

CLASS ACTS

Get to know these faculty members outside of the classroom.

Each outstanding educator represents one of the four sectors of the college — communications, humanities, performing and visual arts, and social sciences.



SARA FRANTZ / Art and Design Department

Specialty Area: Painting and Drawing / Years at Cal Poly: 3

What is/has been your favorite class to teach? Luckily, I get to teach what I love, and the students generally want to be there, so this is a hard question. In foundations classes, students show such growth and excitement with each new skill or concept. In advanced classes, I really get a chance to know the students individually and help facilitate their projects.

If you were stranded on a desert island and could bring one book, what would it be? Depending on my mood when I was stranded, either "Winter's Bone" by Daniel Woodrell or "Sense and Sensibility" by Jane Austen.

JULIE A. GARCIA / Psychology and Child Development Department

Specialty Area: Self and Identity, Stereotyping and Prejudice, Intergroup Relationships / Years at Cal Poly: 10

What are your research/scholarly pursuits? My research explores managing multiple social identities, multiracial identity and underrepresentation in STEM.

Are there any scholars or individuals who have inspired you? My mother didn't pursue higher education because her father told her that college was just for men. In contrast, my educational achievements stem in large part from the love and support I receive from my family members. I strive to make her proud, and I hope that she sees that my achievements are also hers.

PATRICK LIN / Philosophy Department

Specialty Area: Technology Ethics / Years at Cal Poly: 10

What is/has been your favorite class to teach? Philosophy 101! Incoming freshmen might know one or two things about philosophy, but it blows their minds to dig in to a wide range of intellectual puzzles and new ways to think about their world and lives.

What are your hobbies/extracurricular activities? Music has always been a big part of my life. I've lived from coast to coast, and KCPR is hands down my favorite radio station anywhere. I tell everyone this.

BRADY TEUFEL / Journalism Department

Specialty Area: Multimedia / Years at Cal Poly: 10

What is your favorite class/student moment? Seeing students get published for the first time or when my letter of recommendation helps a student achieve a goal.

What is a fact about you that few know? I'm a dual citizen. My parents are both American, but I was born in New Zealand, which means I'm a NZ citizen by birth and an American citizen by "acquisition." I also spent my junior year of college on exchange there.