

Mentor Bios

Kelly Corcoran

My research deals predominantly with language, gender, and identity, with a current focus on media representations. As a PhD candidate in the Linguistics Graduate Group and an interdisciplinary field, I have several years of professionalization experience as well as familiarity with research and methods in the social sciences and humanities that I am happy to share with students interested in continuing in academia. As an educator, I also am interested in both pursuing and advocating for best practices regarding pedagogy and students' needs in the university. In my spare time, I work as fundraiser coordinator and DJ at UC Davis' student-run freeform radio station KDVS.

Maizy Enck

Maizy Enck is a M.A. Candidate in the Art History Program at UC Davis. Her research interests focus on early and mid-twentieth century American painting, specifically the work of Augustus Vincent Tack and Arthur B. Davies. Maizy has enjoyed working as a Teaching Assistant throughout her two years at UC Davis in both the Art History and Design Departments. After receiving her M.A., Maizy hopes to pursue teaching art history at the Community College level.

Yoonjung Lee

Yoonjung is a 6th year Political Science Ph.D. Candidate and her research focuses on how both social and political identities interact with each other when voters process political information. Prior to pursuing a doctorate degree at Davis she attended Ewha Women's University in South Korea, and though her undergraduate major was in international relations she soon fell in love with political psychology after coming to Davis. She is passionate about experimental data and the need for both academic and private sector research using experimental methods, so she is pursuing both academic and non-academic careers.

Lester Lusher

Lester is currently a fifth year PhD student in Economics, and he has worked as a graduate student mentor since 2013. His research interests primarily center on education, and he often runs experimental programs such as CollegeBetter.com as part of his dissertation. Lester will be graduating in 2017 and hopes to be a professor upon finishing. More information about Lester and his research can be found at his website: lrlusher.weebly.com

Kristin McCarty

Kristin McCarty is a graduate student in the Sociology department at UC Davis. Her research interests are sociology of family and legal sociology. In her current research she is using mixed methods to examine alternative family structures in the United States and the policy implications of these structures. In her free time, she enjoys attending live music events and watching travel vlogs. Her website is: <https://ksmccarty.wordpress.com/>.

Daniel Moglen

Daniel Moglen graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.A. in Linguistics before spending a year in Korea teaching English to junior high school students. He is now in his final year of his PhD in Linguistics at UC Davis, where he studies second language writing. Daniel looks forward to a

career in academia, continuing to research and teach in the field of Second Language Acquisition and ultimately helping international students succeed in academic programs in the US.

Loren Michael Mortimer

Loren Michael Mortimer specializes in early American history with a designated emphasis in Native American Studies. His research centers on indigenous political ecologies and comparative colonialisms in North America during the 17th and 18th centuries. His dissertation combines ethnohistory, environmental history, and spatial history to narrate the evolution of the St. Lawrence River watershed from a pre-contact Native American borderland into an international border between Canada and the United States.

Anne Perez

Anne Perez is a History PhD candidate focusing on Modern Jewish History and specifically the history of the Zionist movement in the first half of the twentieth century. She has an MA in History from UC San Diego and an MA in Theological Studies with an emphasis on Historical Studies from Bethel Seminary. Before her program at Davis she taught junior high history at a private school outside Beirut, Lebanon. Her dissertation on Zionist attitudes and policies regarding conversion and their implications for defining national membership of a Jewish state has brought her to archives in Israel and England. After completing the PhD she plans to work at a teaching-focused college or university while continuing her research on nationalism, religion, and Jewish history. When she is not dissertating, teaching, or occupied with other program tasks, Anne enjoys taking walks, cooking for friends and family, and watching less-than-academic television series.

Sarah Prince

Sarah Prince is a Graduate Student in Political Science department. Her research interests include, (1) the relationship between migration and human capital development, (2) factors that impact the economic development and level of inequality in developing countries (internal and external factors such as, democratization, foreign aid, remittances, and emigration), and (3) globalization. Sarah worked as a teaching assistant for The Politics of Global Inequality, and is currently a Graduate Student Researcher for the Temporary Migration Cluster. Her goal is to work as a professor and conduct research at a university. She enjoys traveling, hiking and snowboarding in her free time.

Monica Rodriguez-Guevara

My name is Monica Rodriguez-Guevara and I am a second-year Economics PhD student. My primary areas of research interest are Labor, Public, Development and Behavioral Economics. I am passionate about understanding the mechanisms that drive inequality. What makes people earn more than others? Different abilities? Different schooling levels? What makes people acquire certain skills? Should the government intervene in those choices? And if so, would it make a difference if there are underlying motives that persist over time? Motivated by those thoughts, in previous work I have looked at the link between equality of opportunity and intergenerational mobility in Mexico and examined the effect of unanticipated tax shocks in income and consumption inequality in the United States. Currently I am studying some ways in which parents may influence children's occupation decisions other than income, from the one

hand I am looking at intergenerational transmission of preferences and from the other hand by relaxing constraints associated to set-up costs and networking.

I am Mexican and studied the BA in Economics at ITAM in Mexico City, upon graduation I worked as Financial Researcher in the Financial Stability Division of the Central Bank. After a couple of years, I went back to school and gained a MSc in Economics at The London School of Economics and Political Science, at which I also worked as Research Assistant in the Grantham Research Institute for the Climate Change.

I enjoy dancing, cooking real Mexican food, photography, and have little runs at sunsets to recharge batteries.

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Forrest Rogers

Forrest Rogers is currently a doctoral student of Psychology (Biological Psychology) in the laboratory of Dr. Karen Bales at the University of California, Davis. His research focuses on behavioral, neuroendocrine, and neuroanatomical consequences of social relationships and monogamy, which he studies with the model organism *Microtus ochrogaster*. Broadly, he is interested in the connection between social behavior and biological development in both human and non-human animal models, and he is particularly interested in sexual and parenting behaviors.

In May of 2015, Forrest completed his B.A. in French and B.S. in Biological Science with College & Departmental Honors (International Study Emphasis) at Oklahoma State University in his hometown of Stillwater, Oklahoma. His previous research mentors include Dr. Alexander Ophir (Cornell University), and Dr. Jennifer Byrd-Craven (Oklahoma State University), with whom he completed his senior honors thesis, “The Hormonal Response to Partner Exposure in Female-Female, Female-Male, and Male-Male Romantic Partnerships.”

Forrest hopes to pursue a career in academia, in which he wishes to both research and teach. Outside of work, Forrest enjoys cooking, binge-watching Netflix, and playing the Cello and Erhu. For more information on the Laboratory for Comparative Neurobiology of Monogamy,

prairie voles, and other monogamous animals, visit the lab website here:
<http://bales.faculty.ucdavis.edu>



Vanessa Segundo

Vanessa joined the Office of the Vice Chancellor Student Affairs and Campus Diversity at the University of California, Davis in April 2015. As the project lead, she supports the coordination of multiple initiatives that include research based projects, international collaborations, and project management. She applies her six years of experience in working in both student affairs and academic divisions towards supporting minoritized student populations.

In her previous on-campus role as the Education and Training Coordinator at the AB540 and Undocumented Student Center, she was responsible for developing curriculum and implementing the UndocuAlly Program for Educators for faculty, staff, and professional/graduate students. She developed an e-Allyship model, an online learning tool to be used as professional learning, for educators in their continued efforts of serving and supporting undocumented students.

Vanessa is a second year Ph.D. student in Education within the Language, Literacy, and Culture emphasis area at the University of California, Davis. She is currently the principal investigator for the UC MEXSUS grant-funded research study, “Mission Graduation: Understanding how Latina/o Student Leverage Co-Curricular Involvement to Navigate the Educational Pipeline,” that focuses on asset-based perspectives of Latino student persistence.

Originally from Illinois, she earned her M.S.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education at Northern Illinois University, while serving as a Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Fellow, and a B.A. in Political Science at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Vanessa has been a guest presenter at various conferences and events where she has covered topics on college counseling, access and equity, undocumented students, and parent engagement.

Link to Ph.D. student profile: <http://education.ucdavis.edu/student-profile/vanessa-segundo>



Mentee Bios

Maria Akhter

Maria is a second year student majoring in Economics and Comparative Literature. Her main research interests include labor economics and other types of public economics. She is a writer for an online women's blog Her Campus and works as a member of the social media team as well. She's held several internships with various newspaper and online magazines and has also

held a variety of jobs at summer camps and sports camps. After her undergraduate career, Maria hopes to attend law school or business school. When she's not in classes or working on her research assignments, Maria enjoys playing soccer and cooking meals at home.

Rainier Austin

Rainier Austin is an International Relations and Linguistics major. Her research interests include conflict and natural resource distribution, agricultural development, and environmental policy. Rainier has experience as an intern in CA State Governor Jerry Brown's office. She would like to attend law school or a masters program, ultimately hoping to enter the Foreign Service or be involved in policy making. She can play the cello and in her free time she swims, does calligraphy/ design, reads and watches Netflix.

Jee Young Bhan

Jee Young is a sophomore student double majoring in Sociology and Human Development with a minor in Education. Her research interests are mainly in the sociology of education and how various sociological forces can impact one's education attainment and outcomes. She is currently working as an undergraduate research assistant for Vanessa Segundo in UC Davis School of Education.

She is exploring many topics in the field of sociology and her research interests include: sociology of Education, diversity and equity in high education, early childhood development, education and identity development, immigrant children and youth. Jee Young plans to pursue her studies in graduate school for Education after her graduation.

Aside from school, Jee Young is involved in Kendo Club of UC Davis. She also enjoys playing music and making art in her free time.

Casey Crumrine

Casey Crumrine is a second year student in the University's Honors Program pursuing a Bachelors of Arts in International Relations at the University of California, Davis. Prior to attending school in Davis, Casey lived in Visalia, CA, where she attended Golden West High School. There, she was CEO of the Business Finance Academy, ran track, and was part of the choir, all before graduating as Valedictorian and as a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation. Within her International Relations major, Casey is on the Peace and Security track and her area focus is Western Europe. Although she is not sure about what she would like to research at this point in her academic career, Casey has many interests involving the politics and history of the Western European region. Currently, Casey is looking into law school, as she wishes to pursue a career as a human rights lawyer. Joining the Peace Corps has not been ruled out just yet though. Until then, Casey will fill her time being outdoors, laughing with friends, and drinking a lot of coffee.

Monica Dwight

My name is Monica Dwight and I am a second year Political Science Public Service Major with a track in Environmental Policy. I am also working towards Spanish and Economics minors. I am interested in researching global-scale environmental policy issues; more specifically, I would

like to research renewable energy alternatives, global climate change policy, or population policy. I hope to incorporate economic strategies into policy to incentivize sustainable behavior. Aside from participating in the URC Mentorship Program, I am currently interning with the UC Davis ASUCD Campus Center for the Environment to promote sustainability on the UC Davis campus. I look forward to doing more internships in the future to develop further knowledge and skills surrounding environmental policy that I can implement in the future.

Matthew Hanna

Matthew Hanna is a Sociology major with an emphasis on Law & Society. His research interests include the criminal justice system, law, human rights, and politics. He is a Chaldean American. Chaldeans are the native people from the land of Iraq that speak the language of Jesus Christ—Aramaic. He is quadrilingual in four languages: English, Aramaic, Arabic, and Spanish. He has strong communication and teamwork skills that has been exhibited inside and outside of the classroom. He has had two years of retail experience with Nike, Inc. that has expanded and strengthened his interpersonal and team skills. His career plans include the legal field as an attorney or in the education field as an educator. Outside of academia, you can find Matt listening to music, writing songs, spending time with family, and serving his church community.

Jennifer Place

Jennifer Place is a second year Art History undergraduate in the University Honors Program at UC Davis. She has a diverse interest in various art periods, but would love learning more about early Dutch secular art. She is also very invested in the arts and hopes to declare a double major in Design sometime next year. She is currently teaching beginning drawing at the UC Davis Craft Center and a member of the Art History Club. She hopes to soon intern at a local art museum and later on attend graduate school.

Yameng Qu

Yameng is a second year Managerial Economics major who is excited to learn more about data analysis and economics models. She is still figuring out what research questions might be interesting to her, so in the meantime, she is honing her skills, including regression analysis in Stata, R, and Excel. Under Lester's tutelage, she is replicating some of Lester's data analysis on his own dissertation work, and then hopes to manipulate the same data to explore other research questions.

Olivia Schlanger

Olivia Schlanger is a second year undergraduate student from Marblehead, Massachusetts, double majoring in dance and psychology. Olivia plans on graduating from UC Davis in the spring of 2018 and attending graduate school that fall. While working towards her MFA in Dance, she will also be taking movement therapy classes around Northern California through the Center of Movement Education and Research (CMER) to becoming a member of the American Dance Therapy Association (ADTA). Olivia aspires to combine her love for psychology with her love for dance to become a dance therapist to help heal people of all ages who have mental or psychical impairment. Olivia has a special affinity for Developmental Psychology, which has guided her to pursue an internship teaching kindergarteners at the Marguerite Montgomery Public School in Davis. She is currently working with the teacher to begin incorporating movement/dance into their lesson plans. Olivia was also the membership chair for the 2016

Davis Dance Marathon on April 2, an eight-hour event to raise money for the UC Davis Children's Hospital. When Olivia is not in class or in the dance studio, she can be found in the arboretum, her favorite spot in Davis, taking long walks with her dog, Twinkin.



Tammy Tang

My name is Tammy Tang and I am a sophomore double majoring in Sociology and Chinese. Some of my interests include race relations, culture, and power. I hope to apply my sociological views and research skills in nonprofits and other organizations in order to establish more equality across education, labor, and health welfare. Currently, I am still unsure as to whether or not I will attend Graduate School, but it's still definitely an option that I will keep exploring. On campus, I am currently working with my Graduate mentor on her research regarding polyamory, where I have been able to apply a lot of my research knowledge and develop my sociological skills. In addition, I am involved in my honors coeducational Fraternity, Phi Sigma Pi. In the past, I have served as a mentor to international students. When I'm not busying myself with schoolwork, I like to exercise and stay active. Currently, I want to pick up a new language and am working on a travel blog!