



**The President's Corner—CSA President, Jimiliz Valiente Neighbours,
Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego**

Please join us at the 2026 California Sociological Association. This year we build on the energy of our theme for last year “creativity and community in times of crisis” Our theme for the 2026 conference will highlight social movements and collective actions!

This year, our keynote speaker and conference theme will highlight social movements and collective actions! Amidst accelerated food insecurity (including food recalls), climate catastrophes, and ongoing detentions and genocides, we could use more inspiration on how our communities have supported and advocated for each other. Locally in the ancestral lands of Kumeyaay People where I live, I think about grassroots organizations like “We All We Got San Diego” that collect and distribute food, as well as raise mutual aid for migrants. Yes, we as individuals with huge platforms can speak up for others as Miss Richel does for the children of Palestine (among others) and the late Dolly Parton did for Black communities (among others). But there is no substitute for being part of a collective, being in community, and being held accountable.

As I complete my time as the 2025-2026 President of the California Sociological Association, I wish to share an excerpt of what I expressed to student leaders during a graduation ceremony:

California Sociological Association

2026 Annual Meeting

November 6-8, 2026

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The President's Corner—CSA President, Continued

The U.S. holds individualism as a deep cultural value. Independence is preferred over interdependence. Take our U.S. American holidays, for example. We take people who are engaged in a collective movement, and then we make them stand out as individual heroines and heroes. We did it with Abraham Lincoln, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and Cesar Chavez.

You may be asking: what is wrong with honoring individuals who have shown courage and bravery in the face of adversity? I would like to make the case that, in doing so, we lose out on a lot.

The common emphasis only on Abraham Lincoln makes it seem as if he abolished slavery on his own. He did not. There were many people who were involved! There were various Anti-Slavery Societies. I recently learned from my colleague Dr. Kelli McCoy about the Grimké Sisters who were doing intersectional work, fighting for their right to vote so they can be more effective in fighting against slavery.

The common emphasis only on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. marginalizes the stories of many others who also stood up—or stayed seated—against racist Jim Crow segregation laws. There were the college students who risked jail time and violence against them in what is now referred to as the Greensboro Sit-in. They were emboldened because they had each other, and they inspired other students to hold sit-in protests across the South.

The emphasis only on Rosa Parks staying seated in the bus hides the fact that the bus boycott had been planned by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and that she was an NAACP officer in her city chapter. A whole community was in support: that was why the bus boycott succeeded, that was why the bus boycott lasted for 381 days.

The celebration of only Cesar Chavez hides the hard work that other farmworkers put into helping convince him to agree to the United Farm Workers' strike in the first place. The strength of the Delano Grape Strike in the 1960s came from the unity of migrant and immigrant workers from Latin America and the Philippines.

The preference for the lone heroine or hero in our U.S. American culture means we lose out on stories and lessons about very important things that happen in a collective: the patient work of teaching others, the hard but exciting work of asking questions and learning new things from other people, the humility of saying "sorry" when we hurt others, and the courage it takes to say...when someone has hurt us.

And so the lesson is... wherever you journey after your time at this institution, build community. Recognize that we are in what Dr. King has called an "inescapable network of mutuality." He urged us to remember that what happens to one, affects all of us."

I hope to see you at this year's conference in Pomona, with thanks to Dr. Vern Cromartie as the 2026 CSA Conference Chair and to the CSA Board!

President-Elect and 2026 Program Chair—J. Vern Cromartie, Contra Costa College

During 1905, W.E.B. Du Bois joined some 28 other Black people, and they proceeded to establish one of the first civil rights organizations, if not the first, to emerge in the United States of America (USA). It was clearly the first to be established in the 20th century. Du Bois and his comrades named it the Niagara Movement because the organization came into being on the banks of Niagara Falls. In his case, Du Bois was a pioneer sociologist who decided to be a scholar-activist after the lynching of Sam Hose in Georgia. In its mission statement, the Niagara Movement expressed that its goal was to eliminate racial oppression and economic exploitation faced by Black people. To accomplish their objectives,



J. Vern Cromartie

Du Bois and his comrades in the Niagara Movement sought to utilize racial solidarity around economic matters, political matters, and cultural matters. By doing so, they set a tone in the USA which has continued to this very day. Many racial groups and ethnic groups have replicated their efforts to counter social problems related to oppression and exploitation by establishing social movements.

Some 121 years after Du Bois and his comrades established the Niagara Movement, the California Sociological Association (CSA) is holding a conference with the theme “Social Movements in the Past, Present, and Future: Addressing Social Problems with Collective Actions.” In our conference, we will practice academic freedom and be open to papers on any topic dealing with social movements. The aim of our conference is to provide a scholarly setting wherein sociologists, other social scientists, and those from related fields of study can come together to share their research. We practice a big tent approach in the CSA, and a hearty welcome is extended to community college faculty and students, university faculty and students, and political activists in our communities. By taking this approach, we are standing on the shoulders of Karl Marx, Max Weber, Emile Durkheim, W.E.B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Jane Addams, and Harriet Martineau. All seven of those fountainheads and pioneers of sociology were political activists. Thus, it is only natural that we welcome political activists in our communities to come forth and share their positions and concerns about social conditions in our environments at the macro, middle, and micro levels of analysis.

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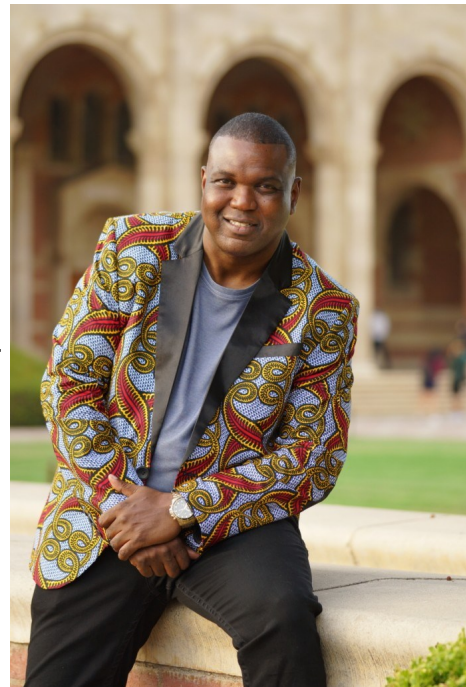
As the president-elect and 2026 program chair, I invited Dr. Scot Brown to make a presentation on “Kwanzaa as a Social Movement.” Dr. Brown has published a seminal study on Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga and the US Organization. Among other things, Dr. Scot will address the role of Dr. Karenga in creating the annual Kwanzaa celebration during 1966, the activities associated with the celebration, and the philosophical underpinning of the celebration, including the Kawaïda philosophy and the Nguzo Saba principles. He will make his presentation during our annual buffet dinner on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 6 pm. Please be there!

2026 Conference Key Note Speaker

"Kwanzaa as a Social Movement."

Biography of Dr. Scot Brown

Dr. Scot Brown is a professor and Director of Undergraduate Affairs of African American Studies and History at the University of California, Los Angeles. Brown is the author of the book *Fighting For Us*, and has penned numerous articles on African American history, social/political movements, music and popular culture. He is a contributing author and the editor of the book, *Discourse on Africana Studies*. Brown is in the process of completing a book project exploring the city of Dayton, Ohio as 1970s musical hotbed of soul and funk bands. Brown has appeared as an expert commentator on African American music and popular culture for many programs on television, radio and social media: KLRU, National Public Radio, Sirius/XM Radio, DATV, BET/Centric, TV One, and VH1. Additionally, Brown has appeared in several documentaries on the Civil Rights and Black Power movements, including the PBS documentary *The Black Panthers: Vanguard of The Revolution*.



Dr. Scot Brown



CSA 2026 Annual Conference

Call for Presenters!

Location: CSU Pomona, [Kellogg West Conference Center and Hotel](#) Do not call the 888 number listed. Instead call hotel directly: (909) 869-2222

Registration and Membership

CSA website: <https://cal-soc.org/registration-and-membership/>

In order to appear on the program, all conference participants must pay for registration and membership by October 15. You can see more detail (and future updates) on the [conference webpage](#).

Hotel Information

Call The CSU Pomona campus hotel directly at (909) 869-2222 to find open rooms, and soon we plan to open booking for a new hotel building. There is not a CSA room block at this time.

Submit a Session

If you are in the process of organizing a session, please complete the following form to officially propose the session, ASAP.. Session organizers are typically expected to be faculty or doctoral students. Session Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5M5MDQY>

Call for Submissions!

Send papers or abstracts to an organizer listed on the following pages 6-7. Please do not send the same paper or abstract to multiple session organizers. Use your institutional email for all CSA correspondence. The deadline is October 15, 2026. Please copy and distribute.

Presentations are open to faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and community professionals. To present at the conference, begin by finding a session that best represents the topic of your research, then emailing the relevant session organizer. your name, proposed presentation title, institutional affiliation, academic status, presentation title, and a 1-page abstract or paper if available.

Each session needs between 3 and 5 presenters. If a session fails to reach the three-presenter minimum, we will move you to a similar session or find another presenter to complete the group. Submissions are reviewed on a rolling basis. Individual sessions will close as soon as they reach their maximum capacity of 5 presenters. Prompt submission is highly encouraged to secure a spot in your preferred session.

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Dia de Muertos

Request to CSA members: It has become a CSA tradition to honor sociologist and social activists who have died in the past year. Please send the names of persons you wish to be honored and remembered at the 2026 CSA Annual Meeting to: amgonzal@csusm.edu Send both name and a digital picture if you have one, to include them at our next November conference. Please also feel free to bring personal pictures of loved ones, there is plenty of space.



Student Awards

Please nominate a student for CSA student of year. Consider submitting a nominations for our 4 student awards. We continue to sponsor a community college student award, an undergraduate student award, and a graduate student award, and a Ph.D. student award. Winners receive a monetary gift, and will be acknowledged and announced at the awards ceremony during the conference. See more details here: <https://cal-soc.org/awards/> .

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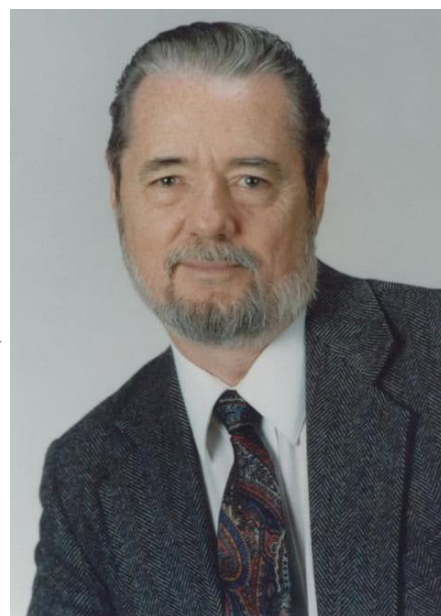
Sociology Stories: California Sociological Association Early History

By James "Jim" Glynn

Jim Glynn was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, and moved with his parents to Palo Alto, CA, in 1957. He attended Foothill College, where he served as Student Commissioner of Activities and, later, became the full-time assistant manager of the college bookstore. He completed his education in sociology at San Jose State University and UC Riverside. In 1966, he began teaching at Bakersfield College (BC), moved to Madera Community College in 1998. He retired in 2002. While at BC, he published multiple editions of "Introduction to Sociology" which was translated into several languages. In 1989, he co-founded the California Sociological Association, of which he also served as president and long-time executive director. His other textbooks include "Global Social Problems" and "California's Social Problems."

Jim began writing "Pulse of the Heartland" for the Madera Tribune in 1999. In 2007, he received the California Teachers' Association Award for his column, "One Life, Guided by a Librarian." Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors of the State Center Community College Foundation."

James A. Glynn taught college classes in sociology for 36 years. During that time, he authored and co-authored several books in his field, including "Introduction to Sociology" (with Elbert W. Stewart). The first edition was published in 1972, with revisions in 1975, 1979, and 1984 by McGraw-Hill. A Portuguese translation appeared in 1977, followed by a Spanish translation in 1978. An international edition was issued in 1986. Other versions of the text have become available in India (Tata McGraw), China, and Japan.



James Glynn

In 1996, he (along with Charles F. Hohm and Elbert W. Stewart) published the first American college textbook to address social problems on a global scale: "Global Social Problems," (HarperCollins). Charles F. Hohm and he followed that with "California's Social Problems," the first textbook to focus on the problems on a single state (Pine Forge Press, 2002).

Glynn is a recipient on the "Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award," bestowed by the Pacific Sociological Association in 1987. Other major awards included "Innovator of the Year," bestowed by the Association of Community Colleges in St. Louis and the "Golden State Award" for leadership, achievement, and service, given by the California Who's Who Historical Society.

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Sociology Stories, Early History Continued.

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Upon retirement, Glynn wrote his first piece of fiction, a murder/mystery novel, yet to be published. He also writes a regular featured opinion column for the Madera (California) Tribune, "Howling from the Heartland" (previously "Pulse of the Heartland"). One of his columns, "One Life: Guided by a Librarian" won the John Swett Certificate of Merit from the California Teachers Association in 2007.

James A. Glynn lives in Madera, California. He is years old.



Four CSA Presidents (left to right) Current CSA President, Jimiliz Valiente-Neighbours; 2025 CSA President, Maria Mora; 2024 CSA President, Mike Chavez; and 2023 CSA President, Alicia M. Gonzales

Highlighting Student Voices: My Journey as a Sociologist by Matteo Zuleta.

Hello everyone, my name is Matteo Zuleta and I am currently a first year transfer student and sociologist at California State University, Northridge studying in you guessed it... Sociology!

I consider the beginning of my journey as a sociologist to be during my second semester at College of the Canyons, my previous school. I had taken my first Sociology class the semester prior and felt validated for choosing Sociology as my major. Being a sociologist had not crossed my mind at this point in time. One conversation however changed everything. It occurred during an office hours visit with Professor Katie Coleman at CSUN. She was the professor of my Sociology of Gender course and is now an incredible mentor and friend. Seemingly out of the blue, she looked me in the eye and with a mix of conviction and passion in her voice, she expressed how much she believed in me as a student and a person and that I had a lot of potential as a sociologist. She told me that my understanding of sociology as a discipline was advanced for my age, and that there was something special about me. I get chills each time I think about this significant moment in my life. Inspired by her words of her belief in me and now seeing myself as a sociologist, I decided to take the path of becoming one, to the best of my ability, something I wholeheartedly embraced.



Matteo Zuleta. CSUN

Ever since I choose to be a sociologist, I've had amazing honors to continue studying the discipline of sociology with a curious mind, and with involving myself in sociological research projects. My first taste of doing this type of research was with a group of classmates working together on gender discrimination in sports. Specifically, we found that widespread gender disparities in head coaching positions at the collegiate sport level, lack of media coverage on women's sports, the massive difference in spending to operate men and women's college sports programs at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) level, and the many cases of sexual harassment women face in a male dominated sports landscape. Next, I wrote a research paper on the history of the East Los Angeles Walkouts of 1968 including the steps of institutional progress that the LA Unified School District has made to improve the educational experiences for Latina/o students since the walkouts. We wrote about the glaring hurdles experienced by Latina/o students and wrote about what and how the school district must address to build upon the progress it has made. Eventually, I submitted this paper for the COC's biannual Sociology Book Award: an opportunity for all

students to share projects they've created. I managed to win 2nd place and get a gift card to Barnes and Noble. Then, I undertook nearly a semester-long study centered on the research question, "What characteristics determine self-esteem?" I distributed surveys to 103 respondents about potential characteristics of self-esteem. I ran bivariate statistical tests on a statistical software site to analyze data from the surveys, reviewed past literature to examine past studies on subtopics that might determine a person's level of self-esteem, I used sociological theory in relation to self-esteem, I did a content analysis by reading 50 online articles on the Internet that focused on self-esteem, and wrote a discussion statement theorizing why my findings could be understood sociologically and in a conclusion described what I would do in future studies as well as limitations to the study that I undertook. Lastly, my most recent sociological research project and the final one as a COC student was a paper on the social problem and phenomenon of "blaming the victim" in a context of poverty. It examines the previous research done to explain this social phenomena, uncovers the root causes of victim blaming in regard to poverty, the social consequences of victim blaming, and shared some policy-based solutions for this social problem.

My journey as a student and sociologist at College of the Canyons ultimately culminated in June of this year when I graduated with an Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree in Sociology in addition to a Liberal Arts and Sciences AA degree with an emphasis on Social and Behavioral Sciences. I had the wonderful experience of being the valedictorian student speaker during my Commencement! Despite all that I've achieved, my greatest accomplishment as a sociologist has to be of the connect I had with many of my professors, faculty, and staff at College of the Canyons. These groups of people have done so much and did an unbelievable job in guiding, mentoring, teaching, supporting and caring for me in whatever way they could. I am beyond grateful for the sheer positive impact they brought to my life and I have thanked them numerous times for being there for me.

This next chapter of my journey as a sociologist now at CSUN feels exciting and a bit stressful at the same time due to transitioning from a community college to a large public university. I am very confident that success will come as a result of working hard/smart and by maintaining my curiosity about our society in all of its aspects: good, bad, known, and mysterious.

If you have made it to this point, thank you for taking the time out of your day to read about my journey as a sociologist. Until then, I wish you a wonderful rest of your day! Sincerely, Matteo :)

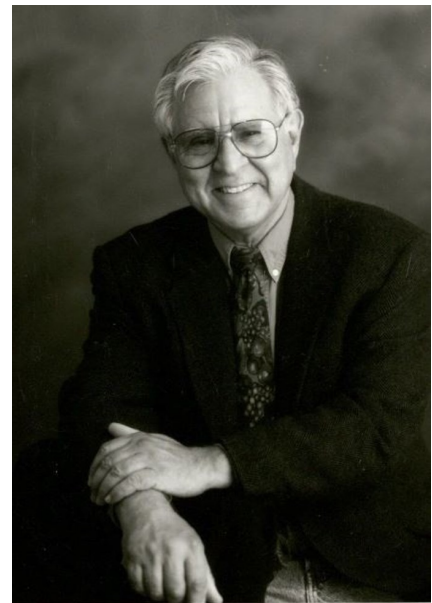
What is your story? Share with us how you became a sociologist. Please share your story with the Bulletin Editor: Alicia Gonzales (amgonzal@csusm.edu).

Editors Page — Alicia M. Gonzales, California State University, San Marcos: In Memory of Rodolfo Acuña

Dr. RODOLFO F. ACUÑA, the Founder of Chicana and Chicano Studies at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), is one of the academic fathers of Chicana/Chicano Studies. He was the first professor of the Mexican American Studies Department at CSUN and is recognized as a critical historian, educator, activist, and academic scholar. Rodolfo Acuña died earlier this year at the age of 93, having made many critical contributions through his books, articles, unpublished works, and extensive research notes. He helped to shaped many scholars, through his passion and love for Chicana/os in the United States. In gratitude of his work, I add how he inspired me.

I was a young sociology graduate student in the 80's at ASU. I grew up in a small traditional Barrio named Sonorita in Glendale, AZ, and during my childhood summers, in the fields of California where my family worked as migrant farm workers. I was the first in my Barrio to go into higher education, The only Latina/o in my MA graduate program at that time. Later I became the first Latina/o to receive a Ph. D. in Sociology at ASU.

I understood early in my graduate career that I was different. I felt a constant unspoken separateness/otherness just below my surface. No one spoke of Latina/o life experiences in my early MA graduate program. I was learning about human social experiences, but I also understood that Latina/os and other marginalized people were not important in sociology. All I could do was pay it forward.



Rodolfo Acuña 1932– 2026

I have the very vivid memory of the first time I read a paper by Rodolfo Acuña. I felt seen and after reading it multiple times, I started crying and felt a tremendous sense of relief and joy, my soul just opened. Rodolfo was my first life line. I genuinely knew I needed to be here and of the importance of representing the lived experiences of the people in my Barrio and many others like them. Rodolfo also carried the added significance of sharing my father's name, Rodolfo. Before this, I had never seen a Mexican name in academic research. This was normal at the time in a White academy. By acknowledging the lived experiences of so many and unveiling a hidden history of my community, all while sharing my father's name, he opened a wound I did not know I carried. The world suddenly shifted, I found other Chicana/o scholars who were describing my life/family/community and who gave me a sense of pride, purpose and a place to start a heartfelt career.

My research is about aging but I was once told that Latina/o research, in and of itself, was not legitimate unless they were being compared to the general population. I am glad I rejected that idea. I completed a 2-year post doctorate at the University of Michigan in ethno-gerontology. I now focus on Latina/o elders, family support networks, elder/family experiences with Hospice, and older adult Spanish literacy. I am grateful I had Rodolfo's shoulders to stand on and leap.

Message from the Executive Director —Tim Kubal, Fresno State University

Important Odds and Ends

Is your department doing something especially well—receiving awards, preparing students for employment or graduate study, promoting research skills, or service learning? Please let the rest of us know by contacting Alicia M. Gonzales at amgonzal@csusm.edu

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- Please register for our association and our annual conference by going to <https://cal-soc.org/registration-and-membership/>. You can pay your association dues at the same time that you register for our next conference. Even if you do not plan to attend the conference, we would appreciate it if you would join the association.
- Dues and conference registration represent almost all of our income. We appreciate your support of the CSA.
- We'd love to learn what we did well **at last years 2025 conference** and what we need to improve for future conferences. Please complete the survey here, and thank you in advance!

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