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**Doctorate
in
Education Leadership
Recognition Ceremony
2023 Graduates**



**Seven Hills Conference Center
Saturday, May 13, 2023**

2023 Recognition Ceremony Program

Processional of Faculty & Doctoral Graduates

Welcome

Dr. Barbara Henderson,
Director of Ed.D. in Educational Leadership
San Francisco State University

Provost Address

Dr. Amy Sueyoshi,
Provost of San Francisco State University

Dean's Address

Dr. Cynthia Grutzik,
Dean of Graduate College of Education
San Francisco State University

Faculty Speaker

Dr. Roam Romagnoli
English Professor, Santa Rosa Junior College
Lecturer Faculty, San Francisco State University

Ceremony Program

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Distinguished Student Address

Dr. Gail Ann Rulloda
Distinguished Doctoral Scholar


Elected Student Address

Dr. Erica Bosque
Elected Doctoral Scholar

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Dr. Barbara Henderson
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Jacob T. Adams, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Undergraduate Native American Student
Experiences in Full-Time Online Learning
Environments

Dissertation Chair

Lee Kava, Ph.D.

Committee Members

Robert Collins, Ph.D.

Tia Pizon, Ph.D.

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Bess Wood, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Cultural Identity, Race, and Racism Examined in Children's Literature Through a Primary Grade Teacher's Community of Praxis

Dissertation Chair

Barbara Henderson, Ph.D.

Committee Members

Daniel Meier, Ph.D.
Landon Hill, Ed.D.

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Olabisi Adesuyi-Fasuyi, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Preschool STEM Education: Perspectives on the Education-Practice Gap and Professional Development

Dissertation Chair

Daniel Meier, Ph.D.

Committee Members

Stephanie Sisk-Hilton, Ph.D.
Jeanne Huybrechts, Ed.D.

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Michelle Y. Batista, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

The COLEGAS Brownprint Changing the Paradigm of California Community Colleges

Dissertation Chair

Maria Zavala, Ph.D.

Committee Members

Marcela García-Casteñon, Ph.D.

Angélica Garcia, Ed.D.

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Wendy Tobias, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Disability Identity, Belongingness, and Persistence in Students with Disabilities in Higher Education

Dissertation Chair

Julie Chronister, Ph.D.

Committee Members

Mayumi Hagiwara, Ph.D.

George Sellu, Ed.D.

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Ulash Thakore-Dunlap, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Understanding the Lived Experiences of Students of Color in Graduate Counseling Education: Implications for Educators and Leaders

Dissertation Chair

Julie Chronister, Ph.D.

Committee Members

Garciela Orozco, Ph.D.

Kevin Nadal, Ph.D.

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Erika Black, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

You're Essential, My Sista: Identifying Successes and Challenges Among African American Women in California Nursing Programs

Dissertation Chair

Dawn-Elissa Fischer, Ph.D.

Committee Members

Daniel Meier, Ph.D.

Beverly Glover, Ph.D.

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Erica Bosque, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Care for Us First: Experience of New TK-12 Teachers Performing Heart Work and Providing Trauma Informed Teaching

Dissertation Chair

Sherria Taylor, Ph.D.

Committee Members

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Sonja Lenz-Rashid, Ph.D.

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Kassandra Talbot, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Reclaiming the Story: Youth Participatory Action Research in the Rural Social Studies Classroom

Dissertation Chair

Wei Ming Dariotis, Ph.D.

Committee Members

X-Y Desai, Ph.D.

Brad Fogo, Ph.D.

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Dissertation Title

With Love: Disrupting the Dehumanization of Justice System-Impacted Students in the California Community Colleges

Dissertation Chair

Allyson Tintiangco-Cubales, Ph.D.

Committee Members

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Leah Catching, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Policy Analysis for Reform: A Three-Pronged Analysis of Transitional Kindergarten Policy in California

Dissertation Chair

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Sheldon Gen, Ph.D.
Ashley Williams, Ed.D.

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Christopher Chu, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Who Cares?: Examining Caring and Validating Relationships Between Students and Financial Staff

Dissertation Chair
Genie Stowers, Ph.D.

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Scott Cline, Ph.D.

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Katie Price, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

The Abolitionist Potential of Critical Creativity:
An Inquiry About the Impacts of Theatrical Performance for Title I Students

Dissertation Chair
Sukanya Chakrabarti, Ph.D.

Committee Members
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Daniel Meier, Ph.D.

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Chalyn Newman, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Equity Consciousness: A Case Study
Exploring Pre-Service Teacher Equity
Thinking in Synchronous Hybrid Teacher
Preparation

Dissertation Chair

Trevor Getz, Ph.D.

Committee Members

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Maria Zavala, Ph.D.

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Cynthia Dewar, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Historical Analysis of California Community
College Decisions on Whether to Adopt Online
Proctoring Software During the Covid-19
Pandemic

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Deirdre Donovan, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Systems Level Thinking: A Different View of
Trauma Informed Education Practices

Dissertation Chair

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Dissertation Title

Growing Community Responsive Leaders in the
California Community Colleges: (Re)envisioning
Home for System-Impacted Students

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Araceli Leon, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

“I Know I Can Count on Them”: A Program
Evaluation of an Undocumented Student
Resource Center

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Committee Members
Ali Borjian, Ph.D.
Raymond Isola, Ph.D.

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Theodore Dykzeul, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Rewriting Our United States History Books

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Vanessa Espitia, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Dismantling the Disproportionality of African Americans in Special Education: A Self-Study of an Educational Leader

Dissertation Chair

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Committee Members

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Justin Lenzi, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Subversive Pedagogy: Disrupting Static K-5 Curriculum with The Arts and Equity Toolkit

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Don Frazier, Ph.D.

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Dissertation Title

An Examination of the Impacts of White Teacher Racial Identity and Teacher Credentialing on African American Racial Identity

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Trevor Getz, Ph.D.

Macheo Payne, Ed.D.

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Lucy Fuentes, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

The Relentless Pursuit of College: Elevating the Voices of Former Foster Youth and Social Work Professionals

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Christina Lavarro, Ph.D.

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**Cookie (Shatearra) Garrett,
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Dissertation Title

Sue Me, I'm Rootin' fa Erbody dat Speaks Black:
Black Language Matters!

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Committee Members
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Michelle Hammons, Ed.D.

Dissertation Title

Disrupting White Racial Identity Formation in the
Classroom: The Potential Contributions of White
Educator's Anti-Racist Pedagogy

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