

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES NEWSLETTER

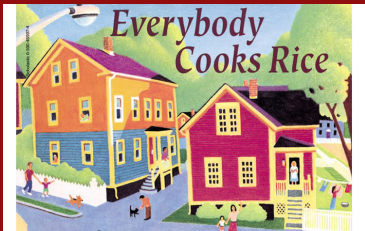


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LIBROS INFANTILES/ CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Are you familiar with the book *Everybody Cooks Rice* by Norah Dooley?

A little girl named Carrie canvases her San Francisco neighborhood in search of her little brother, who's late for dinner. Every house she visits contains families with different ethnic heritages and everywhere she goes, the family is eating (or preparing) rice for their dinner, showing no matter how different we may seem, there are plenty of similarities too.



Debbie Connolly

MEET OUR ECS FACULTY:

Hello ECS Students!

We did it! We made it through the Spring semester. To those of you that are graduating, Congratulations Class of 2021!!! And to those of you that are not, congratulations for making it through the semester.

I am Debbie Connolly, faculty for the Early Childhood Studies program for the School of Education. This is my second year of teaching at California State University, Channel Islands. Before CSUCI, I taught Child and Adolescent classes at Union Institute and University. My education journey began in 2005 when I was a preschool teacher in a beautiful little church school in my community. I always had a passion for fostering children's development and when I started to teach, realized that I would like to learn how to excel in this endeavor by taking classes at Moorpark Community College. I ended up working as a preschool teacher at the Moorpark College Child Development Center. My philosophy of Reggio Emilia was fostered there, as the Moorpark CDC is a Reggio inspired center. I obtained a BA in Child and Adolescent Development and an MA in Educational Psychology/Early Childhood Education from California State University, Northridge. While I was working on my MA, I worked full time at UCLA Child Development Center. While working there, I learned so much about diversity, as our families were predominantly researchers from all over the world. I have also worked with infants/toddlers (where I became a certified trainer for Programs for Infants and Toddlers, West Ed., California Dept Education). I have been a Curriculum Specialist, an Early Head Start Partnership Coordinator, and a Mentor Coach to Head Start teachers.

In my 13 years of working with children, families, and students, I feel that the most foundational component of teaching with any age group, is relationships. Through positive relationships, you can ensure a sense of safety and emotional well-being. This leads to good communication and a strong sense of trust.

On a personal note, I am the mom of three adult children and one granddaughter who is 4 years old. If you are in any of my classes, you will hear a lot about Austen's antics! I am an avid hiker and love the beach. I never go to either place without a backpack, as I am always collecting Loose

Parts. If you are not familiar with Loose Parts, I highly suggest looking up Miriam Beloglovsky, who is the author. I am also a life - long learner and read many books. An interesting thing about me, is the I ran the Marine Corp Marathon in Washington DC 10 years ago. I was planning on running it again for my birthday back in October (It was a landmark birthday) but was not able to due to COVID. I plan on running it when it comes back.

I so enjoy taking the education journey with the ECS students. Getting to know who you are and what the path looked like that got you to CSUCI, are fascinating stories. We are such a diverse community and I see the support and collaboration that happens within. It allows you as students, to feel genuinely embraced, encouraged, and prepared to emerge as the next generation of leaders.

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. If you were not able to attend our meeting, please let Nasha Sobieski know so that she can send you the link to the recording.

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

The ECS organization will be meeting later this month to go through the process of starting this club. If you are interested in participating in this process, 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:

YMCA. The Camarillo Family YMCA is hiring Summer Camp Counselors and Childcare Directors for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested, please [visit their website](#) for more information on the job.

Sonshine Preschool. The Sonshine Preschool is looking to hire some quality staff for the 2021-22 school year to replace some retiring teachers! They are a small, part time preschool in the east end of Ventura. If you are interested, please contact the preschool director [Annette Walters](mailto:annette@orchardventura.org) at annette@orchardventura.org.

San Mateo County Community College. The San Mateo County Community College is hiring a Child Development Center Aide III (Mater Teacher). If you are interested, please [click here](#) to view the job description.

Behavior Therapist. The Sundelin Behavioral Interventions are hiring individuals who are interested in gaining experience with children, families, mental health, and special needs for position of Behavior Therapist. They offer opportunities for their employees to become RBT certified and for career advancement in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis with both full-time and part-time positions available! For more information please check their [application link](#) and their [webiste](#).

Math and Science Teachers. The Mathnasium in Ventura is looking to hire a few instructors to their learning center and give work with students in the education department. This is a valuable opportunity to get some hands-on experience working with children and teaching math! For more information, please check their [website](#) and give them a call at 805-525-MATH (6284).

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

This year, two of our ECS students earned the award for best community engagement practices given by the Center for Community Engagement. Congratulations to both!

You can click on their names and watch their video on their experience on service learning during the Pandemic.

[Estefany Tovar](#)



[Valeria Toscano](#)



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Application is Open for Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling at Auburn University. If you are interested in acquiring a Master's degree in rehabilitation counseling and work with individuals with disabilities, Auburn University is now accepting applications and is July 1st. For more information about the program and findings. [visit their website](#).

Pinning Ceremony. The event will take place on Sunday, May 23rd from 10:00am-2:30pm (20 min. time slots available).

Congratulations to our graduates!!

Congratulations to Zoe Remund and Estefany Tovar for being selected to receive the Early Childhood Studies Honors Program Award.

Island Educator! If you are graduating and got hired at a new job? The School of Education wants to highlight all your accomplishments. If you want to participate, please fill [this survey](#) out with your news!

**We'll be back with more newsletter by the beginning of Fall 2021 semester. Have a great Summer!
Check your CI email throughout the summer.**

Stay Strong Dolphins!!!

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

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