



JERRY P. DYER
MAYOR

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR
TO BOARD OR COMMISSION

TO: City Council

THROUGH: Todd Stermer, City Clerk

BY: Jerry P. Dyer, Mayor

_____ Reappointment

 X New Appointment

Name of person replaced: Francine Oputa

Name: Honora Chapman

Address: Fresno, California

Phone: _____

Appointed to: Poet Laureate Selection Committee (Category: Literary Arts and Education)

Term: Through 12/31/2024

Application Form**Profile****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Fresno Poet Laureate Selection Committee: Submitted

Honora

First Name

Chapman

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Fresno

City

CA

State

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ District 1

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Briefly explain why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?

As Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Fresno State, I have a keen interest in promoting the importance of poetry for our city and the wider world. I helped create both the Laureate Lab for Juan Felipe Herrera and the Philip Levine Reading Room in the Fresno State Library and believe we need to continue celebrating the fact that we grow writers in this Valley.

Educational background, Schools Attended, Degrees and Certifications

Stanford University, BA and PhD in Classics (ancient literature, history, and religion)

Briefly explain your qualifications or areas of demonstrated expertise for this board or commission.

I have judged the Saroyan Prize for writers at Stanford as well as Provost's Awards for faculty at Fresno State. I was also asked by the Swedish Academy to submit a Nobel Prize in Poetry nomination three years ago. Finally, I have judged grants for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Swiss National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation, and California Humanities.

Do you or an immediate family member have any professional or financial relationship that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, commission or similar body?☐ Yes ☒ No**Work History**

Honora Chapman

Fresno State

Employer

Dean, College of Arts and
Humanities

Job Title

Work Address

City, State, Zip Code

Fresno, CA

Provide 3 Personal and Professional References. Provide name, address, and phone number where they may be reached during the day.

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Administrative Analyst, Arts and Humanities, (559) 227-1111 ; Brenna Barks, (559) 227-1111
; Dr. William Skuban, Professor of History, (559) 227-1111

HONORA HOWELL CHAPMAN

Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
California State University, Fresno
Fresno, CA

Fresno, CA

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Ph.D., Classics, 1998
Stanford University, B.A., Classics (Latin) with distinction, 1984
Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies, Rome and Stanford Overseas Study, Florence, 1981–1982
Mayfield Senior School, Diploma with highest honors, Pasadena, 1980

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, George Blumenthal Scholar, Executive Leadership Academy Fellow, 2020
Rutgers University, Minority-Serving Institutions (MSI) Aspiring Leaders, 2019
University of California, Berkeley, Executive Leadership Academy Alumni Retreat, 2018
University of California, Berkeley, Executive Leadership Academy, 2016
Stanford University, Continuing Education course on Advancement from the Vice Presidents, 1999

FELLOWSHIPS

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, Visiting Research Fellow, Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities
Research Institute, 2012
Whiting Fellowship, 1991–1992
Stanford University, Doctoral Fellowship, 1984–1988

AWARDS

Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching (highest award for faculty), 2013
Provost's Award for Promising New Scholar (highest award for untenured faculty), 2006
Fairclough Prize for outstanding senior in Classics at Stanford, 1984
Bank of America Liberal Arts Award, 1980

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

Professor of Classics and Humanities, August 2011–present
Associate Professor of Classics and Humanities, August 2006–July 2011
Assistant Professor of Classics and Humanities, August 2002–July 2006

POSTDOCTORAL TEACHING APPOINTMENTS AT STANFORD AND SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

Santa Clara University, Lecturer (History and Classics), 1999–2002
Stanford University, Lecturer (Classics, History for Continuing Studies), 1998–1999

PREDOCTORAL ADJUNCT TEACHING APPOINTMENT

Santa Clara University (Classics, English, History, Religious Studies), 1994–1997

TEACHING FELLOW

Stanford University (Classics: Ancient Greek and Latin languages and literatures), 1994–1998

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO**Dean, College of Arts and Humanities, May 2021–present*****Interim Dean, College of Arts and Humanities, July 2019–May 2021******Associate Dean, College of Arts and Humanities, January 2016–July 2019***

CAH is the largest college at Fresno State, Central California's largest and oldest public university, and a Hispanic-serving and Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution with 24,000 students. The Dean hires, manages, and reviews over 300 faculty (130 tenure-track), who educate all Fresno State undergraduates and the College's 2,200 majors, as well as over 40 technical and administrative staff. The College has four nationally accredited programs (Art, Design, and Art History; Interior Design; Music; and Theatre) and offers one terminal degree, the M.F.A. in Creative Writing. The Dean oversees nine academic departments and the Armenian Studies program, as well as the Center for Creativity and the Arts, Ethics Center, Hub for Language Teaching and Learning, Institute for Media and Public Trust, M.K. Gandhi Center: Inner Peace and Sarvodaya, Portuguese Beyond Borders Institute, and two media outlets: KFSR radio station (with separate webcast) and the Collegian student newspaper.

Director, Smittcamp Family Honors College, May 2009–June 2014

The Smittcamp Family Honors College provides a four-year liberal arts curriculum and financial support that is unique in the CSU. The Director recruits a diverse pool of President's Honors Scholars from around the Central Valley and beyond and admits a cohort of 50 each year; each of the 200 Scholars receives a four-year full tuition and dorm room scholarship, individual advising and graduate school or employment mentoring from the Director, a specially designed comprehensive Honors GE curriculum, a weekly colloquium arranged by the Director with timely topics, and social activities to enhance a sense of belonging. The Director oversees and participates with the President's Honors Scholars volunteering a minimum of 70 hours of organized community service activities during their four years.

Major Accomplishments:**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Interviewing (since 2016) and hiring (since 2019) over 50 diverse faculty who are prepared for and enthusiastic about working at an HSI and AANAPISI, 2016–present
- Encouraged and supported College's faculty joining the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, 2021–22
- Asked Provost to advocate for the President's Leadership Academy to incorporate a unit on Women's Leadership, 2021–22
- Organizer of faculty panel from across campus on "Violence Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders," May 2021
- Oversee recruitment, standards for admission, enrollments, mentoring, and advising to maximize diversity of the College's student population, 2016–present
- Selected diverse Graduate Artists and Undergraduate Artists for U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera's Laureate Lab, 2016–2019

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Organized first Jewish Studies conference in Fresno State's history, 2015–16
- Delivered presentations about the Honors College at African American Family Day for the recruitment of new students, 2009–2014
- Recruited more diverse Fresno State faculty to teach in the Honors College, 2009–2014
- Club advisor for Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, 2013–2014
- Hosted first campus panel at Honors Colloquium on Trayvon Martin, 2013
- Created new Honors College admissions evaluation rubric in 2010 and increased diversity of readers; read all applications in three weeks; applications increased 50% in my first year; diversity of students (including four that I supported with letters to Homeland Security for DACA in 2012) increased noticeably over five years, 2009–2014
- University mentor for a first-generation Latinx student with cerebral palsy, who graduated in Business-Finance and Chican@ and Latin American Studies, 2005–10
- Taught (alone for his first year) and mentored a Classics major with autism, 2003–07

Faculty Retention and Professional Development

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Co-created and lead a new series of orientation workshops for CAH tenure-track faculty regarding shared governance and the academic policy manual, with emphasis on creating a sense of belonging and elucidating the retention and tenure process, 2017–present
- Review annually about 60 tenure-track and tenured faculty for retention, tenure, promotion, and sabbaticals/difference-in-pay leaves, 2016–present
- Review annually 50 three-year contract lecturers for retention and elevation, 2016–present
- Oversee selection of Provost's and Chancellor's Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities faculty grants, piloting new online application process in 2018, 2016–present
- Served on campus Post-COVID task force as Provost's representative to guide decisions regarding faculty workload and wellness, 2021–2022
- Utilized website redesign to reignite faculty awareness of their own success and enthusiasm about future projects, 2021
- Organizer of two workshops on Mindfulness, conducted by Dr. Veena Howard, 2021
- Created plan for equitably boosting CAH faculty salaries, 2016–17

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Co-organized 72 Market-Based Salary Increase requests (the largest in CSU history), including negotiating with the President and Provost, 2013–15

Shared Governance

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Hold Department chairs' meeting every other week, 2016–present
- Created new CAH Student Leadership Council with CAH's ASI Senator, 2019–present
- Consult daily with chairs, faculty, staff, and students, 2016–present
- Attend all Academic Senate meetings as administrator, 2016–present

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Academic Senator actively representing Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, 2004–2007 and 2011–2015
- Selected representative of California State University, Fresno Academic Senate to CSU system-wide meeting on Retention, Tenure, and Promotion in Los Angeles, resulting in changes simplifying Fresno State's RTP process, 2006

Technology

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Chaired the Fresno State HyFlex classroom task force, which determined placement of equipment in 50 classrooms selected from hundreds, Spring 2021
- Handle all of the College's extra technology requests during pandemic, March 2020–present
- Oversee IT needs for college with largest faculty/staff laptop program and most computer labs, 2016–present
- Served on IT task force that brought TeamDynamix to campus, 2019
- Supported faculty in advocating for equitable access to Adobe Creative Cloud for the campus (CSU adopted it for the entire system in 2021), 2018
- Served on search committee for Director of IT Client Services, 2017
- Serve on IT faculty laptop committee, 2016–present

Academic Innovations

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Oversaw the CAH faculty's creation of Bachelor of Music (starting 8/22), B.A. in Integrated Design, B.A. in Art History, B.A. in Dance, and Minor in Hmong Studies (first in western US), 2016–2021
- Promoting career awareness and readiness as well as community and alumni engagement in all CAH majors in the new Strategic Plan, 2021–present
- Helped redesign (with the Honors Council) the upper division Honors College curriculum to match the new Fresno State upper division GE requirements, 2020–21
- Created first draft of the most interdisciplinary Italian Studies Minor in the country so that donors could envision and give to the program; Italian Studies Minor approved in 2019
- Created several interdisciplinary Special Majors for Fresno State students across campus in order to graduate students, 2016–2019

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Led the redesign of the entire lower division Honors College GE curriculum to be more thematically interconnected and community-engaged to address challenges with a servant-leadership ethos, 2015
- Redesigned Honors Colloquium to have a series of prominent speakers over several weeks in fall semesters (2012: poverty and sustainability in the Valley with 7 speakers from agriculture, business, and government; 2011: high-speed rail with 19 national and local politicians and rail authorities); focus on Discovery, Diversity, Distinction (e.g., discoveries while studying abroad), 2011–2014

- Facilitated the creation/redesign of Honors programs across campus to create access to Honors learning environments in all Fresno State colleges and schools, 2010–2014
- Co-created the College of Arts and Humanities Honors Program in 2006; designed curriculum and taught the first cohort of scholars in 2006–07, as well as two more cohorts
- Mentor for first Fresno State student to apply to Rhodes Scholarship, 2004

Student Success

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Addressed higher failure rates in Fall 2020 First-Year Writing courses by lowering class caps from 25 to 20 for the regular course and to 18 for the two-semester stretch course, while encouraging the faculty to run four workshops for instructors (failure rate dropped over 10 percentage points in 2021–22), 1–5/21
- Meet with CAH's ASI Senator and the new CAH Student Leadership Council twice a month to hear their concerns and provide feedback and information, 2019–present
- Supervised College's Advising and Support Center, coordinating all College efforts to meet CSU Graduation Initiative 2025 goals, 2016–2019: 4-year graduation rate for Transfers improved from 76% in 2018 to 79% in 2019; 6-year graduation rates for First-Time Freshmen improved from 52% in 2018 to 61% in 2019
- Served as on University Advising Task Force (to redesign all campus advising), 2017–2018
- Oversaw standards for CAH admissions (keeping them at the baseline allowed under impaction), recruitment, enrollments, mentoring, and advising for a highly diverse College of Arts and Humanities student population, 2016–2019
- Oversaw learning outcomes assessment for CAH, 2016–2019
- Served on High-Impact Practices Task Force, 2016–2019
- Served on University Advising Council and piloted assessment of advising on campus with Educational Leadership doctoral students; 2016–2019
- Served on General Education Task Force (to redesign GE into tracks), 2016–2018
- Organized and hosted Academic Decathlon educational events for ~300 high school students each year who earned college credit, 2016–2019
- Worked with English faculty and Testing Center to offer Undergraduate Writing Exam fully online, 2017–18
- Selected diverse Graduate Artists and Undergraduate Artists for Laureate Lab, 2016–2019
- Oversaw College of Arts and Humanities Honors Program (recruitment and selection of students, staffing of two honors courses, and one symposium), 2016–2019
- Advised student clubs: Girl 2 Girl mentoring project, 2017–18; Delta Zeta sorority, 2015–17; Catholic Students Association, 2013–17
- Maintain strong relations with Associated Students, Inc., 2002–present

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Worked with former Dean of Research and Graduate Studies to share detailed academic data about Fresno State premed, predental, and prepharmacy students over previous two decades with UCSF representatives; connected 40 Honors College students with UCSF medical, dental, and pharmacy admissions deans whom we hosted for a half-day event at Fresno State, 2012; then visited UCSF with 30 prospective students, 2013—excellent admissions results for

Fresno State students, who have returned to the Valley to work, which has been a great help in meeting the crisis during the pandemic

- Advised student clubs: Catholic Students Association, 2013–17; Cogitate, Communicate, Create (new Smittcamp-led engineering club), 2015–16; Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society student club, 2012–14; Student chapter of National Society of Collegiate Scholars, 2010–14; Ski and Snowboarding Club, 2010–2012
- Served as Honors academic advisor and mentor for 200 President's Honors Scholars, over 50 of whom each year applied to prestigious graduate programs, scholarships, and summer programs (including at Caltech), 2009–2014
- Mentor for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship winner to Israel (Humanities special major), 2008–09
- Mentor for three students in Ronald McNair Program (for first-generation students aspiring to graduate study), 2003–08
- Faculty speaker at McNair orientations and workshops on recommendations, 2004–11
- Mentor for student with Sally Casanova Scholarship, 2004–05
- Advised student clubs: Veritas Forum, 2006–09; Brain Trust/College Bowl team, 2005–14; founded Eta Sigma Phi Classics Honor Society chapter, 2004

Study Abroad Programs

As Dean and Interim Dean

- Restarted the London winter intercession program, 2022
- Moved all but the London program to the Division of Continuing and Global Education, 2022
- Cancelled five College-based summer study abroad programs after the pandemic shutdown and recouped as much deposit money as possible, 2020

As Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Beijing Union University visit to attract students to Fresno State for a shared degree, 2019
- Oversaw CAH's study abroad courses in China, Japan, Italy, Greece, Spain, and London, 2016–2019
- Increased student participation in study abroad by leading summer programs to Florence (2016) and Mallorca (2019) for 3 units of GE academic credit
- Raised visibility of study abroad as a High Impact Practice, 2016–2019

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Co-led study abroad course in Greece (majority Honors students), Summer 2015
- Created study abroad course in Rome (majority Honors students), Summer 2012
- Created and taught as Honors Director a new Honors 101 Study Abroad course—increased Honors students travelling abroad (and going outside of the Valley for DACA and others with restrictions) from 20% in 2009 to 80% by 2014, 2010–2014

Budget

As Dean and Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Manage \$21 million annual budget, 2019–present

- Managed \$1.6 million in savings for College's budget, despite serving more students, through careful monitoring of expenses and strong enrollment management, 2020–2021
- Advised Provost's office regarding more equitable distribution of Academic Affairs budget, based on careful analysis of historical trends and practices at other CSUs, 2020–2021
- Moved all College study abroad (except London, for historical and advancement reasons) to the Division of Continuing and Global Education to reduce financial risk by \$200K, 2020
- Created the first Senior Budget Analyst position in the College to replace another, 2020
- Created requirement for all departments to submit monthly budgets, 2019

As Associate Dean

- Initiated introducing new faculty to the entire University budget during new faculty orientation in order to increase their awareness and effectiveness as future leaders, 2017–present

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College

- Managed the \$600K operating budget always well under budget, 2009–2014
- Studied the University's Academic Affairs budget carefully and led the largest Market-Based Salary Increase request in CSU history, galvanizing 72 faculty across the University to submit requests, which helped the CFA negotiate for faculty raises, 2013–2014
- Successfully defended the 200 full-ride President's Honors Scholarships (~\$2 million/year) from being cut 20% due to the Great Recession through analysis and advocacy with President and Provost, 2009–2010

Board Relations at Fresno State

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Meet and communicate regularly with College of Arts and Humanities Advisory Board (AHAB), 2016–present
- Hosted members of the Fresno State Foundation Board of Governors for lunch and a tour of the College, 2019
- Represent College on the President's Armenian Leadership Council, 2018–present
- Represent College on the President's Jewish Leadership Council, 2018–present
- Represent College on President's Commission for the Future of the Arts and Humanities and co-authored the final report advocating for three new major building projects, 2017–19

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College

- Created the Smittcamp Family Honors College Alumni Advisory Board, 2012
- Represented and made presentations about the Smittcamp Family Honors College to the Fresno State Foundation Board of Governors, 2009–2014
- Represented and made presentations about the Smittcamp Family Honors College to the Fresno State Alumni Association, 2009–2014

Board Memberships

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Sole campus-wide representative on new Board of Advisors for the externally funded Global Agriculture and Food Security Initiative (based in Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology), Fresno, 7/22–present
- California Humanities (chair of governance; audit, finance), Oakland, 2016–present
- San Joaquin Valley Town Hall (programming, website, lecture setup), Fresno, 2016–22

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- San Joaquin Memorial High School (managing \$6 million budget during the Great Recession, chair of curriculum), Fresno, 8/10–6/13

Advancement

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Cultivated, and now steward, a \$1.5M gift to create a M.K. Gandhi Center: Inner Peace and Sarvodaya, which includes hiring of new Peace and Conflict Studies professor, 2021–present
- Cultivated during the pandemic shutdown, and now steward, a \$1 million Endowed Chair of Jain and Hindu Dharma with over two dozen donors, 2020–present
- Leading College's efforts to raise \$70M for a new Concert Hall, 2019–present
- Collaborated with College's Director of Development and rest of College to attract the most individual donors to any unit on campus (including Athletics) on Fresno State's Day of Giving for five years in a row since its inception, November 2017–present
- Cultivate and steward over \$200K gifts from several donors in an Italian Studies community group (along with many smaller gifts), including creating presentations and co-presenting at churches to gain support, 2017–present
- Fresno State Comprehensive Campaign Leadership Team member, 2017–present
- Created and led mentoring program for 20 Student Ambassadors for donor cultivation, 2016

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Led effort with bequests officer to obtain \$5M in scholarship money from an alumna's son, 2011–12
- Created and recruited the Honors College Alumni Advisory Board, 2011
- Selected by President Welty as sole faculty member on President's Commission on the Future of University Advancement (major donors, development officer, Dean, and Provost), 2011
- Guest speaker at President's Circle dinner, 2005
- Selected by the Provost to be faculty leader for Fresno State's first Capital Campaign, 2005–2011
- Stewarding Fresno State's donors, including the Smittcamps and McClatchys, 2004–present

Grants

As Dean and Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Oversee Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento (FLAD, Luso American Development Foundation) grant shared by CAH, College of Social Sciences, and Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, 2019–present

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Managed a difficult situation with an Honors College student who went missing, but returned safely, 2013

Stanford University

- Composed all content, sought Stanford Medical School artists to design the layout, and distributed to all faculty and staff Stanford University's first comprehensive safety and security guide, *The Stanford Almanac*, 1984
- Overhauled all communications as Media Coordinator for the Special Services Unit of the Stanford University Department of Public Safety, 1984
- Conducted fire and earthquake drills, and assisted with hiring of security for the Olympics (soccer) hosted at Stanford University, 1984
- CPR-certified, Stanford University Department of Public Safety, 1984
- Learned all protocols for handling bank robbery and hostage situations, and interacted with the Department of Treasury with counterfeit cases, Bank of America, 1981–1983

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Oversaw moving a section of the Smittcamp Family Honors College President's Honors Scholarship to online submission, 2013
- Created new webinars for outreach to prospective students and high school counselors, 2011
- Oversaw redesign of Honors College website to be Section 508 compliant, August 2009

Entrepreneurial Initiative

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Oversaw (in collaboration with for-profit Continuing and Global Education) the faculty-led creation of the first place-based, fully online Liberal Arts degree-completion program in the CSU, academically housed in the College of Arts and Humanities but financially operated through CGE, 2016–19; first cohort launched in 8/20, graduated in 5/21

Strategic Planning

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Implemented career awareness and readiness planning in all departments, 2022
- Created College of Arts and Humanities Strategic Plan 2021–2025, 2020–2021
- Encouraged Chairs to work with faculty to create first comprehensive Department strategic plans (for 2020-2024), 2019–2020
- Served on President's Commission for the Future of the Arts and Humanities (involving community board, consultants, architects, higher administration), 2017–2019
- Served as only dean on University Advising Task Force (in response to NACADA report in order to redesign organization of advising across the whole campus), 2017–2018
- Served as only College dean on General Education Task Force (to redesign with theme tracks), 2016–18
- Served on High-Impact Practices Task Force (to draw attention across campus), 2016–2019
- Co-created Academic Affairs Strategic Plans with other deans, 2016 and 2020

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Co-created Smittcamp Family Honors College Strategic Plan with Honors Council, 2012
- Participated in Strategic Planning Retreats, San Joaquin Memorial High School, 2010

Enhancing Fresno State's Academic Profile and Scholarship

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Helped bring back CSU Summer Arts to Fresno State, which provides a month of intense arts instruction for college credit at an affordable price; served on the search committee for the new Director of Summer Arts (2021); the 5-year contract has been extended two years due to pandemic, 2017–present
- Hiring stellar faculty with strong research/creative agendas, 2016–present
- Increasing grant writing to national and international agencies, 2016–present
- Submitted an invited nomination for a prominent writer for the Nobel Prize for Literature, 2020
- Facilitated President Joseph Castro's invitation to National Endowment for the Humanities Chairman Jon Parrish Peede to receive Fresno State President's Medal of Distinction and deliver keynote speech at College of Arts and Humanities Convocation, 2019
- Hosted first California Humanities meeting at Fresno State, 2018
- As Editor and Co-Publisher of *The Press* at California State University, Fresno, increased book publications (mostly focusing upon history, issues, and art related to San Joaquín Valley) from an average of one book every three years to three or four books per year (separate from Armenian Studies series), and advertised *The Press's* offerings in the *New York Review of Books* for the first time, 2016–19
- Creating, hiring, and overseeing the position of College Communications Specialist to increase local, national, and international awareness of Fresno State's excellence in the arts and humanities, 2016–19
- Created and staffed the Laureate Lab and Word List Studio for Poet Laureate of the United States Juan Felipe Herrera, and oversaw the completion of the Philip Levine Reading Room, containing the entire library of the former Poet Laureate of the United States; both in Fresno State's Library, 2016–2017

Public Relations and Communications (Television, Radio, and Print)

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- Encouraged the Bulldog Marching Band Director to submit application during the pandemic to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses to march in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day, seen by 44M viewers nationally and 28M internationally; selected in 10/21 for 1/23
- Representing College on television for Fresno State Ethics and Better Business Bureau, 9/22
- Appear in annual Fresno State Top Dog television show representing CAH, 2021–present
- Oversaw creation of new Arts in Motion Showcase Week to highlight all departments; launched successfully online, with show taped in campus television studio, April 2021
- ABC30 interview with Liz Harrison about the College of Arts and Humanities Arts in Motion Showcase Week (which had to be cancelled due to pandemic shutdown the same week), 3/20
- Oversee and shape all College communications, 2019–present

- Hired the College's first Communications Specialist and created its first media plan, 2016

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College

- "First Lady's Focus" radio show (with Fresno State President's wife, Mary Castro), KFSR, 2014
- Oversaw creation and use of multiple Facebook pages for the Honors College, including separate ones for different career paths, 2009–14
- Increased annual applications to Honors College from less than 500 to over 750, 2009–2011
- Encouraged the Council of President's Scholars to make a wider impact on the community through large, organized volunteer events and fundraising (e.g., cleaning the San Joaquin River of 17 tons of debris with RiverTree, walking on campus to raise funds for Lupus research, and participating in the March for Babies), 2009–2014
- Opinion editorial "Students Blossom at Fresno State," *Fresno Bee*, 10/13
- Radio interview on scholarship opportunity in the Smittcamp Family Honors College, translated live into Hmong for Hmong community, KBIF, 11/0

As Faculty Member

- Two "Powering the New California" radio spots on Classics at Fresno State (60 and 90 seconds), 10/07
- Opinion article on Virginia Tech Massacre, *Fresno Bee*, 4/07
- Television interview on "Jesus Family Tomb" controversy, CBS 47, 3/07
- Panelist on seven "Forum for a Better Understanding" and "Yesterday, Today, and Forever" television shows (*Da Vinci Code*, Mary Magdalene, Gospel of Judas, the Incarnation, Good Friday prayer for the Jews, myths in world religions, Josephus), KNXT, 6/06–5/08
- Interviews for stories in *Fresno State Alumni Magazine*, 2004 and 2006
- Radio interview (half hour) on KFSR on Alexander the Great, 11/04
- Radio interview on KMJ (half hour) on Ancient Olympics and John the Baptist Cave Discovery, 8/20/04
- Radio interview (half hour) on KFSR on Ancient Olympics, 8/15/04
- Opinion editorial on Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," *Fresno Bee*, 3/04
- Commentator for two-hour documentary on Masada, first aired on History Channel, both nationally and internationally in 12/02, and in re-runs

SCHOLARSHIP

Academic Publications

Books

- *Companion to Josephus*, edited by Honora Howell Chapman and Zuleika Rodgers, Wiley-Blackwell, 2016, 31 chapters, 482 pages (2016 Choice Outstanding Academic Title, American Library Association)
- *Flavius Josephus: Translation and Commentary*, edited by Steve Mason, Vol. 1b: *Judean War 2*, Steve Mason with Honora Chapman, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2008, 522 pages

Book under Contract

- *Flavius Josephus: Translation and Commentary*, edited by Steve Mason, Vol. 4: *Judean War 5*, Honora Chapman, Leiden: E.J. Brill

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- "The Relationship between Luke-Acts and Josephus," in *Oxford Handbook on Luke-Acts*, edited by Gregory Sterling and Michal Dinkler, forthcoming in 2024
- "Hellenistic Jewish Literature in Greek," in *Oxford History of Classical Literature*, vol. 2, edited by Joseph Farrell and Dee Clayman, forthcoming in 2023
- "Josephus's Interpretation of Lamentations," in *Reading Lamentations Intertextually*, edited by B. Melton and H. Thomas, Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2021, 242–251
- "Josephus's Memory of Jerusalem: A Study in Urban Disaster," in *Urban Disasters and the Roman Imagination*, edited by V. Closs and E. Keitel, De Gruyter, 2020, 181–200
- "Josephus's Jewish War and Late Republican Civil War," in C. Lange and F. Vervaet, *The Historiography of Late Republican Civil War*, Brill, 2019, 292–319
- "Introduction," H. Chapman and Z. Rodgers, in *Companion to Josephus in His World*, edited by H. Chapman and Z. Rodgers, Wiley-Blackwell, 2016, 1–10
- "Josephus Comicus in Monty Python's *Life of Brian* and *History of the World, Part 1*," in *Companion to Josephus in His World*, edited by H. Chapman and Z. Rodgers, Wiley-Blackwell, 2016, 440–454
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- "Masada in the 1st and 21st Centuries," in *Making History: Josephus and Historical Method*, ed. Z. Rodgers, Leiden: Brill, 2007, 82–102
- "Paul, Josephus, and the Judean Nationalistic and Imperialistic Policy of Forced Circumcision," in *'Ilu, Revista de Ciencias de las religiones* (a publication of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid) 11 (2006), 131–155
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- "By the Waters of Babylon: Josephus and Greek Poetry," in *Josephus and Jewish History in Flavian Rome and Beyond*, Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism series, G. Lembi and J. Sievers, eds., Brill, 2005, 121–146

- "A Myth for the World: Early Christian Reception of Infanticide and Cannibalism in Josephus, *Bellum Judaicum* 6.199–219," *Society of Biblical Literature 2000 Seminar Papers*, Atlanta, 2000, 359–378

Encyclopedia Entries

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Book Reviews

- Review of John T. Hamilton, *Complacency: Classics and its Displacement in Higher Education* (Chicago, 2022) in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (November 2022)
- Review of John J. Nordling, *Religion and Resistance in Early Judaism: Greek Readings in 1Macabees and Josephus* (Saint Louis, 2010) in *Res Militares (Society of Ancient Military Historians)* 17.1 (2017) 6–8
- Review of William den Hollander, *Josephus, the Emperors, and the city of Rome: From Hostage to Historian* (Leiden, 2014) in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 66.2 (2015) 434–435
- Review of Mark Brighton, *The Sicarii in Josephus's Judean War. Analysis and Historical Observations* (Atlanta, 2009) in *Classical Review* 60.2 (2010) 385–387
- Review of Valerie Warrior, *Roman Religion* (Cambridge, 2007) in *Review of Biblical Literature*, August 2008, <http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=5576>, pp. 4
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- "Excavating Josephus for Jesus: Review of *Excavating Jesus: Beneath the Stones, Behind the Texts*, by John Dominic Crossan and Jonathan L. Reed," *Review of Biblical Literature* 5 (2003), 32–37
- Review of Steve Mason, *Josephus and the New Testament*, Hendrickson, 1992, *Critical Review of Books in Religion* [precursor to *Review of Biblical Literature*] (1994) 231–235

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Future Book Projects

- *The Latin Church from the First to the Twentieth Century* (with William Skuban)
- *La Otra María/The Other Mary* (with Victoria Fustér de la Riva)

Academic Presentations at National and International Conferences and Universities

- "Anniversaries of the Jewish War: Roman Monuments and Jewish Memorials," Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Meeting (Conference Theme Panel: *Reckoning with the Past: Naming, Memorializing, and Remembering*), Portland State, 8/22
- "Response to Alice Gaber, 'Dancing Spaces: Theorizing the Greek Chorus as Space,'" Mediterranean Seminar, Fresno State, 2/22

- "Slave No More: Josephus Speaking (again) before the Walls of Jerusalem in War 5," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 11/20
- "**Νεκρὸς οὐ δάκνει**: Perspectives on Pompey the Great's Tomb in Egypt," invited lecture at the British Association of Jewish Studies, University of Oxford, 7/19
- "Colossal Amnesia: Forgetting the Jewish Connection to Rome's Monuments and the Roman Connection to Jerusalem's Monuments," lecture to the California Classical Association, UC Berkeley, 4/18
- "Is Ancient History Really History? A Review of Steve Mason's *A History of the Jewish War: A.D. 66–74*, Cambridge University Press, 2016," invited lecture at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 11/16
- "Josephus at the Crossroads of the Roman *Oikoumenê*" Mediterranean Seminar, Fresno State, 4/16
- "Josephus's Memory of Jerusalem: A Study in Urban Disaster," invited paper at Urban Disasters conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 11/15
- "Coloniality and Martyrdom in the Latin Church from First-Century Rome to Twentieth-Century El Salvador," with William Skuban, paper presented at the International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 7/15
- "'Fate cannot be fled': the Jerusalem Temple and the Capitoline Temple in Josephus's *War* and Tacitus's *Histories*," paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, 11/14
- "*La Clemenza di Berenice*," paper presented at the British Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Dublin, Ireland, 7/14
- "Josephus at the Crossroads," paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 11/13
- "'When they make a desert, they call it peace': Judean and Roman identity formation in the first century," paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, Santa Clara, 3/12
- Response to James McLaren, "The Depiction of Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian in *Jewish War* 7," invited paper delivered at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 11/11
- "Reading the Judeans and the Judean War in Martial's *Liber spectaculorum*," paper at Pacific Coast Region Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Whittier College, 3/11
- "Early Christianity, the Temple at Jerusalem, and the Fate of Western Civilization," Crader Lecture, an invited endowed lecture presented at Southeast Missouri State University, 11/10
- "From Jerusalem to Rome to the New World: Teaching the Ancient World in a World History Context," an invited workshop for social studies education majors, presented at Southeast Missouri State University, 11/10
- "Medieval and Modern Holy Grails," an invited classroom lecture presented at Southeast Missouri State University, 11/10
- "Seeing the Temple of Peace," invited paper delivered at the Berkeley Ancient Italy Roundtable, UC Berkeley, 10/10
- "Josephus Comicus," paper delivered in the Hellenistic Judaism section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 11/09

- Response to David Levenson and Thomas Martin, "Evaluating the Available Resources for the Manuscripts and Early Printed Editions of the Latin Translation of the *Jewish War*," invited paper delivered at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 11/09
- "'Rachel weeping for her children': Ancient and Modern Interpretations of Non-Combatant Children Killed in Warfare," paper at Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, Claremont, 11/08
- "What Josephus Sees: The Temple of Peace and the Jerusalem Temple as Spectacle in Text and Art," an invited lecture presented at Loyola College in Maryland, 10/08 (as a PowerPoint presentation with different emphasis, not read as at Cambridge)
- "What Josephus Sees: The Temple of Peace and the Jerusalem Temple as Spectacle in Text and Art," an invited paper presented at the Craven Seminar on Josephus, University of Cambridge, 5/07
- "Mary Magdalene and *The Da Vinci Code*," invited public PowerPoint lecture for the Veritas Forum, CSU, Fresno, 2/07
- "'Cedere maiori': Flavian Monuments and the Jews," paper presented at the joint session of the Hellenistic Judaism Section and the Josephus Group at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 11/06
- "*Romanes Eunt Domus*: Monty Python's Reading of Josephus," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association, Riverside, 11/06
- "The Passion of Pentheus: Other Possible Sources Reflecting the End of Euripides' *Bacchae*," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Philological Association, Montreal, 1/06
- "'Slaughter of the Innocents': Children in Ancient and Modern War," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, 11/05
- "The Catechesis of a Herodian King," a paper presented at the Formation of Luke-Acts session at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 11/04
- "Masada in the 1st and 21st Centuries," invited paper presented at the International Josephus Colloquium: Josephus and Archaeology, Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, Ireland, 9/04
- "Homer's Trees in Life and Death," paper presented at the Living Well conference of the CSU, Fresno Philosophy and Religious Studies Department, Yosemite, 4/04
- "Josephus and Historiography in Flavian Rome: A Response to Jonathan Price, 'Josephus and Hellenistic Historiography,'" invited paper presented at Josephus Seminar at Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 11/03
- "By the Waters of Babylon: Josephus and Greek Poetry," invited paper presented at the International Josephus Colloquium, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, 9/03
- "Paul, Josephus, and the Judean Nationalistic and Imperialistic Policy of Forced Circumcision," paper presented to the Religion and Cultural Identity in Ancient and Medieval Europe Panel at the American Historical Association Pacific Coast Branch Annual Meeting, Honolulu, 8/03
- "Antonio Banderas in the Holy Land? *Excavating Jesus: Beneath the Stones, Behind the Texts*, by John Dominic Crossan and Jonathan L. Reed," paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, 3/02
- "'We have conquered the world with our buildings, too': Perspectives on Flavian Rome," paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting in Rome, 7/01

- "Spectacle in Josephus's *Bellum Judaicum*," a paper presented at the Flavius Josephus in Flavian Rome Conference, York University, Toronto, 5/01
- "A Myth for the World: Early Christian Reception of Infanticide and Cannibalism in Josephus, *Bellum Judaicum* 6.199–219," paper delivered in the Josephus Seminar at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 11/00
- "Choosing Not to Hang His Harp: Josephus at Rome," invited paper presented at the Workshop in Ancient Societies, invited by Erich Gruen of UC Berkeley at the Stanford Humanities Center, 2/00
- "Playing the Roman Game of Death: Masada in Josephus, *Bellum Judaicum* 7," invited lecture presented at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Instituto Universitario de Ciencias de las Religiones, 6/99
- "Playing the Roman Game of Death: Masada in Josephus, *Bellum Judaicum* 7," invited lecture presented at the University of Rochester, NY, 2/99
- "Fiction and History: Human Sacrifice and Cannibalism in the Novels and Josephus's *Bellum Judaicum* and *Contra Apionem*," paper presented at the American Philological Association Annual Meeting, 12/97
- "Josephus and His Audience: Reading the Temple in the *Antiquitates Judaicae*," paper delivered for the Crossing Cultural Frontiers in Roman Historiography panel at American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 1/96
- "Josephus and His Readers: The Roman Triumph in *Bellum Judaicum* 7.118–162," paper delivered in the Hellenistic Judaism section at the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Joint Annual Meeting, 11/92

Professional Service

- Member of Steering Committee of Josephus Group/Seminar of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2009–present
- External examiner of dissertation in ancient Mediterranean religions and culture at University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 11/20
- Reviewer of book manuscripts for Oxford University Press and Princeton University Press, 2018
- External examiner of Traditional Undergraduate General Education Program Review, Fresno Pacific University, 2017
- Chair of Josephus Seminar panel at Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 11/17
- Commentator on panel at the International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 7/17
- Chair of panel at British Association of Jewish Studies meeting, 7/14
- Chair of Hellenistic Judaism panel at annual meeting of Society of Biblical Literature, 11/11
- External examiner of dissertation in ancient history at York University, Toronto, Canada, 7–8/12
- Outside reviewer of the Individually Designed Master of Arts Program (IMAP), Fresno Pacific University, 2010
- Member of Managing Committee, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 2007–present
- Member of Editorial Board, *Pacific Journal* (a Fresno Pacific University publication), 2/07–present

- Co-chair (with James McLaren) of Josephus Group of the Society of Biblical Literature, leading diverse group of international scholars dedicated to Brill Josephus Project (producing the first comprehensive English translation and commentary of all the works of Josephus), organizing panels of international scholars and students from various fields and backgrounds on themes we chose (often in conjunction with other Groups, such as Hellenistic Judaism and Rabbinic Literature), mentoring young scholars, and chairing the sessions each year, 2005–09
- Co-chair (with Steve Mason) of Josephus Seminar at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, leading diverse group of selected international scholars dedicated to Brill Josephus Project, organizing panels comprising scholars from various fields and backgrounds on themes related to Josephus, mentoring young scholars, and chairing the sessions each year, 2000–2005
- Chair of Religion and Cultural Identity in Ancient and Medieval Europe Panel at the American Historical Association Pacific Coast Branch Annual Meeting, 8/03
- Outside reader/referee of articles and books on Josephus for several journals, 2000–present

Academic Conferences Organized at Fresno State

- Co-organizer for “Constructing Jews” symposium (the first Jewish Studies conference at Fresno State in its 105-year history), 4/16
- Organizer of “Teresa of Ávila in History, Literature, Art, and Music” mini-conference at CSU, Fresno, 3/15
- Co-organizer and panel chair for “*Don Quixote* at 400” conference at CSU, Fresno, 4/05

TEACHING

Professor of four different preparations each semester—lower and upper division Ancient Greek, Latin, Humanities, and Honors courses (75% in General Education, including Greek and Latin)

- Created and taught 20 new topics courses for the Classics program
- Taught five different Honors GE courses

Thesis Advising

- Committee member for interdisciplinary MA Psychology thesis (art of memory), 2008–2011
- Reader for five History MA theses (on *mos maiorum* during the Punic Wars, prosopography of the late Roman Republic, the Virgin Mary in 15th-century Spain and the New World, battle trophies in Greek and Roman warfare, and the Athenian navy), 2005–2009

University High School (nationally ranked charter school on campus)

- Educated University High School students in Fresno State’s Greek, Latin, and Humanities courses; advised them about college admissions and wrote letters of recommendation for their admission to prestigious universities and graduate programs, 2002–2015
- Guest lecturer in UHS classes, 2003–2007

SERVICE (as a Faculty Member)

California State University System

- Vice Chair/Secretary, CSU Honors Directors Consortium, 2009–2014

University Administrative Searches and Reviews

- Selected one of two faculty representatives on the search committee for the selection of the new Vice Provost, 2014
- One of two faculty representatives elected by the faculty for the advisory committee for the selection of new President of Fresno State, 2013
- Member of the Review Team for the Vice President of Student Affairs, 2006–2007

University Committees

- Presidential Transition Team member, 8/13–1/14
- Member of Review Team for History Department, CSU, Fresno, 2005 and 2012
- Member of University Board on Rank, Tenure, and Promotion, 2011–13
- Member of University Learning Assessment Team, 2011–13
- Provost's Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Committee, member 2008–11; chair, 2010–11
- Panelist for New Faculty Orientation, 2007 and 2009
- Member of Provost's Awards Selection Committee, 2007
- Panelist for Rank, Tenure, and Promotion Workshops, 2006–07
- Member of Q-Dogs Committee on undergraduate education, 5/06–2/07

College of Arts and Humanities

- College of Arts and Humanities Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee (and chair), 2012–15
- Member of College of Arts and Humanities Outreach Committee, 2005–2007
- Department representative on Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Humanities, 2002–2004

Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

- Coordinator of Classics Program, 2004–15 (arranged classes, mentored and advised students in undergraduate and graduate studies in ancient languages and history, prepared students for masters and doctoral applications: Boston University (History PhD, straight from undergrad; MA in Philosophy), Princeton (Classics PhD, straight from undergrad), Princeton Divinity (straight from undergrad), Stanford (2 in History, from Fresno State MA in History), Ohio State (English PhD, straight from undergrad), SFSU (1 in classical archaeology MA), University of Bristol (Ancient History, from MA in History), UCLA (2 in History, from MA in History), Yale (Comparative Literature PhD, straight from undergrad); Johns Hopkins School of International Advanced Studies (straight from undergrad)
- Department Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee member, 2006–15
- Administrator of scholarships for Classics minors funded by annual grant from the Bertha and John Garabedian Foundation, 2005–15
- Administrator of scholarships from Phebe Conley endowment fund for Classics, 2002–15
- Organizer of endowed Phebe McClatchy Conley annual lectures (given by prominent ancient historians, archaeologists, and philologists), 2002–13
- Member of six faculty search committees (in Classics/Humanities, History, Spanish, French), 2002–07

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Lectures for Students, Faculty, and Staff

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- "Flavius Josephus Reimagining, Recentering, and Reconstructing Jewish Identity after the Jewish War," Students of English Studies Association symposium, 12/21
- "Women Leaders in the Ancient Mediterranean," a 3-part series of Zoom presentations: "'My men are women and my women are men': Queen Artemisia of Halicarnassus"; "The Last Queen of Rome: Berenice of Judaea"; "Hypatia of Alexandria: Leading Philosopher, Astronomer, Mathematician," March 2021
- "Longinus on 'the Sublime'," Students of English Studies Association symposium, 12/20
- "'Bodies Becoming Other Bodies': Ovid is Your Avatar," SESA symposium, 12/19
- "'Mediator' and 'Mentor': From Homer to the Black Death," Mediator Mentors workshop on campus, 5/18
- "From Troy to Fresno: Heroes Past and Present," keynote presentation at Fresno State's Star Day (annual staff celebration/professional development), 5/17
- "The Power of Old and New Literature in Childhood," Undergraduate Conference on Multiethnic Literatures of the Americas, 3/17
- "Ancient Urban Disasters," Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Initiation Banquet, 5/16

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- "Convocation, Collaboration, Commencement," selected by Student Affairs as the inaugural keynote speech for Fresno State Convocation, 8/15
- "'My men are women and my women are men': Artemisia in the Persian Wars and the new 300 movie," lecture for Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, 4/14
- "All You Need Is Love," Provost's Award Lecture, 11/13
- "Being Greek," lecture for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity (a group that reached out to me for academic help; with a new attitude, their GPAs improved), 10/13
- Commencement speech as Provost's Award winner, Fresno State main ceremony, 5/13
- "Why Mentors Matter," 34th Annual Central California Research Symposium, 4/13
- "Eureka!" Fresno State Talks (*inaugural lecture*, nominated and chosen by students), 2/13
- "Inspiring Enthusiasm for Learning in Students," Center for Scholarly Advancement of Learning and Teaching, March 2010
- Guest lecturer on Homer at Fresno State Library lunch series, 2004
- Lecturer for History Graduate Student Association movie nights, 2003 and 2004

Professional Interaction with Local Community Leaders

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- President (2022–2023), Vice Chair (2021–2022), Secretary (2020–2021, arranging first-ever full season of Zoom meetings) of The Academy (a group of businesspeople, lawyers, academics, and doctors who have shared papers once a month on the academic calendar since the 1930s)—Papers: "Ashes to Ashes" (on Pompey the Great's 3 tombs and the life and the memorialization of Arthur Ashe), 2/20; "Tectonic Shifts" (on earthquakes and Charles Munger's investment strategy), 5/16

- “Ten Things to Know about Fresno State’s College of Arts and Humanities” presentation to the Cultural Arts Rotary Club, Fresno, 8/22
- “The role of Fresno State’s College of Arts and Humanities in the San Joaquin Valley” presentation to the North Fresno Rotary Club, 8/19

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College

- Member of The Academy, 2009–present
Papers: “The Sport of Kings,” (on Secretariat and falconry), 5/13; “OPEC,” lecture (on the oil crisis in 1973 and olive oil in modern Greece, with a blind taste test between UC Davis Extra Virgin Arbosana and Fresno State Extra Virgin Arbosana—Fresno State won!), 3/10
- “Israel Yesterday and Today,” lecture to the Dry Creek Seminar (group of city leaders), Fresno, 5/10

Professional Interaction with Religious Communities

As Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- “Caesar, Faith, and Leadership,” Newman Center Catholic Student Association, 3/15/17
- “Flavius Josephus in the Roman World,” Northside Christian Church, 3/16
- “The Life and Afterlife of Flavius Josephus and His Works,” Temple Beth Israel/Jewish Federation, 2/16

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- “Marriage and Matrimony,” Newman Center Catholic Student Association, 9/15
- “From Conversion to Confession: St. Paul to St. Patrick,” invited lecture at St. Andrew Church, Pasadena, 3/14
- “From Conversion to Confession: St. Paul to St. Patrick,” Newman Center Catholic Student Association, 3/14
- “Mary Magdalene: Fact, Fiction, and the Future of the Church,” invited lecture at Holy Family Church, South Pasadena, CA, 7/11
- “‘Pagan’-Judean-Christian Relations under the Roman Empire and the Lasting Consequences,” invited lecture at Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno, 5/11
- “What Has Rome to do with Jerusalem?” Second Annual Sergio Negro Lecture, St. Paul Newman Center, Fresno, 4/10
- “The Destruction of the Jerusalem Temple,” invited lecture at Shabbat service at Temple Beth Israel, Fresno, 12/08
- “New Insights into the World of Jesus,” invited lecture at College Community Congregational Church, 6/05

Lectures and Volunteering for Children, Young Adults, and the Elderly

As Interim Dean, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

- “The Destruction of Jerusalem and the Fall of Masada,” Trinity College Dublin undergraduate lecture in Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Zoom on 2/21
- “Masada,” for 7th-graders at Abrams Hebrew Academy in Yardley, PA, Zoom on 2/4/20

As Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College and Faculty Member

- Hundreds of hours of community service projects with Honors students each year, 2009–2014
- Outreach on “Why and How to Go to College” to 9th-graders at Waterford High School, 7/15
- Mayfield Senior School graduation speech, “Actions Not Words,” Pasadena, 6/14
- Workshops on “The Magic of Reading” for 150 Fresno Unified Middle School students at Fresno State, 5/14
- Guest Lecturer on “Rise of Rome” at Westside Elementary in Healdsburg, 5/14
- Panel member on “The Role of Arts and Humanities at Fresno State and in the Central Valley,” Osher Institute at CSU, Fresno, 5/14
- Co-chaired Fresno State’s team for March of Dimes, 2012–2013
- Lecture on “Latin isn’t dead...,” Osher Institute at CSU, Fresno, 10/10
- Career Day at San Joaquin Memorial High School, 2/09 and 3/13
- Parents’ Guild events, San Joaquin Memorial High School, 2008–9
- Outreach to Fresno City College (visiting ancient history courses), 2008
- Lecture on “Love in Early Christianity and the ‘Problem’ of Mary Magdalene,” Osher Institute at CSU, Fresno, 2/08
- Team Parent events for football and track, San Joaquin Memorial High School, 2005–2009
- Lecturer for FLAIR (Fresno Learning Activities in Retirement) on “History of Christmas,” CSU, Fresno, 2005
- Academic Decathlon (theme: Greek Drama) for Fresno County: Lecturer, 11/04; Interview Judge, 1/05
- Lecturer for FLAIR on “Josephus,” Fresno State, 2004
- Guest lecturer for Social Studies at River Bluff Elementary School and Rio Vista Middle School, Fresno, 2003
- Lecturer for Elderhostel at Saint Nicholas Ranch, Dunlap, 2002–12

At Santa Clara and Stanford

- Helped set up shelter for abused women and children across from campus, Santa Clara, 2001
- Team mom, Little League baseball, Sunnyvale, 2000
- Outreach to Eastside Preparatory School, East Palo Alto, CA (conducted campus tours of Santa Clara University for underrepresented minority high school students; participant in college nights for middle school students at EPS), 1999–2002
- Mentor at Sacred Heart Community Service, San José (worked closely with Latinx teenager who graduated from high school; tutored other children, ages 6–18), 1998–2002
- Guest Teacher, Catechism classes at St. Simon Catholic Church, Los Altos, 2000
- Helped build three houses with Habitat for Humanity, San José, CA, 1998
- Classroom Volunteer (for art lessons) and Yard Duty, West Valley Elementary School, Cupertino, 1995–2002
- Founder of the Women’s History Collection (in memory of my oldest friend, Margaret Murphy Bernard) for the library at Mayfield Senior School, Pasadena, which thanks to ongoing donations has become the largest circulating Women’s Studies collection for K-12 independent school libraries in Southern California (1,700 volumes in 10/21), 1991–present

References upon request