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**From:** Inform  
**Subject:** EM: Faculty Fellows luncheon

Sent on behalf of Prof. Feitosa

Dear All,

We warmly invite you to join us for the CMC Faculty Fellows Lunch, hosted by the Diversity Committee and the Open Academy.

This event will highlight the innovative teaching, research, and programming of this year's Faculty Fellows, whose projects include a variety of topics from supporting faculty within current climate to student-centered learning. The lunch offers an opportunity to hear lively, 5-minute ignite-style presentations from selected fellows, engage with their work, and connect with colleagues.

**When:** April 16, 2026

**Where:** The Athenaeum (Eggert)

**Lunch served:** 12:00pm

**Program begins:** 12:30pm

Please **RSVP by April 8** [here](#) to help us plan for attendance and dietary needs.

We hope you (**students, staff, and faculty**) can join us for what promises to be an engaging and inspiring event.



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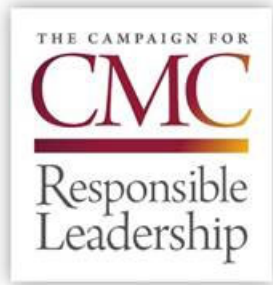
**Featured Faculty Fellows:  
Profs. Buccola, Koul,  
Livesay, Williams,  
and Zhou**

## Faculty Fellows Highlights

 <p><b>Nicholas Buccola</b></p> <p>"No Small Matter" brings students and faculty together to discuss how we ought to live, with special attention to how we ought to live together across differences. So far, we've discussed "power and resistance in film" in <i>One Battle After Another</i> and <i>Simms</i>. In our next session we will focus on immigration and identity by way of <i>Ya no estoy aqui</i> and <i>The Godfather Part II</i>.</p>	 <p><b>Wendy de los Reyes</b></p> <p>I am developing PSYC/LEAD 141 (Youth Civic Leadership; Fall 2026): a multidisciplinary course examining youth civic and political engagement through dialogic pedagogy. It integrates psychology, history, and philosophy to explore how young people – especially those from marginalized backgrounds – engage with civic life, featuring community partnerships and intergroup dialogue.</p>	 <p><b>Radhika Koul</b></p> <p>This project reframes my courses around "conversation" while extending dialogue publicly in two tracks. In <i>Literature and the Brain</i> course, a workshop pairs a literary scholar and cognitive scientist to connect naturalistic fMRI and literary analysis. In <i>Europe/India Lit</i> course, a public event models cross-cultural dialogue on experiential subjectivity.</p>	 <p><b>Daniel Livesay</b></p> <p>I developed a new course on the history of law and mass incarceration in America. By pairing historical readings on the U.S. prison system with visits from outside experts in contemporary criminal justice, students get deep and hands on training about the racial, economic, and gender dimensions of American incarceration.</p>
 <p><b>Diana Selig</b></p> <p>Cultivating gender studies in a time of backlash: hosted Don Romesburg '95, former chair of Women's and Gender Studies at Sonoma State, to discuss his department's closure and his work on LGBTQ history education. Taught LGBTQ history, developed course on second-wave feminism, fostered intergenerational learning, and advised the GSS sequence.</p>	 <p><b>Nia Walker</b></p> <p>My project seeks to connect STEM students and faculty and build inclusive teaching capacity. I've been working with the CMSci Club to organize faculty-student Athenaeum lunch events and a STEM faculty panel event. Additionally, I've created materials that detail ways all CMC faculty can incorporate STEM into their classrooms.</p>	 <p><b>Diana Williams</b></p> <p>My project holds a series of panel discussions/workshops to support faculty engaged in DEI-related research, teaching, and mentoring amid recent challenges due to federal policy changes. Topics include navigating funding sources, understanding rights around academic freedom in teaching, and peer sharing of best practices for inclusive teaching and mentoring.</p>	 <p><b>Steven Zhou</b></p> <p>I am developing a set of resources to use structured debate in a classroom assessment setting across a variety of fields of study. I am recruiting some faculty to pilot test it in their courses and am providing support in assignment criteria, teaching materials, sample videos, and more.</p>

RSVP Link: [https://claremontmckenna.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bBMxRlxNSdkpNtP](https://claremontmckenna.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bBMxRlxNSdkpNtP)

Best,  
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