



## **Weekly Update 2-19-21**

Dear Campus Community,

### **Library Drop In Workshops**

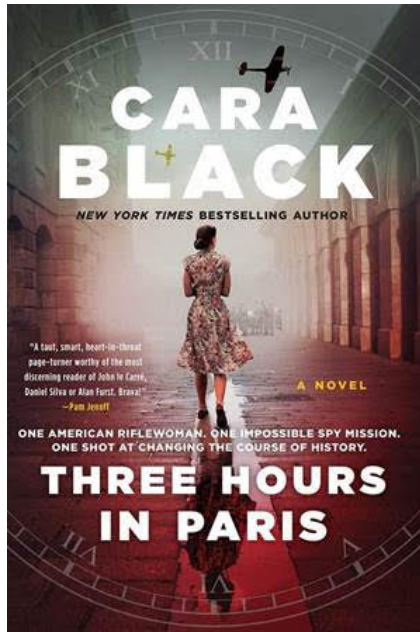
Please share with your students! The Library is offering a series of online drop-in workshops on research, citations (MLA and APA), evaluating and fact checking websites, and more. You can see upcoming sessions and register for them [here](#) and on the Library [website](#) by clicking on the "Sign up for Drop-In Workshops" icon.

### **Save the Date for the Upcoming Facilities Forum – Feb. 23**

Please save the date for the College's Facilities/Construction Forum (via Zoom) on Tuesday, February 23 from 2-3:30 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to provide our college community with important construction/facilities-related updates. The Question & Answer portion will be done in two ways. Everyone will be able to submit a question before the forum or you can have the option of doing so during the update. Immediately following the campus updates, the panelists will answer as many questions as possible. Please take a moment to submit your questions [here](#). The Zoom link to join the Forum can be found [HERE](#)

### **SMCCCD Alumni Book Club -- Feb. 24**

Make plans to join the [SMCCCD Alumni Book Club](#) on Feb. 24 with a reading of *Three Hours in Paris*, the *NY Times* best-seller written by Cañada College alumna Cara Black. The SMCCCD Alumni Association, campus bookstores, and college libraries invite all interested readers to join us for a fun conversation. The Alumni Book Club is free and open to faculty and staff, but you must RSVP to receive the zoom link: <https://foundation.smccd.edu/alumni/bookclub.php>. You can order your copy of the book, *Three Hours in Paris*, through the [Cañada College Bookstore](#), to receive a special gift with purchase.



### **Virtual Office Hours – Friday, Feb. 26 from 7:30-9 a.m.**

Are you ready to kick off the weekend with virtual coffee and conversation? President Moore, Vice President Robinson, Vice President Mendoza and Vice President Perez will be “open” for Virtual Office Hours, via Zoom, Friday, Feb. 26 from 7:30-9 a.m. The campus community is invited to drop-in for a virtual cup of coffee and open discussion.

Join Zoom Meeting

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### **2021-22 Cañada Scholarship Reviewers Needed!**

The Financial Aid Office is seeking Cañada faculty, staff and administrators who would like to serve as scholarship reviewers for the 2021-22 Cañada Scholarship Program. Each reviewer will be assigned 30-40 scholarship applications to review between March 5 – 21 in AcademicWorks, the online scholarship application platform used by the three SMCCCD colleges. The time commitment should not exceed 6-8 hours and is one of the most rewarding ways to get to know our students.

Reviewers will be provided with comprehensive instructions, a scoring rubric and a few Zoom drop-in training opportunities and one-on-one assistance as needed. Please respond to Margie Carrington at [carringtonm@smccd.edu](mailto:carringtonm@smccd.edu) by February 28, 2021 if you would like to serve as a scholarship reviewer.

### **Cañada's Progress in Implementing Guided Pathways**

At its February 17 meeting, the Planning and Budgeting Council approved an annual [Scale of Adoption](#) report prepared by a team representing the Guided Pathways Steering Committee. This presentation details what is expected by the State in terms of every aspect of the Guided Pathways redesign effort and the progress Cañada has made on each aspect. The Steering Committee will submit this [complete report](#) to the California Community College Chancellor's Office in advance of the March 1 deadline.

### **National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates**

Starting on February 23, all enrolled Cañada students will receive an invitation to participate in the [National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates](#). Cañada is participating in this racial climate survey for the first time as part of its membership in the UCS Race & Equity Center's California Community College Equity Leadership Alliance. The results of the survey will be available in September 2021.

### **Cultural Center Focus Groups**

Cañada College is preparing to launch a new Cultural Center on campus. The College has partnered with the Career Ladders Project (CLP) to facilitate focus groups this spring to learn how a cultural center can help meet the diverse needs of our college community. CLP is a non-profit organization that promotes equity-minded community college redesign. Learn more about CLP's work with colleges, their background, and best practices on their [website](#).

The objective of the focus groups is to build deeper understanding of the experiences of our students, faculty and staff in our community and at the College. To achieve this objective, we have created small focus group discussions centered on the experiences of communities based on race, ethnicity, immigration experience, sexual orientation and gender. As a campus dedicated to fighting anti-Black racism in particular, the College prioritized focus groups that uplift our Black student, faculty and staff voices in particular. We will also host opportunities for community members to provide input online. In all cases, the identities of participants and contributors will be held in confidence and the feedback gathered will not be attributed to individuals.

To participate in a focus group on Zoom with a facilitator from Career Ladders Project, [please register here](#). Please note: for research purposes, the audio (not video) of each focus group discussion will be recorded and transcribed.

All contributions will be kept strictly confidential. For details about the Cultural Center focus groups and to register, please log on to the [College's Antiracism website](#).

### **Latino Thought Makers Featuring Actor Luis Guzman**

Thank you to those who attended Tuesday's Latino Thought Makers event with actor Luis Guzman. In case you missed the event, it was recorded and can be viewed [here](#). Stay tuned for more information on the final event of the series which will happen in April.



Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,  
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.  
President