Graduate Writing Development Program at UC Santa Barbara.

Robby Nadler's research, summarized

But it does”—sums up this complexity nicely.

system is working, to an amplified call for systemic change. We thought the title of this

forth a wide range of responses—from seeing the outcome as evidence that the justice

The Derek Chauvin trial has been on the nation's mind, and his conviction has brought

policing practices and policies.

misconduct. They issued a

Department budget, use of force, and lawsuits against the UCPD alleging crimes and

students Jacob Gellman and Sarah Robinson examined the data on UC Police

issued tickets for minor offenses, disproportionately impacting African Americans, that

investigation of the Minneapolis Police Department. In 2015, the Department of Justice's

"one bad apple" narrative. The responses frame structural racism and structural

of racism. Following the Derek Chauvin verdict, it is heartening to see mainstream

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Intersectional Justice grant applications that came in produced a series of fascinating

differential impact of the pandemic, along familiar axes of intersectional inequalities. We

research that advances these goals. This support is also especially timely given the

statement of divisional commitment to intersectional justice with budgetary support for

Associate Dean, Division of Social Sciences

Dr. Olivia Quintanilla working with

Dr. Christina Aushana working with

their faculty mentors on our campus:

2020-2021, SOSC already has welcomed seven campus zoom visits of PPFP recipients,

Departments to tap into the upcoming PPFP pool as early as possible. During the AY

Aída Hurtado

Social Sciences.

is working closely with Swapna Madineni, our Financial Coordinator, the Business

restructure and improve staffing practices, as allowed, for the future. The Assistant Dean

the Division. We are hopeful this innovative model will become a useful tool as we

Winter quarter passed us by in a blur but we are all happy to embrace the glorious days

hosts of our new podcast

Over the last year, we have also launched two major community engaged research

25 local organizations working to advance social and economic justice in Santa Barbara

launching an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in Poverty, Inequality, and Social

generous support helped launch this program, and generate confidence that the plan

campus programs that represent the gold standard in goals that run parallel to those we

Assistant Vice Chancellor Michael Miller and from the McNair and Promise Scholars, two

and four staff members (Tilly Govender [Assistant Dean, SOSC], Carmiya Baskin

the program on a pilot basis in the fall of 2021, and to build out gradually from there.

more fully. We will be drawing on data and best practices from across our campus, and

mentoring, career preparation etc.) that will help the students meet their academic goals

Divisional Special Initiatives:

Faculty Notable Achievements

Indeed, this key phrase—"underlying conditions"—became the focus of our first Dispatch

the pandemic preyed on and exacerbated underlying conditions of societal inequities.

This was true to a point but, as would become painfully clear in the months that followed,

a range of topics—how we work, our capacity to innovate and adapt, and, even who we

Just over a year ago, our campus abruptly closed down in-person operations, and

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