

New Scholarship in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

The Department of Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, composed of Assistant Professor E. Cassandra Dame-Griff and Professor and Chair Bernadette Marie Calafell has been busy not only offering new courses, but publishing interdisciplinary scholarly research. Dr. Dame-Griff recently published the peer reviewed essay, “The Future is Brown...and Fat: Population Control, Latina/o/x ‘Health’ and Protecting the Future Nation-State” in the *Journal of Fat Studies*. This essay intercedes in existing work in Fat Studies by offering an intersectional perspective that challenges discourses around Latina/o/x bodies. Dr. Dame-Griff will be extending this research as she works on a book length monograph currently under contract with the University of Kansas Press. Additionally, Dr. Calafell recently published two edited books; *Queer Intercultural Communication: The Intersectional Politics of Belonging in and Across Difference* (edited with Dr. Shinsuke Eguchi) and *Negotiating Identity and Transnationalism: Middle East and North African Communication and Critical Cultural Studies* with Haneen Ghabra, Fatima Chrifi Zahrae Alaoui, and Shadee Abdi. *Queer Intercultural Communication* brings together queer studies with intercultural communication to push for more intersectional and complex understandings of culture, while the *Negotiating Identity and Transnationalism* is the first book in Communication Studies focused on communities in or with origins in the Middle East and North Africa. The second book is also a collaboration between Dr. Calafell and her former doctoral advisees who are now faculty at San Francisco State University and Kuwait University.



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