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SPRING 2016
HOURS
Monday through Thursday
9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
*Saturday
10:00 am – 3:00pm
*For Graduate and Credential Students only

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WHO WE ARE

Mission Statement: The Graduate Studies Center (GSC) is dedicated to providing academic, professional, and personal support services for post baccalaureate students at CI. Our services aim to facilitate access to post-baccalaureate programs, to promote student access and program completion, and to foster professional, personal, and workforce development.

Message from the Director

Dear CI students

At the Graduate Studies Center we strive to help students plan, prepare and support your post baccalaureate academic career. If you are looking for a graduate school program or need some assistance with your postbaccalaureate plan, we are here to assist! We provide many services to help support your post baccalaureate plan, such as counseling, writing support, test preparation resources, workshops and much more. Feel free to pass by, look around, visit our center and meet our wonderful staff!

We look forward to meeting with you!

Sincerely,

Sara Alcala
Graduate Studies Center
Activity Director
Getting to
know...
Dr. Lisa
Weckbacher
Graduate
Writing Studio
Consultant

How long have you been working for CI?

I have been a member of the Channel Islands community since August 2012, as a lecturer for the Department of Psychology and the School of Education. Prior to Channel Islands, I taught undergraduate courses at Cal State Northridge, Department of Child and Adolescence; and Penn State University, Department of Psychology. In addition to teaching, I have served as an academic advisor for students pursuing graduate study in psychology and related disciplines. Other work experiences I’ve had include various positions in community mental health and university counseling services.

Describe your typical work day.

That’s one of the many perks of my academic career. For the most part, I do not have "typical" work days, and there doesn’t seem to be a whole lot of routine to my academic life. My teaching schedule varies by semester, and given my academic background, I am qualified to teach a variety of courses so each semester can be a bit different. In addition, I meet with students to help them pursue graduate programs of interest throughout the country, and often times, I end up learning something new. My research in spatial intelligence presents varied opportunities for study in both K-12 and collegiate settings, and I am able to pace my research program according to my semester and summer schedules.

What lead you to this career path?

I will say that I simply continued to pursue academic interests over time without closing any doors to possibilities that did not seem likely early on. I had really considered being a clinical psychologist starting in my late teen years, but as result of internship and other work-related experiences, I realized that a career as a practitioner was not the best fit. When the opportunity to teach at Penn State came into play, I managed to merge my interests in clinical psychology with a passion for education. Since then, I have continued to broaden my interests in teaching and learning practices at the undergraduate and now graduate level.

Do you have any advice for someone looking to pursue this type of career?

Be open-minded to any area of academic interest, and whenever possible, pursue relevant work experiences! It is often difficult for students to know, particularly during their undergraduate years, what they would like to do after graduation. Even the pursuit of a graduate degree is intimidating when having to narrow your interests within a field that in some ways is so foreign. On that note, I encourage students to reach out to faculty and have discussions early on as to what opportunities are available, many of which you will never know of unless you ask. We are fortunate to be members of a small campus community that is incredibly student-oriented. Take advantage of it!
GRADUATE STUDIES CENTER WORKSHOPS

**Graduate Writing Studio Workshops**

- **2/20/16** 10:00am-12:00pm  EndNote (Web) Tutorial
- **2/27/16** 10:00am-12:00pm  APA Writing Guidelines
- **4/9/16** 10:00am-12:00pm  EndNote (Web) Tutorial
- **4/23/16** 10:00am-12:00pm  APA Writing Guidelines

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GRADUATE SCHOOL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS

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**GRE TEST PREP COURSE SUMMER SCHEDULE COMING SOON!**

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**Services Offered at the GRADUATE STUDIES CENTER**

- Orientations
- Information Sessions
- Workshops
- Test Preparation Courses
- Test Preparation Materials
- Graduate School Advising
- Graduate Writing Assistance
- Career Assessments
- Financial Aid & Scholarships Inquiries
- Exam Proctoring (Please make request 1-2 weeks in advance)
- Study Spaces
- Learning Studio
- STEM Center
- Conference Room
- La Cocina de El Dorado
- Lactation Room with changing station
- Computer Stations with FREE printing for Credential and Graduate Students (Students must provide own paper)
Graduate Studies Center
Spring Contest!

Give a Mom lots of hugs this Mother’s Day!

Guess the number of Hershey’s “hugs” in a glass jar located on the front desk at the Graduate Studies Center and win a prize!

Deadline to participate in contest is May 13th, 2016.

Winner will be notified via e-mail.

Things to Do in Ventura County

- Head out to Point Mugu State Park and Beach to hike, bike, camp, surf, have a picnic or just hang out at the beach.
- Go on a whale watching boat trip off the Channel Islands coast.
- Visit a variety of wildlife at Emma Wood State Beach in Ventura.
- Paddle or electric-boat along the Channel Islands Harbor or Ventura Harbor.
- Go fishing along the pier in Port Hueneme or Ventura.
- Attend a comedy show at the Ventura Harbor or in downtown Ventura.
- Visit museums such as the Carnegie Art Museum, Heritage Square, Channel Islands Maritime Museum, Commemorative Air Force WWII Aviation Museum, Ronald W. Reagan Presidential Library & Museum, and of course, our very own Studio Channel Islands Art Gallery.
- Go wine or beer tasting at various locations in Ventura County.
- Shop ‘till you drop at the Camarillo Premium Outlet.
- Catch an IMAX movie at Edwards Cinemas.
- Take salsa, swing, or country dance lessons at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks.
- Participate in the Camarillo Ranch #TBT Food Truck Fest the last Thursday of each month.