STUDENTS TO BUILD MULTIMEDIA SKILLS REPORTING FROM THE BORDER

While some students will be studying immigration from books and news clippings in the fall, Cal State Fullerton communications students will be at the U.S.-Mexico border, reporting and producing the stories of the families affected.

Broadcast television veteran and lecturer Jesus Ayala will teach the “Reporting About Minorities of the Southern Border” class, focusing on migrant children, border militarization post 9/11 and NAFTA’s influence on border towns. The class will travel to Tijuana, report from both sides of the border and produce video segments, which could be aired nationally by CSUF partners Univision and Borderzine.com.

“Our students will be doing on-the-ground reporting that will bring to life the national and global issues in both politics and human experience,” said Jason Shepard, chair and associate professor of communications.
CAMPUS PREPARES STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN NATIONAL SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE

To expand the pool of people gathering and analyzing intelligence following 9/11, the United States government and intelligence community began reaching out to universities to create a pipeline for students to enter such careers.

Since 2007, 73 students have completed the Intelligence Community Scholars Program at Cal State Fullerton, which offers undergraduate students mentoring, networking and advanced study of national security, intelligence, global studies, language proficiency, geography and other subjects.

“Cal State Fullerton provides the beautifully rich pool of diversity that the government and intelligence community are seeking,” said Valerie O’Regan, professor of political science and program coordinator. “We have so much diversity in terms of gender, ethnicity, religion, strategic languages and socioeconomic factors.”

According to O’Regan, alumni of the program have gone on to careers in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Department of Defense, FBI, military intelligence, law enforcement, sheriff’s departments, anti-terrorism task forces and more.

Did You Know?

North Orange County Chamber of Commerce recently honored Cal State Fullerton as one of the “Jewels of Our Community.” The award was presented June 22 during the organization’s 2018 Business Excellence and Leadership Awards. University President Fram Virjee, via video, thanked the chamber: “On behalf of Cal State Fullerton’s faculty, staff, students and its nearly 300,000 alumni — the vast majority of which live and work in Orange County — I want to thank the North Orange County Chamber of Commerce for all its support and for this honor.

“Cal State Fullerton is a university of significance, significance in Orange County, significance in our nation. And our impact is only exceeded by the unique stories of our success,” said Virjee, who acknowledged one example in Titan alumnus and fellow honoree U.S. Rep. Ed Royce.

Pictured: U.S. Rep. Ed Royce ’77 (business administration) and Karl Knutson Miller, CSUF provost and vice president for academic affairs