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News



Portland State takes steps to support faculty

[In a letter](#), Provost Susan Jeffords outlined some of the steps Portland State is taking to support faculty during this unusual academic year, such as joining the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, offering increased training for digital tools, and ensuring more flexibility for faculty caregivers. The provost also shared the report "[A Sudden Shift to Remote: What We Learned](#)," an analysis of data and learnings from the quick shift to remote instruction spring term.

Meet two finalists for Associate Vice Provost for Academic Innovation

Two finalists for Associate Vice Provost for Academic Innovation will give open forum webinars this week and next as part of their campus interviews. Each webinar will include a presentation on "The Future of Academic Innovation at PSU" and time for questions. Meet the first candidate on Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; meet the second on Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Zoom links, cover letters, CVs and feedback surveys will be posted on [the search webpage](#).



Andries Deinum Prize winner explores stories of gun violence survivors

The winner of the 2019 Andries Deinum Prize, Chloe Friedlein MFA '19, unveiled her project "Dear America," [a digital gallery of photographs](#) of gun violence survivors, accompanied by letters sharing their unique experiences. Friedlein, a survivor of the 2015 Umpqua Community College shooting, was awarded the Andries Deinum Prize for Visionaries and Provocateurs by the College of the Arts, which funded the project.

Webinar shares perspectives on gender and social change

"Tag, We're It: Voices on Gender and Social Change" brings together researchers from different disciplines to discuss issues of gender. Join panelists Manjusha Gupte, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Shirley Jackson, Black Studies; Eric Mankowski, psychology; Emily Fitzgibbons Shafer, sociology; and Leni Zumass, English, on Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. [Register to receive a Zoom link](#).

Request a Career Counseling workshop for your students

The University Career Center [offers custom and pre-designed workshops](#) for classes and campus departments. Choose from nine different workshops, such as "Networking for Introverts" and "What Can I Do with a Degree in...?" Or, collaborate with the Career Center to create a major- or program-specific workshop for your students.

Google Chat now available

The new Google Chat is now available in Gmail at PSU! Google's new messaging platform includes many "Slack-like" features, including the ability to create persistent rooms, share files and create shared task lists. You can access the Chat widget through Gmail at mail.pdx.edu, through the Chat app at chat.google.com, or through mobile applications. Read more about it on [the Office of Information Technology blog](#).

Shop during the Columbia Sportswear Community Cares event

Shop at Columbia Sportswear's Employee Store from Oct. 1 through Nov. 15 and 10% of your purchases will go toward PSU's [Athletic and Outdoor Industry program](#). Bring [this invitation](#), your PSU ID and a photo ID to enter. Each invitation is good for up to four guests. All customers must bring face coverings and comply with the store's COVID-19 procedures and policies. Last year PSU raised over \$10,000 to support student success and immersion experiences.

PSU in the News

Linda George, environmental sciences and management faculty, discussed air quality and wildfires [with the New York Times](#); Kelly Gonzales, faculty for the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation [was quoted in Science](#) about COVID-19 data and indigenous communities; and the [BBC produced a beautiful piece](#) about the opera singer whose cameo in a Portland State video launched him into the international spotlight.

Accolades

People

Devon Allen, Andres Holz, Shirley Jackson, Susan Kirtley, Paul Loikit, Max Nielsen-Pincus, Joel Owens, Mellie Pullman, Anousha Sedighi, Dara Shifrer, Jeremy Spoon, Melissa Thompson, Hyeyoung Woo

Presented

Christopher Carey, Roberta Hunte, Kevin Kecskes, Dara Shifrer, Jeremy Spoon, Lindsey Wilkinson, Hyeyoung Woo

Published/Exhibited

Evguenia Davidova, John Hall, Daniel Jaffee, Paul C. Loikith, Andrew Martin, Aaron Russell, Dara Shifrer, Jeremy Spoon, Jack Straton, Melissa Thompson, Patricia Wetzel, Lindsey Wilkinson

Grants

Idowu (Jola) Ajibade, Todd Rosenstiel, Vivek Shandas

Events

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[Webinar: Economic and Business Outcomes of Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements](#)

[Model Minority Ideology and Anti-Blackness in Japanese American History](#)

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October 8

[Virtual Benefits Fair](#)

[Faculty Book Group](#)

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[Open Forum Webinar: Finalist A for Associate Vice Provost of Academic Innovation](#)

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Every week during the academic year, Currently celebrates faculty and staff accomplishments, including appearances on panels, presentations, recent publications or performances, and research grants.

1. **Devon Allen**, head of the acting program and School of Music and Theater faculty, directed and filmed a monologue recently written by Pulitzer finalist playwright Will Eno. Eno is in the process of putting together a film reflecting the myriad experiences of a character named Mary as she navigates uncertain terrain.
2. **Shirley Jackson**, Black Studies faculty, was featured in the article "[Portland Mayor Facing Resignation Calls. Questioned Leadership as Election Looms](#)" in the Oregonian on Sept. 6.
3. **Susan Kirtley**, English faculty, was featured in conversation with Frederick Luis Aldama in "[Susan Kirtley Talks: Lynda Barry. & Feminist Community Building. & the Rhetorical Approach to Comics](#)" for his series "Professor Latinx."
4. **Paul Loikit** and **Andres Holz**, geography faculty, and **Max Nielsen-Pincus**, environmental science and management faculty, were featured on KGW's "Straight Talk with Loral Porter" in [response to the wildfires burning in western Oregon](#).
5. **Joel Owens**, business faculty, was a discussant of the paper "How Do Stressors Influence Accountants' Performance? A Meta-analytical Structural Equations Modelling Analysis" at the Annual Meeting of American Accounting Association in August.
6. **Mellie Pullman**, business faculty, won runner-up for Journal of Supply Chain Management's 2020 Best Paper Award for the co-authored paper "Business for Society is Society's Business: Tension Management in a Migrant Integration Supply Chain." She and her co-authors were recognized as part of an award ceremony at the Academy of Management's annual meeting.
7. **Anousha Sedighi**, world languages and literatures faculty, was named the inaugural associate editor of linguistics for the International Journal of Iranian Studies with Taylor & Francis.
8. **Dara Shifrer**, sociology faculty, coordinated the matching of 66 mentors and mentees for the American Sociological Association's Sociology of Education section.
9. **Jeremy Spoon**, Emergency Management and Community Resilience program director and anthropology faculty, was featured in the article "[One-size Does Not Fit All for Post-disaster Recovery, PSU Study Finds](#)," published by several news organizations.
10. **Melissa Thompson**, sociology faculty, was interviewed for a KGW news story on the recent increase in gun purchases and gun permit applications.
11. **Hyeyoung Woo**, sociology faculty, joined the editorial board for the Journal of Aging Studies.

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1. **Roberta Hunte**, social work faculty, **Kevin Kecskes**, public administration faculty, and **Christopher Carey**, criminology and criminal justice faculty, presented “Equity, Conflict Mapping and Adaptive Leadership: A Theory of Transformative Change” on behalf of the [U.S. Department of State Bureau of Near East Affairs/Middle East Partnership Initiative](#), [Student Leaders Program](#), on July 29.
2. **Jeremy Spoon**, Emergency Management and Community Resilience program director and anthropology faculty, co-presented “Understanding Household Recoveries Following the 2015 Nepal Earthquakes” at the Virtual International Symposium on Nepal’s Reconstruction in August.
3. **Lindsey Wilkinson** and **Dara Shifrer**, sociology faculty, co-authored “Educational Outcomes of Gender Diverse Students: A National Population-Based Study” which was accepted as a paper at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.
4. **Lindsey Wilkinson**, sociology faculty, presented “School Supports, Community Context, and the Educational Experiences of LGBTQ Youth” at the (virtual) annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.
5. **Hyeyoung Woo**, sociology faculty, co-presented “For More and For Better: Children’s Education and Korean American’s Utilization of Ties to Korea” at the (virtual) annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.

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1. **Evguenia Davidova**, international studies faculty, published an article titled “Circuits of Mobile Workers in the 19th-Century Central Balkans” in *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften*.
2. **John Hall**, economics faculty, published [“Thorstein Veblen as Evolutionary Feminist Economist of the Progressive Era”](#) in the *Journal Of Economic Issues*.
3. Carol Hernández, PhD '18, and **Daniel Jaffee**, sociology faculty, published an article titled [“Emociones, Semillas Nativas y Cambio Climático: El Movimiento de Soberanía de las Semillas en Chiapas”](#) (Emotions, Native Seeds, and Climate Change: The Seed Sovereignty Movement in Chiapas), in the journal *Estudios de Cultura Maya*.
4. Daniel Mackin Freeman, sociology graduate student, and **Dara Shifrer**, sociology faculty, co-authored [“An Investigation of the Impact of High School Student Fine Arts Course Accumulation on Mathematics Achievement.”](#) presented at a roundtable at the (virtual) annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.
5. **Aaron Roussell**, sociology faculty, and Gisela Rodriguez Fernandez, PhD '19, co-authored [“Why Federal Intervention in Portland Shouldn't Be a Shock,”](#) published by the US Centre: American Politics and Policy Blog from the London School of Economics on Aug. 11.
6. **Dara Shifrer**, sociology faculty, and Daniel Mackin Freeman, sociology graduate student, co-authored “Problematizing Perceptions of STEM Potential: Differences by Cognitive Disability Status in High School and Postsecondary Educational Outcomes,” presented at a roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.
7. Emily A. Slinsky, graduate student, **Paul C. Loikith** and **Andrew Martin**, geography faculty, co-authored [“A Climatology of Atmospheric Rivers and Associated Precipitation for the Seven US National Climate Assessment Regions,”](#) published by the American Meteorological Society in the *Journal of Hydrometeorology*.
8. **Jeremy Spoon**, Emergency Management and Community Resilience program director and anthropology faculty, co-authored [“Navigating Multidimensional Household Recoveries Following the 2015 Nepal Earthquakes”](#) in *World Development*.
9. **Jack Straton**, physics and university studies faculty, had one of his photographs chosen to be part of the 2020 Juried Art Show at the Maria V. Howard Arts Center in Rocky Mount, North Carolina from May 1 to Aug. 16.

10. **Melissa Thompson**, sociology faculty, authored "Social Construction of Mental Illness" in the second edition of "[Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology](#)," edited by Chris Rojek.
11. Ned Tilbrook, sociology graduate student, and **Dara Shifrer**, sociology faculty, co-authored "Parental Domain-Specific Cultural Capital and Persistence in College Majors," presented as a paper at the (virtual) annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.
12. Ned Tilbrook, sociology graduate student, and **Dara Shifrer**, sociology faculty, co-authored "The Implications of Gender, Achievement, and Attitudes in STEM Major Pathways," which was accepted at a roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.
13. **Patricia Wetzel**, Japanese faculty emerita, co-authored "[NihonGO NOW! Level 1](#)," a four-volume textbook series for beginning learners of Japanese, published by Routledge.
14. **Lindsey Wilkinson**, sociology faculty, co-authored "State-Level Policy, School Victimization, and Suicide Risk among Sexual Minority Youth" in the forthcoming "Advances in Medical Sociology, Sexual and Gender Minority Health" volume 21, edited by Allen LeBlanc and Brea Perry and published by Emerald Publishing.

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1. **Idowu (Jola) Ajibade**, geography faculty, **Vivek Shandas**, urban studies and planning faculty, and **Todd Rosenstiel**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean, received a \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation in collaboration with Aaron Ramirez from Reed College, and Kevan Moffett from Washington State University to work on a collaborative study that aims to understand how the history of redlining and structural racism continues to impact neighborhoods through tree-planting policies. The project's goal is to identify opportunities for undoing legacies of inequality in urban tree-human dynamics, and to foster equitable and resilient communities.

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