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FACES OF CSBS

Alumni Spotlight



Meet economics alum Nico Dato. Nico is the EVP of Marketing for Podium, the leading interaction management platform that enables companies with a local presence to conveniently connect at critical touchpoints and help them strengthen their business. Dato grew up in Bountiful, Utah and attended the University of Utah, where he graduated in 2013 with a degree in economics. Prior to Podium, Dato helped run demand generation at Teleperformance and then managed Zane Benefits' marketing team. [READ MORE](#)

Student Spotlight



Meet Colby Child! He's a geography major and CSBS Solutions Scholar. Colby grew up in a small neighborhood in Northern Michigan where natural places were his playground. He moved to Utah when he was 11 years old. He attended charter schools all the way through high school. Often feeling stuck in a land of asphalt and concrete, He values the time he gets to spend outside of the city. He believes the community needs more people with the necessary skills and wisdom to implement creative solutions to our most difficult problems. [READ MORE](#)

FEATURED NEWS

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The delicate art—and evolving science—of wildfire evacuations

Since the late 1990s, more deadly wildfires have swept the western US, due in part to climate change, forest management practices and to development along the wildland-urban interface—meaning more people live in fire-prone places.

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U economists tally societal cost of preterm birth

In 2016, the total cost for medical maternal delivery, early intervention, special education services and lost labor market productivity totaled \$25.2 billion. This is an average of \$64,815 per preterm birth. From 2005 to 2016, the average cost of a preterm birth increased by 25%.

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How video games help people cope with disabilities

A review by psychology professor and chair Bert Uchino in the Journal of Behavioral Medicine pointed to studies that link a lack of social support to higher mortality rates. Video games can help those with disabilities forget what they can't do and build life-saving social connections.

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Warming climate shrinks snow pack

The global average temperature has increased about 1 degree Celsius since the Industrial Revolution. Some locations, including high elevations, are warming even faster, explained assistant geography professor McKenzie Skiles.

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It's never too late

The last time Steffanie Robinson was in school she was in her early 20's and studying nursing. Now, about 25 years later, she's returning to the U to finish what she started—except in a very different field of study.

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A more compassionate approach to homelessness

Nelson Lotz, an econ/poli-sci major, wrote a guest editorial in the Salt Lake Tribune on homelessness and the homeless shelter transition.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

[Political Research Colloquium | "When Do Social Movements Endorse](#)

[Political Parties? A Cross-national Survey Experiment"](#)

December 6 | 12:00 AM-1:30 PM | Gardner Commons (GC) Room 4490

[Be a Part of the World's Largest Human Rights Letter Writing Event](#)

December 12 | 11:30 AM-1:30 PM | Hinckley Institute of Politics

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please remember us on Giving Tuesday, December 3. Click to learn more about giving opportunities and how you can assist us with CSBS initiatives and "be the solution" in our community. [READ MORE](#)

AWARDS & KUDOS



Congratulations to NCVS team including director Craig Bryan, assistant professor Justin Baker, Jeff Tabares, Lauren Khazem, and Dave Shirley who received grant funding from the Greater Plains Collaborative to study a novel method of delivering brief interventions (i.e., caring contacts) to high risk veterans.



Congratulations to the following faculty members who received travel awards from the Asia Center: Baodong Liu (political science), Dennis Wei (geography), Jessie Fan (family and consumer studies), Zhou Yu (family and consumer studies), and Ansuk Jeong (psychology).



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