



January 19, 2021

News



Help spread the word about masks on campus

We're all looking forward to putting the pandemic behind us, but, for now, COVID-19 is spreading widely in Multnomah County. If you're on campus, remember to [mask up](#); it's required for those in shared spaces. Departments may [request reusable masks for employees](#) and a box of disposable masks to distribute to visitors or students. Send University Communications a [masked selfie and message](#) about why you wear a mask, and you could be featured on Portland State's social media channels.

PSU's first student success advocate leads pilot program

Portland State's first student success advocate, Joe Soto '18, is leading a one year, data driven pilot program to identify and support students experiencing challenges or institutional barriers. A cohort of 400 was selected using the new Student Success tool, which examines factors such as high school GPA, first generation status, and housing insecurity to identify students most likely to experience challenges adapting to college life. Soto's position is part the Students First initiative, supporting President Stephen Percy's [second strategic priority](#), student success. [Read more.](#)

Five student teams advance to Cleantech Challenge finals

Five student teams advanced to the final round of the 2021 PSU Cleantech Challenge, a competition that gives students the opportunity to address the social, environmental and economic challenges of the Pacific Northwest. The teams, which represent PSU programs in architecture, computer science, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, environmental sustainability, economics and business, will compete for \$10,000 in grants and prizes, and the top two teams will represent PSU at the statewide InventOR competition later this year. [Read more about the finalists.](#)

PSU offers new development opportunity for faculty

Portland State has joined the [National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity \(NCFDD\)](#), an independent professional development center dedicated to helping faculty make successful transitions throughout their careers. NCFDD offers training, mentoring and supportive communities for faculty, postdocs and graduate students. Resources are open to all and specifically designed to address the unique challenges and obstacles that underrepresented scholars face. To learn more and activate your membership see [this webpage](#).



BUILD EXITO seeks student scholars

[BUILD EXITO](#) is a National Institutes of Health-funded biomedical research training program for underrepresented and diverse students. The program identifies students early in their college careers to support them on the pathway to solving the world's most pressing health problems. Read about eligibility, steps for applying and more on the [BUILD EXITO application site](#). The first information session is Jan. 21 at 3 p.m.; application deadline is Feb. 15. Please share this opportunity with your students.



Helen Gordon toddlers' love of trains creates connections

Our littlest Vikings' love of MAX trains was featured in a recent TriMet newsletter. Helen Gordon Child Development Center teacher Emily Harris sent a thank you to the transportation agency describing the delight her group of 1 and 2 year olds find as they search for MAX trains on their daily walks especially when drivers wave and ring their bells. [Read the article.](#)



Exercise and inspiration from Campus Rec and SHAC

This week's Mindful Meanderings podcast from Campus Rec and the Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) is focused on honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and inspiring listeners to engage in anti-racism efforts in their community. [Listen to the podcast](#) while you walk or roll. Please note that Campus Rec will [remain closed](#) through at least Jan. 31.

PSU in the News

Describing homelessness as "a collection of all massive systemic failures in society," Marisa Zapata, director of PSU's Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative [was quoted in Willamette Week](#); Kimberly Jayne, education faculty, helped [KPTV understand how to process unrest at the capitol](#); and Jack Miller, political science, broke down the options for removing Trump from office [on KOIN's AM Extra](#).

Accolades

People

Cynthia Carmina Gómez, Óscar Fernández, Hau Hagedorn, John Hall, Mitra Naseh

Presented

Talya Bauer, Jill Castek, Kathy Harris, Kathi Inman Berens, Gloria Jacobs, Mrinalini Tankha, Rachel Noorda

Published/Exhibited

Taylor Bucy, Paula Carder, Tomás Cotik, Julia Freybote, Hollie Hix-Small, Lindsey Smith, Jack Straton, Jaclyn Winfree

Grants

Carmen Ripollés

Events

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[IT Workshop: Excel — Introduction \(online\)](#)
[The Importance of "Offset" Magma Reservoirs at Arc Volcanoes](#)
[Meet the PSU Technical Writing faculty: Carrie Gilbert](#)

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[Intisar Abioto: KSMoCA Artist Lecture Series](#)
[Biology Seminar Series: Carnosaurs as Apex Scavengers](#)
[Noon Concert: Damien Geter](#)
[Towards Resilient Futures Speaker Series: Recovery in Nepal](#)
[Linguistic Diversity, Language Identity, Multiculturalism in Asia and Implications for PSU](#)
[Discussion of "The 13th," a Film by Ava DuVernay](#)

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[Mentoring Academy: Addressing Diversity and Inclusion in Mentoring Relationships](#)
[Teaching Innovation Conference: Contemplative Practice in Higher Education](#)
[The Road Ahead for Roe: The Future for Reproductive Rights and Justice in the US](#)

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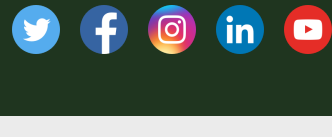
[From Resilience to Black Liberation: Uprooting Systems of Inequity](#)
[Teaching Innovation Conference: Contemplative Practice in Higher Education](#)

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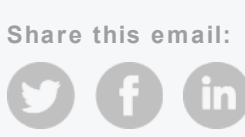
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1. **Cynthia Carmina Gómez**, executive director of the Cultural Resource Centers, moderated a panel titled “Latinidad and Change,” organized by Centro Cultural and co-sponsored by Pacific University’s Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Panelists Narce Rodriguez, Giovana Oaxaca, and Katherine Porras examined the needs of those hit hardest by COVID-19 and how to create systems change. The event was held on Dec. 8.
2. **Óscar Fernández**, University Studies, commissioned “[Portland Beauty](#),” an orchestral piece from Venezuelan-Spanish composer and conductor Giancarlo Castro D’Addona. The piece is slated to debut in 2022. The commission is part of University Studies’ [Race and Social Justice Dialogues](#) focusing on immigration, art and activism. A 2017 external grant from Bringing Theory to Practice — a national project seeking to transform higher education — funds this commission.
3. **Hau Hagedorn**, associate director of Portland State University’s Transportation Research and Education Center and the National Institute for Transportation and Communities, has been selected by the Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC) and the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) as the winner of the 2020 CUTC-ARTBA Award for Administrative Leadership. This award honors individuals who have made outstanding administrative leadership contributions to promote transportation research, technology transfer and education/workforce development activities.
4. **John Hall**, economics faculty, organized the panel “On Neoliberalism’s Appearances and Machinations” and co-presented the co-authored paper “On Thorstein Veblen and the Emergence of Neoliberalism” at a virtual conference organized by the American Economic Association from Jan. 2-5.
5. **Mitra Naseh**, social work faculty, won the 2021 outstanding social work doctoral dissertation award from the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Naseh completed her Ph.D. dissertation at Florida International University in Miami, Florida and started at Portland State this fall. Her work focuses on well-being, inequality and poverty among minorities with migration and forced migration backgrounds.

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1. **Talya Bauer**, business faculty, gave a virtual keynote talk titled “Virtual Onboarding: Research-based Overview and Advice” at HRNorge, Oslo, Norway, on Dec. 10.
2. **Kathy Harris, Gloria Jacobs, and Jill Castek**, applied linguistics faculty and members of PSU’s Literacy, Language, and Technology research group, presented three papers — “Adult learners’ lives and perspectives,” “Providers’ interpretations of support,” and “Theoretical triangulation: Revealing tensions between participant perspectives” — in a symposium titled “[Adult Literacy and Learning: What Does Analysis Based on Critical Race Theory Reveal?](#)” at the Literacy Research Association virtual conference on Dec. 3.
3. **Rachel Noorda and Kathi Inman Berens**, English faculty, presented “Immersive Media 2020: A Report on Books and Reading Before and During COVID” for the panel “[Active Readership](#)” at the Modern Languages Association 2021 Convention in January.
4. **Mrinalini Tankha**, anthropology faculty, presented a paper titled “Detained Settlements: Electronic Payment Infrastructures and Precarity in US-Cuba Financial Transactions” at the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy 2021 Conference on Jan. 5.

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1. **Tomás Cotik**, music faculty, published "[A Fancy Bow Stroke: Mastering the 3+1 Ricochet](#)" in American String Teacher; "[Violinist Tomás Cotik on How to Produce Clear and Controlled Ricochet Bowing](#)" in The Strand; and "Planning and Assessment of the Instrumental Lesson" in American Music Teacher.
2. **Julia Freybote**, business faculty, published "The Importance of Micro-Location for Pricing Real Estate Assets: The Case of Hotels" in the Journal of Real Estate Portfolio Management.
3. **Hollie Hix-Small**, education faculty and program coordinator for the Early Childhood Intervention Program, co-authored "State of Early Intervention Services Provided and Needs of Early Childhood Special Education Professionals During COVID-19," published in the Korean Journal of Early Special Education.
4. **Lindsey Smith**, Institute on Aging graduate research assistant; **Paula Carder**, Institute on Aging director; **Taylor Bucy**, Institute on Aging graduate research assistant; and **Jaclyn Winfree**, Institute on Aging research analyst, co-authored "[Connecting Policy to Licensed Assisted Living Communities, Introducing Health Services Regulatory Analysis](#)" in Health Services Research.
5. **Jack Straton**, physics and university studies faculty, had one of his photographs chosen to be part of [BOUNDLESS](#), a national joint show curated by Art Fluent, in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, from Nov. 13 through Dec. 13.

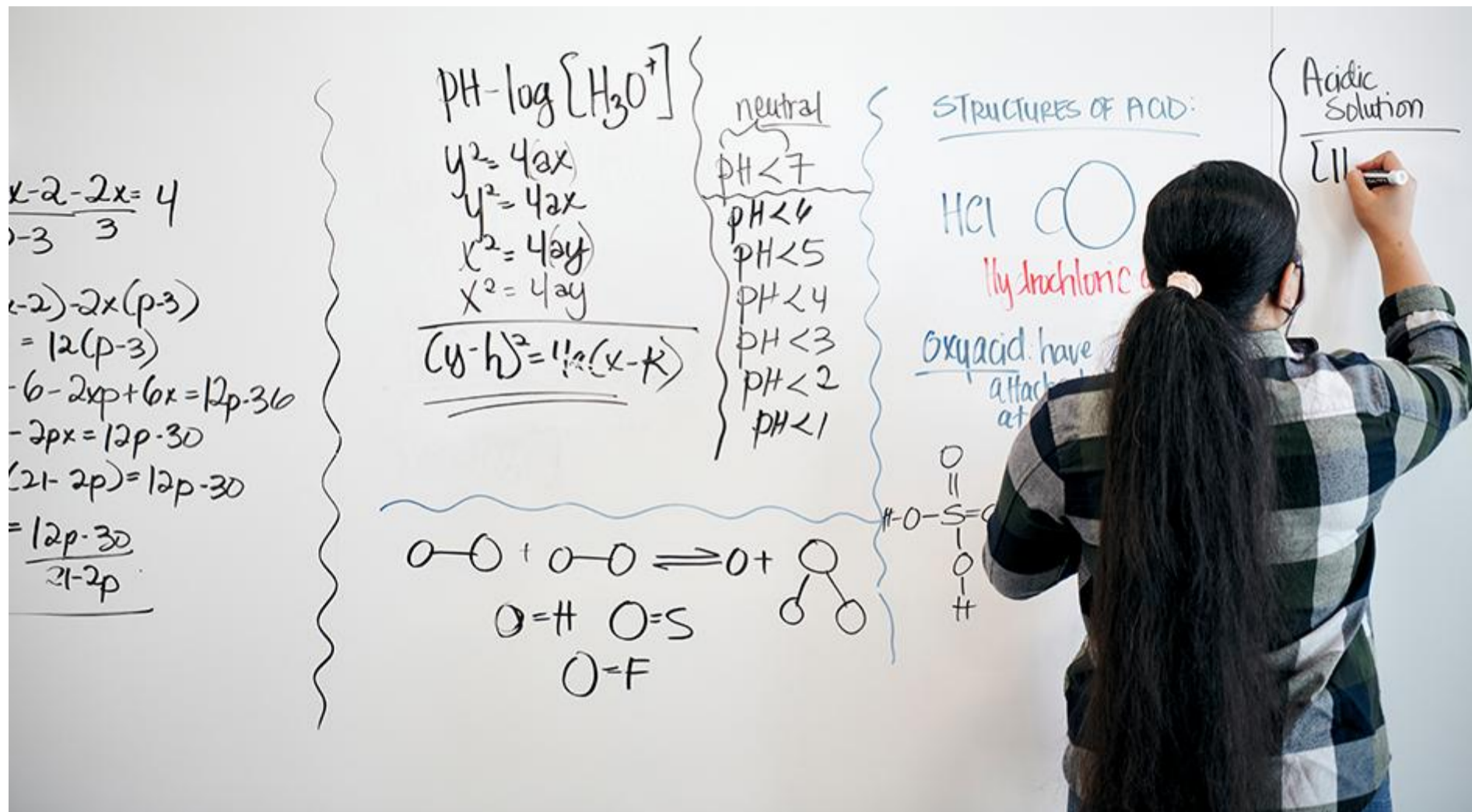
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1. **Carmen Ripollés**, Art + Design faculty, has been awarded an RSA-Samuel H. Kress Research Fellowship in Renaissance Art History for the project “The First English Monograph on Josefa de Óbidos.”

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