated from the ECS program with my BA degree, which is where my passion for fostering young children's development took off! The ECS courses were inspiring and opened my mind to a completely new understanding and perspective of care and education for young children. From there, I attended CSU Northridge to focus my learning on infant and toddler care and development and graduated with my MA degree in Educational Psychology and Counseling in Early Childhood Education. I found it fascinating that as I learned to intentionally observe infants and toddlers, I was able to understand what their interests were, what they were communicating and how capable they were!

I have spent over ten years working out the field with infants to children in early elementary. During that time, it was reinforced repeatedly, that the children you work with, at any age, thrive when you take the time to get to know who they are and acknowledge their personal experiences. A nurturing and secure relationship between children and their caregivers is critical to their success in learning and developing.

On a personal note, I now have my own toddler at home and a new baby on the way! In our free time, my husband, son, and I enjoy hiking and camping and spending time exploring the beaches. We enjoy traveling and experiencing new adventures together. We are currently getting ready for a move back to my hometown of Ojai and have many ideas for our new home, including a lot of fruit trees and a vegetable garden.

Being back at CSU Channel Islands, I am in the privileged position to mentor, teach and get to know our ECS students. Due to the reflective nature of many of the ECS courses, I have had the opportunity to hear many of your stories including what has brought you here to CSUCI and inspired your interest in caring for and working with young children. So, to those of you that are

rounding the corner to graduation in May - CONGRATULATIONS CLASS of 2021!

## **NEWS/UPDATES:**

**Advising Workshop.** Do you want to participate in a workshop where you will learn how to read your CARR, learn what classes to take next semester, and/or make sure you are on the right track to graduation? If yes, we are having an Advising Workshop on **April 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm-1:30pm and April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:00pm.** If you are interested, please [RSVP here.](#)

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 Teaching has been sent out to all Junior and Senior standing students. If you think you need to take the Student Teaching courses in Fall 2021, please read the letter and submit the survey. The survey deadline is **April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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. First semester is ECS 460 & 461, second semester is ECS 468,470 & 471.

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 OGRANIZATION**

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](#)

## **ECS STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:**

Hi! I'm Zoe Remund, I'm in my final semester at CI and in the fall, I will be starting my special education teaching credential at Pima Community College. I transferred to CI from Humboldt State, and I immediately fell in love with the small campus community and the tight knit ECS department. Currently I'm a lead teacher at a private preschool for the toddler class. Although I love teaching, in the future I hope to work with toddlers with special needs and their families. CI truly has changed my perspectives of the world and I'm so excited for what's ahead.



*Zoe Remund*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Virtual Student Teaching Program.** ECS students that are in student teaching class ECS 460/461 will be implementing a variety of learning and play experiences for infants, toddlers and their families. Spread the word out! If you are interested to join if you have infants or toddlers of your own.

They will be doing it **Monday's and Tuesdays, March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30 PM** via zoom. [Click here to Register.](#)

**Save the date!** If you are graduating by the end of Spring 2021 semester. The School of Education is thrilled to announce our 2021 Drive-Thru Pinning Ceremony. It will take place on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am-2:30pm (20-minute time slots available). Further details forthcoming!

**Student Petition to Re-instate the Graduate Studies Center at CI.** Sharing a petition that students are circulating to let the administration know that they want a Graduate Studies Center. For more information and to sign the petition, please [click here.](#)

**The CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement.** The California State University (CSU) Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement Scholarship is available now for the 2021-2022 academic year. This year's deadline to submit your application and all required documents is **Monday, April 26, 2021.**

The awards recognize students who have overcome adversity, demonstrated financial need, have attributes of merit including superior academic performance, significant personal achievements and exemplary community service. For more information please email the [scholarships@csuci.edu](mailto:scholarships@csuci.edu) to request the scholarship application package.

**Week of the Young Child.** This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WOYC in the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. We want to do something as a community. Further details forthcoming!

**Honeycomb Hypothesis lecture by Dr. Sandra Duncan.** Check out this awesome free opportunity for students to attend a guest lecture with renown author and early childhood expert Dr. Sandra Duncan. For more information and RSVP [click here](#).

**National Head Start Association Internship.** The NHSTA offers 15-week internship, designed to introduce college students to the daily workings of a nonprofit advocacy organization, including national and grassroots advocacy, research, communications, and more. For more information [click here](#).

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

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