COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
FACULTY RESEARCH PROFILES
2019-20

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FRESNO STATE
College of Health and Human Services
4,358 STUDENTS ENROLLED

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PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

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#2 RANKED

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MESSAGE FROM DEAN

The College of Health and Human Services is proud to present the 2019-20 edition of its Faculty Research Profiles. With seven academic disciplines and a wide range of centers and institutes, the college continues to encourage and champion students, who go on to serve our diverse and growing region as healthcare practitioners, human services professionals, educators, researchers, advocates and leaders.

Our talented faculty incorporate innovative research and high-impact experiences into their teaching, further helping to build a healthier and more sustainable community for the children and adults that reside in our Central Valley.

Through these profiles, we hope to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration across the University and engaged partnerships in the community, which will allow faculty to pave the way for students to connect to service-learning opportunities, internships and community-based research.

While each of our academic disciplines, centers and institutes are unique, we all share a common commitment to boldly educate and empower our students for success!

For a full list of CHHS academic departments, centers and institutes, go to page 19.
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• M.S. Physical Therapy, California State University, Fresno  
• B.S. Physiology/Minor in Human Movement, U.C. Santa Barbara | • Concussion baseline testing  
• Pilates, health and wellness                                                                 |
| Mark W. Baldis, Ph.D., R.C.E.P., P.T.A. | Lecturer                   | • Ph.D. Health Promotion and Wellness, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions  
• M.A. Physical Education, California State University, Fresno  
• B.A. Special Major: Exercise Science, California State University, Fresno | • Physical activity for the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases  
• Prevention and physical rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injury  
• Clinical exercise physiology                                                                 |
| Irán Barrera, Ph.D.           | Professor                   | • Ph.D. Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington  
• Ph.D. Social Work, La Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon  
• M.S.W. Social Work, California State University, Long Beach  
• B.A. Psychology, California State University, Long Beach | • Healthcare disparities  
• Latino mental health  
• Population health                                                                 |
| John Amson Capitman, Ph.D.    | Professor                   | • Ph.D. Social Psychology, Duke University  
• B.A. Linguistics, Yale University | • Inequity in health and well-being  
• Place, race/ethnicity and public policy  
• Financing public health and personal health  
• Universal, sustainable and efficient national health policies  
• Eldercare policies and programs  
• Adolescent development, teen pregnancy prevention, substance abuse prevention |
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• M.A. Audiology, California State University, Fresno  
• B.A. Communicative Sciences and Disorders, California State University, Fresno | • Pediatric audiology  
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Research Interests:
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• Applied exercise science: sport specific

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• M.S. Psychiatric Nursing, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Deemed University, India
• B.S. Nursing, Bangalore University, India

Research Interests:
• Measuring stress in vulnerable populations
• Therapeutic communication in nurses
• Psychometrics

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Degrees Held:
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• M.S.W. Social Work, Wichita State University
• B.A. Social Work, Wichita State University
• B.A. Criminal and Social Justice, Ashford University

Research Interests:
• Juvenile justice
• Foster care
• Systems of care
• Under-represented youth

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Degrees Held:
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• M.S.W. Social Work, Eastern Washington University, Cheney
• B.S. Sociology, Brigham Young University, Idaho - Rexburg

Research Interests:
• Adolescents
• Black lives
• Child welfare

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Degrees Held:
• Ed.D. Educational Leadership, Seattle University
• M.A. Transforming Spirituality, Seattle University
• M.S.W. Social Work, San Diego State University
• B.A. Psychology, California State University, Northridge

Research Interests:
• Mental health issues with Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities
• Application of self-efficacy training in group aural rehabilitation with Hard of Hearing adults and their communication partners
• Application of self-efficacy training in school social work
• Social work and spirituality
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Degrees Held:
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• M.P.A. Public Administration, California State University, Dominguez Hills
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Research Interests:
• Grant writing and development
• Project and program development
• Evaluation
• Sustainability
• Quality improvement

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• J.D. Rutgers School of Law, Newark
• Ph.D. Social Welfare and Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania
• M.S.W. Social Work Direct Practice, University of Pennsylvania
• B.A., Liberal Arts, The Evergreen State College

Research Interests:
• Prisons
• Interprofessional education
• Teaching and learning
• Social Workers professional identity
• Participatory research

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• B.A. Communicative Disorders and Deaf Studies: Speech-Language Pathology, California State University, Fresno

Research Interests:
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• Autism Spectrum Disorder
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Degrees Held:
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• Child welfare
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### Research Interests:
- Talent development
- Youth sports
- High performance sport
- Sport coaching

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- Women’s health
- Healthcare technology
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  - B.A., Health Science, University of California, San Diego

### Research Interests:
- Minority health
- Cancer
- Health disparities
- Intimate partner violence
- Religion/Spirituality and health

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  - M.A., Human Kinetics, University of Ottawa
  - B.Ed., Physical Education, University of Ottawa
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- Applied sport psychology
- Sport psychology curriculum development
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### Research Interests:
- Interprofessional education and collaborative practice
- Patient safety
- Healthcare simulation
- Competency-based education (assessment/evaluation)
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Degrees Held:
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Research Interests:
- Psychiatric mental health
- Nurses in higher education
- International-multicultural education

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- Ph.D. Rehabilitation Science/Minor in Neuroscience, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- B.P.T. Physical Therapy, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences

Research Interests:
- Novel brain stimulation, games and virtual reality for increasing physical activity and inducing neuroplasticity
- Design novel interventions utilizing robotics and technology for physical and cognitive therapy to improve quality of life for survivors of stroke and Parkinson’s.

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Research Interests:
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- Drugs and alcohol
- Program evaluation
- Developmental disabilities

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- M.P.T. Physical Therapy, California State University, Fresno
- B.S. Physical Therapy, California State University, Fresno

Research Interests:
- Language and cultural barriers in healthcare, emphasis on physical therapy
- Isokinetic norms for the upper extremity
- Inter-professional, international and student/faculty collaboration for public health initiatives
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<td>B.S.N., Nursing, California State University, Sacramento</td>
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**Research Interests:**
- American Indians and cancer management
- Community health workers (promotores)
- Improving health services delivery to underserved populations
- Health disparities
- Women’s health

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**Research Interests:**
- Neuroplasticity and neurorehabilitation in individuals with neurological disorders
- Motor learning and control in pediatric and geriatric populations
- Neurromodulation to facilitate neuroplasticity in the brain
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- M.S. Food Engineering and Biotechnology, Yonsei University, Korea
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- Impact of air pollution exposure on pregnancy and other health outcomes

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- English as a Second Language (ESL) students in higher education

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- Literacy acquisition  
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**Research Interests:**
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- Running injuries and prevention
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• Religion and health
DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

DOCTORAL DEGREES
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

MASTER'S OPTIONS AND DEGREES
- Deaf Education (M.A.)
- Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)
- Exercise Science (M.S.)
- Kinesiology (M.S.)
- Sport Administration (M.S.)
- Sport Psychology (M.S.)
- Primary Care/Nurse Practitioner (M.S.N.)
- Health Promotion (M.P.H.)

BACHELOR'S OPTIONS AND DEGREES
- Audiology (B.A.)
- Deaf Education (B.A.)
- Interpreting (B.A.)
- Speech-Language Pathology (B.A.)
- Social Work (B.A.)
- Athletic Training (B.S.)
- Exercise Science (B.S.)
- Physical Education (B.S.)
- Sport Psychology (B.S.)
- Nursing (B.S.N.)
- Community Health (B.S.)
- Environmental/Occupational Safety and Health (B.S.)
- Health Administration (B.S.)
- Community Recreation and Youth Services (B.S.)
- Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resource Management (B.S.)
- Recreation Therapy (B.S.)
- Special Events and Tourism (B.S.)
- Sports and Entertainment Facility Management (B.S.)

CERTIFICATES
- Conversational American Sign Language
- Alcohol and Drug Services
- Adventure-Based Programming
- Serving At-Risk Youth
- Special Event Planning
- Sports and Entertainment Facility Management
- Cross-Cultural Competency
- Gerontology
DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOLS

- Department of Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies
- Department of Kinesiology
- Department of Physical Therapy
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Recreation Administration
- Department of Social Work Education and Gerontology
- School of Nursing

CENTERS, INSTITUTES AND RESEARCH CENTERS
The Central California Center for Health and Human Services supports the:

Central California Center for Excellence in Nursing
The center takes a regionally and comprehensively-focused approach, working in partnership with health care providers to develop nursing specialists, leaders and educators needed to serve our diverse region.

Central California Children's Institute
Its mission is to promote research, policies and practices that support the well-being of children and families, using a regional children’s agenda as the guiding framework.

Central California Sports Science Institute
Through community awareness and education, as well as collaborative research, the institute is helping those in the field focus on enhancing performance of athletes while maintaining a safe atmosphere.

Central Valley Health Policy Institute
The institute facilitates regional research, leadership training and graduate education programs to address emerging health policy issues that influence the health status of people living in Central California.

Social Welfare Evaluation, Research and Training Center
The center studies the human condition, social issues and the delivery of human services in Central California to improve the quality of life for residents in the region.
DEAN’S COUNCIL OF AMBASSADORS 2019-20

This unique council of community leaders in our region work collaboratively to review the critical issues facing our students and offer insight, as well as assist in connecting regional resources with the college’s academic programs, centers and areas of study.

Lynne Ashbeck, Senior Vice President of Community Engagement and Population Wellness, Valley Children’s Healthcare
Connie Clendenan, Former CEO, Valley Teen Ranch (retired)
Ben Cuellar, Dean Emeritus, College of Health and Human Services, Fresno State
Donna DeRoo, Director, Central California Center for Health and Human Services, Fresno State
Ivonne Der Torosian, Director of Community Benefit and Outreach, Saint Agnes Medical Center
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Margaret Jackson, Director, Cultural Brokers, Inc.
Lynne Jarman, Manager of Rehabilitation Therapy, Community Medical Centers
Karen Kimura, Vice President, Kasco Fab, Inc.
Sam Lankford, Chair and Professor, Department of Recreation Administration, Fresno State
Richard Lembo, Director of Sports Medicine, Sierra Pacific Orthopedic
Mitzi Lowe, Associate Dean, College of Health and Human Services, Fresno State
James Marshall, Interim Dean, College of Health and Human Services, Fresno State
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Jim Santos, Communications Professor, College of Humanities and Sciences, University of Phoenix
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HONORS PROGRAM IN COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Developed to create a collaborative academic program between departments, students in the Honors Program work together and with community partners on real-world, interdisciplinary projects that strive to provide healthy outcomes for the Fresno community.

“The Honors Program was a wonderful opportunity to learn about conducting research and working together with students from other professional fields, all of which will better prepare us to serve others as future health and human service professionals.” - Shannon Muzio, B.A., Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies ('19)