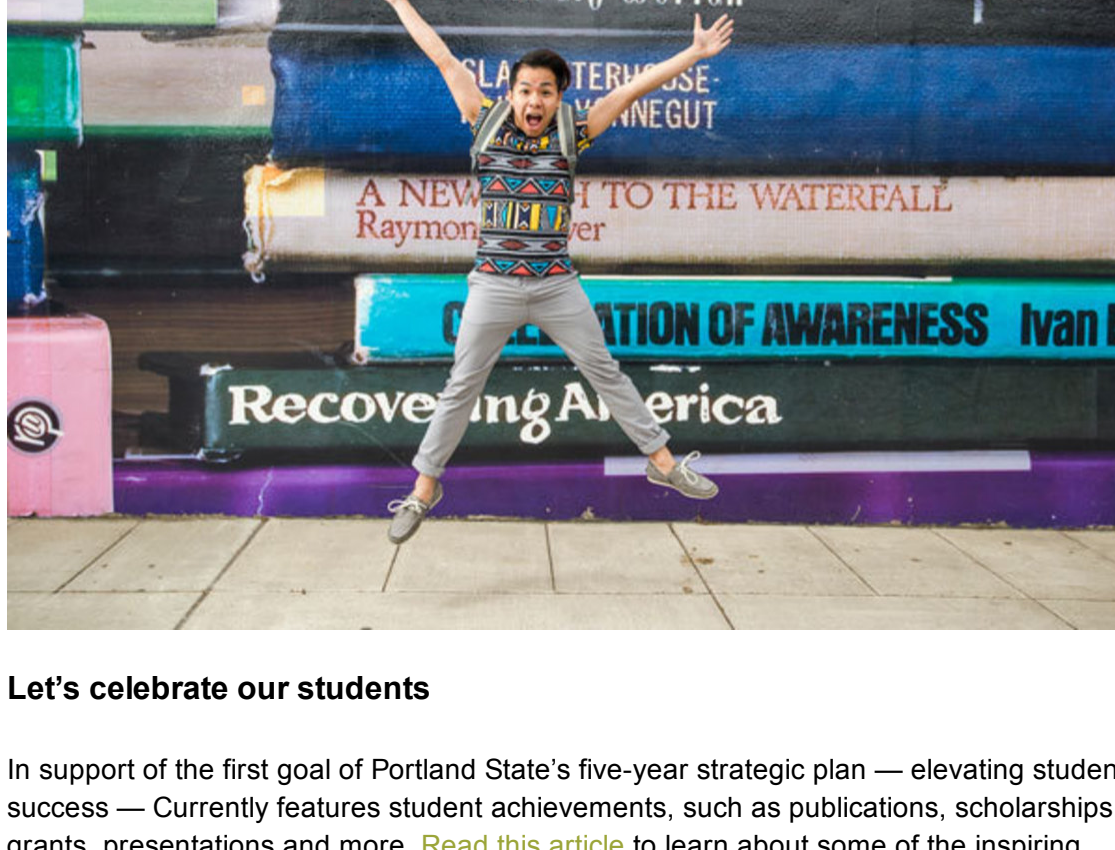


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News



Let's celebrate our students

In support of the first goal of Portland State's five-year strategic plan — elevating student success — Currently features student achievements, such as publications, scholarships, grants, presentations and more. [Read this article](#) to learn about some of the inspiring students who made us proud this term. We received nearly 60 submissions this time — the most yet! Want your students to appear in the winter roundup? See the [submission guidelines](#).



\$1 million gift helps establish new music professorship

Portland State advocates Greg Hinckley and Mary Chomenko Hinckley made a \$1 million gift to support the University's distinguished choral music program. The Gregory K. and Mary Chomenko Hinckley Professor of Choir, Music Education and Social Justice will support a full time faculty member to work with undergraduate and graduate students in the school's Music Education and Choral Conducting programs, as well as to create new initiatives focused on social and racial justice in the Portland region. [Read more.](#)

Student government holds town hall on campus safety

The Associated Students of Portland State University (ASPSU) will hold a Town Hall Forum this Friday, Dec. 11 from 12-1:30 p.m. to allow the campus community to ask questions and learn more about campus safety issues including the progress toward unarmed patrols and recent vandalism and break-ins. To participate, please [RSVP via this Google form](#).

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art announces new director

Maryanna G. Ramirez joined Portland State on Nov. 30 as the director of the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at PSU. Ramirez brings two decades of experience serving university cultural institutions, most recently at the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University in Miami. She will develop a long term strategy for the new museum, collaborating with guest curators and driving programs to engage PSU's diverse student body and the community. [Read more.](#)

Vice Provost candidates visit campus this week

Three finalists for Vice Provost for Academic Budget and Planning will make virtual visits to campus Dec. 7-Dec. 11. Candidate names and information will be available 24 hours before each visit, along with a feedback survey. Each finalist will present at a webinar Open Forum on the topic "What are the big challenges facing budget resource management in higher education?" followed by a question and answer session. For details, see the [OAA website](#).

Help students succeed with these resources

National efforts to improve student success outcomes show that effective communication can foster a sense of connection and community for students, even before the term begins. Faculty are encouraged to reach out to students before winter term. See the step by-step guide [Start Your Term Right: Essential Student Communications](#) for tips, as well as these [email templates](#). A well written syllabus can also help students by clarifying expectations. See the [OAI Building Your Syllabus](#) guide. For help with remote teaching, see the [OAI+ Teaching Resources](#).



Campus access updates

Smith Memorial Student Union and the University Market remain open via PSU ID card access weekdays through finals. Between Dec. 14-Dec. 24, check at the door for limited hours. Both are closed Dec. 25-Jan. 3 for winter break. The Outdoor Program remains open during Campus Rec's COVID-19 closure, but will be closed Dec. 12-Jan. 3 for winter break. Rent outdoor gear for 25 days for the price of eight during the [Winter Break Rental Special](#). Call ahead at (503) 725-5668 to check on equipment availability.

PSU in the news

Research by Jola Ajibade, geography faculty, about how to make climate caused community relocations more equitable was [featured in Yale Environment 360](#); the work of the Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative was front and center in [this story by OPB](#) on housing and food insecurity among college students; in its examination of Portland's tax on high paid CEOs, [NBC News reached out](#) to Mary King, economics faculty emerita, for perspective. To celebrate 30 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act, University Communications talked with [disability rights pioneer Richard Pimentel](#) about the beginnings of his advocacy as a PSU student in the 1970s.

Accolades

People

Jola Ajibade, Mellie Pullman

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Jola Ajibade, Brian K. McCarthy, Kimberly Pendell

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HeeJun Chang, Paul Collins, Walter Dawson, Safia Farole, Brandon Reich, Olyssa Starry

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[Mentoring Relationships by Aligning Expectations for Postdocs and Grad Students](#)

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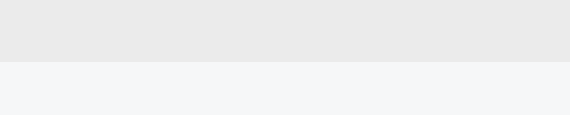
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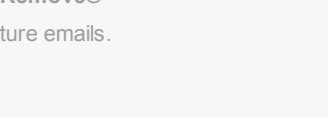
[Last day of Oregon State Employees' Charitable Fund Drive](#)

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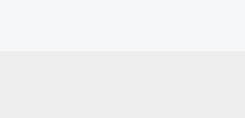
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1. **Jola Ajibade**, geography faculty, was interviewed for an article titled "[Equitable Retreat: The Need for Fairness in Relocating Coastal Communities](#)" by Yale Environment 360.
2. **Mellie Pullman**, business faculty, authored a paper in the [Decision Sciences Journal](#) recognized as the fifth most downloaded paper in the journal's 50-year history. Pullman's article "Ability of Experience Design Elements to Elicit Emotions and Loyalty Behaviors" was originally published in 2004 and explores an approach to creating emotional connection with guests or customers through careful planning of tangible and intangible service elements.

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1. **Jola Ajibade**, geography faculty, presented on a panel titled “Connecting Urban Violence and Climate Change In African Cities” organized by the United Kingdom’s Global Challenge Research Fund and Nottingham University on Dec. 2.
2. **Brian K. McCarthy**, business, presented “How to Create a Customized Professional Development Plan” remotely at the Palm Institute College in Accra, Ghana on Nov. 5.
3. **Kimberly Pendell**, library faculty, co-presented “Open for Whom? Challenging Information Privilege in Social Work” at the Council for Social Work Education Annual Planning Meeting in November.

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1. **Heejun Chang**, geography faculty, co-authored "[Socio-hydrology: An Interplay of Design and Self-organization in a Multilevel World](#)," published in Ecology and Society.
2. **Heejun Chang**, geography faculty; Ashley Baker and Junjie Chen, geography graduate students; and **Olyssa Starry**, Honors College faculty, published an article titled "[Seasonal Variation in Hydrologic Performance of Ecoroofs of Multiple Depths, A Case Study in Portland, Oregon, USA](#)" in Urban Water Journal.
3. **Paul Collins**, English faculty, published "[A Quest to Discover America's First Science-Fiction Writer](#)" in the New Yorker on Nov. 28.
4. **Walter Dawson**, Institute on Aging, co-authored "[The Necessity of Diplomacy in Brain Health](#)" in The Lancet Neurology.
5. **Safia Farole**, political science faculty, published "[Ethiopia's Tigray Conflict Reflects Unresolved Ethnic Tensions](#)" in the Washington Post on Nov. 24.
6. **Brandon Reich**, business faculty, published "An Appeal to Intimacy: Consumer Response to Platform-appeal Fit on Social Media" in the Journal of Consumer Psychology.

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CELEBRATING PSU STUDENT SUCCESS, FALL TERM 2020

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AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER HONORS

Graduate students **Gabby Abou-Zeid** and **Katherine Keeling**, civil engineering, and **Kelly Rodgers**, urban studies and planning, [will receive](#) prestigious Eisenhower Fellowships from the U.S. Department of Transportation at the 2021 virtual annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board. This is the second award for all three. Abou-Zeid and Keeling previously won the fellowship in 2020 and Rodgers in 2019. The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program awards fellowships to students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines.

The History Department has named its fall 2020 scholarship winners. **Eliana Bane**, **Adianna Davis**, and **Megan Shaw** were awarded the \$500 Barney Burke Undergraduate History Scholarship. **Stephanie Vallance** won the \$1,000 Joel Palmer Graduate Scholarship. **Hannah Reynolds** won the \$1,000 Fulton-Dodds Graduate Scholarship. **Katherine Bush** and **Amanda (Andy) Swinford** won the \$500 Stephanie Oliver Graduate Scholarship.

The winners of the [2020 Arlene Schnitzer Visual Arts Prize](#) are **Kris Blackmore**, an undergraduate student in graphic design, who was awarded first place and \$5,000; **Roshani Thakore**, graduate student in art + social practice, who was awarded second place and \$4,000; and **Michael Bernard Stevenson Jr.**, graduate student in art + social practice, who was awarded third place and \$3,000. **Darby Harrington**, graduate student in studio practice, **Mai Ide**, undergraduate student in art practice, and **Katie Costa**, undergraduate student in art practice, were recognized with honorable mentions. An exhibition of the prize winners is planned for January at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art. Check the [museum website](#) for details.

Holly Brott, a doctoral student studying community psychology, was awarded the 2020 APA Committee on Socioeconomic Status [Student Leadership Award](#) on Oct. 30. These awards recognize the outstanding achievements of students who have made significant contributions to the understanding of socioeconomic status and the lives and well-being of the socioeconomically disadvantaged. Brott will be recognized at the APA Annual Convention and receive a framed certificate and \$500 honorarium.

Erika Carpenter, sociology graduate student, was awarded Outstanding TA in Sociology. Carpenter also secured a second contract from the Rape Prevention Education Program at Oregon Health Authority to conduct a fully-funded focus group research project with high school students exploring sexual violence prevention and gender-inclusive school policies.

Jenna DePasquale, sociology graduate student, was awarded Outstanding Graduate Student in Sociology.

Taylor Dodrill, Earth, Environment and Society doctoral student, was awarded a [Margaret A. Davidson Graduate Fellowship](#) sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). With this \$110,046 two-year fellowship, Dodrill has started to address some key coastal management questions such as harmful algal blooms along the Oregon coast. She is currently working on her dissertation research in [South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve](#).

Sarah Elkinton, a graduate student in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, was a winner of the 2020 Paula Menyuk Travel Award for the Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD). The award was announced during the closing ceremony at the virtual conference Nov. 8.

Undergraduate student **Avarie Fitzgerald** [received the Marguerite Award](#) to help her pursue graduate studies in the Geographic Information Systems certification program.

Aurora Mak, undergraduate student in mathematics, received an internship at the NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center to research the modeling and designing of propellers for the purpose of minimizing noise. Mak's position lasted from Aug. 24 through Dec. 11.

Jaime Orrego-Oñate, a doctoral student in civil engineering, has been [awarded](#) a \$15,000 Oregon Sylff Fellowship for International Research. As a Chilean national completing a PhD in transportation engineering at PSU, Orrego-Oñate is poised to promote the expansion of American research abroad into countries that lack research resources.

Sarah Price, graduate student in political science, [received](#) the Oregon Scholarship and a continuing education grant. Price's thesis is on humanitarian aid and development.

Alexandra Vargas Quiñones, graduate student in environmental science and management, received an International Fellowship from the American Association of University Women.

Cyrena Selden, sociology undergraduate student, was awarded Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology.

Wynn Strange, graduate student in sociology, was elected vice president of equity and inclusion of the Graduate Employees Union Executive Board.

Ned Tilbrook, sociology graduate student, was awarded Outstanding Graduate Student in Sociology.

Sara Urbina, a doctoral student in urban planning and graduate teaching assistant, was [awarded](#) ITE's 2020 [Student Paper Award](#) for "[Influence of Autonomous Vehicles on Travel Behavior of 50+ years Population.](#)"

PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, AND EXHIBITIONS

Fayez Alsoubie, graduate student in engineering and technology, co-authored “Forecasting Technological Positioning Through Technology Knowledge Redundancy: Patent Citation Analysis of IoT, Cybersecurity, and Blockchain” in *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*.

Chessa Casper, undergraduate student in film and arts + letters, screened a short video titled “Rotten Fruit” at the [Northwest Film Forum’s Local Sightings Film Festival](#). This audiovisual poem explores time, gender, origins, transformation and self-actualization.

Book Publishing graduate students **Grace Hansen**, project manager; **Rosina Miranda**, assistant project manager; **Kendra Ferguson**, cover designer; **Morgan Ramsey**, interior designer; **Kali Carryl**, social media branded graphics designer; **Alix Martinez**, Instagram marketing; and **Alex Gonzales**, publicity, held a successful launch party for Ooligan Press’ most recent publication, “Laurel Everywhere.” Ooligan Press, a trade press owned and operated by master’s students in PSU’s book publishing program, sold the entire print run of 1,500 copies of *Laurel Everywhere*, a young adult novel about grief, within one week of launch.

Elizabeth Hulen, graduate student in sociology, co-authored “‘Eyes in the Home’: Addressing Social Complexity in Veterans Affairs Home-Based Primary Care” in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

Amir Shaygan, graduate student in engineering and technology, co-authored “Optimization of Battery and Wind Technologies: Case of Power Deviation Penalties” and “Measuring Emotional Reactions of University Students Towards a Student Information System (SIS): A Turkish University Case” in *Technology in Society*.

Wynn Strange, graduate student in sociology, co-authored “Responding to Concerning Posts on Social Media: A Qualitative Study with Implications for Suicide Prevention Training for Military Veterans” in the *Journal of Medical Internet Research*; and “Enhancing Usability of Appointment Reminders: Qualitative Interviews of Patients Receiving Care in the Veterans Health Administration” in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

ACHIEVEMENTS BY OUR GRADUATES

We received many submissions with alumni achievements and have shared those here. Please let the [alumni magazine](#) know about significant alumni achievements by sending news to psumag@pdx.edu.

C.J. Appleton MS '19 published “[Book Review: Queer Histories and the Politics of Policing](#)” in *Criminal Justice Review*.

Sabra Boyd '10 published a story in the [Washington Post](#) about how surviving teen homelessness taught her skills for living through a pandemic.

Alec Chapa '19 published “[In Trump We Trust: Epistemic Isolation, Conflict Narratives, and Climate Change Denial In Significant Portion of Trump’s 2016 Election Base](#),” in *The Macksey Journal*, part of Johns Hopkins University Press. Chapa was a McNair scholar while at PSU and is currently a self-employed conflict and business consultant.

Paul Deppen III MS '18 was hired at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) as a Clinical Research Coordinator in the Roberts Individualized Medical Genetics Center.

Andrew Dieckhoff '13 MA '17 announced his proprietary sports analytics system, the Dieckhoff Power Index (DPI), is now [partnering](#) with one of the top independent college basketball websites in the country. After finishing his master’s degree, Dieckhoff spent two years in China as a Peace Corps volunteer teaching English, and during that time polished his DPI system.

Lindsey Erickson MS '20 was accepted into the [Migration, Diversity & Inclusion Graduate Research Industry Partnership \(GRIP\) program](#), a partnership between the Scanlon Foundation and Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Lindsey’s doctoral project is called “Capturing Diversity and Social Cohesion in Modern Australia” and focuses on capturing the

experiences of different migrant subgroups to improve social cohesion throughout Australia. Erickson will participate in the program through February 2024.

Rasha Elabdali '18 authored a piece titled "[Teaching with Love](#)" detailing her work with sub-Saharan refugees as part of the Norwegian Refugee Council, a non-governmental organization she works with in Libya.

Rima Elabdali MA '16 co-authored an article with Nike Arnold, applied linguistics faculty, titled "[Group Dynamics Across Interaction Models in L2 Collaborative Wiki Writing](#)" and published in Computers and Composition. Rima is now a doctoral student at Georgetown University.

Carol Hernández Rodríguez PhD '18 is now an adjunct faculty member in geography at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Hernández Rodríguez was selected by the Journal of Peasant Studies to participate in its highly competitive International Writeshop.

Steven Howland PhD '19 published "[The Impacts of Gentrification on Transportation and Social Support for Black Working-Poor Families in Portland, Oregon.](#)"

Zach Jones MA '18; Tanya Sydorenko, applied linguistics faculty; Phoebe Daurio, Intensive English Language Program faculty; and Steven Thorne, world languages and literatures faculty, co-authored "[Beyond the Curriculum: Extended Discourse Practice Through Self-access Pragmatics Simulations](#)," published in Language Learning & Technology.

Philippa Otto MA '17 authored an article based on her thesis, "[Choosing Specialized Vocabulary to Teach with Data-Driven Learning: An Example from Civil Engineering](#)," published in the journal English for Specific Purposes.

Rossina Soyan MA '20 published "[Investigating the Needs of Foreign Language Learners of Tuvan](#)" in the Journal of Language, Identity & Education this past summer. Rossina wrote this article while completing her MA TESOL degree, and her work was supported by the James R. Nattinger Endowed Fellowship in the Department of Applied Linguistics. She began a doctoral program in the [Department of Modern Language at Carnegie Mellon University](#) this fall.

Jennifer Tenorio MS '14 published "[The Toolbox for Bystander Intervention](#)," a video Tedx talk on by-stander intervention, a needed skill in today's heightened activist context. Tenorio works as a United States customs broker, and she volunteers extensively. She serves on the Oregon Mediation Association board and as an active member of the Portland Peace Team, an organization that provides nonviolent security at events when invited and also provides training and workshops.

Kyla J. Tompkins MA '17 co-authored "[Gender Differences in the Development of Suicidal Behavior Among United States Military Veterans: A National Qualitative Study](#)," published in Social Science & Medicine.

Phil Tostado MA '17 was accepted into University of Iowa's doctoral program in sociology.

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