

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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  
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## 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!

Stewart M. Coles & Daniel Lane (2023). Race and Ethnicity as Foundational Forces in Political Communication: Special Issue Introduction, Political Communication, 40:4, 367-376, DOI: [10.1080/10584609.2023.2229780](https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2023.2229780)



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