

Spring 2021

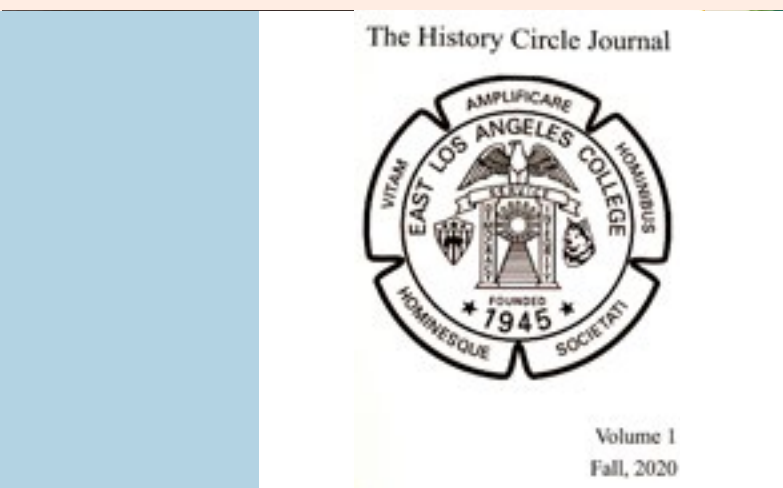
## Social Sciences Newsletter

Social Sciences are concerned with almost every aspect of human interrelationships, including relationships to the environment. In this connection, students in Social Sciences must be aware of the contributions which the various subject such as African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Economics, History, Political Science, and Sociology make in giving us a better understanding of the world we live in.



### History Journal and Student Presentations

With the guidance of Professor Rafael Mazon, ELAC launched the first issue of The History Circle Journal in Fall 2020. The journal is a student-run project that provides students the opportunity to publish their work and learn the process of producing a journal. The History Journal invites faculty and district wide students to submit work that have historical and contemporary relevance. The History Circle Journal is preparing to launch the second edition in Fall 2021. The UCI Community College Honors Research Conference took place on March 26 and 27, 2021 during which ELAC student and History Circle Consul, Melany Bennett presented her research entitled, "Catalyst and Conquest: The Tectonics of Mexican Industrialization During the Porfiriato; 1876-1911." After visiting her hometown of Tampico, Mexico; Melany became intrigued by the dichotomy between the celebration of industrialization by the Mexican dictator Porfiriato Diaz and the negative repercussions of "progress" on the indigenous peoples.



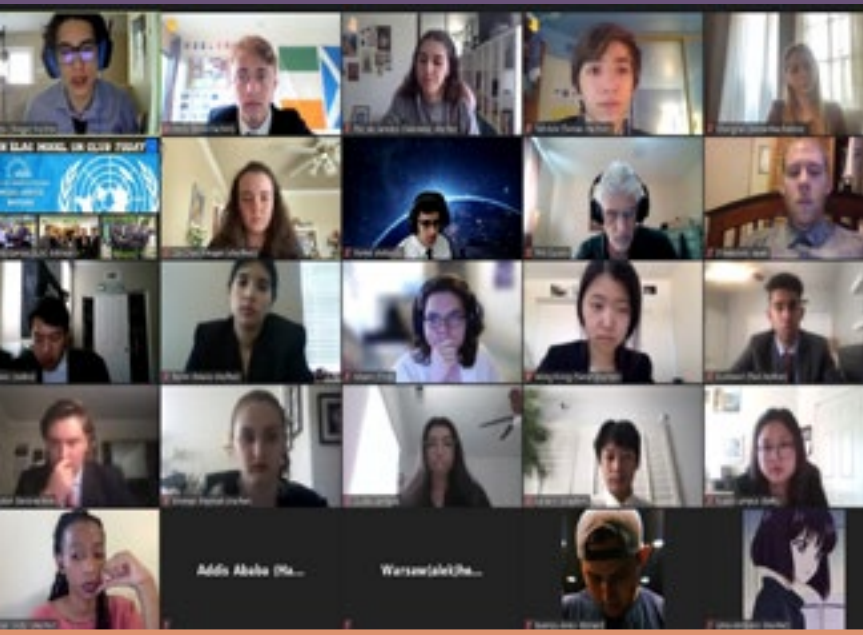
### BUILD PODER

In collaboration with Cal State Northridge, Pasadena City College, and Valley College, Dr. Eileen Ie (Sociology) and Dr. Bryant Horowitz (Psychology) of East Los Angeles College have recently published an article titled, "BUILDing Equity in STEM: A Collaborative Undergraduate Research Program to Increase Achievement of Underrepresented Community College Students" in the journal of SPUR (Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research). Dr. Ie and Dr. Horowitz serve as faculty mentors for California State University Northridge's undergraduate research program BUILD PODER. BUILD provides research opportunities to students in underserved communities in the areas of biomedical and social justice research, with an emphasis on equity and diversity. To date, 81 community college students and 41 unique community college faculty mentors have participated in BUILD PODER, performing research in a variety of STEM and biomedical disciplines.



### ELAC Pathway to Law School Student Achievements

ELAC Pathway to Law School student Valeria Coronado was honored with the 2021 Ruthe Catalico Ashley Scholarship at the statewide California LAW Pathways to Law Summit on February 17-19, 2021. Valeria was also selected for the Munger, Tolles, and Olson Law Fellows program. Student James Carter completed an internship with the California Attorney General's Office. Our program provides the foundation for ELAC students to pursue law school. **Please contact program director, Dr. Kenneth Chaiprasert [lawpathway@elac.edu](mailto:lawpathway@elac.edu)**



### ELAC Model UN Students Compete in Conferences

The abrupt halt to in-person instruction due to COVID-19 pandemic disrupted many of our educational activities, including our various clubs. Fortunately, the Model United Nations community is large and resourceful. The ELAC Model UN Club has remained very active throughout the online switch and participated in two competitions, including the three-day LA MUN conference (April 16-18), which is one of the largest competitions in the U.S. Email [garciar3@elac.edu](mailto:garciar3@elac.edu) or [velasqkm@elac.edu](mailto:velasqkm@elac.edu) for more info.

### Black History Month Program

LaQuita Jones and Natalina Monteiro, Ph.D. kicked off the spring 2021 semester with a robust Black History Month program. A collaborative effort, including Dean Vanessa Ochoa and Golden Sheard, evolved into a month-long celebration centered around the theme "Celebrating the past that carries us to our future". An array of weekly events, including movie screenings and a Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) student panel, celebrated Black culture and creativity and highlighted powerful social transformation.

### Sociology Open House

ELAC's sociology faculty hosted a Virtual Sociology Open House on March 3rd. Over 70 current and prospective sociology majors engaged with faculty on topics related to sociology course offerings at ELAC, sociology career and degree options, leadership opportunities, and campus-wide resources. It was an excellent opportunity for engagement, community building, and learning! – LaQuita Jones



### Econ Students' Economic Forecast for the San Gabriel Valley

The Economics Student Association sponsored a San Gabriel Valley (SGV) Economic Forecast Seminar with Cal State Los Angeles on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Participants discussed the sectors within the SGV where growth is strong, and areas where there needs to be more assistance either through the local governments and/or public/private partnerships.