My Research Origin Story

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12:00–1:00 p.m.
Join us via Zoom!

Ever look at a research project and think “Brilliant – but how did they come up with that?” A panel of current CSUSB graduate students, CSUSB alumni, and CSUSB faculty share their secrets. Learn what stirred their curiosity, and how to spark your next big idea. The panelists will discuss their journeys as they moved from novice researchers to experts in their fields. They will also share thoughts on the role of mentorship in gaining research expertise.

Isabella Cantu graduated from CSUSB in Spring 2022 Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology - Social Service and Community Research concentration with a minor in Ethnic Studies - focus in Latino/a Studies. Her involvement with research includes a two-year membership with the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, the OSR Undergraduate Summer Research Program, and the University Honors Program membership throughout her undergraduate career. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Sociology at UC Davis this Fall. Her research interests are in the Sociology of Education, stratification, and inequalities.

Dr. Brett A. Diaz is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at The Wilson Centre, and at St. Michael’s Hospital in Toronto, Canada. He received his Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics from the Pennsylvania State University. He earned his Master’s in Composition and Applied Linguistics, Bachelor’s of English Linguistics, and of Political Science in California State University, San Bernardino. His research interests center on dimensions of affect and emotion as discursive events in health and medical contexts. More broadly, He uses corpus linguistic methods and Peircean semiotics to study human communication.

Alejandro Garcia is a graduate student at California State University, San Bernardino where he is pursuing his master’s degree in Psychology. He completed his undergraduate studies at California State University, Dominguez Hills, where he was the recipient of the 2018 Presidential Outstanding Student Award. In his research, Alejandro is focusing on the sustainability of social movements while also furthering his knowledge of the influence that risk and benefit assessment may have on future participation. Upon completion of his graduate program, he intends to pursue a Ph.D. in Social Psychology.

Dr. Salome Mshigeni is an Associate Professor and the Director of the Graduate Master of Public Health (MPH) program in the College of Natural Sciences - Department of Health Science and Human Ecology at California State University San Bernardino. By profession, she is a trained Epidemiologist who works behind the scenes to collect and analyze data. Her research interests include examining domestic and international datasets that pertain to population health. She has and continues to publish in several peer review journals and presents her findings in local and national conferences.

Dr. Jonathan Robinson Anthony is Assistant Professor in the Department of English at California State University, San Bernardino. His interests include bilingualism, psycholinguistics, language processing, cognitive control, and speech-language pathology. His research generally focuses on analyzing typical and atypical cognitive-linguistic processes to better differentiate language differences from language disorders. His research has been funded by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communicative Disorders. Dr. Robinson Anthony earned his M.S. in speech-language pathology and received his clinical training from San Francisco State University. He subsequently earned his Ph.D. in language and communicative disorders from the San Diego State University and University of California San Diego joint doctoral program.