SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

Environmental Justice and the Common Good

Providing community-driven research, training, and networking for environmental and social justice

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Annual Report

July 2024 - June 2025

Programming, Networking, and Conferences

- **Represented SCU at 11 conferences and panels** as keynote speakers, panel and poster session presenters, and as a co-organizer of national and global conferences across Jesuit higher education and other networks.
- **Organized 17 events with and for community partners** – such as conferences, workshops, trainings, learning exchanges, field visits, meetings, and research presentations – from San Jose, CA, to the Central Valley, Nicaragua, and the Philippines.
- **Organized 12 Events for SCU faculty, students, and staff,** including symposiums, seminars, research exchanges, panels, guest speakers, networking meetings, and workshops.
- **Signed and executed 11 new contracts with community partners** for research collaborations.
- **Added 4 new small food businesses from East San Jose as SCU suppliers**.

Publications and Media

Disseminated thought leadership on environmental justice and community-engaged research through:

- 8 journal articles, book chapters, and technical reports.
- A special issue of the journal *Social Sciences.*
- 18 blog postings, media appearances, and webinars.
- Our own website, newsletters, and social media accounts (Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, and YouTube).

Student Research and Mentoring

- Engaged and mentored over **30 research assistants** and over **100 students** in SCU courses in our projects, and 3 interns in our communications work.
- Collaborated with SCU's Center for Sustainability and Department of Environmental Studies & Sciences to co-host **SCU's First Annual Sustainability & Environmental Justice Student Research Symposium**, which involved over 50 student presenters.
- Mentored **over 10 additional student research presentations** at competitive academic conferences, regulatory forums, and workshops.
- **Mentored students** who won Goldwater, Udall, and Clare Booth Luce Fellowships; scholarships from Monterey Association of Environmental Professionals and Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society; acceptance to a graduate program in hydrology at UC-Davis; SCU's sustainability champion award and the University's Gracelyn Rillorta Bateman Inclusive Excellence Award; started service with Jesuit Volunteer Corps supporting health and food access with refugees.

Research Grants

- **Made 4 research grants** and provided technical assistance to 6 SCU faculty in 4 departments.

External Funding and New Grants

- $75,000 in two new external grants received.
- One early career scholarship award.

Professional Development

- **Three summer online workshops** on integrating environmental justice across the curriculum for over 75 faculty and sustainability staff members from SCU and 20 other institutions, offered in collaboration with SCU's Center for Sustainability. **Participants' new curricula will reach thousands of students per year.**
- **One three-day workshop** hosted at SCU for over 30 West Coast Jesuit High School educators on incorporating integral ecology across the curriculum, co-organized with Ignatian Solidarity Network and Bishop O'Dowd High School.
- **Additional workshops** for the SCU CAFE series and SCU students on integrating organizing and advocacy opportunities into the curriculum and co-curriculum, co-organized with SCU's Faculty Development Program, Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, Jesuits West, and PACT San Jose.