A LITTLE ABOUT US!
Hello Everyone,

We are the History Student Association (or HSA for short); we hope everyone’s winter break was relaxing and fruitful. We would like to introduce ourselves as we are a new club that was established this past year. During the end of Spring 2020, several students came together to form this club amidst the pandemic to establish unity among the CSUF History Students. That being said, our club seeks to impact history students’ diversity and promote advocacy for civic-minded, culturally aware, and professionally motivated individuals through personal development, meaningful interaction, and discussions. We have much planned for this semester and hope to make an impact on the CSUF History Department.

LILA RODRIGUEZ
Chair/Secretary
Hi everyone! I’m Lila (pronouns: she/her/ella). I’m a third year, proud first generation student at CSU Fullerton. I’m a history major and psychology minor and I’m really excited to see all of you at our HSA events! If you are a first year or transfer student, I would like to say old cliché “Don’t be afraid to try new things!” You never know what can come out of trying something new, so don’t let imposter syndrome keep you from doing the things you want to either! College isn’t forever, so let’s take advantage of the opportunities!! :)

JANEA SCOTT
Vice-Chair/ Treasurer
“I am a junior at Cal State University Fullerton, I transferred to the university Spring of 2020! I am a history major and I want to become a history teacher. I can’t wait to meet all of the new members to get to know everyone better!”

LIZETTE REYNOSO
Marketing Coordinator / Social Media
Hi all! My name is Lizette Reynoso, I’m a senior here at CSUF. I’ve been here for three semesters now after having transferred from Santa Ana College. I am a history major, expecting to graduate soon and then begin a teaching credential to become a high school history teacher. History and education are my biggest passions! I’m also a first-gen college student, paving the way for my two younger sisters behind me, super exciting! Very excited to be in this club and I hope we have an awesome semester together as part of HSA!
Hello, my name is Mirella, and I am a fifth-year History/Anthropology major. Since grade school, I have always found other cultures fascinating and how different histories have affected these locations. This has slowly developed into a passion and I hope to pursue my master’s post-graduation in either history or anthropology. I also have some background in Public History, which is also a path that I am looking into for my future prospects. As a member of HSA, I hope to share my knowledge with others and make our community a more inclusive place!

Jasamin Rostam-Kolayi, Professor of Modern Middle East history, is serving now as History Department Chair. Her current research on modern Iran and U.S.-Iran relations examines the U.S. Peace Corps’ program in Iran through the realms of high diplomacy, social history, and cultural perception. She grew up in central California, went to college in the Boston area (Wellesley College), spent her junior in France, and then moved to southern California to pursue her graduate studies at UCLA. She taught previously at Cal State Long Beach and Cal State San Marcos before coming to CSUF in 2007.

Why A Newsletter? Is there a Purpose?

You may have had these questions on your mind when receiving this email, which is very understandable.

The overall purpose of us making a newsletter is to help the department, professors, and students communicate. Often, as faculty and students, we feel there is a lack of understanding or feedback. HSA wants to change that and make this online space a better space.

This newsletter is going to be multi-faceted for faculty and students. We plan on posting up-to-date information for students about scholarships, department deadlines, and upcoming events such as socials or professional improvement workshops. While for faculty, we want to hear from you about projects, opportunities for students, and maybe if you would like to recognize a student that has made an impact. We want to work together to create a community.

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots.

- Marcus Garvey

Welcome Back Titans!