



November 2, 2020

News



Get ready for Election Day

Tuesday is Election Day! Your ballot must be received by election officials by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3 to be counted. See a list of [Multnomah County drop sites here](#). In a [letter to campus](#), Provost Susan Jeffords shared resources for supporting students before and after the election, for instance, by encouraging them to vote and facilitating challenging classroom discussions. Please remember that Oregon Election Law restricts public employees (including PSU employees) from [engaging in political activity](#), while on the job.



Campus safety updates

In August, the University announced that Campus Public Safety Police Officers would move to unarmed patrols. In a [letter to campus](#), President Stephen Percy and Chief Halliburton gave an update on this transition. [CPSO also announced](#) that, due to staffing shortages, effective Nov. 1, campus police officer coverage will be temporarily reduced to 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., Monday through Friday—with the exception of 24 hour coverage this Tuesday and Wednesday around Election Day.

How to plan an on-campus event in the time of COVID

Are you planning an in-person event? Considering a speaker series? Seeking ways for your remote students to gather on campus? Gatherings are allowed at PSU under COVID-19 guidelines, but important safety steps must be met. Group size can be no more than 25. The event has to be in a space with appropriate distancing. Organizers must take attendance and arrange cleaning. To ensure all [health and safety guidelines](#) are met, schedule your gathering with [Campus Events & Student Union](#).



Remembering Assistant Professor Xander Davies

Alexander "Xander" Davies, education faculty, passed away at his home on Oct. 22 at age 35. [His colleagues shared memories](#) of his passion for equity in education, his focus on family and community involvement, and the support, inspiration and friendship that he gave freely to students and fellow teachers. To share a memory or read more about Davies' life, visit the [In Memory of Xander Davies website](#).

Bring the world to your class with international student presenters

PSU's [International Cultural Service Program \(ICSP\)](#) promotes cultural awareness by sharing international students' first-hand knowledge and experience. ICSP students are available to visit classrooms virtually and can adapt their presentations to fit your curriculum. To request a presenter, [fill out the request form](#). ICSP is also developing a [digital library of resources](#) that can be accessed on demand. Email icsp.psu@gmail.com with questions.

Update your email signature

If your email signature contains a link to the old [pdx.edu](#) website, recipients will see a broken image link. Follow the [new email signature instructions](#) to get your email signature working once again.



Rec Center pool and drop-in sports reopen Nov. 9

Campus Rec is excited to announce the reopening of the pool and the restarting of drop-in sports on Monday, Nov. 9. A 45-minute [swim lane reservation](#) is required in order to access the pool. The locker rooms and showers will be available for those with a pool reservation, but will remain closed to other Rec Center users at this time. Check out sports equipment at the Equipment Check-Out Desk next to Member Services. See [Reopening FAQs](#) for more details.

PSU in the News

As Halloween approached, [KGW got a look at](#) a centuries old witch hunting manual with John Olt and students from the history department; [The Skanner](#) talked to Professor Etahn Imarisha about PSU's Black Studies department, direct aid for students and the hire of Walidah Imanisha; an [article in The Guardian](#) about indigenous Brazilian musicians centered "indigenous futurism," a term coined by Indigenous Studies faculty Grace Dillon; Portland State Magazine talked to [alumni on the ballot](#).

Accolades

People

Steven Bleiler, Priya Kapoor, Maura Kelly

Presented

Jenny Ceciliano, Susan Chan, Heejun Chang, Priya Kapoor, Lisa Notman, Howard Yank, Maika Yeigh

Published/Exhibited

Idowu Ajibade, Jennifer Dill, Melissa Haefner, Ulrich H. Hardt, Shafiq Rahman, Jack Stratton

Grants

Holly Lawson, Mary Morningstar, Amy Parker

Events

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[Crafting with Little Vikings \(Zoom\)](#)

November 3

[Tuesday Trivia Night](#)

November 4

[Geology Speaker Series](#)

[Crafting with Little Vikings \(Zoom\)](#)

[Outdoor Workshop Wednesday: Stove Use](#)

November 5

[Faculty Book Group](#)

[Immersive Media & Reading 2020 Consumer Survey Preview](#)

[Title IX for Researchers](#)

[Sports Zoom Chat](#)

[Demographic Decline, Population Aging, and Immigration in Japan](#)

November 6

[The Cube: PSU Student Incubator Demo Day](#)

[Friday Transportation Seminar](#)

[Forum: Empowering Men of Color in Business](#)

November 7

[Caffè Culturale: Mediterranean Migrations in Italian Literature](#)

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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. **Steven Bleiler**, mathematics faculty, organized a workshop on “Solution Architecture for Quantum Software and Hardware Development” for the [2020 IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering](#) held virtually Oct. 12-16.
2. **Priya Kapoor**, international and global studies faculty, was invited to serve on the editorial board for the Journal of Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies from 2021-2023.
3. **Maura Kelly**, sociology faculty, was interviewed for an article titled “[Despite Progress, Ingrained Racism Still Runs Deep in Construction](#)” by Construction Dive.

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1. **Jenny Ceciliano** and **Lisa Notman**, world languages and literatures, presented “Fulfilling a Wish List: OER Beginning Spanish Curriculum Featuring Authenticity, Flexibility, Social Justice and More” at SOLPHE (Symposium on Language Pedagogy in Higher Education) on Oct. 3.
2. **Susan Chan**, music faculty, will present “‘Exoticism’ in Selected Piano Works by Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart: Editions and Transcriptions” at the Beethoven EPTA (European Piano Teachers Association) International Conference to be held online in Bonn, Germany, Oct. 31-Nov. 1. She will also perform a Variation by Diabelli at the conference.
3. **Heejun Chang**, geography faculty, gave an invited seminar titled “Comparative Case Studies in Socio-hydrology” at Seoul National University of Science and Technology.
4. **Priya Kapoor**, international and global studies faculty, presented a paper titled “The Communicative Discourse of Coolie, Load-bearing Migrant and Muslim Labor in Contemporary India: Learning from Method Triangulation” at the annual (virtual) conference of the International Communication Association from May 21-26.
5. **Howard Yank** and **Maika Yeigh**, College of Education, presented “Coaching and Leadership in Trauma Informed Schools: Strategies to Support Teachers” at the American Middle Level Association annual (virtual) meeting in November.
6. **Maika Yeigh**, College of Education faculty, presented “Ekphrastic Poems: Building Community in a Time of Uncertainty and Healing” at the American Middle Level Association annual (virtual) meeting in November.

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1. **Idowu Ajibade**, geography faculty; Meghan Sullivan, geography research assistant; and **Melissa Haeffner**, environmental science and management faculty, co-authored “Why Climate Migration Is Not Managed Retreat: Six Justifications,” published in *Global Environmental Change*.
2. **Jennifer Dill**, urban studies and planning faculty, and **Nathan McNeil**, urban studies and planning research associate, co-authored “Are Shared Vehicles Shared by All? A Review of Equity and Vehicle Sharing” in the *Journal of Planning Literature*.
3. **Ulrich H. Hardt**, curriculum and instruction emeritus faculty, co-edited “The Collected Poems of Ada Hastings Hedges,” published by the Oregon State University Press.
4. **Shafiq Rahman**, business faculty, published “Errors-in-variables and Reverse Regression” in the *Handbook of Financial Econometrics, Mathematics, Statistics, and Machine Learning*.
5. **Jack Straton**, physics and university studies faculty, had one of his photographs chosen to be part of Celebration of Art National Juried Exhibit in San Rafael, California, Aug. 18-Oct. 14.

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1. **Holly Lawson** and **Amy Parker**, education faculty, obtained a \$1.22 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. The five-year grant for the Interdisciplinary Distance Educators Advancing Low-Incidence Students (IDEALS) project will support College of Education graduate students' tuition and teach them how to best provide distance learning in science, technology, engineering and math to students with visual loss, including those with additional disabilities.
2. **Mary Morningstar**, education faculty, is one of the co-principal investigators for a \$4.01 million grant to expand services for students and youth with disabilities through the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT). NTACT is a partnership of organizations, including PSU's Transition Coalition. The new five-year grant will help NTACT provide technical assistance and training to state education and vocational rehabilitation agencies focused on the transition from school to adulthood for youths with disabilities.

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