



**38th Annual CSU  
Social Science Research and Instructional Council  
Student Research Conference**

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8:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

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San Francisco State University

Seven Hills Conference Center and  
Towers Conference Center

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## Program

### Overview

8:00 – 8:30	Checking in, Seven Hills Conference Center
8:30 – 9:10	Welcome and Keynote Address, Seven Hills Conference Center, Main Room
9:20 – 10:50	Presentations (3 concurrent panels) in The Towers Conference Center
11:00 – 12:30	Presentations (3 concurrent panels) in The Towers Conference Center
12:40 – 2:00	Awards Luncheon
2:10 – 3:40	Presentations (3 concurrent panels) in The Towers Conference Center

**8:00 – 8:30 Registration and Coffee, Seven Hills Conference Center**

**8:30 – 8:40 Welcoming Statements**

Dr. James Martel, Chair, Department of Political Science, San Francisco State  
Dr. Rhonda Dugan, Chair, Social Sciences Research and Instructional Council,  
CSU Bakersfield

**8:40 – 9:10 Keynote Address**

“The Growing Political Might of Ethnic Voters in California and Its Political  
Ramifications”

Mark DiCamillo

Director, *The Field Poll*

Senior Vice President, Field Research Corporation

Mr. DiCamillo is a renowned expert in survey methodology and public opinion, especially of Californians. He has been the Director of the non-partisan statewide Field Poll since 1995. He has contributed at the Field Research Corporation for more than thirty years, and is now their Senior Vice President. Mark DiCamillo graduated with cum laude honors from Harvard University, and also holds a Masters in Business Administration from Cornell University’s Johnson School of Business.

Mr. DiCamillo and The Field Poll support CSU faculty and students with access to the 279 statewide surveys of public opinion collected since 1956. In addition, they have provided space in those polls annually to CSU faculty, awarded on a competitive basis.

**9:20 – 10:50 (Panels 1, 2, and 3 running concurrently in the Towers Conference Center)**

**Panel 1: In the Presidio Room, The Towers Conference Center**

TESTING THEORIES IN PSYCHOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND LINGUISTICS

*Moderator: Ed Nelson, PhD, CSU Fresno*

Jose Lara-Ruiz and Hugh Leonard, Psychology and Sociology, CSU Dominguez Hills

“The Unexpected Classroom: Using Online Chat to Enhance Subsequent Face to Face Communications”

Daisy Martinez, Anthropology, Jessica F. Colston, and René L. Vellanoweth, CSU Los Angeles

“The Use and Importance of Comparative Collections in Archaeology: Analyzing a Mola mola Ossicle from CA-SNI-25, San Nicolas Island, California”

Jed Pizarro Guevara, Linguistics, CSU Long Beach

“A Pilot Study of Relative Clause Acquisition in Heritage Tagalog in the US”

**Panel 2: In the Richmond Room, The Towers Conference Center**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

*Moderator: Gregory Bohr, PhD, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo*

Robert Brown, Political Science/Global Politics, CSU Los Angeles

“Natural Resources and the Sustainability of Insurgencies: A Comparative Analysis of Afghanistan and Colombia”

Kathryn Gruszecki, Political Science, Cal Poly, Pomona

“Japanese Incumbency: A Focus on Confucian Values and the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan”

Efren Gonzalez, Chicano Latino Studies & Biology, CSU Fresno

“Effects of Polarization and Volatility on Voter Turnout in Latin America”

**Panel 3: In the Sunset Room, The Towers Conference Center**

POLITICS IN CALIFORNIA AND IN MUNICIPALITIES

*Moderator: Rhonda Dugan, PhD, CSU Bakersfield*

Andrew Saavedra, American Politics, San Francisco State

“Municipal Ballot Propositions and Economic Conditions”

Marc Joffe, Public Administration, San Francisco State

“Drivers of Municipal Bond Defaults during the Great Depression”

Christine Serapion, Sociology, CSU Fresno

“Public Opinion on Homelessness in Central Valley California”

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**11:00 – 12:30 (Panels 4, 5, and 6 running concurrently in the Towers Conference Center)**

**Panel 4: In the Presidio Room, The Towers Conference Center**

GENDER EFFECTS AND ISSUES

*Moderator: Francis Neely, PhD, San Francisco State*

Yesenia Alonso, Department of Chicano & Latin American Studies, CSU Fresno

“Gender Differences in Party Switching (Guatemala)”

Vivien Leung, Political Science, Cal Poly, Pomona

“Working Women and Abortion Polarization”

**11:00 – 12:30 (Continued)**

**Panel 5: In the Richmond Room, The Towers Conference Center**

**ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH HEALTH**

*Moderator: Annie Wilson, PhD, CSU Dominguez Hills*

Jasmine Wahab, Community Health, CSU Dominguez Hills

“The Correlation of Sleep Patterns and Various Health Outcomes Among Italian and Dutch Adolescents”

Ishekia Harris, Community Health, CSU Dominguez Hills

“The Influence of Italian Adolescent Social Life on Their Mental Health Outcomes”

Spencer Nelson, Community Health, CSU Dominguez Hills

“Sports Involvement and Delinquent Behaviors Amongst Adolescence”

Yvonne Parsons and Vinod Sasidharan, Systems Management, San Diego State

“Implementation of School Garden Programs: Incorporating Children’s Attitudes Towards Fruits and Vegetables”

**Panel 6: In the Sunset Room, The Towers Conference Center**

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

*Moderator: Jason McDaniel, PhD, San Francisco State*

Yongseol Jang, Criminology and Victimology, CSU Fresno

“Analysis of Victim Participation of the Community Justice Conferencing Program in Fresno County, California”

Karl Nicholas, Political Science, San Francisco State

“Effect of Poverty on Attorney Representation in San Francisco Family Court”

Donna Snow, Criminology, CSU Fresno

“Violation Status: An Individual-Level and Contextual Analysis”

Sara Banco and Jill Yamashita, Psychology, CSU Monterey Bay

“The Effect of Biased Instructions on Eyewitness Identification Accuracy and Confidence”

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**12:40 – 2:00 Awards Luncheon, Seven Hills Conference Center, Main Room**

**12:40 – 1:20** Dining

**1:20 – 1:40** Presentation of awards for best papers by Dr. Rhonda Dugan, Chair SSRIC

**1:40 – 2:00** Luncheon Guest Speaker:

Dr. Gene Geisler, Professor Emeritus, San Francisco State

Introduction by Dr. John Korey, Professor Emeritus, Cal Poly Pomona

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**2:10 – 3:40 (Panels 7, 8, and 9 running concurrently in the Towers Conference Center)**

**Panel 7: In the Presidio Room, The Towers Conference Center**

**POLITICS AND MEXICO**

*Moderator: John Korey, PhD, Cal Poly, Pomona*

Anthony Bencomo, Sociology/Chicano Studies, CSU Fresno

“Political Instability in Paso Del Norte from 1850-1906”

Shaine Scarminach, History, CSU Los Angeles

“Broken Water: Resource Competition and U.S.-Mexican Relations During the Nixon Administration”

Nick Occhipinti, Political Science, San Francisco State

“CNN Effect 2.0: Yo Soy #132”

**2:10 – 3:40 (Continued)**

**Panel 8: In the Richmond Room, The Towers Conference Center**

**HEALTH STATUS**

*Moderator: Ali Modarres, PhD, CSU Los Angeles*

John Kassotakis, Psychology, Sacramento State

“The age of determination: Predicting Positive Health Behaviors among Older Adults”

Berty Arreguin, Health Disparities, CSU Fresno

“Causes of Health Disparities”

Victor Arredondo, Sociology, Humboldt State

“Health, Students, and My Humboldt: The Irony of it All”

**Panel 9: In the Sunset Room, The Towers Conference Center**

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

*Moderator: Lori Weber, PhD, CSU Chico*

Lisa Steward, Radiologic Technology, CSU Dominguez Hills

“Adolescent Work Rate and Perceived Utility of School and Academics”

Casey Cho, Health Science, CSU Dominguez Hills

“Studying Academic Motivation as the Mediator between Parental and Academic Achievement”

Danny Azucar, Community Health, CSU Dominguez Hills

“The Value of Academic Achievement”

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Congratulations to all of the student presenters.

Thank you for your good work and for contributing to this conference.

See you next year!



The road running north/south on the far left side of this map, along Harding Park, is Lake Merced Boulevard. The circled areas are the parking garage (\$6 for the day, cash, bills, don't use the top floor), the Seven Hills Conference Center, and The Towers Conference Center. Get to the parking garage by taking Lake Merced Blvd. to State Drive. The entrance to the Seven Hills Center is on the southwest corner of the building.