

NANCY GRASS

ASSOCIATE DEAN, SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Author of *Public Speaking in American English*, Dr. Nancy Grass received her Master's degree in Communication Studies from California State University, Northridge and her PhD in higher education from Capella University where she researched methods for improving institutional communication climates in large public institutions. Currently serving as Associate Dean of Student Life at Santa Monica College, where she has led the efforts to create a comprehensive food security program for students, serves on the Basic Needs work group and has been working with the State's Chancellor's office in their efforts to address statewide student housing and food insecurity. She has also led the efforts in developing a comprehensive Civic Engagement program at the College that focuses on voter registration,

education and turnout.

Prior to her time in administration, Dr. Grass was a professor of Communication Studies for 19 years specializing in intercultural communication, public address, communication climate, and public sector management. Additionally, Dr. Grass served as Chair of the Communication and Media Studies Department at Santa Monica College for three years and has also been central to the development and implementation of the Global Citizenship Initiative, a service focused study abroad program, and many other college goals and initiatives while at Santa Monica College. Dr. Grass maintains an active communication consulting business serving both the public and private sectors, and continues to guest lecture at California State University, Northridge in their Master's of Public Administration and Public Sector Management programs.



COLLEEN GANLEY AMMERMAN

PROGRAM SPECIALIST, CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE



Colleen Ganley Ammerman currently serves as a program specialist with the California Community College Chancellor's Office. In her current position, Ms. Ganley Ammerman works to increase access to health, mental health, food and housing resources and other unmet basic needs for students in the California community college system. Prior to joining the Chancellors Office, Ms. Ganley Ammerman worked at the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the non-profit that supports the Chancellor's Office. During her 12-year tenure with the Foundation, she developed and implemented multiple statewide initiatives designed to support at-risk students.

ALEJANDRO LOMELI

STUDENT, LONG BEACHCUTY COLLEGE

Alejandro Lomeli is a first generation college student currently enrolled at Long Beach City College (LBCC). Lomeli has been involved with LBCC's student government in various roles, eventually being elected to serve as the district's student member on the Board of Trustees. As well as being involved locally, Lomeli is also serving as the Vice President of System Affairs for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC). The SSCCC is a nonprofit statewide organization that strives to improve student access, promote student success, engage and empower local student leaders, and enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students. In October, Lomeli was appointed by Governor Brown as a Commissioner for the California Student Aid Commission, providing financial aid policy analysis and leadership for the purpose of making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians.

Lomeli is currently working towards a degree in Criminal Justice with the goal of being sworn in to the Long Beach Police Department, focusing specifically on community-oriented policing programs."

DR. DENISE BEVLY

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLNESS AND BASIC NEEDS INITIATIVE, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR



Dr. Denise Bevly is the Director of Student Wellness and Basic Needs Initiative for the California State University, Office of the Chancellor. In this position, Dr. Bevly provides systemwide leadership of programs and services that address student wellness and basic needs, including student health services, student mental health and counseling services, and food and housing security.

Previously, Dr. Bevly worked as a public health practitioner responsible for leading a team that created and implemented wellness programming throughout three connecting city school districts. Prior to that, while working at UCLA, Dr. Bevly served as the project director of the REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) Project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which coordinated and integrated

chronic disease prevention and health promotion strategies in 13 communities across the U.S. She has also held administrative, policy, and education positions at various agencies, and her passions continue to include social justice, mentoring youth, health and well-being, and understanding the impact(s) of health and wellness on educational attainment.

Dr. Bevly earned her Doctorate of Public Health from UCLA, and her Master of Communication Management and Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Southern California.

JENNIFER MAGUIRE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY



Jen Maguire

Jen Maguire serves as Assistant Professor of Social Work at Humboldt State University. She is a scholar, educator and advocate working toward creating a public higher education system where all students have basic needs met as they strive to achieve their dream of earning a college degree. She is a founding member of HSU Oh SNAP! Student Food Programs; PI on multiple research and program grants aimed at developing university food security efforts; consultant and co-author for a companion field guide for the recently released regional PBS film called, "Locally Grown: America's Food Revolution"; and CO-PI on a study commissioned by the California State University (CSU) Chancellors Office titled the, "CSU System-wide Food and Housing Security Study."

MAGGIE WHITE

PRESIDENT, CALIFORNIA STATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION



Maggie White serves as the president of the California State Student Association, representing the 480,000 students of the California State University at the system, state, and federal levels. She was previously appointed by Governor Brown to the CSU Board of Trustees and served as a student trustee from 2015 to 2017. She is currently completing her masters degree in public administration at CSU Stanislaus.

DOMINICK WILLIAMS

STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERLEKLEY



A third year student pursuing a Political Science Major and Economics Minor at the University of California, Berkeley. He serves as the Legislative Director for the External Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC), and as the Government Relations Committee Vice Chair for the University of California Student Association.

RUBEN CANEDO

RUBEN E. CANEDO, UC SYSTEM BASIC NEEDS CO-CHAIR, UC BERKELEY



Ruben Canedo, research and mobilization coordinator at UC Berkeley's Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence, co-leads both the UC Berkeley Food Security Committee and the UC Global Food Initiative Food Access and Security Subcommittee. Canedo has established himself as a national expert on student food security and college campus programs and policies to address the issue. He established and currently coordinates the efforts of campus food security working groups at all 10 UC campuses, and is engaged in actively researching and addressing college student food access and security.

RACHEL SUMEKH

FOUNDER & CEO OF SWIPE OUT



Rachel Sumekh is the Founder & CEO of Swipe Out Hunger. The organization is a leading voice in addressing hunger amongst college students. Her work has been recognized by The Obama White House, The New York Times and landed her on the 2017 Forbes 30 Under 30 list.

Swipe Out Hunger began in 2010 with a few friends as a college project at UCLA and has since grown nationally onto dozens of universities, serving 1.4 million meals. Their innovative approach allows university students to donate the unused funds from their meal plans to food insecure peers. LA Weekly has referred to them as the “Robin Hood of College Meal Plans.”

Before launching Swipe Out Hunger full time, Rachel followed her millennial urge to change the world and served those facing poverty as a case manager in Chicago. Rachel serves on the boards of two nationally recognized nonprofits, L.A. Kitchen and IKAR. She credits her upbringing as the child of Iranian Jewish immigrants for her intersectional perspective and curiosity in an individual’s journey.

TIM GALARNEAU

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BASIC NEEDS CO-CHAIR, UC SANTA CRUZ



Mr. Galarneau works as an education and research specialist on social issues for the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS) focusing on farm to institution, social justice, and student engagement. He actively supports regional, statewide, and national efforts that intersect with food, social equity, and community development. Tim is a co-chair to the University of California system-wide Food Access and Basic Needs effort emerging out of the UC President's Global Food Initiative. This innovative project mobilizes students, staff, and faculty in advancing a holistic vision for supporting student success through ensuring basic needs are met. In addition, he is a co-founder and board advisor to the national Real Food Challenge, advancing a student driven higher education effort to educate and address systemic inequality in the US food system. In addition, Tim advises other UC higher education systemwide projects as well as K-12 initiatives including serving as the Central Coast lead for the CA Farm to School network working with CDFA, CDE, public schools, farmers, food banks, and community partners across three counties.