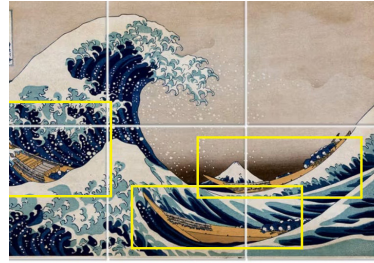


# Honors Art 16

## Asian Art History

Want to discover the rich artistic traditions of Southern and Eastern Asia? This brand-new Honors course explores visual creations from India, China, Japan, and surrounding regions. Look beyond the surface to examine how works of art and architecture reflect the religious, political, and philosophical worlds that shape them. You will “dissect” visual culture through context, curi-



osity, and critical thinking to gain a deeper appreciation for the cultures and creative voices that define Asian art across time. We include a field trip to the Asian Art Museum and a hands-on creative project where you will design your own artwork inspired by techniques and traditions from across Asia. Join us!

### One In-Person Class Weekly

**Fri 11:10AM-2:20PM #0170** IGETC/Cal-GETC Area 3A, CSU Area C2, Honors: Hum/Art

**Professor Nick Nabas** is an alumnus of our LMC Honors Program and transferred to UC Davis to receive his B.A. and M.A. in art history. Nick dissects art by focusing on context and has been known to play art history-themed jingles on guitar. Plus, he’s pretty good at herding chickens and serving as a butler to a giant tortoise. Ask him about the brutalist megastructure otherwise known as the LMC College Complex.

# Honors Astronomy 10

## Introduction to Astronomy

Ever wish you worked at a science museum? This honors course gives you the chance to pretend you’re an employee whose job is sharing fascinating astronomical concepts with the public. You’ll explain the wonders of the universe, and explore questions like: *How do we even know what’s out in space?* And *What does the life cycle of stars have to do with us?* We’ll study



moon phases, galaxy formation, and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. Along the way, you’ll get to request images from real-world telescopes, participate in citizen science projects, experience an indoor night sky in the LMC Planetarium, and observe Sun and Moon through LMC’s telescopes.

### Two In-Person Classes Weekly

**TuTh 12:45-2:10PM #7415** IGETC/Cal-GETC Area 5A, CSU Area B1, Honors: Math/Sci

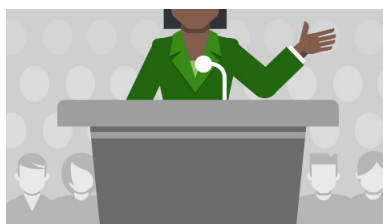
**Professor Katie Berryhill** holds a B.A. in astronomy from the University of Pennsylvania, an MS in space studies from the University of North Dakota, and a doctorate in science education from the University of Wyoming. A U.S. Air Force veteran, Dr. Berryhill is immersed in astronomy education, serves as a NASA Solar System Ambassador, and she’s passionate about making the universe accessible to all. In her free time, she enjoys singing in choirs and exploring fictional universes, especially Star Trek, Star Wars, DC, and Marvel.



# Honors Communication Studies C1000

## Introduction to Public Speaking

Did you know public speaking excellence is one the top skills employers want? Whether you're trying to convince a venture capitalist to fund your startup, training a group of new employees, or advocating for your favorite cause, public speaking is a key ability for a successful life. In this collaborative and supportive class you'll focus on how to adapt to



a diverse audience, find ways to engage even the toughest crowds and of course, disguise public speaking nerves. If you are looking for a fun and challenging course that can give you hands-on experience in all of those skills, this honors course is the place for you. Come join us as we read, write, speak, think, and laugh our way toward some truly key skills for success.

### Two In-Person Classes Weekly

**MW 11:10AM-12:35PM #7253** IGETC/Cal-GETC 1C; CSU A1; Honors Soc/Beh Sci

**Professor Star Louis Steers** attended several community colleges and changed her major 3 times before finding exactly where she belonged: Communication Studies! She earned her BA and MA at San Francisco State University and taught high school before coming to LMC in 2013. Star has many trusty adventure buddies—her four sons and her partner—and when she isn't traveling with them, she can be found sewing fun costumes, dancing to melodic deep house music, or frantically reading journal articles as she works on her PhD.

# Honors English C1001

## Critical Thinking & Writing

“FAKE NEWS!!” --or so our current president would say about this class in which you will use the tools of critical thinking and rhetorical analysis to examine 21st century information and media environments. We will write about our childhood information environments, analyze social media artifacts, and predict the lives of our descendants in the year 2100. We will dig into topics such as logical fallacies, cogni-



tive bias, high-tech disinformation, and the dangers of the “post-truth era.” Along the way you will develop the critical thinking and paper-writing skills you need to be successful in upper-division classes after you transfer. By taking an Honors section of this class you will do more research, have more flexibility in designing your essays, and you will always sit in a group with someone with brilliant ideas. How's that for an argument?

### Two In-Person Classes Weekly

**TuTh 11:10AM-12:35PM #0336** IGETC/Cal-GETC 1B, CSU A3; Honors: Hum/Art

**Professor Alex Sterling** has a BA in philosophy from Macalester College, an MA in philosophy from Purdue University, and an MA in English from Cal State East Bay. Alex has been a full-time professor in English since 2006, and also teaches ethics in LMC's philosophy department. Alex is an Honors Program enthusiast who goes on the retreat almost every year. In his personal life, Alex has been married to Julianne since 1999, and they have two sons: Jasper is a grad student at UCLA and Adlai is at the University of Redlands. Alex LOVES rock music and leads a band called Desoto Reds.

# Honors Ethnic Studies 103

## Racial & Ethnic Justice Movements



Why do social movements come to fruition, and what sparks communities to push for change? In this first-ever Honors course you

will analyze racial and ethnic social movements by applying theory and knowledge from Native American/Indigenous, Black/African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Chicana/x and Latinx communities.



Emphasis will be placed on movements of the 1960s like the Third World Liberation Front, The Black Panther Party, Brown Berets, and the Young Lords Party. Don't miss your opportunity to think critically about social movements of the past, and their connections to present and future movements.

### Two In-Person Classes Weekly

**MW 9:35-11AM #7212** IGETC Area 4 or 7, Cal-GETC Area 4 or 6, CSU Area D or F; Honors: Soc/BehSci

**Professor Max Trujillo** is a full-time faculty member in the Department of Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Studies. They serve LMC in a variety of roles such as Academic Senator, a committee member on the Shared Governance Council, and a member of the Honors Advisory Board. Max is a proud product of the community college system, earning two associates degrees from Solano Community College. He holds a Bachelor's degree in History with a minor in African American Studies from the University of Texas at El Paso. He also holds a Master's degree in Ethnic Studies from the San Francisco State University. He enjoys spending time with his wife and family, and their two dogs (kids) Milo and Roxy.

# Honors Political Science 43

## International Relations

- Why did Russia invade Ukraine and how can the international community help rebuild Gaza?
- Can the United Nations really do anything to combat climate change or end poverty?
- Are the US and China destined for war in line with a 2400-year-old prediction?

This is diplomacy and war on its largest stage among its most powerful actors. This is politics at its most chaotic and cooperative. This is the human animal unable to free itself from its worst



instincts. In this timely Honors class you'll grapple with the biggest questions facing the human race and see why it can be so difficult to solve global problems. This is international relations.

### Two In-Person Classes Weekly

**MW 12:45-2:10PM #0249** IGETC/Cal-GETC Area 4G, CSU Area D8, Honors: Soc/Beh Sci

**Professor Ryan Hiscocks** earned his MA in political science from CSU Long Beach. Before becoming a college professor he worked as a rigging grip in the motion picture industry, then a laborer in the airline industry. Ryan has traveled in more than 20 countries and he enjoys backpacking and fishing in the Sierra Nevada mountains with his adventurous wife Ashley. He is looking forward to continuing to hike, fish, and travel with Ashley and their two sons, Rex and Everett... as soon as they're old enough.

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# Honors Philosophy 122

The Ethics of Information  
*Honors Seminar*



- Who owns your image and voice with facial and vocal recognition on the rise?
- Is it morally permissible for your search history to be used as evidence in a trial?
- Should there be laws governing the use of artificial intelligence?
- Who gets to decide what's taught in schools- parents, governments, or educators?

Every day you send data out into the world. Should you worry about who is collecting, sharing, or selling it? This class will take you on a journey to analyze how the storage and use of information impacts us. You'll explore deep questions about ethical behavior in the current "information age."



We'll study established moral principles and then apply them as we try to answer questions related to dilemmas of ownership, access, privacy and security. This seminar has been designed especially for Honors Students and is taught by two dynamic professors whose areas of expertise are perfect for this timely and provocative class.

## ***Two In-Person Classes Weekly***

**TuTh 9:35-11AM #2216 IGETC/Cal-GETC Area 3B; CSU Area C2; Honors Seminar**

**Professor Christina Goff** is a research librarian and also serves as the Library Director for Los Medanos College. She loves working one-on-one with students who have challenging research projects and spending time in the Sierras. Christina is the proud mother of two.

**Professor Cindy McGrath** stepped out of the newsroom and into the classroom in 1988. She has won numerous statewide awards for her teaching and also serves as the advisor for *The LMC Experience*. Cindy spent 11 years in Florida as an editor at the *St. Petersburg Times*. She writes in inches, measures in picas and tosses terms around the journalism lab like "dogleg", "raw wrap" and "bastard type." Cindy is also well-known for teaching archery at the Honors Retreat.

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