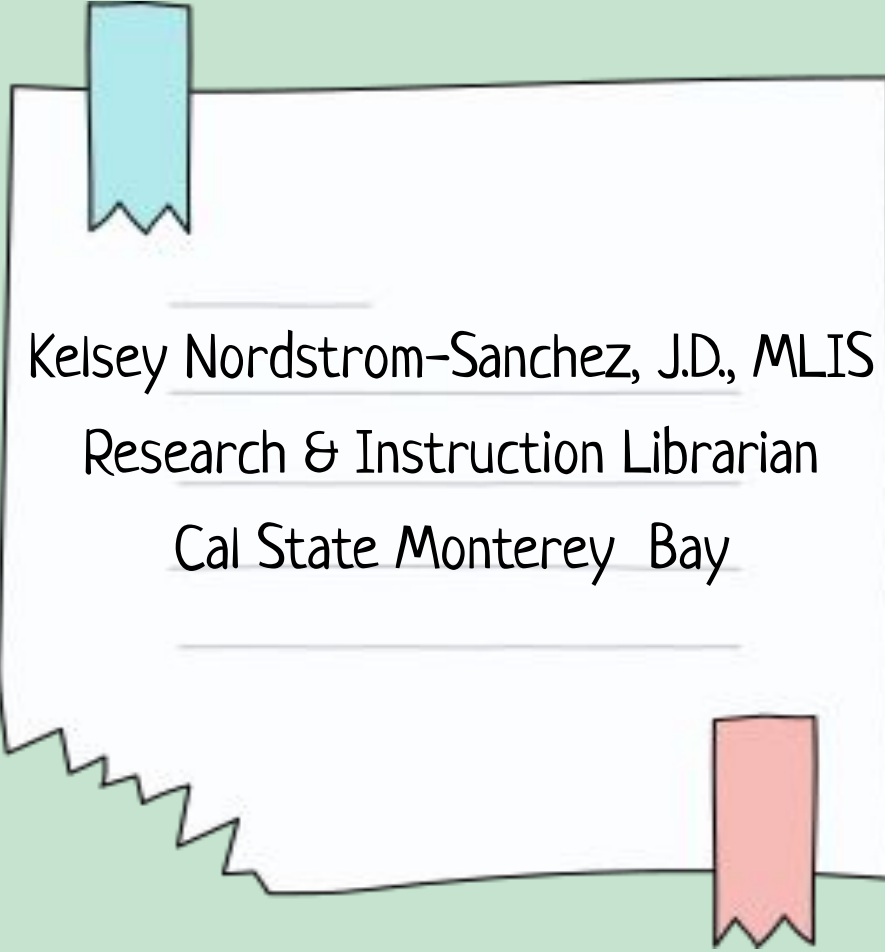



The Power of
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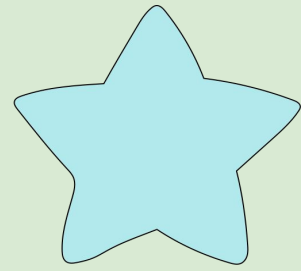
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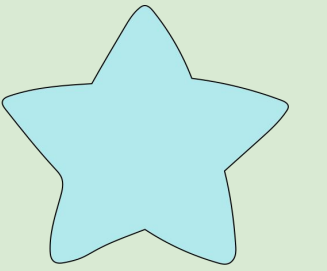
California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) resides on the indigenous homeland of the Esselen people (also known as Carmeleno, Monterey Band, and Rumsen). It is on the rich homeland of the Esselen, where CSUMB not only thrives as an institution of higher education, but also provides an education abundant with service and experience to a diverse community of learners. As our students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members explore the university's campus, remember to respect the land and take note of the natural beauty. Remember that ancestors rest below pathways and in other less traveled areas on campus.

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CSUMB Enrollment Statistics



Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) since 1998

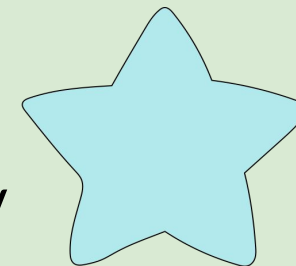
- For Fall 2023, 46% identified as Latino

Number of Students

- In Fall 2023, 5,860 undergraduate students




Underrepresented Groups

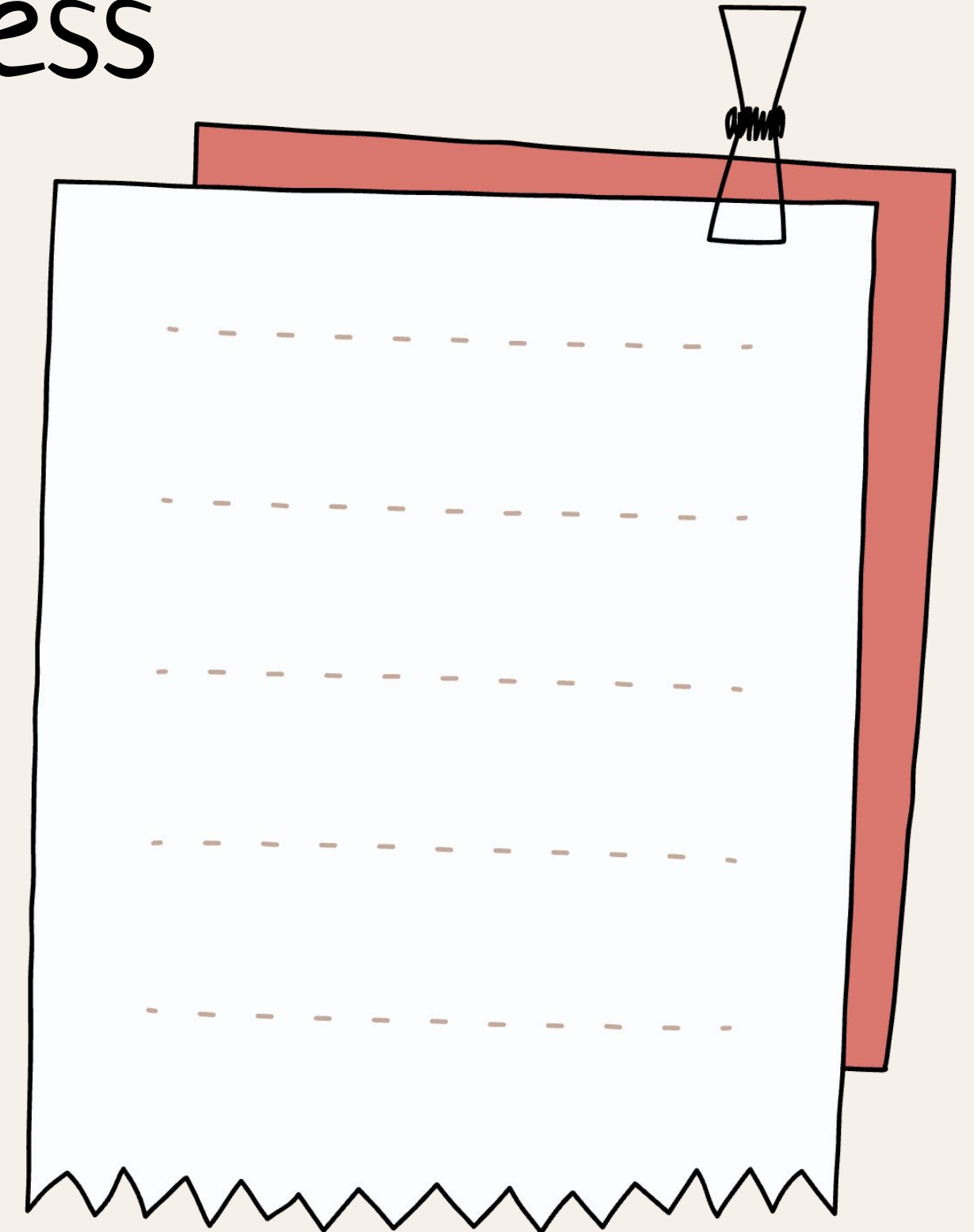
- 19% Adult Students
- 48% First Gen
- 50% Underrepresented Minority
- 29% Low income



First Year College Students: Writing and Reading for College Success



-  Inherited lesson plan
-  Low levels of engagement 😞
-  Something needed to change





Practical
ACADEMIC LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

LEARNER-CENTERED TECHNIQUES



THE EDUCATOR'S GUIDE TO
Designing Games and Creative Active-Learning Exercises

The Allure of Play

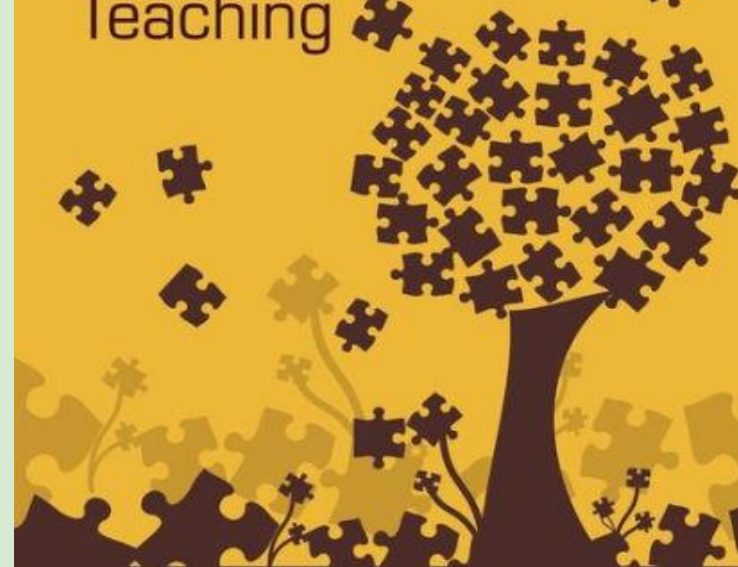
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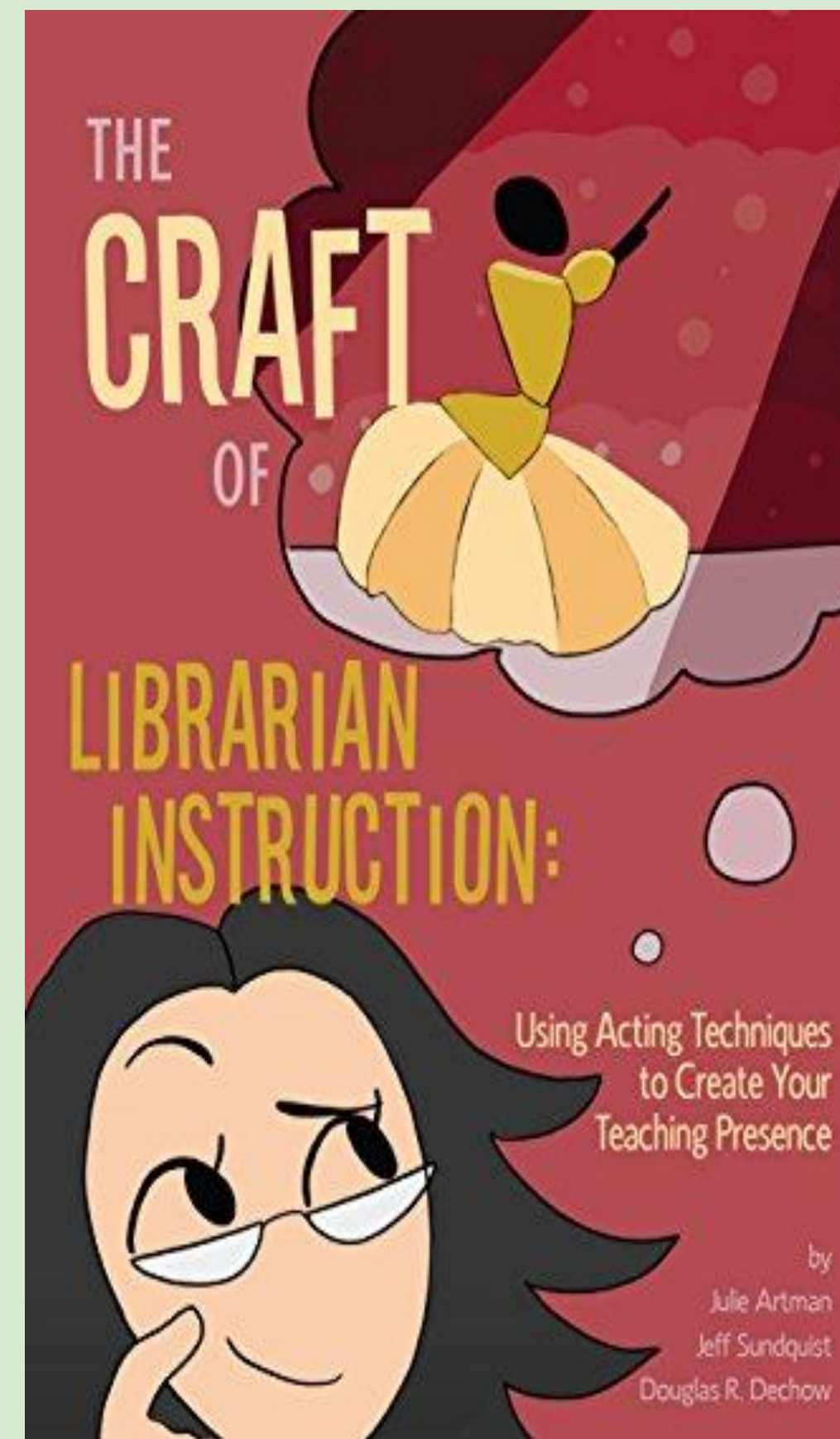


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The librarians' book on teaching
through games and play



Andrew Walsh

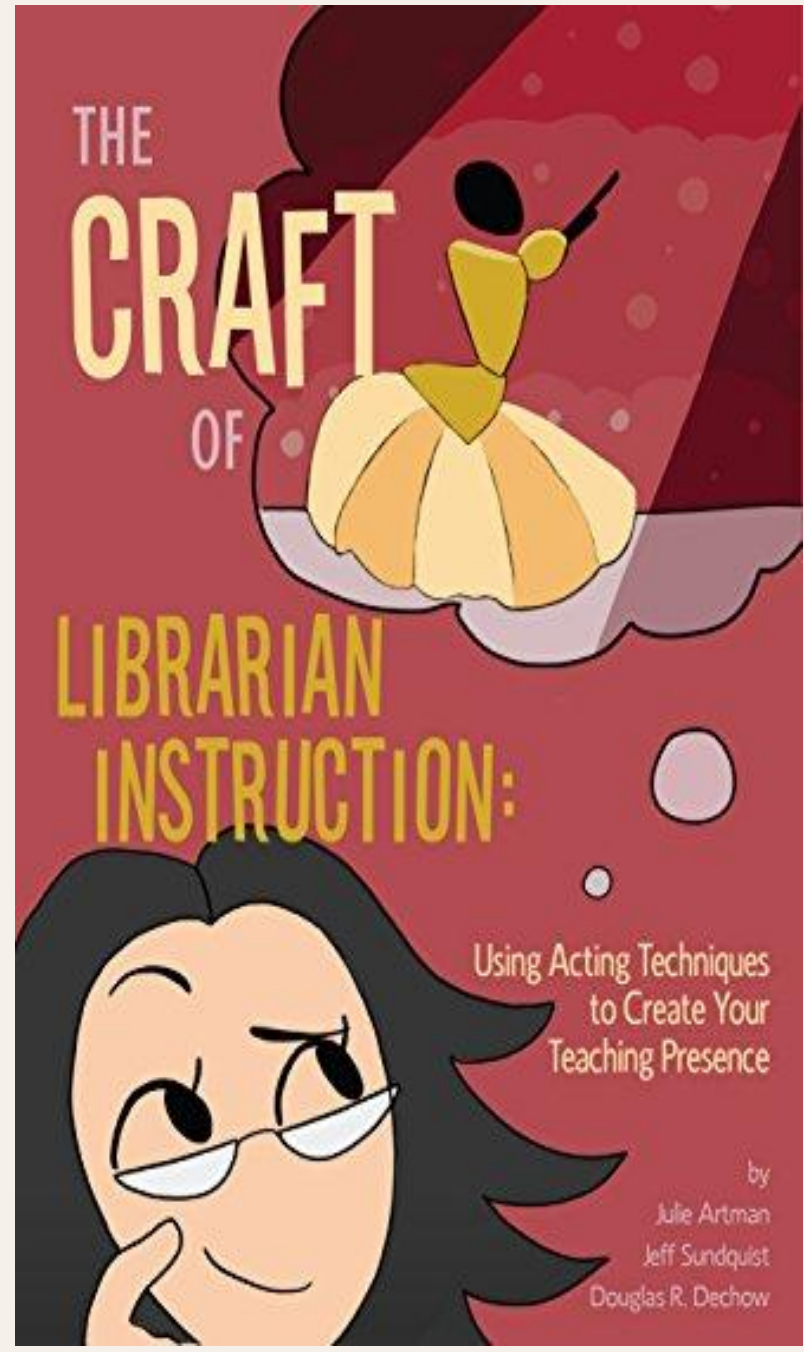


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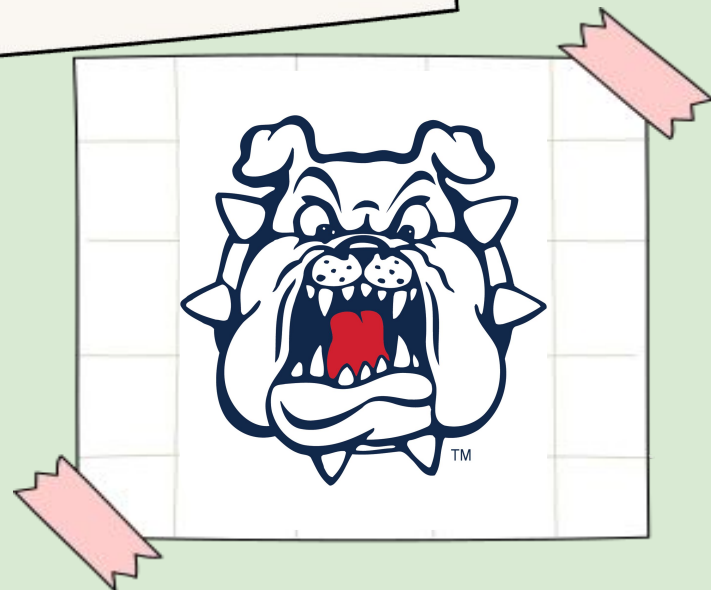
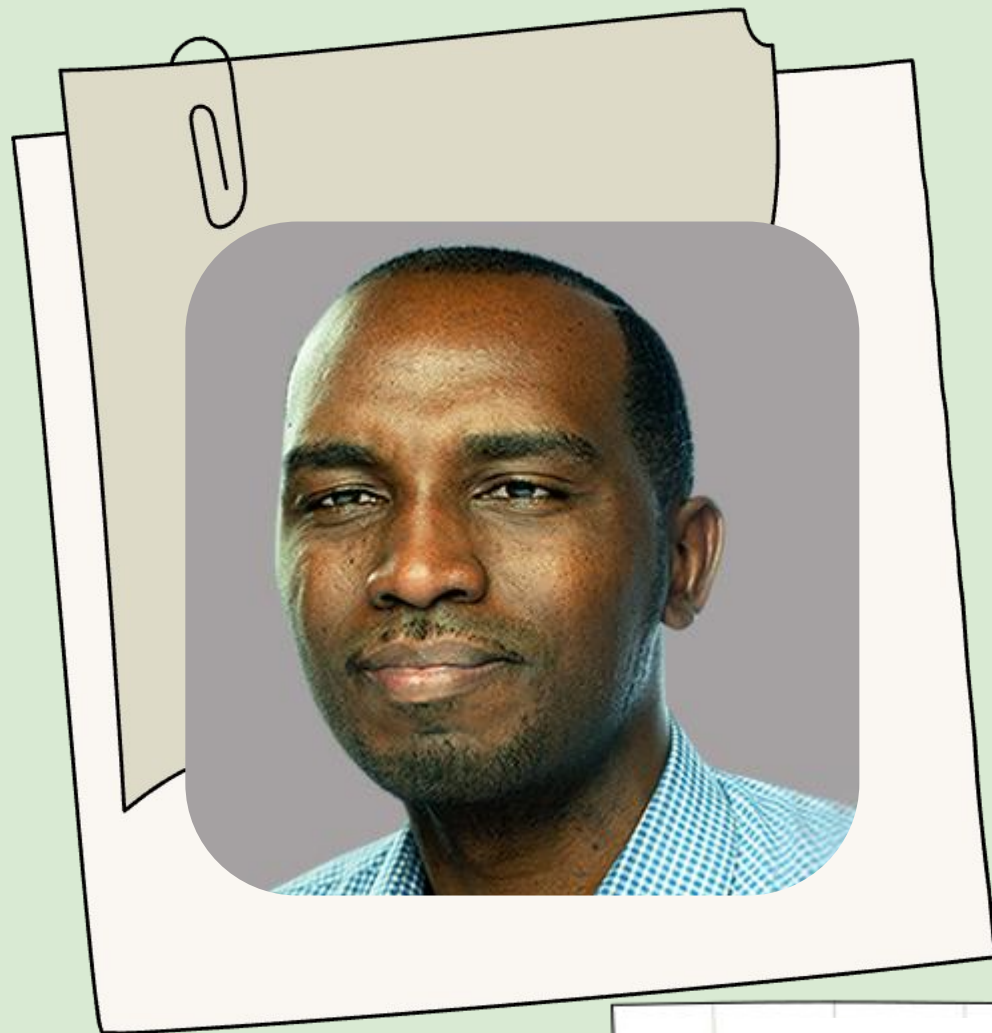


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William Hardaway's equitable and inclusive approach to course design



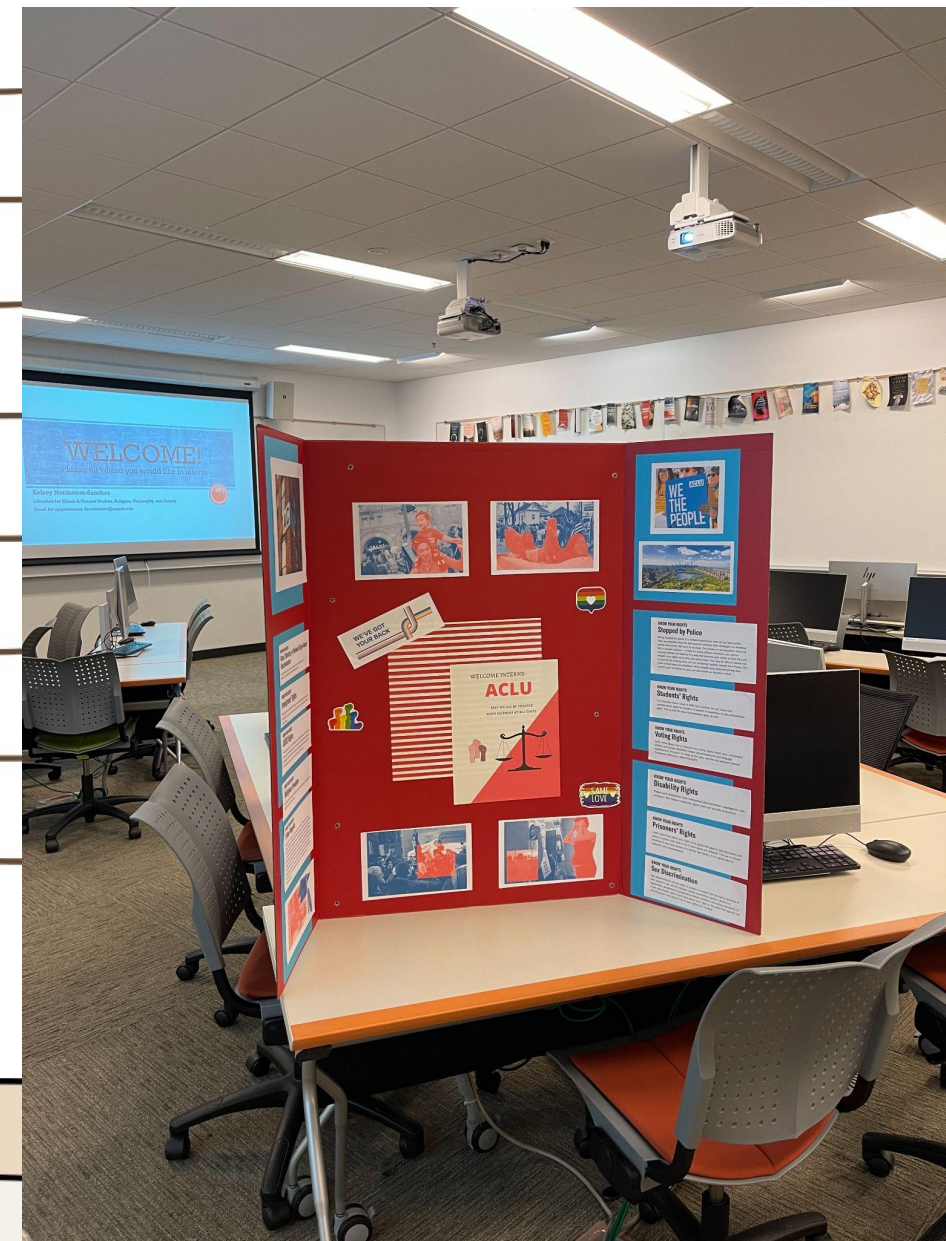
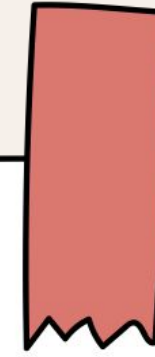
- **Instructional designer at Fresno State University**
- **Explores systemic oppression and institutional inequities impact for students at Fresno State**
- **Inclusion and sense of belonging in the classroom**
- **Creativity, story telling, case studies and real world examples**

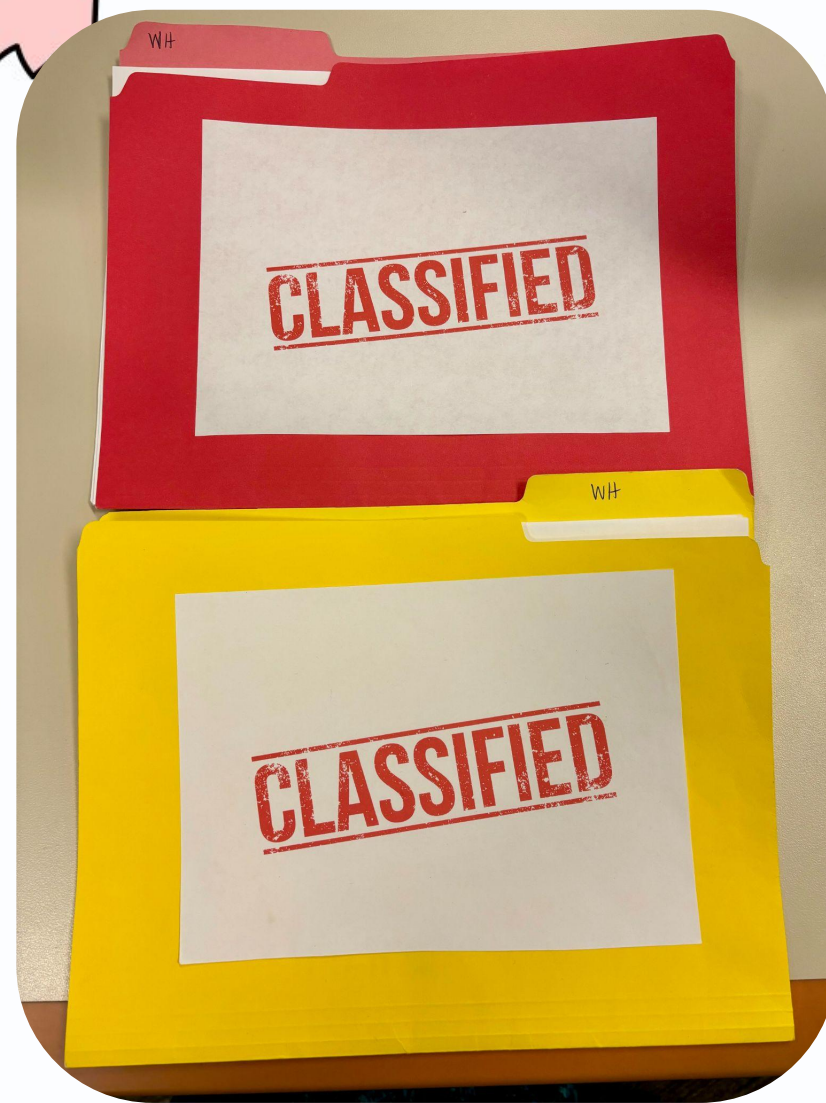
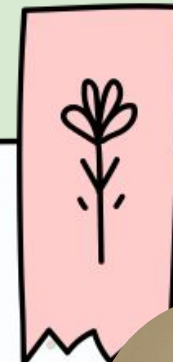
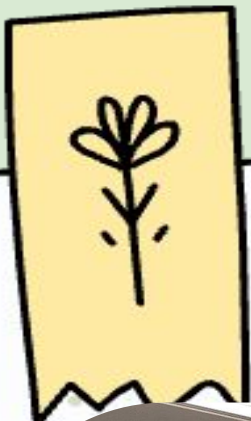
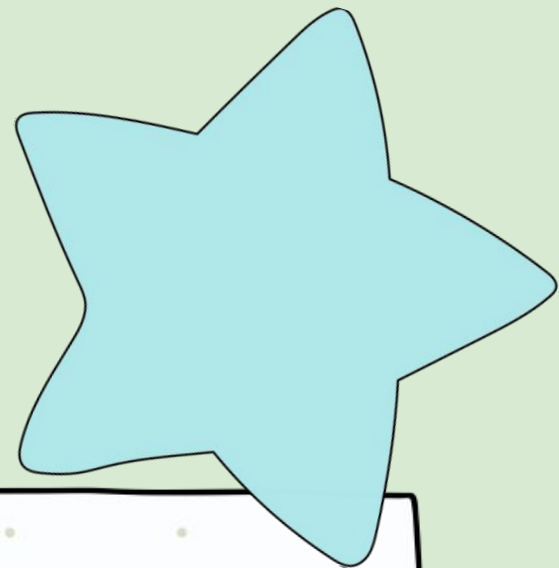
Course Redesign: Internship

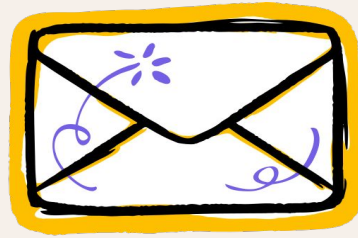
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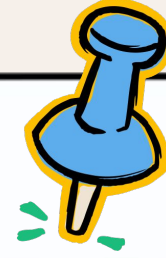
- American Civil Liberties Union
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- The White House
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency







Internship Tasks via “email”



- **Task # 1: Learn the basics about your internship site**
 - Online Encyclopedias: Gale Ebooks
- **Task # 2: Develop keywords for your topic**
 - Group activity
- **Task #3: Locate 2 peer-reviewed or scholarly sources**
 - Brief demo of OneSearch, subject research guides, and relevant databases



Dear Interns,

I hope you are adjusting well to your first day on the job. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) dedicates itself to protecting the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution.

Currently, ACLU is working on a variety of classified research projects. We need you to assist in researching these topics ASAP.

Please locate **two peer-reviewed or scholarly articles** about the following topics listed below.

Please choose one topic per intern.

1. Student free speech and activism on college campuses
2. Restorative justice: benefits and issues
3. Solutions to end the school-to-prison pipeline in the United States
4. Social justice and disability rights
5. Reproductive justice and disparities in health care for Latinx women

Thank you for your diligent research efforts and work on these projects.

Please note: all documentation, emails, and communications are strictly confidential and classified.

Sincerely,
Anthony D. Romero
Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union

Results and Student Feedback



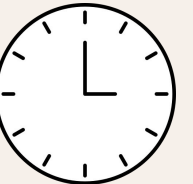
- From Fall 2023-Spring 2024, I taught 16 sessions with 5 different instructors
- Students engaged more with their groups and the lesson
- Students asked questions during instruction
- Positive student and faculty feedback



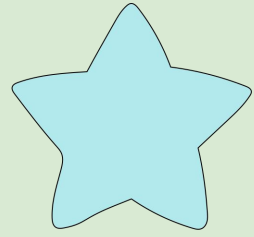
project | **OUTCOME**
MEASURING THE TRUE
IMPACT OF LIBRARIES

- “- really informational - animated - engaging - fun”
- “She was able to convey important information about proper research tactics in a manner that was understandable...she made learning these strategies in a fun and engaging way as our first internship.”
- “She made the intern activity fun and exciting and spoke to each of us...I feel better about researching now.”



- Major learning curve for redesigning and teaching to a new lesson plan
- Student engagement levels can be different based on instructor or time of class (8am versus 9pm)
- Posters ate up a lot of unexpected class time 
- Library instruction alter ego, Lexia Libris with confidence and imposter syndrome
- Continuing with this lesson plan next semester with some edits





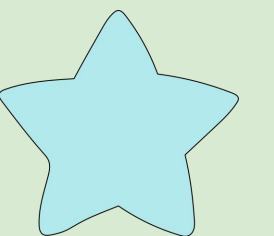
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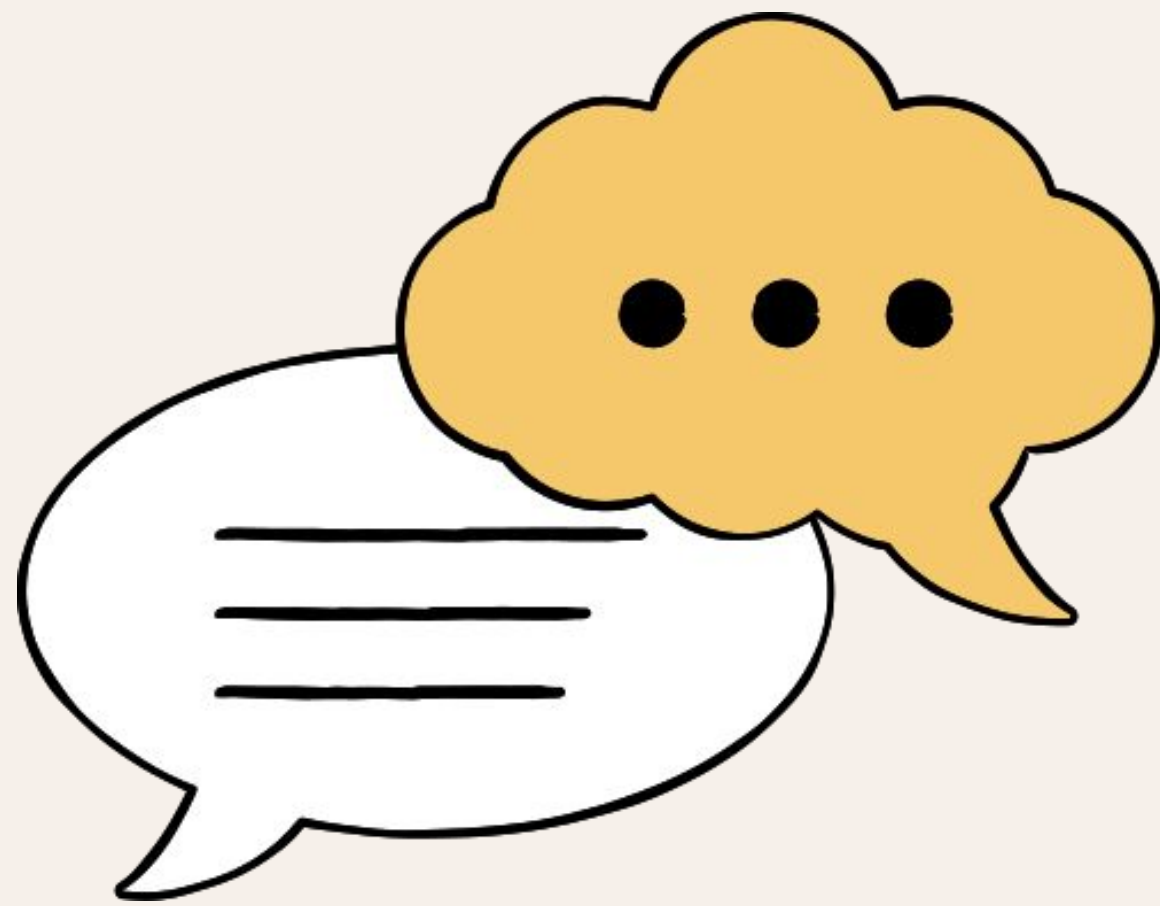
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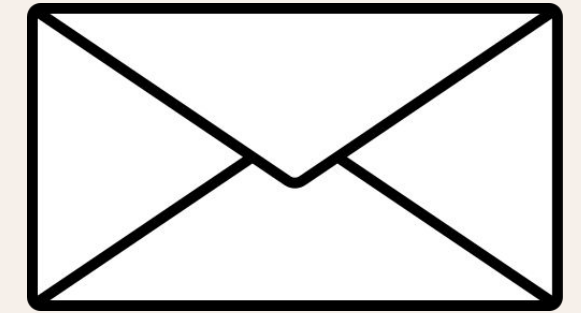
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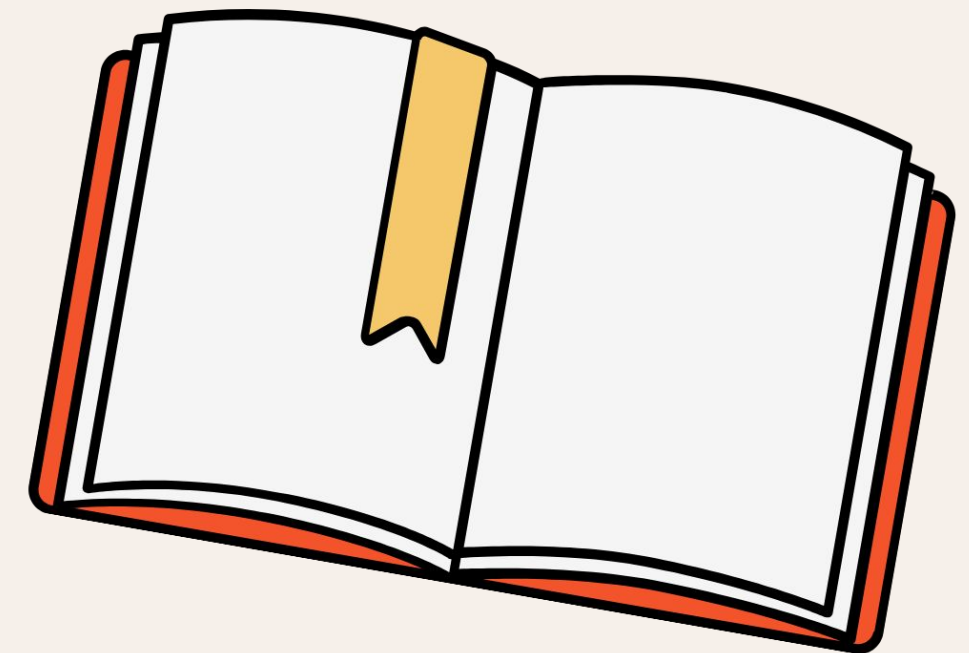


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