

SOCIAL SCIENCES NEWSLETTER, SPRING 2018



Dean Katharyne Mitchell, Chancellor's Award recipient Riri Shibata, and Colleges Nine & Ten Provost Flora Lu celebrate at the Social Sciences Student Award Luncheon.

LETTER FROM THE DEAN

As the academic year draws to a close, it gives me great pleasure to reflect upon my first year as Dean of Social Sciences here at UC Santa Cruz.

The high caliber of our faculty and the wonderful diversity of their research interests continues to amaze me. Last fall and this spring, we showcased some of this superb work at our twice annual [Research Frontiers Evenings](#), held in Santa Cruz and Silicon Valley.

At our recent [Scholarship Awards Luncheon](#), I had the pleasure of celebrating the

remarkable achievements of our students. Their research and technological prowess, advanced writing and thinking skills, and commitment to social justice made me proud, once again, to be part of this division. It is my goal to increase student scholarships within the Social Sciences, building clusters of awards around key areas such as public service and civic engagement.

This year I have been establishing the foundation for an exciting new hub of collaborative research and teaching: the [Santa Cruz Institute for Social Transformation](#). The Institute will help us to highlight and advance the extraordinary work of our faculty and students and will position us at the vanguard of the critical social, economic, and environmental issues of our time. We will be making our public launch this fall, so keep a lookout for event announcements.

The 21st century is shaping up to be a time of tremendous anxiety and insecurity. From increasing economic precarity to growing incivility and xenophobia to climate change, the future seems both perilous and uncertain. But one thing is clear: social scientists at UC Santa Cruz aren't content to stay on the sidelines. We know what is at stake, and we are learning and teaching the skills and knowledge necessary to have a positive impact on our world and on our collective future. Please [join us!](#)

Katharyne Mitchell
Dean

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