

# THE EL CAMINO COLLEGE LGBTQIA+ PRIDE NEWSLETTER

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## MyPATH LGBTQIA+ Linked Learning Community

MyPATH is a Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS) and Student Equity and Achievement Program (SEA) initiative at El Camino College. MyPATH seeks to address equity gaps from an organizational learning framework that moves faculty to evaluate how their teaching methods, their views on student learning, their assignment design, and their content delivery can be structured to avoid equity gaps that impact degree completion, transfer, and student retention and success. MyPATH also integrates Guided Pathways principles by bringing together in the classroom counseling faculty, teaching faculty, library faculty, and PASS Mentors to collaborate in ensuring student success.

Psychology 101, Section 2761 is linked with Human Development 110, Section 2537 through myPATH with an LGBTQIA+ and allies theme. Students get 6 transferable units in the fall semester. In spring, they can take Psychology 119 and History 101 for another 6 units in a continuation of the learning community.

## MEET THE INSTRUCTORS



Dr. Juli Soden

Hello, Warriors! I'm Juli Soden, a professor in ECC's Human Development department. I teach college success and career development courses. I also teach HDEV 110 for the Honors Transfer Program. My research interests center on the study of social, emotional, and cognitive processes involved in learning and the cultivation of motivation, self-regulation, resilience, and grit. I enjoy teaching HDEV courses because they help students identify educational and career goals as well as make wise choices for achieving academic and personal success. My background includes a doctorate from USC in Educational Psychology, a master's in Counseling, and a master's in Liberal Arts/Creative Writing. Outside of work, I spend time with my spouse and 2 rescue dogs traveling and camping, or "glamping", in our sprinter van/RV. I like staying active with running, softball, and adventure sports.



Dr. Yun Chu

Greetings, Warriors! My name is Yun Chu, and I am a psychology professor here at El Camino College. I teach a Psychology 101 course with an LGBTQ+ and allies theme linked with a Human Development 110 class for a special cohort. I have a strong commitment to equity. Currently, I am also teaching research methods sections. I am a product of the California public school system having attended community college, UCLA, and CSUN. I earned a PhD in cognitive psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Outside of work, I spend time with my spouse and our senior dogs and volunteer at an animal rescue and foster dogs. We also play strategy board games, rock climb, quad skate outside, and travel the world.

"Breaking apart the forced unity of sex and gender, while increasing the scope of liveable lives, needs to be a central goal of feminism and other forms of social justice activism. This is important for everybody, especially, but not exclusively, for trans people."

— Susan Stryker, *Transgender History: The Roots of Today's Revolution*

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2023

11  
OCT

National Coming  
Out Day

20  
NOV

Transgender Day of  
Remembrance

17  
OCT

Spirit Day

01  
DEC

World AIDS Day

OCTOBER is LGBTQIA+ History Month

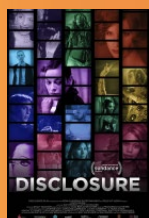
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THE SOCIAL JUSTICE  
CENTER

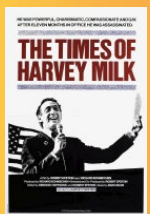
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GEN SILENT  
October 4



DISCLOSURE  
October 11



THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK  
October 18



PARIS IS BURNING  
October 25

## NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

Join the LGBTQIA+ PRIDE Center and Social Justice Center as we welcome any and all students, faculty, staff, and administrators to share their good news! You will have the opportunity to walk through a giant door, have your picture taken, and come out with your good news. Each participant will fill out a colored heart with the news they wish to share that will be used in a mural we will be displaying in the new LGBTQIA+ PRIDE Center opening this fall! This event will take place on the Library Lawn from 10:00am-4:00pm.