

# WELCOME BACK ORANGE AND BLACK!

College of Arts and Letters Newsletter | August 2023



Photo: This year 58 teams competed in our CAL annual cornhole tournament on August 25



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*ISU Online Social Work Degrees: Building a Coalition of Social Workers Across the State of Idaho*

## From Idaho State to Broadway Q and A with Actor Tito Livas



*Tito Livas graduated from the ISU theatre program in 2006 with a dream to have a career in acting. This is his story from Pocatello to the historic San Francisco Old Globe theatre, where he was on the cast for [Destiny of Desire](#), which producers are now taking to Broadway.*

[Read Destiny of Desire Q&A](#)

## A Living Canvas Artist Brian Collier's Ecological Exhibit



Photo: A patch of Lawn at ISU is being un-lawned to welcome native plants and pollinators

On the Pocatello Idaho State University (ISU) campus, you may have noticed a patch of lawn by the Fine Arts building that is not being mown. This is part of a project hosted by ISU Department of Art and artist Brian D. Collier, Professor of Art & Design at Saint Michael's College, Vermont.

[Read about the ecological art exhibit](#)

## Bengals at Bechtel A Legacy of Impactful Careers

The Bechtel Corporation describes its work around the world as "extraordinary teams building inspiring projects." Three alumni of ISU's College of Arts and Letters are important contributors to extraordinary teams that ensure national security, tackle critical environmental challenges, and expand emission-free power generation.

[Read the full Bechtel alumni story](#)



Simplot Games team in 2017, includes Jason, Melissa, and Amanda, along with other ISU interns and volunteers



The ISU women's volleyball team while Amanda was part of the team

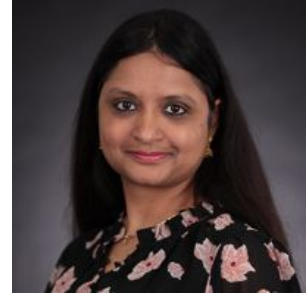


Amanda in her ISU volleyball days

## Neelam Sharma Fellowship

Dr. Neelam Sharma, Associate Professor in the Department of

Communication, Media and Persuasion, has been awarded a Senior Research Fellowship (2023-2025) by the [American Institute of Indian Studies](#) (AIIS) to carry out research for her book titled, *“Online hatred, abuse, and women journalists in the era of digitalization in India: Opportunities and Challenges.”*



The book will include women journalists’ in-depth interviews, survey responses, and an analysis of their social media posts.

Dr. Sharma's forthcoming book is under contract with Peter Lang Publishers as a part of the prestigious and highly competitive [AEJMC-Peter Lang Scholarsourcing series](#). This book proposal was one of the two proposals that was offered a book contract following peer feedback by the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) review committee in 2022.

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## New Podcast Room!

Our new Communication, Media, and Persuasion Podcast Studio will give students the opportunity to build valuable skills to leverage in today’s marketplace.



Photo: Chair of the department, Jim DiSanza, celebrates the new room

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## Dr. Sarah Ebel Fellowship

Congratulations to Sarah Ebel, PhD on being selected as a Fulbright Scholar! She will be teaching and conducting research at la Universidad Austral de Chile for part of the 2023-2024 academic year.



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## Congratulations!

Congratulations to faculty member, Jona Jacobson, DSW, LCSW from the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology. Over the summer Governor Little appointed Jona to the [Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance](#).

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## Visiting Fulbright Doctoral Researcher from Czech Republic

The Department of English and Philosophy welcomes Fulbright Doctoral Researcher Barbora Kaplánková, from the Czech Republic (or Czechia). Ms. Kaplánková is a Ph.D. candidate in Theory and History of Theatre, Film, Radio and Television at the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, Palacký University, Olomouc. Kaplánková, who will be in residence at ISU for fall 2023, is researching depictions of masculinity and femininity in fantasy film franchises. She will be working closely with Professor Emeritus Brian Attebery, a specialist in fantasy literature.

If any instructor or campus unit, regardless of department, would like to invite her to visit your class or a student event to share either her research or something about the Czech Republic, or both, please contact her at: [barborakaplankova@isu.edu](mailto:barborakaplankova@isu.edu). Or you may contact the ISU Fulbright Advisor, Professor of English Alan Johnson at: [alanjohnson@isu.edu](mailto:alanjohnson@isu.edu).

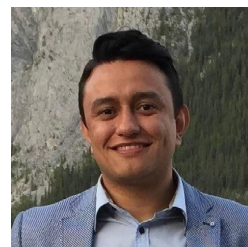
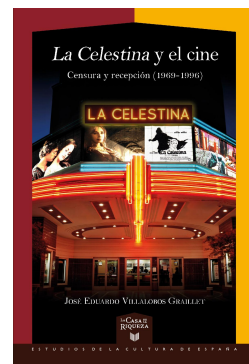
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## Faculty Member Book Publication

New faculty member in the Department of Global Studies and Languages, José Eduardo Villalobos Graillet, has published the book, ["La Celestina" and film: censorship and reception](#).

The book sheds light on how extra-cinematographic factors (like production and censorship processes) in Spanish TV and film affected the realization and critical reception of adaptations of one of the most canonical works of Spanish literature.

Libro publicado por el profesor de Lenguas y Estudios Globales [Leer en Español](#)



## Black Rock & Sage 2023 Launch Party

Thursday, September 7

4:30 pm | Wood River Room  
Pond Student Union Building



"Paper Town" by Emmie Henderson

Free food | Contributor performances  
Purchase new issue and merch



blackrockandsage.org



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### Black Rock & Sage Launch

September 7 | 4:30 | Wood River (PSUB)

Celebrate the publication of the 2023 issue of *Black Rock & Sage*, ISU's student journal of creative works. Contributors share their work with musical performances, art displays, and rapid fire readings.

Snacks! Raffle! Merch!

[Instagram! @brs\\_isujournal](#)

### Dolsen Visiting Writer

September 26 | 5 p.m. | Bengal Cafe (PSUB)

Join us for a poetry reading by 2023 [Dolsen Visiting Writer Lisa Bickmore](#). Professor Bickmore is the Utah Poet Laureate and Emeritus at Salt Lake Community College.

### Call for Proposals | CEC Grants

The Cultural Events Committee invites all ISU faculty members to submit an application for funding to



### Out of the Darkness Pocatello Community Walk 2023 Sponsorship Agreement Form

Saturday, September 9, 2023

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Suicide prevention starts with everyday heroes like you. Money raised goes to critical research, education programs, advocacy, and support for those affected by suicide.

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### Out of the Darkness Pocatello Community Walk

September 9 | ISU Pocatello Campus

Registration and Partner Fair: 8:00 am

Opening Ceremony: 9:00 am

Walk Start Time: 9:30 am

Contact Information:

Susan MaComb 208-242-2335

[chair.afsp.pocatellowalk@gmail.com](mailto:chair.afsp.pocatellowalk@gmail.com)

[Visit the Facebook Page](#) to learn more.

### CAL Connect

September 11 | noon | Bengal Café (PSUB)

Join us for coffee and donuts and a discussion led by College of Arts and Letters faculty members. All are welcome.

We will be discussing "Endurance in the Creative Arts"

- Finding joy and staying positive
- What takes a toll, cost
- Balancing service, administrative responsibilities, teaching,
- Role of distraction and boundaries

### Request for Proposals | Undergraduate Student Travel

The College of Arts and Letters seeks proposals for

serve any ISU community.

travel funds from full-time undergraduate students in the college.

CEC Information and  
Links

Student Travel  
Requests

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## [ISU's 5th Annual Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration](#)

Culture, Community, and Connection: Indigenous Health and Wellbeing  
October 9

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Photo: Members of the ISU Sports Video Crew film the first women's soccer game of the 2023 season

### Job Opportunity: Work with the [ISU Sports Video Crew](#)

This team of students and professionals streams all of ISU's football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball, and track/field events to ESPN+.

You will learn how to handle a camera during live sporting events, and if you stick with the team long enough, you can pick up experience in special effects and directing, as well. You will be able to put that you worked with ESPN and Disney Streaming Services on your resume. The hourly pay for this position starts at \$15.00.

Please contact John Young, the Sports Crew Director at [JohnYoung@isu.edu](mailto:JohnYoung@isu.edu).

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