



SESE Community Conversation: 25 August 2021

SESE Leadership



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Thanks to Profs. Chris Groppi & Christy Till for their service!



Welcome to Asst. Profs. Jiwei Li & Darryl Reano!



Prof. Jiwei Li received his doctorate degree in 2018 from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Carnegie Institute for Science at Stanford till 2019 and then came to ASU as a postdoctoral scholar in the Center for Global Discovery and Conversation Science. Dr. Li's research involves the exploration of interactions between human and natural systems, especially at the land-ocean interface.



Prof. Darryl Reano completed his PhD from Purdue University in 2019 and was then a postdoctoral researcher at Florida International University. Before joining ASU, Darryl was a postdoctoral associate in the STEM Transformation Institute at Florida International University. Dr. Reano's research focuses on creating culturally relevant educational environments using Indigenous research frameworks.

Welcome to SESE!

- **Alexander Akiu**, Engineer Associate
- **Komal Kumari**, Postdoctoral Research Scholar
- **Christine O'Donnell**, Postdoctoral Research Scholar
- **Daniel Portner**, Postdoctoral Research Scholar
- **Kathryn Powell**, Assistant Research Scientist
- **Cody Robertson**, Research/Lab Aide
- **Elinor Sauer**, Research Technician
- **Shabbir Shaikh**, Postdoctoral Research Scholar
- **Emily Zawacki**, Postdoctoral Research Scholar
- **Rachel Adam**, Research Technician
- **Sara Rogers**, Engineer Associate
- **Sean Burnette**, Research Technician
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- **Cordell Michaud**, Software Application Associate
- **Victoria Roseborough**, Research Technician

On campus presence in Fall 2021

Email sent to SESEALL on August 18 with information about our plans for Fall 2021; additional information on SESE's website: <https://sese.asu.edu/school-earth-and-space-exploration-covid-19-information>

Consistent with CDC guidelines for colleges and universities, ASU strongly recommends that everyone wear a face cover when inside a university building.

In addition, face coverings will be required in certain indoor settings, i.e., where distancing may not be possible. These include the following:

Classrooms and teaching or research labs where distancing is not possible.

Meeting rooms, workshop, design or production studios, and other indoor settings where distancing is not possible.

*Additionally, consistent with CDC guidance, face covers may be recommended in **selected outdoor settings or activities** where distancing cannot be attained.*

As previously stated, the university continues to recommend strongly that people get vaccinated and ASU continues to provide COVID-19 vaccines free of charge to students, faculty and staff.

On campus presence (cont.)

- COVID-related signage posted in buildings/classrooms/common spaces updated to reflect guidance about masking.
- Cleaning supplies in each classroom and large conference rooms. Instructors (and conference room users) are encouraged to ask students or occupants to wipe down their seating areas before sitting down.
- Cleaning materials (disinfectant wipes, spray cleaner) & masks remain widely available. To restock classroom supplies, contact marc.biren@asu.edu.
- Individuals and research groups may purchase reusable cloth face coverings, Community of Care kits and travel kits from ASU Materials Management via Workday.
- ASU employees must take the 2021 Community of Care training: <https://rebrand.ly/Community-of-Care-2021>

Access to free vaccinations and COVID testing remain easy and convenient:

- General COVID testing information is available here: <https://cfo.asu.edu/covid-19-testing>
- Convenient Drop Off Testing Information is available here: <https://devilsdropoff.asu.edu/>
- Vaccine for students and employees: <https://asuportal.pointnclick.com/Mvc/Portal/Login>

On campus presence (cont.)

If you or someone you know tests positive for COVID, please follow the protocols on reporting and safety precautions (“COVID-19 Reporting Procedures”) noted on this webpage: <https://sese.asu.edu/school-earth-and-space-exploration-covid-19-information>

- Instructors, with respect to students, please email the student’s name and ASU ID number if you know them to the deanofstudents@asu.edu as soon as possible so they may provide support and care to the student. That information will be shared with ASU Health Services to assist in determining the next steps and for contact tracing. Please respect the privacy of this information.
- Faculty and staff with positive COVID-19 tests or other exposure concerns should contact Exposure Management at 480-727-6517. They are open seven days a week, 8am to 5pm. Website is <https://cfo.asu.edu/exposure-management>.

Teaching & Learning

For details on learning and wellness expectations, faculty should reference the FAQ: <https://provost.asu.edu/fall-2021-learning-expectations>

Students and others should consult

here: <https://eoss.asu.edu/health/announcements/coronavirus/faqs>

- ASU returns to Learning Mode 1 this Fall (in person instruction unless otherwise indicated): classes taught in mode of instruction in the course catalog (modifications require Provost approval)
- Masks are required in class
- Office hours can be held virtually
- All accommodations being managed via ADA

Finances: Enrollment & Budget

- Overall enrollment in SESE courses is down (-13% relative to this time last year)
- Growth in our online BS in Astronomical and Planetary Sciences enrollment continues (our largest major, with 227 registered students as of this Fall!)
- Close to \$1M in gifts/donations to SESE in last FY
- No decentralization cut to the operating budget for this FY
- Merit increases are being implemented early in this FY

Facilities & Infrastructure

- Gift from Susie Marston in support of the first-ever Virtual Classroom on ASU campus
- President Crow has committed ~\$200K towards renovation and upgrade of ISTB4 exhibit gallery
- Renovation plans for the 6th floor of PSF are moving forward, with renovations to take place starting early next year

Fall 2021 Community-wide Activities

Activities open to all SESE personnel during Fall 2021 (virtual unless noted otherwise):

- Internal SESE Symposium (August 18, 2021) – hybrid (complete!)
- SESE Community Conversations (Noon-1 PM on Sept 30, Oct 28, and Dec 2) – hybrid (Marston Theater)
- Open monthly listening sessions with AD ICs & other SESE leadership (first Wednesday of Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec, 10:20-11:30)
- SESE Colloquium (Wed, 3:30-4:30 PM, weekly) – hybrid event (Marston Theater)
- Virtual Tea (Thurs, 2:00-2:30 PM, weekly)
- Engineering Coffee (Fri, 2:30-3:30 PM, weekly, beginning Sept 10) - hybrid (ISTB4 692)
- Director's open office hours (weekly, 8-10 AM Fri) – in-person, if requested

**Welcome to the Fall 2021 semester:
Let's help to keep each other safe and productive!**

