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Dear American Studies Alumni,

Thank you to all of you who paid tribute to Professor Karen Lystra through letters and videos at her retirement party. It was wonderful to reconnect with so many of you. If you would like to stay connected, please join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/CsufAmericanStudiesAlumni>

Our department is thriving. The number of American Studies majors is up 22% this year, we are seeking to hire two new professors, and your American Studies professors have recently given talks at the Huntington Library and Comic-Con. Here are some of the American Studies Students Association leaders at their kickoff event this fall.



We continue to develop new courses, including ones on Fashion in America; the American Dream; Race, Sex, & the City; and an Internship for American Studies students. If your employer would be interested in an intern from our department, please contact Professor Carrie Lane at clane@fullerton.edu

Current students are frequently inspired by hearing how you use American Studies in your career. We'd love to have you contribute a photo and paragraph to our Alumni Profiles page at <http://amst.fullerton.edu/alumni/>. Simply email Professor Dustin Abnet at dabnet@fullerton.edu

We are also planning an alumni reunion. If you have ideas to help us organize that, please contact Professor Leila Zenderland at lzenderland@fullerton.edu

Finally, thanks to those of you who have contributed to our student scholarship funds. The David Jon Vaca Award for undergraduates, the Mike and Lucy Steiner Study Abroad Award, and the Sharon Sekhon Graduate Scholarship can be life-changing for our hardworking students. This past year, you helped to send a student to law school, to Spain, and to graduate school. If you would like to contribute to help more students, see <http://amst.fullerton.edu/donation.aspx>

Please keep in touch. We love to hear from you.

Warmly,

Elaine Lewinnek, Interim Chair of American Studies (until 2017)

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