

The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | WINTER QUARTER



Feb. 26, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

The Parliament has received many emails regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. It was great to hear that dozens of you were able to make appointments to be vaccinated over the next few weeks at Levi's Stadium. Please remember that any education professional (faculty, staff, or administrator) who **lives or works** in Santa Clara County is eligible to be vaccinated at this point. Please go to the [county website](#) to make your appointment. We are working to get more information for those of you who do not live locally. In the meantime, please go to your county's health agency website to learn about their vaccination schedule.

If you participated in yesterday's Student Services conference, you are likely still energized by the fantastic speakers (**Raven Hayes, Dr. Roosevelt Charles, Dr. Darrick Smith, Dr. Rogéair Parnell, and Minnijean Brown Trickey**) and the engaging program of activities. The conference was focused on how we can better serve our Black students. Do the Right Thing, Foothill!

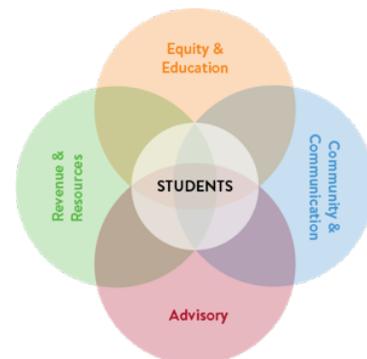
Minnijean Brown Trickey joined the campus again last night for an inspiring Q&A with nine Foothill students. Mrs. Brown Trickey talked at length about a life of activism and engaged in a lively discussion ranging from her experiences at Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957 right through to the violent attack on the Capitol Building on Jan. 6. Don't worry if you missed the event. We'll post the full recording next week.

Governance Updates

Governance Memos

Formation of Study Group focused on developing a definition and value statement for Service Leadership (Feb. 17)

All memos can be found on the [governance website](#).



What's Happening Next Week?

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 27-28

- [Live Readings of Intimate Apparel](#)

Monday, March 1

- [Film Discussion: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*](#)

Tuesday, March 2

- [Inter Club Council Meeting](#)

Wednesday, March 3

- [Women's History Month Opening Ceremony](#)
- [Art & Wellness Zentangle with Alexis Donato](#)

Thursday, March 4

- [The Battle Within: Bipolar Disorder Stigma Fighters](#)
- [Ask Outreach Chat Hour](#)
- [ASFC Campus Council Weekly Meeting](#)

Friday, March 5

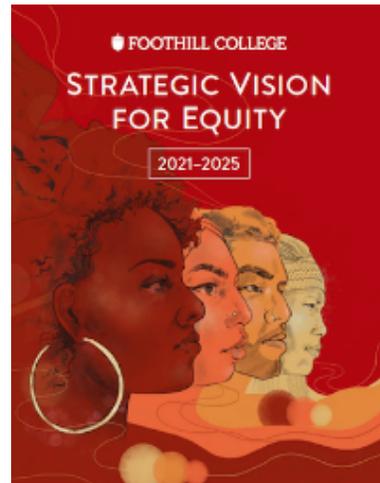
- [RSLs Workshop: Break Through Roadblocks](#)
- [Empowering Women Through Microcredit](#)
- [Foothill-De Anza Student Leadership Conference](#)

Read the Strategic Vision for Equity

"Believing a well-educated population is essential to sustaining a democratic and just society, we commit to the work of equity, which is to dismantle oppressive systems (structural, cultural, and individual) and create a college community where success is not predictable by race." - Foothill College Scope of Equity Work

The [Foothill College Strategic Vision for Equity 2021–2025](#) is now available on the website.

Informed by all voices in our community—students, staff, faculty, and administrator—this plan provides a unique opportunity to hold ourselves accountable to our scope of equity work, demonstrated in our commitment and accountability to our values, our personal growth, and to results.



Welcome, New DRC Staff!

Andrea Angulo - Academic Coach

Andrea is from the Central Coast. She is a first-generation student who received her Bachelor's of Arts degree in Sociology and Spanish with a minor in Education from UC Santa Barbara. She moved to San Jose shortly after receiving her bachelor's degree. She has worked for a local mental health nonprofit as a Family Specialist and an Applied Behavior Analysis Technician. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree in



Counseling and Guidance from San Jose State University. Andrea enjoys exercising and spending time with family and friends.



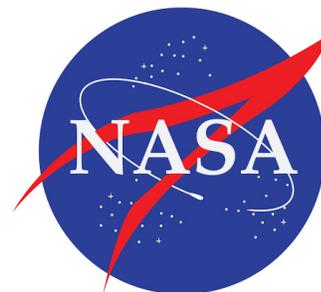
Michelle Lapitan, M.S.W. - Accommodations Coordinator (TEA)

Michelle was born and raised on Ohlone land (Bay Area). She earned her BA in Asian American studies from UCLA and earned her Master of Social Welfare degree from UC Berkeley. Her experience includes providing emotional and behavioral support for youth at North County Mental Health Clinic and providing counseling for elementary and high school students with SFUSD's Student Intervention Team. Michelle also served as a residential counselor and case manager at Huckleberry House, a youth crisis shelter, where she provided crisis intervention & resolution service, emergency shelter, and mental health support for youth and their families. While at Huckleberry House, she simultaneously taught Asian American studies with Pin@y Educational Partnerships at Balboa HS where she helped foster identity, leadership and critical consciousness development among high school students and coordinated their mentorship program. Michelle is a fierce social justice advocate who centers her work in creating meaningful collaborative relationships with others, understanding and honoring their needs and goals, and providing support to meet these needs and goals. Her work in supporting others has also been heavily influenced by navigating the world as a person with a chronic illness and receiving support in various forms from family, friends and the greater community. Outside of work, Michelle can be found vibing at a concert, taking photographs, working on her personal writing projects, or cooking in the kitchen.

Science Faculty Selected for NASA Astronomy Ambassadors

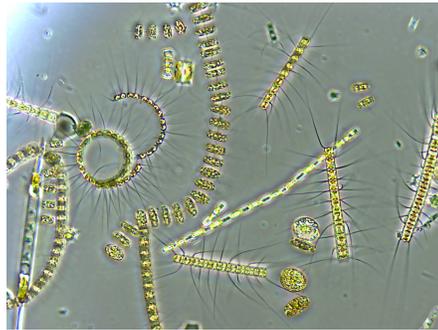
Congratulations to **Geoff Mathews**, **David Marasco** and **Frank Cascarano** on being selected for the NASA Airborne Astronomy Ambassadors Program! They are among the first community college instructors to be selected as ambassadors.

[Read more about the NASA Ambassadors Program](#)



Anna Alderkamp's Biology Study Published in Nature Magazine

Anna Alderkamp, Ph.D., part-time biology instructor, has recently had her work published in *Nature*, an international science journal. The study was completed during an arctic cruise with Stanford and shows that micronutrients (specifically iron) from hydrothermal origin fuel a massive phytoplankton bloom off Antarctica in the Southern Ocean.



Dr. Alderkamp was chief scientist on this cruise, wrote the grant and designed the cruise and sampling design. A student on the cruise wrote the article. From Dr. Alderkamp: "It is wonderful when students surpass you!" [Read the article](#)

Apply for the Stanford EPIC Fellowship

The Stanford EPIC Fellowship is a one-year program open to faculty and staff at any CA community college. The program is free of cost, and the work is done remotely. The program brings together fellows who work collaboratively with colleagues at Stanford throughout the year on projects aimed at internationalizing course curricula and producing innovative materials for use in community college classrooms. Fellows represent a broad range of backgrounds across the humanities and sciences. The application deadline is April 1. [More info](#)

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Academic Senate Resolution on Guided Pathways

On Monday, Academic Senate unanimously passed a resolution in support of Guided Pathways, and resolved to "work with guided pathways leaders and appropriate stakeholders, to implement, integrate, and expand guided pathways efforts into institutional structures and practices."

Read the full resolution on the [Academic Senate website](#).



Dr. Elinor Gates to Speak at Astronomy Lecture Series



Dr. Elinor Gates, staff astronomer at the Lick Observatory, will speak on March 10 at 7 p.m. as part of the Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series.

Lick, the first continuously inhabited mountain-top observatory in the world, has been doing ground-breaking research since its opening in 1888. Thirty years after Lick Observatory established itself as

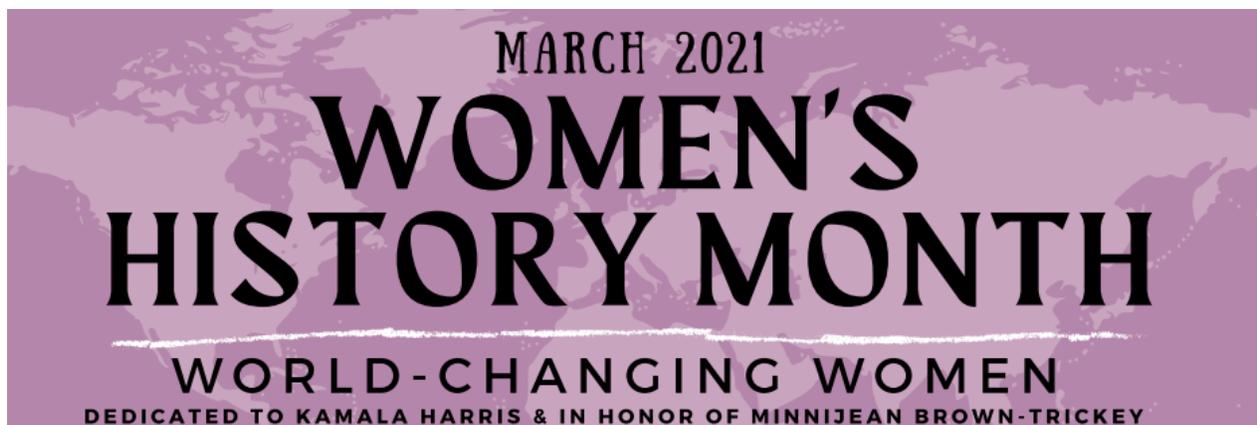
a leader in astronomical research, the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic hit the United States. Research, while hampered by the conditions at the time, continued with the dedicated efforts of notable astronomers of the day.

Dr. Gates will highlight the hot topics of research that were being done in 1918 and how the observatory persevered through the difficult conditions at the time. She will also discuss how the observatory has dealt with disruptions from the current pandemic and last year's SCU wildfires. The talk will be live streamed on YouTube. [More info](#)

Let's Explore Privilege: Student-Led Workshop on March 12



Led by student leaders from the Equity Office internship, employees will explore the way privilege manifests itself in our institution and gain a deeper understanding of their own privilege using an intersectional lens. Join on Friday, March 12 from 9-11 a.m. Check the Outlook invitation for Zoom details.



Owls of Shield Training

Join Owls of Shield and help us protect our virtual events. We're holding a training on Zoom security features on Monday, March 1, at 2 p.m.

Contact [Rick Edwards](#) for more info.



Theatre Arts Presents "Intimate Apparel"

The time is 1905, the place New York City, where Esther, a Black seamstress, whose skills and discretion are much in demand, has managed to stuff a goodly sum of money into her quilt over the years. Her plan is to find the right man and use the money she's saved to open a beauty parlor.

"Intimate Apparel" will be performed live as a prepared reading at 7:30 p.m. tonight through Sunday. To request your free access, email theatreboxoffice@fhda.edu. [More info](#)



Zentangle Workshops on Wednesdays

Need some mindfulness in your routine? Reduce stress, calm your body, be creative and have fun at the [Zentangle®](#) gathering on Wednesdays, 11-12, cohosted by Psych Services, Wellness Ambassadors and Project Hope Club.

Bring a micron, gel, or felt tip pen, some plain paper, bullet journal or a square tile, a graphite pencil and a blending stump or q-tip. Simply pushing the 'pause' button to spend time with yourself and in community is beneficial.



Pass/No Pass & Excused Withdrawal Deadlines Extended

The deadlines for requesting **Pass/No Pass** or an [Excused Withdrawal](#) have been extended, in consideration of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. All withdrawals will be treated as excused, as long as students follow required steps.

This means

- Students can request **Pass/No Pass** for classes taken in the **current quarter**, or retroactively for classes taken in **winter, spring, summer or fall of 2020**.
- Students can request an **Excused Withdrawal** for the **current quarter** or retroactively for fall 2020.

This may be helpful for students who feel their academic performance has suffered because of disruptions related to COVID-19. However, there can be drawbacks to choosing Pass/No Pass. For questions regarding this policy, students should email admissions@foothill.edu or talk to a counselor. [More info](#)

Become a Mentor for the RSL Symposium

More than 50 students are actively engaged in projects for the [RSL Symposium](#), and many are still seeking mentors. A mentor can

be instrumental in guiding students through the process of conceiving, planning, collaborating, executing, concluding, and presenting the results. Most mentors work with their student partners up to an hour per week, perhaps more as the symposium date approaches. This varies depending on the student, and the project.

The Symposium itself will be held on May 20. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or just want more information, please contact:

Allison Herman, hermanallison@fhda.edu
or **Michael McCusker**, mccuskermichael@fhda.edu



Foothill Walks & Talks

This week's podcast is from Radiolab: **Fungus Amungus**. Listen while you walk! To record your walks and encourage your colleagues, join the Foothill Walks & Talks group on Strava.

Then, join us on Friday, March 5, from 5-6 p.m. for a **Happy Hour**. BYO beverage and one thing you found interesting from the podcast.



Emergency Relief Fund Available

Students who have been impacted by the pandemic can apply for emergency relief support from the college. Please encourage students to fill out this short **application**. All requests will be reviewed and we will contact students as soon as possible.



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