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FACES OF CSBS

Alumni Spotlight



Meet Erin Trenbeath-Murray, chair of the CSBS Advancement Board and regional chief development officer for the Utah/Nevada region of the American Red Cross. She is responsible for the blood donations and financial giving of the region through a team of executive directors and regional philanthropy officers.

Erin has over 20 years of experience in the field of early childhood education. Her career spans from being an early childhood teacher, to instructing at the University of Utah, to CEO of a large non-profit organization. [READ MORE](#)

Student Spotlight



Meet Junfu Zhao, a Ph.D. candidate in economics! "I chose economics as my graduate major because it could help me understand the dynamics of human society and thereby provide instructions on how to make a better world."

"I was born in a small county in the middle of China. As I moved from the county to the nearest city and then to Beijing for education, I witnessed the diametrically different life trajectories experienced by my primary-school classmates, high-school classmates, and university classmates. This was a manifestation of the uneven development of China's society during the last 40 years. I was lucky because I got the mere chance to escape my poor county and eventually traveled to the US for higher education. I would like to go back to China after my graduation and would like to devote my knowledge and energy to making a more equal society in China." [READ MORE](#)

FEATURED NEWS

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Youth in action

The Tanner Center for Human Rights recently visited East High to teach students about the history of human rights and deepen their understanding of human rights around the world, locally and personally.

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Air quality research at the U

"We need to see solutions at a policy level. Air quality needs community solutions, state-level action and federal policy," states sociology and environmental and sustainability studies professor Sara Grineski.

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'Parking lot suicides' at VA hospitals prompt calls for better training, prevention efforts

NCVS Director Craig Bryan discusses the variations of quality in VA facilities across the nation.

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Living near your grandmother has evolutionary benefits

While studying the Hadza people, anthropology professor Kristen Hawkes was struck by "how productive these old ladies were" at foraging for food.

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How to make climate policy stick

"While America's political discourse has gotten more partisan in recent years, actual laws passed by Congress have not," according to political science professor James Curry.

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Don't fear the sex recession

According to family and consumer studies assistant professor Dan Carlson, "the amount of sex is a weak predictor of how satisfied you are with your sex life."

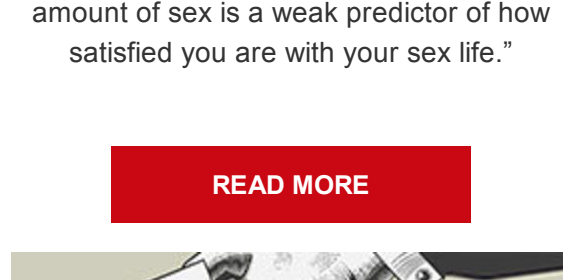
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Is there a social penalty for wearing makeup?

Psychology post doctoral fellow Danielle DelPriore and her colleagues at Texas Christian University wondered whether appearance enhancement might come with a social penalty.

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The power of the ballot

Political science professor Edmund Fong recently participated in a panel discussion that examined the obstacles in place that make it challenging for communities to access the ballot box.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

[Society, Water and Climate Luncheon](#)

February 28, 2019 | 12:15-1:50 PM
Gardner Commons | Eccles Auditorium (Rm 2950)

MARCH

[Anxiety & Depression Across the Lifespan](#)

March 5, 2019 | 6:00-7:30 PM
Gardner Commons | Siciliano Auditorium (Rm 1900)

[Hungry to Learn: Food Insecurity and the U's Response](#)

March 19, 2019 | 4:30-6:30 PM
Gardner Commons | Eccles Auditorium (Rm 2900)

[The Rufus Wood Leigh Lecture in Anthropology presents Climate change and sociopolitical cycling in the Maya Region](#)

March 20, 2019 | 7:00-9:00 PM
Gardner Commons | Siciliano Auditorium (Rm 1900)

[Nonacademic Career Options for Ph.D. Students](#)

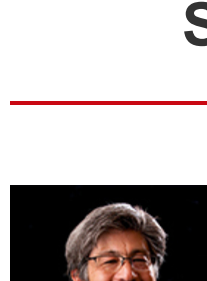
March 27, 2019 | 5:00-7:00 PM
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[Society, Water and Climate Luncheon](#)

March 28, 2019 | 12:15-1:50 PM
Gardner Commons | GC 2950

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

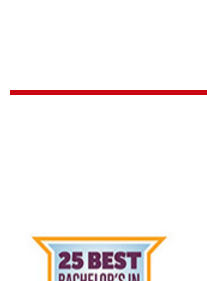


Ken Smith has been named the director of the [iNterdisciplinary EXchange for Utah Science \(NEXUS\)](#). Smith is a demographer, principal investigator, distinguished professor in family and consumer studies and director of the Utah Population Database.

Please join us for the [NEXUS Open House](#) on April 2 from 12:15-3:00 PM in Gardner Commons. This will include a panel discussion and tour of the NEXUS core. *More information to come.*

AWARDS & KUDOS

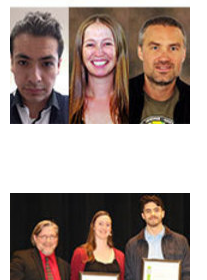
Congratulations to family and consumer studies, whose on-campus early childhood education program was ranked in the Top 25 Best Traditional Programs by Bachelor's Degree Center (BDC).



Economics faculty [Ivan Mendieta-Muñoz](#), [Codrina Rada](#) and [Rudi von Arnim](#) were recently awarded a grant from the Institute for New Economic Thinking for their research titled, "The decline of the US labor share across sectors and states: 1948-2017".



Environmental and sustainability studies students Sierra Govett, Dillon Seglem, and Yinhuan Huang won the Sustainability Leadership Campus as a Living Lab Award for their project to [retrofit the lighting in the Special Collections section of the Marriott Library](#).



Economics professor [Mark Glick](#) was awarded a grant from the *Institute for New Economic Thinking* to write a paper titled, "The Antitrust Case Against Facebook".