

SUMMER 2022

PACRAO NEWS



Pacific Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers



Hello PACRAO!

Can you believe it's already August? Soon we will have a new batch of first-year freshman and transfer students passing by our offices and inspiring us with their curiosity. As we wrap up summer and start looking towards the fall term, it's a good time to reflect on the first half of 2022. Full transparency, the first part of 2022 was marked by personal loss for me. I lost a person who was like my big brother, and grief continues to be an unfamiliar process. While personally, life has been challenging, professionally, life has been great.

On June 6th, I became the Registrar for the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts). It has been a great transition, and I am beyond lucky to have the most fantastic staff. Since day one, they have made me feel respected, welcomed, and at home. The juxtaposition of these life-changing events only reinforced the importance of having strong support systems. Whether they be personal or professional support systems, having people who will be there to listen to you, lift you up, or simply sit with you are critical. PACRAO has been my support system.

PACRAO has always been more than a professional development organization. We are a family. The Executive Board, LAC, and Program committee have maintained this sentiment. This is why we are working diligently to make this organization and upcoming conference one of learning, growth, safety, and positivity. I hope this newsletter reflects that message and inspires you to reflect on all you have accomplished, and all that has yet to come!

Be kind and take care,

Dr. Soraira Urquiza
PACRAO President
CalArts Registrar



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Nominations & Elections Committee Results

Thank you for voting! Here are the results of our spring 2022 nominations and elections committee voting. Erin Jensen is currently serving as the Vice Chair. Helena Babiski will serve as Vice-Chair for 2023.

Those elected by the membership to serve on N&E:

- Bonnie Gutierrez, University of Oregon
- Christopher Hunt, Oregon State University
- Cori Horne, Weber State University
- Jonathan Graff, University of Phoenix
- Sarah Steidl, Clackamas Community College
- Helena Babiski, Coconino Community College

Alternates:

- Amanda Sainburg, American Film Institute Conservatory
- Andrea Siegrist-Baez, University of Phoenix
- Emily Sharratt, Eastern Oregon University
- Jennifer Ketterman, Oregon State University

This committee will begin the work of soliciting nominations for leadership roles within PACRAO for the 2023-24 cycle, and those are:

- President-Elect (3-year term)
- Treasurer-Elect (3-year term)
- Vice President of Publications and Information Technology (2-year term)
- Audit Committee Member (2-year term) (begins right after 2022 conference as Audit Committee Elect)
- Nominations and Election Committee Member (6 members, 1-year term)

The 2023-24 nomination process will continue through the end of the business meeting held this fall during our annual meeting in San Diego. Then the N&E committee carefully reviews all the nominations and sets the slate of nominees for the board positions. The membership then votes on these at the end of the 2023 business meeting in Portland, and they begin serving at the end of the business meeting.

If you have a colleague that you think would be an excellent fit for one of these leadership roles, please connect with them to encourage them to get involved. We have an online form that they can submit, or you can submit it on their behalf.

Details about Nominations & Elections can be found at: <https://www.pacrao.org/nande-home.php>.

On behalf of the 2022 N&E committee, we hope you consider the incredible opportunity to serve in a leadership role within PACRAO!

Jana Jaraysi
Past President and N&E Chair



Conference News

**YES! WE'RE
OPEN**

Registration for PACRAO 2022 in
Sunny San Diego, CA, is now
OPEN!

[Please click here to register](#)

New! Conference Justification Letter template -

The 2022 PACRAO Conference program committee is excited to introduce a new resource to PACRAO members: [a conference attendance justification letter template](#). We hope that you will be able to use this resource to request funds and/or time off to attend the PACRAO conference. The template is editable and includes a page where estimated costs can be itemized, if needed. We look forward to seeing you all in San Diego this November!



Session proposals are also still open! We'd love for you to share your perspectives and experiences with us, so please send us your session proposals!

Conference Grants

Do you want to attend the fabulous PACRAO 2022 but have budgetary constraints? Apply for a PACRAO Conference Grant! Five members will be selected to receive a full-conference registration grant! Complete your application by Friday, September 9th.

Conference News

We have some fantastic speakers confirmed for our conference so far! Learn more about them below and on our Features Speaker webpage on the PACRAO conference website.



Dr. Keolu Fox
Keynote Speaker



Dr. Keolu Fox is a Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) assistant professor of Anthropology and co-founder of the Indigenous Futures Institute at UC San Diego. Dr. Fox has done some fantastic work in the field of genetics and decolonizing indigenous data but is also constantly thinking about things like how we can ensure our systems, policies, and processes are designed in an inclusive, equitable, and just way (sounds like some of the work that WE do, too!). You can learn more about him from this recent National Geographic feature.

Dr. Adela de la Torre is the first woman and Latina to serve as a president of San Diego State University. Under her leadership, SDSU earned national recognition for successfully closing educational equity gaps and increasing the graduation rates in historically excluded student populations (specifically, Hispanic and first-generation students). Dr. de la Torre has been in higher education leadership for 30+ years and believes in leading by listening. You can learn a bit more about Dr. de la Torre from her SDSU bio, [here](#).



Dr. Adela de la Torre
Closing Plenary Speaker



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Perspectives & Membership

Mark your calendars for August 24, 2022, at noon Pacific for our next PACRAO Perspectives!

PACRAO Perspectives: Presenting at a Conference – You can and should do it!

- Join Program Chair Kylie Borges and members of the Program Committee to learn more about what it takes to present a successful session at a professional conference. The team will discuss items that will help new and experienced presenters, including identifying a session topic, session submission suggestions, and tips for presenting at the conference.

[Register here!](#)

Topics for this fall will include Mindfulness for the new term, a PACRAO Perspectives with the Diversity Development Committee, and the Best of PACRAO!

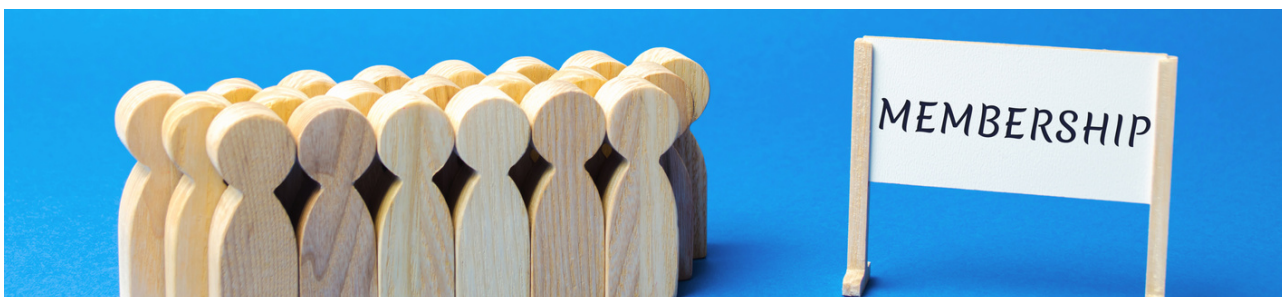
If you have ideas for topics or would like to present, please connect with Alex Underwood at vp-pd@pacrao.org.



Thank you for being a part of our PACRAO community! We hope you've been able to personally benefit from your membership with PACRAO. If not, let us fix that right away! You should have received a Membership Renewal Invoice from us. If you did not, please feel free to contact us at membership@pacrao.org and we will be happy to send you another invoice.

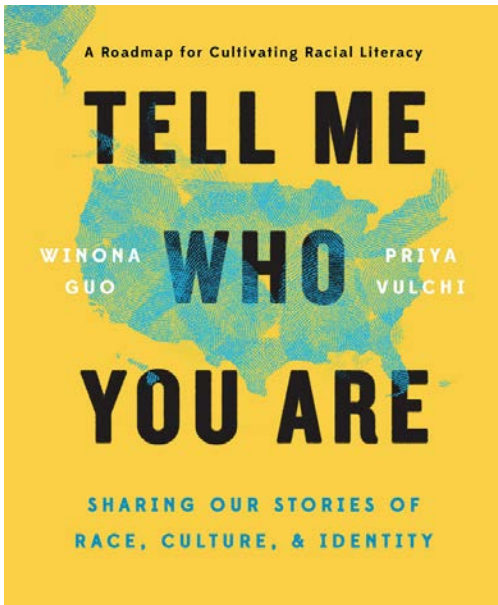
- If you need to update the membership roster for your institution please log in to the website and select 'Members Area' from the Members link on the toolbar. Once in the member area select the Member Information tab and then select 'Additional Individuals attached to this Membership'.
- Make sure to let us know if you have any questions or feedback.

-Gaby Asamsama-Acuna, VP Membership



Diversity Development Committee

Diversity Book Club



At this year's annual conference, the Diversity Development Committee will be hosting an interactive book club session that you will not want to miss! "Tell Me Who You Are: Sharing Our Stories of Race, Culture, & Identity", by Winona Guo and Priya Vulchi, is a book that will help us appreciate the stories of others, and better tell our own. By learning the diverse backgrounds and lived experiences of others, we are better able to foster DEIB in our lives.

To attend this session, we ask that you purchase and read the book before the annual conference to join us in this engaging conversation. The date and time for the conference session will be determined and shared once the conference program has been finalized.

Diversity Luncheon Speaker

Fernando Z. López, Executive Director for San Diego Pride

We are excited to announce **Fernando Z. López** as our Diversity Luncheon speaker for the annual conference. Fernando Z. López, the first Latinx, first nonbinary Executive Director for San Diego Pride will share stories from their personal lived experience to provide a framework for much-needed LGBTQ policy reform within education systems. López will help attendees understand how addressing microsocial impacts can build an inclusive legacy in higher education leading to positive macrosocial outcomes.

Learn more about Fernando Z. López [here!](#)



PACRAO Dateline: November 1985

As you know, PACRAO will be held in sunny San Diego this fall, at the Town and Country Resort. PACRAO has been held in San Diego three other times in the past: in 1976, when Frank Young presided as president; in 1985, when W.W. Tim Washburn presided; and in 2012, when Julia Pomerenk presided.

In 1985, the 59th Annual Conference was held at what was then known as the Town and Country Hotel, which originally opened in 1953 as a roadside motel with just 46 rooms. Of course, by 1985, the hotel had grown much larger and meeting spaces had been added.

The theme for the 1985 conference was “San Diego Feels Good All Over.” The conference started off with a day-and-a-half workshop titled “Personal Computer Training;” the focus of that workshop was mainly on evaluating software options for word processing, spreadsheet, data base, and integrated software

PACRAO attendees were offered a dinner cruise by Invader Cruise Lines on Monday evening; on Tuesday evening, conference goers were treated to a tour of nearby Tijuana, Mexico.

At the annual business meeting, PACRAO voted on a change to the constitution and by-laws. The year prior, a task force had been named to review the nominations and elections process. The work of that task force resulted in new procedures for electing N&E members and voting for nominees for the board. A complete Constitution and Bylaws as of November 12, 1985, are included in the Proceedings of that annual meeting.

In 1985, there were 337 active member institutions in PACRAO; 530 individuals were registered for the conference. PACRAO spent \$14,372 the year prior, mainly on printing and postage (no internet in 1985!!!) and on travel to board meetings. PACRAO ended the year with \$27,925.97 in the coffers.



The Town and Country Hotel recently underwent a major multi-million dollar renovation; the resort now boasts 675 rooms, a 10,000 square foot zero-entry pool with a four story water slide, 27 fire pits, sand volleyball courts, multiple restaurants, nearly 300,000 sq. ft of meeting and convention space, and a four-acre park at the back of the property! Talk about a “Prism of Possibilities!”

Sue Eveland, PACRAO Archivist



Leadership Development Institute

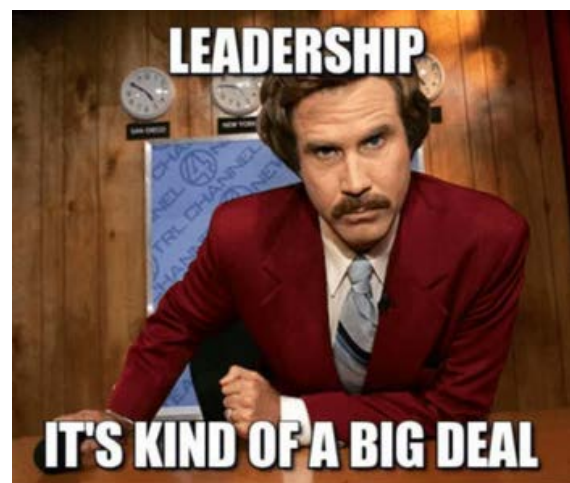
The application period for our next PACRAO Leadership Development Institute (LDI) cohort recently closed and we are ecstatic to share that we had over 30 individuals apply for the 2022-2023 cohort!

The incoming faculty for the 2022-2023 cohort is in the middle of the very difficult process of determining which applicants will be accepted into next year's program. We couldn't be prouder of the PACRAO LDI program as it moves into its 5th year of serving PACRAO membership in creating an engaging and transformative professional development opportunity for those looking to advance their careers or serve their communities.

Part of the ongoing process to keep a program like this sustainable is the continual evolution and rotation of our faculty members. In the upcoming cohort year the fabulous Julia Pomerenk, Kristen Lebreque, and Paul Lampano will be ending their tenure as LDI faculty members; and the amazing Audra McQuarie, Lisa Erck, Arturo Torres, and Helena Babiski will be joining me for the new year as we welcome the new cohort.

On behalf of the PACRAO LDI faculty and cohorts (past, present, and future) we want to express our gratitude for the PACRAO community's continued support of this important program.

Marc Booker, PhD
PACRAO LDI Faculty Member



Announcements

Attention Business Partners

Conference Registration is OPEN!

Sponsorship packages are sold on a first-come, first serve basis &
Premium Packages are almost sold out...

Thank you to those who have registered!

Secure YOUR spot.... **Click here for more info & REGISTER TODAY!**

Questions?

Contact Monterey Sims, PACRAO BPL Monterey.Sims@phoenix.edu

It's AWARD season!

PACRAO has three types of awards and recognitions that we use to honor our membership. First, we recognize our retirees, honorary and exemplary new members.

The retiree recognition is given to PACRAO members who have served PACRAO over the year. If you know a PACRAOian who retired since the last annual meeting (Tucson, 2021), please submit their name(s), so we can honor them.

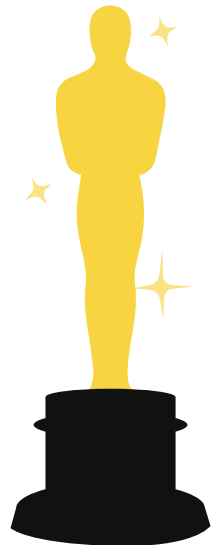
Honorary membership may be granted to individuals who have provided outstanding service to PACRAO over the years. Typically, recipients have left the profession by retiring or entering a different work field.

The exemplary new member award may be given to individuals who have made significant contributions to PACRAO and the membership in their first five years of service as a member. In both cases, the Past President will forward names to the executive board for consideration once names are provided.

Nominations are due October 1, 2022. You can submit nominations by [clicking here](#) to submit one or more names for awards and recognition listed above.

Please consider nominating an active PACRAO member so we can honor them!

Thank you,
Jana
Past President



Requests

A Request From the Archivist

I recently met up with Past-President Todd McCollum (2014, Portland) for a lovely lunch and to take some PACRAO notebooks off his hands. One notebook was from the time he served as Secretary to PACRAO and that notebook was chock full of great archival items. I was able to scan and load 114 documents (meeting minutes, financial documents, committee rosters, etc.) to the archives from just that one notebook of his Secretarial service! Moral of the story: you never know what PACRAO treasures you might have in some old notebook.

If you have ever served PACRAO as a Board member or on a committee of any sort, and you have an old notebook or two stashed away in a closet or basement or garage, please consider passing them on to me so I can glean any materials for the archives. Reach out to me at seveland@uoregon.edu and let's get started!!!

-Sue Eveland, PACRAO Archivist

Call for volunteers!

We are looking for people who would like to help make this conference personal and memorable. Want to lead a morning Yoga session? Are you a golfer who wants to organize a group? Send the Local Arrangements Committee an email, and we will see how to incorporate it into the conference.

Looking forward to hearing from you!



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