

## **Global Citizenship Annual Report 2020-2021**

### **GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**

The Global Citizenship initiative was launched at Santa Monica College in 2007 with the purpose of developing and promoting activities that prepare students for the 21st Century. Such preparation includes awareness of the social, cultural, and environmental transformations taking place in our world of unprecedented global interconnection; attitudes of tolerance and respect for diversity and of anticipation and adaption toward global change; skillful command of the technologies that revolutionize the way we obtain information and interact with each other; and a commitment to act as responsible global citizens through political engagement, entrepreneurship, and community service.

At that time a “Global Citizenship Task Force” was formed to guide the promotion of global citizenship at SMC. This task force became known as the “Global Council” and was not a committee of the Academic Senate but worked with other Senate committees in the development of programs to promote Global Citizenship. Eventually, the Global Council became an Academic Senate Committee but continued to use the name Global Council. In October 2018, the Global Council voted to change its name to the Global Citizenship Committee.

The definition of the Global Citizenship is:

To be a global citizen, one is knowledgeable of peoples, customs and cultures in regions of the world beyond one's own; understands the interdependence that holds both promise and peril for the future of the global community; and is committed to combining one's learning with a dedication to foster a livable, sustainable world.

The 2020-2022 Theme for SMC Global Citizenship is “Human Rights”. Faculty are encouraged to find creative ways to explore the Global Citizenship theme in their classes. The art department typically asks students to interpret the theme in their artwork, and then sponsors a gallery show to showcase the student creations. The theme is also used as the guiding subject for the Global Citizenship Symposium, discussed later in this section.

The Global Citizenship Committee continues to focus on improving processes and striving to reach more students to promote global citizenship. Global Citizenship Grants for faculty proposals provide funding for worthy projects that are centered on student participation. The Global Citizenship Committee sponsored a variety of activities and special events during the 2020-2021 academic year. The effect of the COVID 19 pandemic and the closure of the campus in March 2020 forced the Committee to host virtual events online.

### **Teaching about Global Conflict and Peacebuilding October 31 – November 14, 2020**

This was the eighth annual Global Conflict and Peacebuilding Seminar and the eighth year that SMC has sent participants to this conference. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the Seminar was a virtual event. The content

included lectures, workshops and speakers on a variety of subjects including: international affairs, refugees, human rights, social justice, media, dialogue, and program development. This year SMC faculty members Sheila Cordova and Olivia Vallejo attended this conference.

### **SMC Community Teach-In**

A new event for fall began in November 2021, the SMC Community Teach-In was hosted by the Global Citizenship Committee. The event was titled: Human Rights & the Pandemic. The Teach-In is an educational and interactive forum where faculty and students gather to focus and discuss a topic. The GC Committee will make this an annual fall event going forward.

### **Global Citizenship Symposium**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Global Citizenship Symposium was held on May 6, 2021. Delphine Broccard, GC Chair, coordinated the event. SMC students from all disciplines were invited to submit their course work related to Global Citizenship as well as the annual theme of “Human Rights” for judging, and for the opportunity to win awards for the best submissions in each category. 23 students or student teams submitted original work for the symposium and finalists presented their projects to the SMC community at the May 6, 2021 Symposium. Normally, an in-person event, this was the second year that the event was presented in a virtual format as the campus was closed due to COVID pandemic.

### **Global Citizenship Global Grants**

Global Citizenship Grants bring innovative faculty-led programming across a variety of disciplines related to Global Citizenship to the SMC community. Calls for faculty proposals for Global Citizenship Grants for both the fall and spring semesters were announced.

The Global Citizenship Committee approved grant funding for the following events in the 2020-21 academic year:

#### **Filipino American History Month Professor Brandon Reilly, History October 2020**

A series of three speakers who introduce to the campus at large various topics relating to global Filipino culture.

October 8, 2020: Jean-Paul deGuzman - *"From 1898 to 2020: Filipinx and Black Lives"*

October 13, 2020: Terrie Cervas and Audine Tayag, GABRIELA, USA - *"Filipina Women's Struggle for Liberation Under US Imperialism."*

October 27, 2020: Anthony Ocampo - *"The Latinos of Asia: How Filipino Americans Break the Rules of Race."*

### **Social Movements: Iranian LGBTQ Community**

**Professor Elham Gheytauchi, Philosophy and Social Sciences**

**October 21, 2020**

Mr. Shervin Khorrnian, director of RAHA International, will lead speak on the lives LGBTQ persons whose rights are denied in Iran. Awareness promotes cross-cultural understanding among the SMC community about the obstacles faced by LGBTQs of Iranian descent.

### **Student Sustainability Workshops**

**Ferris Kavar, Sustainability**

Student Sustainability Workshops in fall semester 2020 and spring semester 2021. The student workshops combine hands-on real-world experiences with topic-based group workshops to create an all-encompassing understanding about environmental issues, solutions, and career opportunities in sustainability fields. The workshops are a way for students to connect with faculty, student groups, and administrators interested in promoting a culture of sustainability on campus.

### **Air Quality Grid + Multi Scale Data Collection**

**Professor Alexandra Tower, Life Sciences**

**Spring 2021**

Grant for the purchase of air quality sensors to be placed around the SMC campuses. The data collected from the sensors will provide information on the localized indoor and outdoor air quality at SMC. The data is publicized freely and shared with local agencies including the SCAQMD. It can be used by SMC faculty in course work and projects and will also augment the global air quality database.

### **Becoming an HSI - Community Read and Webinar**

**Professor Shannon Herbert, English**

**May 2021**

A community read of Professor Gina Garcia's book, *Becoming Hispanic-Serving Institutions: Opportunities for Colleges and Universities (Reforming Higher Education: Innovation and the Public Good)*, throughout the course of the Spring semester that included stakeholders from across the campus who read and presented chapters from the book. The semester concluded with a webinar with Professor Garcia to discuss the framework for an institution to better serve its Latinx students.

### **Green Screen Film Series**

**Professor Sheila Laffey, Film Studies**

This informative series of film screenings and panel discussions included films centered on environmental and sustainability issues. Fall screenings were held in person and Spring screenings were presented on Zoom.

September 21, 2020: A screening of *The River and the Wall* followed by a discussion and audience Q & A with Professor Sheila Laffey, Film Studies and the SMC Natural History Club.

October 12, 2020: A screening of *Love Thy Nature* followed by a discussion and audience Q & A with the Director Sylvie Rokab.

November 2, 2020: A screening of *Hawai'i Eco Stories: We All Need the Forest and In the Middle of the Sea*, followed by discussion and audience Q & A with Professor Cathi Miller, ECE, and Professor Sheila Laffey, Film Studies.

November 23, 2020: A screening of *The Condor and the Eagle* followed by a discussion and audience Q & A with Professor Sheila Laffey and the SMC Brazil Club.

April 5, 2021: A screening of *Fantastic Fungi* followed by a discussion and audience Q & A with Director Louie Schwartzburg.

April 26, 2021: A screening of *Kiss the Ground* followed by a discussion and audience Q & A with Producer Bill Benenson and Patrick Latting from Compost Culture.

May 10, 2021: A screening of *Gather* followed by a discussion and audience Q and A with Director Sanjay Rawal.

**EcoLearning Speaker Series**  
**Professor Gillian Grebler, Earth Science**

SMC's Earth Science department has developed a number of for-credit and noncredit courses in sustainability, providing a growing hub for academic, experiential and applied sustainability teaching which is called EcoLearningSMC. Guest speakers are integral to these courses. Funding for nine guest speakers was provided by SMC Global Citizenship.