

Social Sciences v COVID-19

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MSO's: please share this with your faculty, staff & graduate students.

Watch Dean Hale's greeting and introduction of this Dispatch [here](#).

Our questions that remain unanswered

Some universities are suggesting generalized shift to P/NP to relieve stress all around; has this been discussed? **We now have a new approved policy that Jeff Stopple recently circulated. If you have further questions about this, please write us.**

Suggestions for Administrative actions to address specific demensions of the crisis

The principal suggestion here was regarding accessibility. Raquel Pacheco (ANTH) and Amy Gonzales (COMM) teamed up with Associate Deans Rios and Hurtado to produce this guide, with helpful additions from Linda Adler-Kassner. Many thanks to all! See the document [here](#).

SOSC versus COVID

- Our roster is just getting started, with contributions from [Robin Nabi](#), and [Walid and Tamara Afifi](#), all three from COMM; and from [Kyle Meng](#) (ECON and Bren).
- There is lots of discussion about COVID and the environment. John Foran (SOCL), who coordinates the Orfalea Center Environmental Justice hub, offered this [video](#) which casts COVID-19 as messenger; Leah Stokes (POLS) offered her thoughts in a [LA Times](#) profile.
- **More to come! Please send your ideas!**

Resources|Confronting the Challenge of Online Education and Operations

There have been a series of very helpful messages from Linda Adler-Kassner of instructional Resources. You can find them archived [here](#); recent EVC memos are all [here](#).

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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Watch Associate Dean Hurtado's introduction [here](#).

- [They Can Help Fight Coronavirus. Trump Wants to Deport Them](#)
- [Safeguarding Quality, Equity and Inclusion in Remote Learning](#)
- The debate on COVID and the economy has turned philosophical. Politicians like Dan Patrick (TX) argue that grandparents like him are "...willing to take a chance on your survival in exchange for keeping the America that all America loves for your children and grandchildren..." Lalo Alcaraz offers a poignant [counterpoint](#).

Resources for Hope and Resilience

- [Steps to stay healthy](#)
- Hospital workers are desperately lacking Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect themselves. Here's one sobering [call](#) from a Ventura County Hospital ER doctor; see also this appeal from [KCLU](#), and from Cottage Hospital.
- Upcoming events:

Feminist Futures spring quarter: an update from Associate Dean [Leila Rupp](#)

More to come!
- Small pleasures amid adversity: Two dog's eye views of the crisis

[Leila's favorite](#)



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