

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES NEWSLETTER



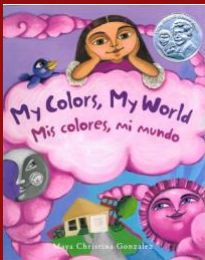
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LIBROS INFANTILES/ CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Are you familiar with this book by Maya Christina Gonzales titled *My Colors, My World/ Mis colores, Mi Mundo*?

This book is all about the colors that Maya finds in her world. Check it out you will not be disappointed!



MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

Hello CSUCI Early Childhood students! It is so great to connect with you via this first-edition of the very first ECS Newsletter. I am honored to be the Dean of the School of Education and, among my greatest joys, to work with the amazing folks who teach and staff the ECS program. Growing up in Southern California, my mother worked for years in early childhood education, first as an aid and then, after completing her AA degree, as a teacher in a birth -preschool center. Watching my mom experience the joys of working with young children and their families pushed me to volunteer in the early childhood center at my college when I became a first-gen university student and I know those experiences informed the choice of teaching and education as my career.

These are very difficult times for prospective educators like you who seek out student -teacher relationships because of the power and potential these relationships have for enabling young folks to learn and explore and grow! We hope you know how very proud we are of your dedication to entry in to this profession despite the less-than-ideal contexts and circumstances of your educational experience. The fact that you are thriving (even if it may not feel that way, you are!) despite the realities of our lived-lives today is a true testament to your dedication and passion for this work. The children and families with whom you will work will be the ultimate beneficiaries of your stick-to-it-tiveness!

Finally, it may not seem like it right now, but this is an incredible time for early childhood education in California. Regardless of COVID realities, you have a governor and legislature dedicated to the education and educators of our youngest citizens- and we are going to hold them to the dedication when we emerge on the other side of the pandemic So, stay tuned! We know great things are coming from you and your future students and from the promises and commitments of powerful advocates for early childhood education!

Wishing you the best,
Brian Sevier
Dean, School of Education



Dr. Brian Sevier



Dr. Mari Riojas-Cortez

MEET OUR ECS PROGRAM CHAIR

Dear ECS Students:

My name is Dr. Mari Riojas-Cortez and I'm the new Chair of the Early Childhood Studies Program. I am originally from Mexico but lived in San Antonio, Texas for many years. I have been in the field of early childhood for over 30 years, I started my career as a bilingual prekindergarten teacher in a public school in Texas. This is my first year at CI and I am so excited about our ECS program and working with all of you. My research interests include working with Latino families and dual language learners as well as the preparation of early childhood preservice teachers just like you. Please send me a note at mari.riojas-cortez@csuci.edu and let me know how things are going in your classes. I look forward to meeting you even if it is virtually. I also want to introduce you to our wonderful ECS faculty who are always ready to help you in any way.

Dr. Annie White, Dr. Adria Taha-Resnick, Dr. Mari Estrada, Krista Bloom, Regan Bynder, Lauren Chase, Debbie Connolly, Bethany Evans, Marian Everest, Darrell Forthe, Loretta Galaviz, Carol Paasch, Sandy Smith and Launice Walker

In addition, I want to introduce you to **Nasha Sobieski** our ECS Program Counselor and Field Placement Coordinator. Please reach out to Nasha at nasha.sobieski@csuci.edu should you have any questions.

NEWS/UPDATES

Registration is here! Please make sure you look through the Spring 2021 class schedule and plan out what you are taking for your Spring 2021 semester.

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:

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. There was an email that was sent out to all our junior and senior standing students. Students who believed they were eligible to student teaching in the Spring 2021 semester submitted their survey. All eligible students who submitted the survey should have received an email from Nasha Sobieski with information about registration.

A reminder about student teaching:

- 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

As a program, we want to provide students an opportunity to start an Early Childhood Studies organization. Being part of an organization is a vital part of staying connected with your program and campus, especially since we are going to continue with remote learning through Spring 2021. If you are interested in being part of starting this organization, please fill out this [survey](#).

Please fill this survey out by November 30th. We will contact everyone who completes the survey with details about our next meeting before the end of the Fall semester. We will be electing officers in our next meeting.

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](#)

New Employment Opportunity in Ventura County:

Easter Seals Early Childhood Specialists

For more information contact:

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ECS STUDENT HIGHLIGHT:

Our diversity makes us strong. Meet [Edvin Nuñez](#) one of our ECS students whose video project highlights his funds of knowledge.



Edvin Nuñez

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

California Early Childhood Association conference call for proposals <http://conference.caeyc.org/>

National Research Conference on Early Childhood November 30-December 3 (free virtual conference)
http://www.nrcec.net/?utm_source=sendgrid.com&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=website

Posada de CSUCI on Sunday, November 29, 2020 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. RSVP
https://csuci.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_39HtoK16jEgPYfX

New Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP)
<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/position-statements/dap/contents>

Quality Counts Ventura County (QCVC) Teaching Stars stipend opportunity:
<https://www.vcoe.org/Early-Childhood-Programs/Teaching-Stars-Project>

Local Planning Council of Ventura County community resources:
<https://www.venturalpc.org/Resources/Community-Resources>

Stay Strong Dolphins!!!

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