

ENROLLMENT DEVELOPMENT

Global Citizenship

The Global Citizenship initiative was launched at Santa Monica College in 2007 with the purpose of developing and promoting activities that prepare students for the 21st Century. Such preparation includes awareness of the social, cultural, and environmental transformations taking place in our world of unprecedented global interconnection; attitudes of tolerance and respect for diversity and of anticipation and adaption toward global change; skillful command of the technologies that revolutionize the way we obtain information and interact with each other; and a commitment to act as responsible global citizens through political engagement, entrepreneurship, and community service.

At that time a “Global Citizenship Task Force” was formed to guide the promotion of global citizenship at SMC. This task force became known as the “Global Council” and was not a committee of the Academic Senate but worked with other Senate committees in the development of programs to promote Global Citizenship. Eventually, the Global Council became an Academic Senate Committee but continued to use the name Global Council. In October 2018, the Global Council voted to change its name to the Global Citizenship Committee.

The definition of Global Citizenship at Santa Monica College is, “To be a global citizen, one is knowledgeable of peoples, customs, and cultures in regions of the world beyond one's own; understands the interdependence that holds both promise and peril for the future of the global community; and is committed to combining one's learning with a dedication to foster a livable, sustainable world.”

The 2022-2024 Theme for SMC Global Citizenship is “Risk, Refuge and Resilience”. Faculty are encouraged to find creative ways to explore the Global Citizenship theme in their classes. The art department typically asks students to interpret the theme in their artwork, and then sponsors a gallery show to showcase the student creations. The theme is also used as the guiding subject for the Global Citizenship Symposium, discussed later in this section.

The Global Citizenship Committee continues to focus on improving processes and striving to reach more students to promote global citizenship. Global Citizenship Grants for faculty proposals provide funding for worthy projects that are centered on student participation. The Global Citizenship Committee sponsored a variety of activities and special events during the 2022-23 academic year. The Committee hosts both in-person and virtual events.

Teaching about Global Conflict and Peacebuilding, October 29–November 12, 2022. This was the tenth annual Global Peacebuilding Seminar and the Committee sent two faculty participants: Tia Santana (Art) and Elham Gheytauchi (Philosophy and Social Sciences). The committee also sent one student participant to this conference: Mengyi Shi. The Seminar was a virtual event. The content included lectures, workshops, and speakers on a variety of subjects including international affairs, refugees, human rights, social justice, media, dialogue, and program development.

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SMC Global Teach-In. This year was the fourth year that the GCC hosted the Global Teach-in Fall event. The Global Teach-In was held virtually on November 10, 2022. The title this year mirrored our Global Citizenship Theme: **Risk, Refuge and Resilience**. Members of the SMC Community were invited to participate in this educational and interactive forum where faculty and students gather to focus and discuss the topic. The following faculty and students participated:

- Professor Delphine Broccard (Communication, and GCC Chair) Coordinated and MC'd the event.
- Professor Wil Doucet (English) shared a poem about Living at Risk, Taking Risks and Making Better Choices.
- Professor Elham Gheyntanchi (Philosophy and Social Sciences) discussed the 2022 Women Lead Protest in Iran.
- Ferris Kavar (Sustainability Center Manager) shared the Global Climate Risk Matrix.
- Heather Bennet (Instructor, History) discussed Anti-Fascism in the 21st century.
- Natalia Quintanilla (Student) discussed the Risks in the life of Native Americans.
- Erika Reyes Taborda (Student) discussed Risk in the Workplace or Occupational Risk.
- Zhena Omojola (Student) shared Risks that Africans have Taken to Combat Neocolonialism.
- Nina Twiss (Student) discussed Risk at Work
- Hatya Khanooki (Student) shared discussed Women, Life, Freedom.

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Global Citizenship Symposium. The 14th annual Global Citizenship Symposium was held on May 4, 2023. Delphine Broccard, GC Chair, coordinated the event. SMC students from all disciplines were invited to submit their course work related to Global Citizenship as well as the annual theme of "Risk, Refuge and Resilience" for judging, and for the opportunity to win awards for the best submissions in each category. 14 students submitted original work for the symposium and eight finalists presented their projects to the SMC community at the May 4th Symposium. After being presented virtually for 3 years during the pandemic, we returned to an in-person event this year.

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Global Citizenship Global Grants. Global Citizenship Grants bring innovative faculty-led programming across a variety of disciplines related to Global Citizenship to the SMC community. Calls for faculty proposals for Global Citizenship Grants for both the Fall and Spring semesters were announced.

The Global Citizenship Committee approved grant funding for the following events in the 2022-23 academic year:

- Sherry Blevins, Composer, **Professor Jeremiah Selvey, Music**, October 1, 2022. Composer Blevins co-created text and musical materials with the SMC Chamber Choir for their December 16 concert. *Human Rights* was the theme for the creation of the text.
- Matika Wilbur Keynote: Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America, **Professor Shannon Herbert, History**, October 11, 2022. This was part of a year-long photo exhibit in the Barrett Art Gallery and in public spaces throughout the main SMC campus.
- South Korea: Art of Lotus Lantern Making and Technology Today, **Professor Jihyeon Cha, Modern Languages and Cultures**, October 7, 2022. Participants learned about the ceremonial use of lotus lanterns in Korean culture, and made lotus lanterns to take home.

- Distinguished Scientists: Dr. M. Jackson: Living with Ice: Glaciers and Climate Change, **Professor Christyanne Melendez, Earth Science**, November 3, 2022. Dr. Jackson spoke about her experience living and working directly with communities impacted by climate change — specifically melting glaciers — shared her insights, and offered an inclusive approach to understanding climate change.
- Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta Celebration, **Professor John Quevedo**, March 30, 2023. A celebration was held on the SMC Main Quad with DJ music funded by the GCC.
- Dr. Jennifer Lucero and Dr. Marco Angulo: Addressing Equity in Healthcare: Open Panel for SMC & The Community, **Collin Ellis, Instructor, Life Science**, April 18, 2023.
- Roya Hakakian: The Women's Movement in Iran Today, **Professor Elham Gheytaichi, Philosophy and Social Sciences**, April 25, 2023. Ms. Hakakian talked about the current movement for women in Iran and what can be done here in the U.S. so supporters can show solidarity towards Iranian women.
- Spring Community Read: Matika Wilbur Project 562, **Professor Shannon Herbert, History**, May 8, 2023. Matika Wilbur read from her recently released book, and signed copies.

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Study Abroad. The Study Abroad program at Santa Monica college seeks to provide an immersive learning opportunity to help students gain a deep understanding of the environment, people, and culture of a particular area or region. The GCC seeks to identify funds to make these experiences accessible to as many interested students as possible, regardless of economic background.

After a Study Abroad hiatus brought on by the Covid-19 Pandemic, Santa Monica College offered a trip to Costa Rica for Summer 2023. We requested and received a line-item in the GCC budget to help underwrite the cost of Study Abroad opportunities for students. For the Costa Rica trip, we also applied to the Associated Students and received some funding. Because we only offered one trip this year, we were able to direct all funding towards the Costa Rica trip, making it very affordable for most students. The trip filled and a wait list was established with only 4 weeks of advertising. Several of the students on the trip are first generation college students, and others have never traveled outside the U.S. before. The faculty leads are Professor Delphine Broccard (Communication) and Associate Professor Christyanne Melendez (Earth Science).

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