

Renegade Roundup



Twelve weeks done....four weeks to go

November 15, 2020

For more information on happenings at BC, check out my blog post <https://sonyachristianblog.com/>.

Good evening, Renegades!

We have a full schedule of webinars throughout this week, so I hope you'll join us for some of them and engage in the discussions in the chat window.

Virtual Seminar on Strategic Directions #2: Student Progression and Completion

**President's
All-Campus Virtual
Seminar Series**

**Strategic Directions:
Student Progression
and Completion**



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Krista Moreland
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Grace Commiso
Counselor
Institutional Effectiveness

November 17, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

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On Tuesday, we have our second virtual seminar in the Strategic Directions series helping us gear up for the renewal of our three-year Strategic Plan. This session is focused on Student Progression and Completion, and we have Kylie Campbell to talk about Early College, Krista Moreland on enrollment management, Leo Ocampo to share more about our 8+8 Week Classes, and Grace Commiso closing it out with Starfish and the Student Information Desk.

Energy TT&WD Webinar



Energy Technology Transfer and Workforce Development Webinar

THE FUTURE OF FUELS

Review of technology trends in fuel fabrication and use, with implications for economic development in Kern County



Featured Speaker
Adam Bratis
Associate Laboratory Director
Bioenergy Science and Technology
National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Save the Date
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)



Our interdisciplinary partnership in energy is causing waves in the community, and we're hosting our second webinar on the Future of Fuels. We have an amazing panel of experts on the webinar, including Adam Bratis of NREL, Kelly Murillo of SoCal Gas and Michael Carr of Shell Oil Company. [There's still time to register for the webinar via Zoom](#), so come check it out to learn about the energy industry in Kern County.

Library Learning Together Seminar

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#BCLearns Learning Together Series



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Kirk Russell
Department Chair,
BC Library



Mindy Wilmot
Reference Librarian,
BC Library



Paula Parks
Professor
English



Nick Strobel
Professor,
Astronomy
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November 19, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

We're wrapping up a busy week of webinars with our third #BCLearns Library Learning Together event engaging the campus community in conversation around the [Library's resources about race and cultural competence](#). Paula Parks and Nick Strobel will be sharing their thoughts on two reports about equity in higher education.

Love and Information

The BC Performing Arts | Theatre presents

Love and Information
By Caryl Churchill

November 19, 20, & 21, 2020
Start time is 7:30PM

A **LIVE ZOOM** Webinar
Play Production

ADULT CONTENT
(ADULT LANGUAGE, MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, & RELIGIOUS STATEMENTS)

"The greatest living English playwright and, in my opinion, the most important English-Language playwright since Williams."
- Tony Kushner, Playwright and Screenwriter

Love and Information will be performed by BC students live from their homes!
VIRTUAL LOBBY opens at 7:15 P.M.
FREE Admission
Advanced Registration will be required for the Zoom Webinar Link

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Kimberly Chin and the Performing Arts staff are helping to redefine what theater can be in the 21st Century with their rendition of "Love and Information" November 19-21 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Each actor will be performing live from their homes, with a customized piece of the set for the production behind them. The innovative modular design of the play, which is written around vignettes that can be moved around in any order that the director desires, is perfect for performance in an online environment. [Register for the production now](#) to see how live theater is staying alive during the pandemic.

COVID-19 Update

Kern County Likely Returning to Purple

Businesses and local government agencies are getting ready for increased social distancing protocols as Kern County is certain to return to the purple or "widespread" tier of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. On Sunday, [148 new coronavirus cases were confirmed in Kern County](#), and there were [243 new COVID-19 cases confirmed on Saturday](#).

With the return to the purple tier, churches, gyms, movie theaters and museums will be forced to close outdoor operations once again. As we shift into winter, local restaurants are replacing their fans and misters with heaters and tents to keep customers warm outside. Read Stacey Shepard's article in the Californian for more information about how the local economy is dealing with the shift to purple.

Local school opening plans halted

Many K-12 schools in Kern County were looking forward to reopening for in-person instruction, but with the move back to purple, those plans are being altered. The Kern County Superintendent of Schools announced that schools can only move forward with their reopening plans if they had started them before the county moved back to purple. They will have to wait until the county moves back into the red tier to attempt reopening.

Each of the 47 school districts in Kern County is responsible for its own reopening plan. [Veronica Morley's piece for KERO](#) does a great job of breaking down the Superintendent's approach to school reopening.

State advisory on holiday travel

On Friday, [the California Department of Public Health announced a travel advisory](#) for people who are looking to see family out of state during the holidays. The office advises that anyone leaving the state practice self-quarantine for 14 days after returning and only limit interactions to their immediate household.

[California joins Oregon and Washington in similar travel advisories](#) announced as the virus begins to surge again in the West Coast and Santa Clara County announces indoor dining closures.

Blueprint For a Safer Economy Dashboard

[The State of California's Blueprint For a Safer Economy dashboard](#) has been modified to fit the new guidelines announced in August. In November, we started including the health equity quartile in our report, which measures positivity rates in each county's most disadvantaged census tracts. A table with the comparison of test positivity rates from several counties on the monitoring list is below.

	November 8, 2020*			November 15, 2020*		
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	Health Equity Quartile	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	Health Equity Quartile
California	7.7	3.3%	N/A	8.4	3.4%	N/A
Kern County	6.0**	4.2%**	5.4%**	8.0**	5.2%**	6.8%**
Kings County	6.6	2.4%	2.4%	10.2	3.2%	3.0%
Fresno County	6.3	5.1%	7.4%	7.9	5.5%	8.3%

San Bernardino	12.2	6.6%	9.1%	17.2	7.7%	9.3%
LA County	11.0	3.7%	6.2%	11.5	3.8%	6.5%

*Dashboard updated every Tuesday. Data reported on Nov. 10

**Kern County is expected to return to the purple or “widespread” tier on Nov. 17

Johns Hopkins Dashboard:

As of 3:00 p.m. on November 8, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows that COVID 19 cases in the US have surpassed 11 million. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers since Nov. 8.

	Nov. 8, 2020	Nov. 15, 2020	Difference	Percentage
World	50,282,709	54,299,246	4,016,537	8.0%
U.S.	9,949,530	11,025,046	1,075,516	10.8%
California	951,054	1,019,345	68,291	7.2%
Kern	35,394	36,618	1,224	3.5%

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6ft apart distance, wash your hands, let’s slow down the spread.

That’s all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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