SESE Community Conversation: 27 January 2022
SESE Leadership Team Welcomes You to Spring 2022 Semester!

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Welcome to our New SESE Faculty!

**Associate Professor Tracee Jamison-Hooks** has a background in Electrical Engineering with a focus on Digital Signal Processing (DSP), Digital Logic, and Photonics. Her expertise is in designing/implementing digital designs targeting various field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) for spaceflight applications.

**Research Associate Professor Sean Bryan** leads the SENSE laboratory to develop novel systems and algorithms for remote sensing, wireless communications, and astronomy. He is PI of the NASA CubeSounder high-altitude balloon mission and the survey schedule lead on the NASA SPHEREx IR satellite mission.
Welcome to SESE!

• **Rachel Aspiras**, Accounting Specialist
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• **Luis Wellbanks Camarena**, Postdoctoral Research Scholar
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• **Richard Scott**, Consultant
• **Diana Soto**, Accounting Specialist
• **Dean Styx**, Systems Support Specialist
On campus presence in Spring 2022

Email to SESEALL on January 6; additional information on SESE’s website: https://sese.asu.edu/school-earth-and-space-exploration-covid-19-information

• ASU continuing with Learning mode 1 in Spring 2022 semester. ASU will provide cleaning supplies and masks in every classroom; **masks are required in classrooms** and students are encouraged to wipe down their sitting areas before and after class.

• Face coverings will be required inside all ASU classrooms. They also will be required inside all ASU buildings where physical distancing is not possible. **Strongly encourage masks at all times inside our buildings.**

• COVID testing will continue to be readily available to all students and to faculty, staff and their family members. Testing is vital to fight the spread and help keep operations as normal as possible. Find more information about free saliva-based testing on the **Devils’ drop-off** website. General COVID testing information for ASU is available here: https://cfo.asu.edu/covid-19-testing.
On campus presence in Spring 2022 (cont.)

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• The Daily Health Check requirement reinstated so all students and employees. If you don’t feel well, don’t come to campus. ASU Online students are exempt if they are not visiting an ASU facility.

• ASU continues to emphasize the importance of vaccination for faculty and other researchers, staff and students. All employees (including student employees) should have proof of vaccination or have a medical or religious accommodation on file.

• All ASU employees must take the 2021 Community of Care training: https://rebrand.ly/Community-of-Care-2021.

• COVID-19 vaccines and boosters will continue to be available to students, faculty and staff. Schedule an appointment through the Health Portal: https://eoss.asu.edu/health/portal
On campus presence (cont.)

If you or someone you know tests positive for COVID, please follow the protocols (“COVID-19 Reporting Procedures”) noted on this webpage: https://sse.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. That information will be shared with ASU Health Services to assist in next steps and contact tracing. Please respect the privacy of this information.

• Graduate students with positive COVID-19 tests or exposure concerns should call ASU Health Services directly as well at 480-965-3349.

• Faculty and staff with positive COVID-19 tests or other exposure concerns should contact Employee Wellness at 480-727-6517. They are open seven days a week, 8am to 5pm. Website is https://cfo.asu.edu/exposure-management.
Current case count as of January 24, 2022:

- 192 known positives among 19,146* faculty and staff, which is 1.00% confirmed positive. That compares with 256 in our last update.
- 1,698 known positives among our student body of 70,691 (excluding ASU Online), which is 2.4% confirmed positive. That compares with 2,089 in our last update.
  - 74 Known cases living on ASU campuses; 60 of those are on the Tempe campus, with the remaining 14 on other ASU campuses.
  - Total number of students living on each campus:
    - Tempe – 11,639
    - Downtown Phoenix – 1,749
    - West Phoenix – 620
    - Polytechnic (Mesa) – 889
  - New cleared for release: 2,437 (Faculty and staff, 412; students, 2,025)

*Includes all full- and part-time employees from ASU, ASU Preparatory Academy and ASU Enterprise Partners.

Compared to case count in early December, 2021:

- 33 known positives among 19,146* faculty and staff, which is 0.17% confirmed positive. That compares with 50 in our last update.
- 207 known positives among our student body of 77,063 (excluding ASU Online), which is 0.27% confirmed positive. That compares with 192 in our last update.
  - 196 of the 207 are off campus in the metropolitan Phoenix area.
  - 9 are in isolation on the ASU Tempe campus, where 11,956 students live; 2 students are in isolation on the ASU Downtown Phoenix, ASU West or Polytechnic campuses. A total of 1,809 students live in university housing on the ASU Downtown Phoenix campus; 662 students live on the ASU West campus; and 887 students live on the ASU Polytechnic campus.

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Spring 2022 Community-wide Activities

Activities open to all SESE personnel during Spring 2022 (virtual unless noted otherwise):

- SESE Community Conversations (Noon-1 PM on Feb 24, March 24)
- Annual State of SESE (3:30-4:30 PM on April 27) – hybrid (Marston)
- Open monthly listening sessions with AD IC & other SESE leadership (first Wednesday of Feb-May, 10:20-11:30 AM)
- SESE Colloquium (Wed, 3:30-4:30 PM, weekly)
- Virtual Reali-TEA (Thurs, 2:30-3:00 PM, weekly)
- Engineering Coffee (Fri, 2:30-3:30 PM, weekly) - hybrid (ISTB4 692)
- Director’s open office hours (weekly, 8-10 AM Fri)