



Why do I love SJSU? There are so many reasons but the most important one shaped me into the Social Worker I am today. I attended SJSU as a first generation undergraduate and then graduate student in the School of Social Work. With the support I received from the faculty, who taught me as a young Social Worker, I felt empowered to complete my degrees something that was not expected in my family of origin. I was later encouraged by my mentor from the school, Dr Armand Sanchez, to continue my education and received my Doctorate. Dr Sanchez supported me throughout the years, which did not end with my graduation and he continued to encourage me to be the best social worker that I can be. In turn, I have been dedicated to provide the same support to all of my past and current students in the School of Social Work. I have been so pleased by all the wonderful things I have seen by the students over the last 25 years and definitely why I love SJSU and continue to teach future Social Workers. – **Lisa Arieta Hayes**



San Jose State University provided me with an opportunity to teach the most diverse array of students one can imagine. It has been humbling and fulfilling to work with history majors



struggling to achieve even modest goals and exhilarating to mentor a surprising number who achieved great success at SJSU and in graduate programs as preludes to careers as history professors, attorneys, archivists, librarians, museum curators, and teachers at every level. SJSU allowed me the flexibility to participate in shared governance via the faculty union, direct a graduate program, chair my department, and teach almost exactly the array of courses I wanted to teach. It also provided me with colleagues who have become dear friends. Despite the University's ongoing financial challenges, it would be difficult to imagine a more satisfying place for me to have spent the bulk of my academic career. – **Dr. Patricia Evridge Hill, Professor Emerita of History**

I'm proud to have served as a faculty member in the Psychology Department for 25 years. During this time, I have mentored many undergraduate and graduate students who have worked hard to overcome many obstacles to earn their degrees. It's also been extremely rewarding to share my knowledge and experiences with students who come from similar backgrounds as myself (first generation, under-represented students) and encourage them to further their academic goals. I also am grateful for my departmental colleagues who continue to inspire and support me. – **Arlene Asuncion**

When I first walked on to campus January 1995, I fell in love with San Jose State University and its students. For 25 years, I have had the opportunity to do what I love every day, bringing the public relations profession to public relations students. As a former public relations student myself who graduated in 1984, I learned from Dr. Dennis Wilcox how important it was to bring the current trends of the profession to the students. If I had to pick a favorite memory and there are many, it would be the Faculty Abroad Program that I led in Paris, June 2015. Here is a photo from a Parisian cheese tasting with my group. – **Christine Di Salvo**



I love San José State University because we are the people's university, a place where education is democratized every day, in a setting and city as diverse as any corner of America. I also love San José State for the wonderful colleagues and opportunities I have had here. It has been a remarkable place to spend these many years. – **Jennifer Rycenga**