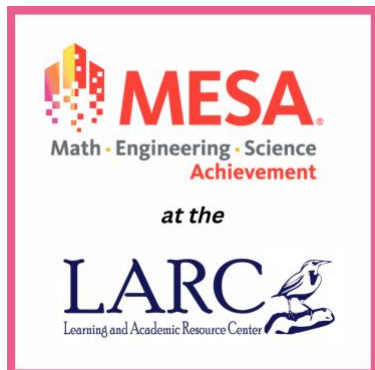


Fall 2022 Edition

New This Semester



MESA tutors are now offering their services in the LARC! We wanted to centralize academic support on campus to make it more convenient for students, so we joined forces! You can now find MESA tutors, and book appointments with them, by clicking on the LARC-WC Online tile in your Student Portal, which makes it really easy to book those appointments! MESA tutors cover STEM courses, and by bringing them into the LARC, we have a lot more coverage available for those courses!

Fall 2022 MESA tutors: Ronnie L., Vanessa R., Jonathan P., Lily H., Alyssia M., and Krislyn D. Courses covered include Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics!

On Campus - In the Library and in the LARC



The LARC is buzzing this Fall! This semester we have expanded in-person tutoring services (Writing Center & Tutorial Program), and the response from the student body has been fantastic! Since the beginning of the semester, we've been excited to see our space on the first-floor of the library filled by enthusiastic and curious students Monday-Friday.

The first-floor of the Library is a great place to study. There are a number of individual and group study spaces, Mac computers that are free for all community members to use, and both color and black & white printing services.

We also want to take a moment to shout out our awesome first-floor neighbors: The Advising & Transfer Center, CAASE, and MAVRC!

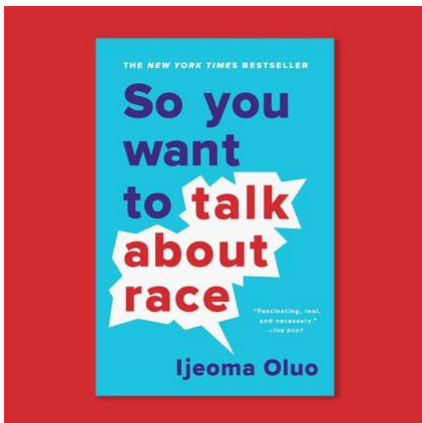
LARC Events Calendar



From LARC Staff Barb Beatie: *On Wednesday, October 4, 2022, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the LARC kicked off our Inaugural Writing Salon as a place where any SSU student, professor, or staff is welcome. It's been named "Space to Write." This moniker stands for the idea that we all need to carve out space— making time regularly to put words to paper as part of our SSU academic experience. Inspired by Child, and other prodigious writers, like Mary Shelley, Octavia Butler, Stephen King, and more, in the space of the LARC Workshop room, we meet to write. Whether you are working on a paper, trying to draft a chapter of your thesis, dusting off that poetry project from years ago, or attempting to focus your thoughts around a historical or philosophical text, we encourage you to visit the Writing Salon. We would love to write with you.*

The Writing Salon takes place every Wednesday in October and November from 2:30 to 4:00 in the LARC's workshop room. Bring your writing, and join us for tea/coffee, and a pleasant writing atmosphere! **You can read Barb's full article here: [LARC Writing Salon: Space to Write](#)**

The SSU Common Read in the LARC



In collaboration with Academic Affairs and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, in 2022-2023, Professors Suzanne Toczyski (French) and Anthony Rizzuto (English) are leading [SSU's first university-wide Common Read Initiative](#), to be focused on the question, what is race?, as viewed through the lens of Ijeoma Oluo's book, "So You Want To Talk About Race."

The latest lecture in this Common Read series was entitled "What is Whiteness?" and was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. The panel consisted of Professors Kim Hester-Williams (English and American Multicultural Studies), Theresa Burruel Stone (English), Don Romesburg (Women and Gender Studies), and Anthony Rizzuto (English) in a lecture and Q&A format.

Several of the LARC Tutors, both undergraduate and graduate students, were in attendance listening to the panel introduce individual presentations on their current scholarship with suggested readings on the topic of Whiteness. The speakers presented an engaging lecture and slide format, each sharing their work, including literary, linguistic, and historical points of view on the topic. We highly encourage you to check out the next [Common Read Speaker Events!](#) - submitted by Barb Beatie

Ask A Tutor!



Do you have a question for a tutor? You can submit your question through this Google Form: [Ask a Tutor!](#) or by email to larcdeskw@sonoma.edu, and we will try to feature it in an upcoming issue.

Today's Question: What do I do if I have submitted a subject request form, and you haven't hired a tutor for that course?

Answer: There are a few things you can do while we look at hiring someone, which can be a long process sometimes. First, see if anyone in the class wants to be a study buddy - studying with someone else can help both of you. Make use of your professor's office hour(s). Prepare some questions ahead of time, or identify clearly the material you are struggling with. You can check out tips here for making a study guide too: [Study Guide Handout](#)

**Please note that we never guarantee we can hire a tutor for a specific course, as there are many steps to that process. We will however check in with our current tutors to see if any of them can help with that course, and we will check in with the department to see what help they can offer, and then pass that information on to you.*

Staff Spotlights!



Yukta M. is a first year student in the Counseling Master's program here at SSU, as well as a writing tutor in the LARC. Yukta brings experience as a tutor from her time at her undergraduate institution, University of Nevada, Reno, and shared that her goals for this year as a tutor include finding and creating a sense of belonging in the LARC, being mindful, and balancing expertise with continually learning and growing. When she's not tutoring, you can find Yukta writing, watching K-dramas, hanging out with friends, and cooking new dishes. Her greatest hope for the LARC is that students will feel like it is a place of warmth and friendship, and like they can always ask for support and find a helping hand when they need one. She tutors on Tuesdays and Thursdays this semester, and on Tuesday afternoons, you can find her at the front desk. - *submitted by Nicole P.*



Dakota F., a Math Major and Secondary Teaching major, is currently a math tutor in the LARC, but hopes to someday teach math in a high school. He has previous tutoring experience at Santa Rosa Junior College, where he tutored pre-calculus, calculus, and business math. Despite not having a lot of free time, Dakota enjoys reading, watching movies, and playing board games (one favorite recent read is a book on Egyptian mythology). Ultimately, his greatest goal as a tutor is for students to feel like they walked away understanding more than they came in with, and he is a believer in the learning process, and the fact that it might involve some frustration and resilience along the way. He has enjoyed working with students, and finds it especially rewarding when those challenging moments turn into breakthroughs. He tutors on Tuesdays and Thursdays this semester, and just added extra hours to his availability. - *submitted by Nicole P.*



Connor M., a Biology Major with a concentration in Zoology, is a Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leader for BIO 115 (Introduction to Biology). In his role at the LARC, he helps students understand the basic principles of biology. The thing Connor finds most rewarding about the LARC is the fact that everyone is so positive and willing to help others. He sees the SI program, and the LARC as a whole, as a space of mutual support where students and tutors alike work together towards common goals. Outside of the LARC, Connor has a passion for cuisine and loves to cook! *-submitted by Hayden Kinney*

Where Can You See More?



We have very active Social Media channels (**@ssularc**), so check us out (and follow us!) on Instagram, Facebook, and/or Twitter! We share LARC and Campus events, celebrate holidays, offer study and writing tips from our staff, and we feature student staff on our IG Takeover Tuesdays! Here you can follow along on a day-in-the-life of a Tutor, Learning Community Mentor, or Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leader!