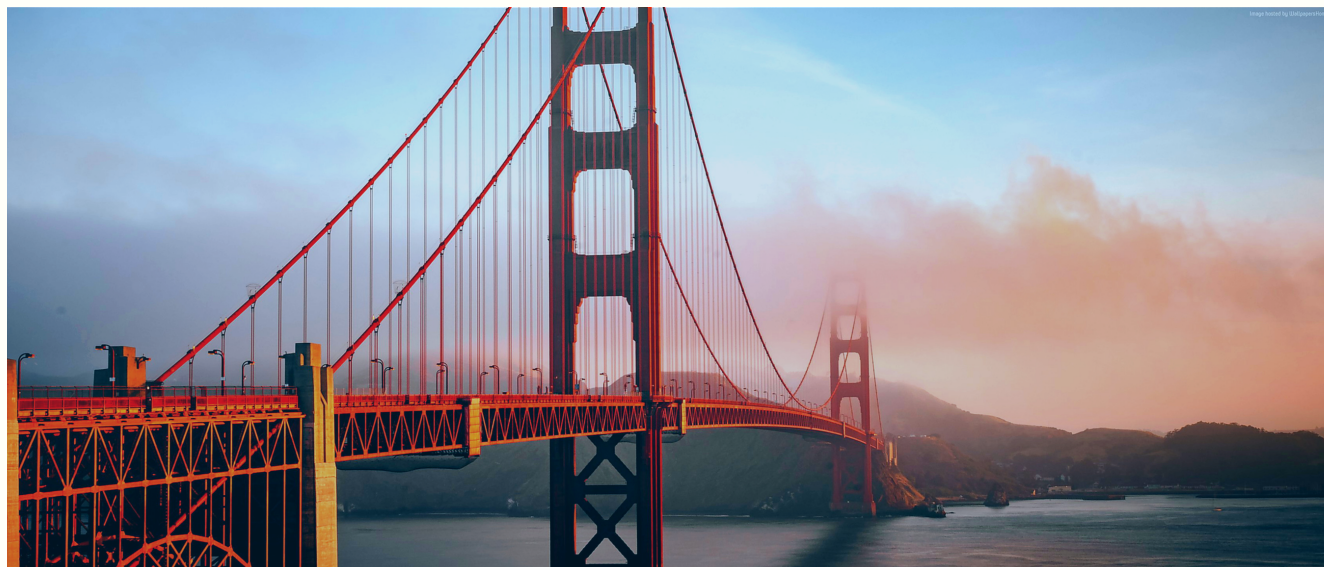




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## My Corner of the World

*By Jeff Foulkes*

Over here in San Francisco, on May 25th 2021, the San Francisco International airport completed and opened the second phase of the Harvey Milk Terminal, a new terminal costing 2.4 billion dollars. This new wing of the airport was named after Milk, the first openly gay person to hold public office in California. Part of the construction includes an art installation that details Milk's life, time in office, and assassination to introduce the story of Harvey Milk to domestic and international travelers.

To learn more, please visit the [Harvey Milk official website](#) and navigate here for [the official press release](#).

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# SPOTLIGHTS

## Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Frank C. Figueroa (he/him/his; pictured on the right) is a graduate of UMass Global's doctoral program in organizational leadership. Dr. Figueroa currently works as the Assistant Director at the Latino and Latin American Studies Research Center at the University of California, Riverside.

He is an active member of his community as he serves on the Coachella Planning Commission. While completing his doctorate, became an elected official serving in the Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District as the Vice-President of the Board. Dr. Figueroa is one of the only openly out elected officials in the Eastern Coachella Valley.



*Dr. Frank Figueroa (he/him/his)*

## Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Bryan Webb (he/him/his; pictured on the left) is a graduate of UMass Global's Doctor of Nursing Practice program and is a board-certified nurse practitioner, specializing in adult and geriatric primary care. Dr. Webb currently works as the Director of the Post Masters to Doctor of Nursing Practice program at the Maribelle and S. Paul Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions.

Having been a nurse for over 20 years, Dr. Webb remains very active in the nursing community, speaking locally and nationally to share his knowledge and skills with many of those in his profession. An openly out gay man and nurse, he actively participates in local community outreaches and fundraisers to support the community and bring greater awareness to the LGBTQ+ community. Dr. Webb has been happily married to his husband Dan for over 5 years, and they are actively establishing themselves in the Fort Lauderdale community.



*Dr. Bryan Webb (he/him/his)*

# Staff Spotlight

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Jarrod is currently serving as an academic advisor in the Umass Global MyPath competency-based education program.

My student affairs philosophy is centered on kindness, empathy, and counter storytelling. By sharing and amplifying individuals' stories we can learn from others' lived experiences and create change within our own lives. My love for the student affairs profession comes from my time at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), as a President of an education organization helping connect students to on and off-campus resources. I earned a B.A. in K-12 Education Sciences and a B.A. in Film and Media Studies from UCI which empowered me to pursue a Masters degree in Higher Education from California State University, Fullerton.

As a first-generation Asian American, and first-generation graduate school student, I had family members in the U.S. Navy who started but never completed college. My family member's experience in higher education inspired me to help adult learners, military, and veteran students. Diversity, equity, access, justice, and inclusion are always at the forefront of my work with students. Whether it is helping them advocate for change within their community or celebrating and acknowledging their community cultural wealth that they bring to Umass Global, I am always dedicated to continuing this work. I want my students to look at themselves and be proud of all they have accomplished because celebrating the small accomplishments is always as important as commemorating the significant ones and I'm excited to play a part in their educational journey







# SPRING 2SLGBTQIA+ CELEBRATIONS & OBSERVANCES



- February 12th - [National Freedom to Marry](#)
- March 31st - [Transgender Day of Visibility](#)
- April 6th - [International Asexuality Day](#)
- April 8th - [Day of Silence](#)
- April 26th - [Lesbian Visibility Day](#)
- May 16th - [National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day](#)
- May 22nd - [Harvey Milk Day](#)
- June - [Pride Month](#)



If you know of any other celebrations, observances, and/or events that center the 2SLGBTQIA+ please feel free to send them to [oei@umassglobal.edu](mailto:oei@umassglobal.edu).

## LGBTQIA+ LAW & POLICY

*Learn about laws that protect or hurt LGBTQIA+ identifying individuals. Visit the ["2020 Map of Sexual Orientation Laws in the World"](#) and view ["Snapshot: LGBTQ Equality by State."](#)*



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