



SJSU has provided me with an academic home, where I can “raise” the next generation of public and non-profit agency leaders. Through the MPA program, I have been able to meet and teach creative and committed people who share my passion for public service. Through the undergraduate Political Science program, I have been able to share my love of the US Constitution with young people pursuing many career paths, but all of whom are residents of this nation and protected by its amazing promises. My department is collegial and supportive, including me in a faculty of professors whose goal is to transform the lives of their students. – **Frances Edwards**

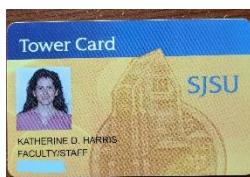


I love my association with SJSU students: they are driven and earnest, even in the most adverse of conditions. So many of them are so much more mature than I was at their ages! And I love working with my SJSU colleagues, in my department and outside, whose sincere dedication to their work - teaching, service, research - is far-reaching and inspiring. In all my time here, I have always felt I'm in the right place. Thank you, SJSU. – **Stefan Frazier**

I love SJSU because I get to make a difference in so many people's lives by helping them achieve their dreams. I also get to work with a lot of really smart people. It is a good combination! – **Glen Gendzel**



At first, all I heard from everyone about the area was "Do you know the way to San Jose?"



Coming from New York, I was not sure what I would find except that I knew that I wanted to give back to students the same way my professors gave to me at Cal State LA. They believed in me and encouraged my curiosity. I ventured into a non-traditional field within literary studies and was so pleased to walk onto a campus that supports innovation and interdisciplinary work. SJSU is capacious enough to allow faculty to explore important questions right now. Glad to have gotten to full professor and made it to 16 years. – **Katherine Harris**

Three reasons I love SJSU: 1) my students, who have helped me become the teacher-scholar I am today; 2) the support given me, at every level, for my research; and 3) the relative solidarity on this campus among faculty, contingent and tenure-track alike. – **Drew Todd**



What I love about SJSU is the people. My department colleagues are smart, collaborative, and fun. I have made many friends. Staff in other departments are helpful and kind. Our students are fantastic. I feel so lucky to be learning and teaching in this most transformative place! – **Laurie Steinberg**

Why I love SJSU: The students at SJSU are terrific -- inspiring, smart, and some of the best in the nation. SJSU has also been an incredible home for my scholarship and creative work, in no small part because I have been privileged to work with some amazing students. – **Matthew Spangler**



When I started teaching at SJSU, I was just beginning a new phase of my academic career. I had left behind my tenured position as an English professor at a community college in Southern California to become a geologist. I love teaching here at SJSU because this is where I received my geology degree. But most of all, SJSU has helped me to transform as a professor. At first, I was at a loss as to how to teach geology —teaching rhetoric, creative writing, and literature is



very different from teaching science! But this university has offered me countless opportunities to develop as a science professor while also allowing me the opportunity to meld my skills together, bringing the humanist experience into science. This humanistic approach to science has proven to connect students more deeply to geology while also reminding them of the indelible bond between human actions and the environment. I am grateful for our small class sizes so that I can truly get to know my students. I love learning from my students and learning how to best teach them. I also love being a member of the Geology department. I am proud to work in a department that values creativity, innovation, and quality in teaching. Finally, I am thankful for the professional opportunities beyond our campus that my association with SJSU provides. When I left my original teaching position, I was sure that I'd never find a better place to work, but I was so wrong! It's been a great 15 years. I am so glad to literally be a Spartan helping Spartans. –

LeAnne Teruya

San José State University regularly accomplishes something wonderful that is rarely achieved by our nation's more celebrated institutions. The Stanfords and Yales take the children of privilege and help them hold onto and extend that privilege. To be a professor at SJSU is to have the daily opportunity to transform lives and thereby lift up families and communities. We tend a garden that yields a bounty of social progress. – **Scott Fosdick**



I love SJSU because it offers me the opportunity to teach students today who are what I once was: the first in my family to attend college. – **Judith Georges**



I love SJSU because of the student diversity, the support from my colleagues, and the opportunity for me to develop programs that I enjoy. – I love San Jose State for its welcoming ambience, its rich diversity, and its transformational essence! I appreciate my wonderful colleagues, my students who learn from me as I learn from them. I am humbled to learn of the challenges that our students tackle as they continue onwards on their academic journey. I am touched by their resilience and fortitude. – **Neelam Rattan**

Every bit has been worth, thanks to the great students, staff, and colleagues. Thank you all. – **Cleber Ouverney**



I began my college days at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. My experience there inspired me to pursue a BA in philosophy at UCLA, and then a PHD at UCSB, and finally a professorship at SJSU, which began in 2005. I believe that the Cal State System is one of the best educational systems in the world for social mobility and transformative change. I am honored to be a faculty member of the Cal State System, and to give back to the institution that made my journey possible. The thing I like the most about SJSU is the people. We are diverse, yet we have community across so many boundaries that typically divide. We have our struggles, but we work together to fix them. I am always struck by all the different kinds of people that show up at SJSU, from entrepreneurial students who want to create new technologies, to older members of the workforce looking to learn something that means something to them beyond work. There are so many different cultures represented at SJSU that the average get together is an opportunity to travel the world without going anywhere. I am especially lucky to work in a department with such amazing colleagues who genuinely care about one another and who look out for each other. SJSU is situated in the tech hub of the world, and it is set to be a world class institution serving a diverse population with lasting impact on society and culture. I am so happy to be part of that community and to help forward the mission of SJSU. – **Anand Vaidya**



I love SJSU because our school, our science college, our department, and the faculty association care about our faculty members. We have good colleagues in our department who support each other. Our school helps students to succeed by keeping the high standard teaching levels. Our campus is beautiful. Every time I finished teaching the organic chemistry lab, I sat on a bench in front of the science building drinking water and watching students playing a spot game in the ground, which gave me some sense of harmony between the rigorous teaching programs and the happiness of students while they played games together. I always could feel the positive dynamics of our school. I love SJSU! I love teaching chemistry at SJSU! – **Xiao (Rose) Wang**



To me, SJSU means OPPORTUNITY. SJSU's vibrant community offers great opportunities not only for our students, but also for faculty, staff, and the community we serve. That is why I love SJSU! – **Pamela Wells**



I love SJSU for its ongoing meaningful and impactful campus-wide responses to racial injustices, to dismantle white supremacy and inequity. As a transformative institution, SJSU is a powerful agent for lasting systemic change, and I feel very proud to be a part of this movement in the ways I'm privileged to as a part of this inspiring community. – **Rochelle McLaughlin**

I am grateful to the SJSU family of students, staff, and colleagues because for the past 15 years, I have always looked forward to getting up each morning and going to work! – **Meg Virick**



From the moment I set foot on the SJSU campus for my 'job talk' I knew this was the place for me. My academic discipline is international management. I was impressed with the diversity of the students and faculty that I met, and with the global opportunities for professional development. I was hired, and the rest is history! Part of that early history was becoming involved in the SJSU Salzburg Program. I became a SJSU Salzburg Fellow in 2006, and later led groups of student SJSU Salzburg Scholars to participate in this global program. Over the past 15 years, it has been a pleasure to work with my colleagues and our students and a privilege to serve SJSU. – **Carol Reade**

I love SJSU because it is my alma mater, and it gave me the opportunity to build my new life in this country. So, I want to give back. – **Anh-Tuyet Tran**



I love San José State University because this is where I began my formal higher education journey as a first-generation Mexican-heritage college freshman. I spent 9 years at SJSU completing both undergraduate and graduate coursework before going on to earn my Ph.D. My educational journey wasn't smooth, but I was able to navigate the university system with support from some great SJSU faculty and staff mentors. Ultimately, this journey led me back "home" to SJSU as a tenure-track faculty member in the Department of Counselor Education, and it brings me great joy to work alongside incredible faculty and staff colleagues in preparing our equally amazing students to be equity-minded transformative counselors. – **Dolores Mena**