Below are highlights from the DEI Committee during the past quarter. Wishing you all a great end to Fall Quarter 2023!

WE’RE CONTINUING TO GROW OUR UNDERGRADUATE LEARNING ASSISTANT PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM IS ESPECIALLY DESIGNED TO SUPPORT TRANSFERS AND OTHERS THAT MAY STRUGGLE TO GET INTO THE MAJOR.

WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED VARIOUS DEPARTMENT RESOURCES, INCLUDING CAMPUS MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND A RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE CALENDAR, AND ARE CONTINUING TO FINALIZE OUR DEPT. DEI STRATEGIC PLAN.

If you have any ideas for future projects you would like the DEI Committee to take up, please contact the DEI Committee Chair Amy Gonzales gonzales@ucsb.edu

**DEI Centered Research Spotlight**

Dr. Dan Lane

Dan Lane coauthored a special issue of the journal, Political Communication called, “Race and Ethnicity as Foundational Forces in Political Communication.”

This work examines factors that contribute to the lack of integration of race/ethnicity in political communication research. Creating a conversation towards including race/ethnicity into the field’s “big questions” and expanding the field’s boundaries.

Congrats to Dan!