



# ACADEMIC SENATE News and Views

A newsletter published by the Academic Senate for the faculty of Coastline College.

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## Academic Senate Letter November 2019

By Deborah C. Henry, M.D.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. This holiday is a great way to reflect on our blessings including that of academic freedom and having students to teach. With just under 3 weeks remaining in the semester, it is also time to reflect on what the Senate has accomplished thus far:

Our Faculty Resources Canvas page continues to expand with useful information. Housed in its virtual walls are the committee lists, chair lists, PDI forms, Senate documents, SLO guidelines and cloud information, and Senate history, such as the Curriculum Committee (thank you Marilyn Frye) and Teachers of the Year. The Calendar of Events displays Faculty Center and other learning events happening around campus. Eventually, the RSI module will be a place to find department RSI (regular and substantive interaction) plans. Check out the Canvas site again. We discovered that some of it was not published, so hopefully there will be now more to explore. Thank you to the Executive Committee, Steve Barnes, and the SLO coordinators Steve Fauce and Angela Gomez-Holbrook for their help and for everyone's feedback. If you need access to the Canvas site, email Yadira Lopez at [ylopez@coastline.edu](mailto:ylopez@coastline.edu).

We have updated our Academic Senate webpage with a great picture of the Senators. We have gone green with all handouts now being electronically delivered. Thank you, too, to Yadira Lopez who has helped to run a seamless meeting. We updated the prioritization rubric to give weight to the subjective determinants of faculty need and for the first time, voted electronically. Thank you to Aeron Zentner and the entire IT team in making this a smooth process. The results of the prioritization were sent to the President for her consideration.

At the end of November, we revised the RSI Taskforce Review Plan to review Fall 2019 online courses this coming spring and have sent out an email request for reviewers for the taskforce. Reviewers are compensated at the non-instructional pay rate. If you are interested, please send a brief paragraph (three to six sentences) of qualifications to Yadira Lopez. The last day to apply to be a reviewer is December 9th. Both full and part-time online instructors may apply. On December 10th, the Executive Committee (those who have not applied to be a reviewer) and the Vice President of Instruction will review the applicants' statements and their online coursework and select the taskforce. Thank you, Dan Johnson, for all your work!

A big thanks to Ann Holliday for locating fitness equipment at the Fairview Center. Working with the deans, Laurie Runk, Christine Nguyen, and Randy Flint, we are hopeful to create small workout places at each campus and College Center in the hope of promoting an environment of health and wellness here at Coastline.

Lastly, thank you all for your help in these first months of my Academic Senate presidency. As is said, it takes a village. Let's go make a town!

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**The Academic Senate**

1st / 3rd Tuesdays 1230-230

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get paid to be on the  
Academic Senate,  
elections this spring.**

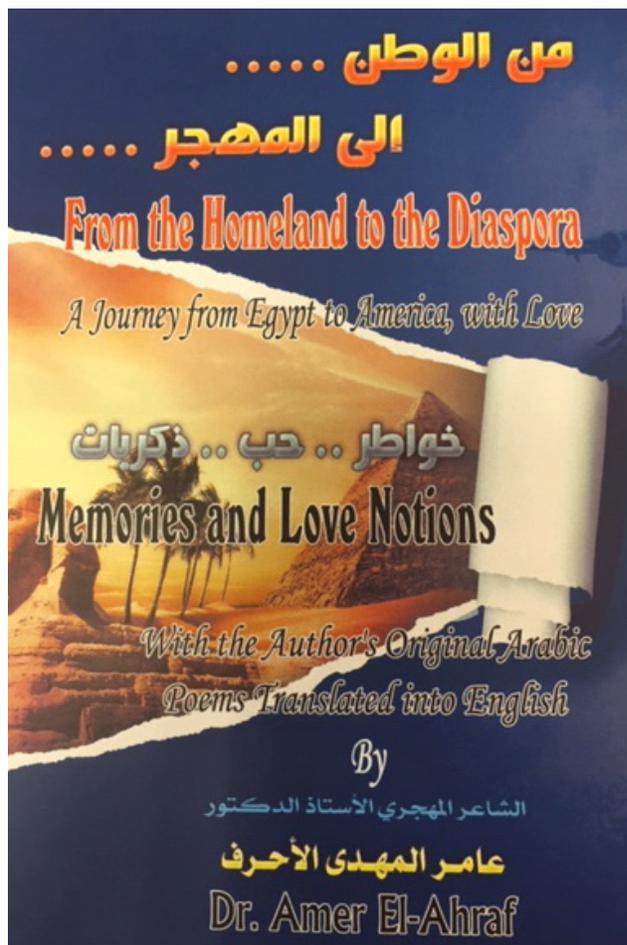
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# A Shout Out From Dr. Dana Emerson

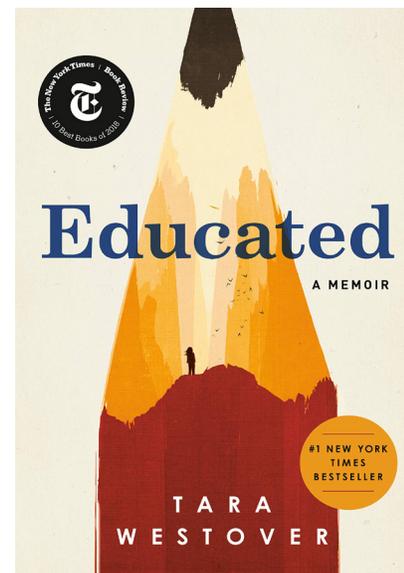
The attached image is the cover from Dr. Amer El-Ahraf's latest publication. This is a book of original poems by Dr. El-Ahraf, and they have been translated into English. Dr. El-Ahraf teaches Arabic at Coastline, and this is his second publication.



# Were You Ready For College When You Took That Big Step?

Oelstrom, Jeanne

When you were about 17-years-old, most likely you had finished 12 years of schooling, passed college entrance exams, and then selected the college of your choice from several options. Not all teenagers are this fortunate, as Coastline's Book Club learned while reading Tara Westover's memoir, *Educated*. Tara was 17-years-old the first time she set foot in a classroom at Brigham Young University, with little preparation, socialization, or family support. We followed Tara's quest for knowledge through her earning a PhD from Cambridge in 2014. We noted that Tara's success was often due to adults (in education) who intervened to help her through very challenging times.



Tara claims, "education is the process of inquiry. . . .it is less about knowing more than someone . . . and more about knowing someone who is not like you."

The Book Club (unnamed at this time) met several times during the fall semester for friendly discussions about *Educated*. Consider joining us in the spring semester when a new book will be reviewed. Watch for it!! In the meantime, check out tarawestover.com and/or read her compelling book!

## Basabe Gets Recognized

Thursday, November 21, international students, alumni, faculty, and friends all came together for a Thanksgiving Dinner as part of Golden West's annual celebration of International Education Week. International Student Program invited International Students to nominate professors for the **International Students' Outstanding Professor Award**, and Coastline's Sandra Basabe was nominated and attended the event, here are Sandra's thoughts...

*The director of the International Program said some deep and warm words, and outstanding professors were called out and asked to stand up for recognition. At the end, the winner was announced. I had a great time. The most important aspect is that this recognition meant a world for me, simply because the students who I serve were the ones nominating me!*



## Coastline Art Gallery Presents: Student POP UP an art exhibition

Tuesday, December 10, 2019  
Gallery Opens at Noon  
Reception from 5 - 7PM  
One Day Only

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# Communicating with Christina

My name is Christina Nguyen, and I teach Communication Studies. I have been teaching for Coastline since 2014 as a part-timer and just recently in 2019 became a full-time faculty member. I started my college career back in 2007, when I went to Orange Coast College, played volleyball there, and was able to transfer to Cal State Long Beach. I currently reside in Fullerton, and I live with my boyfriend, our cat named Pizza Crust, and our dog named Ralph. I have a Disneyland pass, and one of my self-care routines is to go to Disney by myself because I find it peaceful being “invisible” in a sea of people sometimes. I’m a Friends fanatic (my office is Friends themed), and I love traveling around the world. Last summer I went to Paris by myself for a few weeks, and would love to visit Mexico City, Spain/Portugal, and Japan in the next upcoming years. I enjoy prepping meals just as much as eating them. Because of that, I enjoy volunteering at Bracken’s Kitchen, which is a nonprofit organization that receives donated food that would have been wasted and creates healthy meals for families in need in the Santa Ana area. I consider myself a plant-lady; however, I’ve had a lot of plants die under my care. I still love planting nonetheless.



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## What was the best concert that you have been to?

The best concert I have ever been to was Outside Lands 2012 in San Francisco. The two main headliners were Metallica and Stevie Wonder, which you can’t really ever say that you saw them both at one concert probably ever again. I was in a mosh pit and a groovy dance party all at once. I enjoyed Outside Lands because there was pretty much anyone and everyone that you liked, regardless of music genre, performing all in one place.

## You just won a trip around the world... congratulations. Here is the catch...You have to use at least three different modes of transportation, and you can only visit five cities. How are you getting there and where are they?

I would first fly straight to Barcelona and then take a train to Madrid and then Lisbon, Portugal. Then, I’d take a boat to Morocco and travel on a camel to Marrakesh and Casablanca to end my travels (now with a new pet).

## Do you have a favorite painting or artist?

I tend to gravitate towards surrealist art, especially by Dali, Magritte, and Picasso. One of my favorite paintings is by Magritte titled *The Lovers* because I find it beautiful and confusing. I enjoy surrealist art because I believe that I’m not artistically creative whatsoever, so this type of art makes me feel for a split second that I am just as imaginative and creative as the artist themselves.

## You get to have dinner with a historical person, alive or dead... Who would it be and what is on the menu?

I’d love to have dinner with Salvador Dali. I’d think our conversations would be interesting, confusing, and odd just like his art. Our dinner would consist of paella, oysters, jamon, and lots and lots of wine. Maybe I’ll even get to leave the dinner with one of his art pieces, *Living Still Life*, as a souvenir.

## Thanksgiving with friends and family



Finished a 2000 piece puzzle



# A Metamorphic Addition Let's Welcome Kelly Ruppert

I grew up in Chino, CA, across the street from my grandfather's dairy. I attended college at UC Riverside, earning an MS in Geology studying paleoclimate in the Himalayas. While I taught for many years at several different colleges, I am now excited to be full time here at Coastline. I am married with two young children and in my free time love to spend time with family, practice yoga, and dance with my husband in a competitive country ballroom dance circuit.



## What was the best concert that you have been to?

It is a tie - Garth Brooks and the Eagles. At both concerts, I got moved down from the upper deck to the front row!

## You just won a trip around the world... congratulations. Here is the catch... You have to use at least three different modes of transportation, and you can only visit five cities. How are you getting there and where are they?

Drive to Whittier CA, then take a cruise to the Oregon coast and then fly to Alberta, Canada, picking up my best friends at each stop. Finally the four of us would fly to Australia and then Italy for a girls' trip. I usually don't care where I am, as long as I am with the people I love.

## Do you have a favorite painting or artist? My husband painted a canvas that hangs in our home and I love it!

## You get to have dinner with a historical person, alive or dead... Who would it be and what is on the menu?

My brother who passed away a few summers ago was not famous but is technically part of history. He was one of my best friends, and I miss him every day. A pizza dinner with him would be perfect.



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