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Colleagues,

Our newsletter this month showcases the many ways we are combining the expertise of our disciplines with community innovation. While we know we can always count on things changing our commitment to our engage, enrich and transform remains constant.

In the words of the poet Robert Frost

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaves are flowers—
But only so for hours;
Then leaves subside to leaves.
In Autumn she achieves
A still more golden blaze

But nothing golden stays.



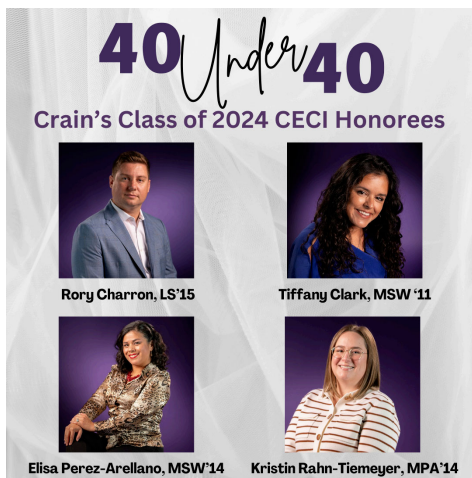
Happy Fall Y'all!

~Sherril

Celebrations

Becky Wilson, M.Ed. '10, received the Robert E. Mosier Professional Enrichment Award from the Upper Midwest Region of the Association of College and University Housing Officers. This award recognizes an individual in the Upper Midwest Region who has made outstanding contributions to the professional development of their colleagues in college student housing.

Shannon Howard, M.Ed. '09, a Spanish teacher at Vicksburg Middle School received the Michigan World Language Association (MIWLA) Middle School Teacher of the Year Award at the MIWLA's annual conference! The MIWLA Teacher of the Year Award honors the accomplishments of one exemplary world language teacher in each elementary, middle, and high school.



CECI Honorees in Crain's 40 Under 40!

[Rory Charron](#) - COO, Parkland Properties

[Tiffany Clarke](#) - CEO, Igneous Consulting

[Elisa Perez-Arellano](#) - Founder & CEO, Inclusive Empowerment Services, LLC

[Kristin Rahn-Tiemeyer](#) - Development Director, United Methodist Community House

[Full list of Crain's Business Leaders Class of 2024 honorees.](#)

Recognitions

Faculty/Staff, Alumni, and Students

Several students from the **School of Community Leadership and Development** will participate in a series of "coffee chats" where students and professionals come together to discuss philanthropy and social impact. The [first video was released](#) recently, featuring **Spandana Vemavarapu**, MPA graduate student. We are excited about this partnership with the Johnson Center for Philanthropy at GVSU and Geneva Global!

Students in the **School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies** program had the unique opportunity to step into the role of a federal agent, thanks to a partnership with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). HSI agents led GVSU students through immersive exercises pertaining to their classwork in Criminal Justice 312. Students participated in a variety of simulations and activities focused on bulk cash smuggling, cryptocurrency and romance scams, investigative surveillance, and search warrants. Students were also guided by HSI agents through a search warrant demonstration and exercise.

Publications/Presentations

Jamie Langlois, associate professor in the School of Social Work, co-authored an article, "[A Trauma-Informed Teaching Framework for Stewards](#)," which was published in *The Scholarly Teacher*.

Jaelyn Cwick, associate professor in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies, recently co-authored an article, "[Examining Firearm Offenses: Social Disorganization, Proximity From Home, and Crime Type](#)." September 2024, *Crime & Delinquency*.

She published another article, "[Incarceration and women's and men's forms of capital and social control: a gendered test of coercive mobility](#)," in the *Journal of Crime and Justice*.

Mohammed Lefrid, assistant professor, and **Lorie A. Tuma**, associate professor, both with Hospitality and Tourism Management, co-authored an article, "[Employee Perceptions of Diversity and Inclusion: An Evaluation of Restaurants Workplace in the USA](#)" (MS #1485) which was published in the *Journal of Tourism Insights*.

A. Scott Rood, associate professor, and **John Lipford**, affiliate professor, both with Hospitality and Tourism Management, co-authored an article, "[Higher' education: Incorporating cannabis as interdisciplinary curricula](#)," which was published in the *Journal of Tourism Insights*.

Mohammed Lefrid, assistant professor, and **Lorie A. Tuma**, associate professor, both with Hospitality and Tourism Management, co-authored an article, "[On-the-Go Dining in America: Comparing Convenience, Service Quality, and Satisfaction in QSR Versus Gas Station Food](#)" (MS #1491) which was published in the *Journal of Tourism Insights*.

Several Social Work faculty members presented papers or poster presentations at the Council on Social Work Education's Annual Program Meeting in October.

Haresh Dalvi, affiliate professor, Eco-Anxiety and the Medicalization of Indigenous Trauma: Implications for Eco-Social Work (Indigenous and Tribal track) and Integrating Indigenous Knowledge into Social Work Curriculum: Fostering Environmental Justice Competency (Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice track).

Cray Mulder, professor, Maternal Processes and Experiences After COVID-19: Strains and Supports in Three Generational Households (Human Behavior and the Social Environment track).

Robin Smith Colton, associate professor, Can't Stop Won't Stop: African American Men in the Pandemic (African Americans and the African Diaspora track).

CECI Events

Women in Leadership

Discussion Panel with Q & A



Women make up nearly 80% of PK12 educators but only 24% of superintendent positions. While we are seeing an increase in female students in leadership programs, there are unique obstacles in this journey.



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Join us to hear lessons learned, and identify themes and strategies of accomplishment from our panelists.



Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024

4:30pm - 6:30pm

GVSU Pew Campus
Loosemore Auditorium
401 Fulton St. W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504



GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELING

www.gvsu.edu/education/womeninleadership2024

RSVP by Friday, November 1st
4:30pm Hors d'oeuvres Reception
5:00pm Opening Comments

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

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4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Loosemore Auditorium

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5:00 p.m. Opening Comments

RSVP Today!

College of Education Alumni Network Panel and Roundtable Discussion

Bring your resume and cover letter for review!

Tuesday, November 12th
Regency Room-DeVos Building C

The College of Education Alumni Network invites you to a panel and roundtable discussion led by GVSU education alumni administrators, focusing on your cover letter, resume, and interviews.

5:30-6:00 pm
Food Service

6:00-6:45pm
Panel Discussion

6:45-7:00pm
Break

7:00-8:00 pm
Roundtable with School Administrators

Questions?
Contact the Education Alumni Network
(616) 331-6240



FALL GVSU EDUCATION ALUMNI ROUNDTABLE

Faculty and staff, please spread the word to GV education students! The Fall GVSU Education Alumni Roundtable event will be hosted downtown on the Pew Campus on November 12th. Students graduating this December will join GVSU alumni superintendents, district human resources administrators, and principals from around West Michigan for the opportunity to get effective feedback on application materials from field professionals. This event is free to attend, and dinner will be provided. Please see event details & RSVP below.

Tuesday, November 12
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Regency Room, Building C, Richard M. DeVos Center

For more information and to RSVP

Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium - Armenia

Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium - Armenia Webinars

The Challenges of Capacity Building in the Public Service: An Armenian Perspective

Monday, Nov 11, 2024, 10 AM to 11 AM EST (19:00 AMT)

Presentations by faculty from the American University of Armenia: Asbed Kotchikian, Associate Professor of International Relations & Diplomacy, and Uros Prokic, Assistant Professor and Chair of MPA program. Hosted by Quincy Williams.

[Register](#)

Sustainable Tourism: An Armenian Perspective

Thursday, Nov 21, 2024, 1 PM to 2 PM EST (22:00 AMT)

Presentations by Zarmine Zeytuntsyan, Program Director of the American University of Armenia Graduate Certificate in Hotel and Hospitality Management and co-founder of the Culture and Tourism for Sustainable Development NGO. Hosted by Michael Scantlebury.

[Register](#)

Teaching Situational Grammar

Saturday, Nov 23, 2024, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM EST (18:30 AMT).

Presentations by Susanna Baghdasaryan, Chair of Romance-Germanic Languages, Khachatur Abovian Armenian State Pedagogical University. Hosted by Sherrie Klee.

[Register](#)



CECI Fall Social with Trivia!

Don't miss this fun opportunity to socialize with colleagues, eat great food, and test your knowledge with some trivia!

In keeping with our GACC - Armenia theme for this semester, CACC decided to add a fun twist with some Armenian-related trivia to be played at your leisure during the Social. Your trivia game must be submitted at the end of the Social to qualify for a prize!

A teaser: What Hollywood star and socialites are from Armenia?

With fun people, great food, and a chance to win cool CECI swag, you won't want to miss it!



REPLENISH FOOD DRIVE

NOV 1 - DEC 6, 2024

More than 2,000 GVSU students don't have access to enough nutritious, affordable food, and our entire community is coming together to do something about it.

FIND A DONATION SITE. LEARN MORE ABOUT REPLENISH, AND MAKE A GIFT HERE:



[GVSU.EDU/GIVING/GIVINGTUESDAY](https://gvsu.edu/giving/givingtuesday)

DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO THE GVSU REPLENISH BASIC NEEDS CENTER

- High Demand Items
- Canned fruits & veggies
 - Granola bars
 - Canned soup, chili, stew
 - Dried beans
 - Pasta, rice, lentils
 - Peanut butter and jelly
 - Cereal
 - Spices (salt, black pepper, onion/garlic powder)



GIVING TUESDAY REPLENISH FOOD DRIVE

On Giving Tuesday, Lakers are uniting in support of GVSU students. Did you know more than 2,000 GVSU students are supported by Replenish each year? The Replenish Food Drive is happening now until December 3. Wondering what you can do?

Make a gift to the [Replenish Student Food Resource Fund](#). No matter the size, your gift can add up to make a big difference for Lakers in need.

Participate in the Campus Food Drive. [Click here](#) for a list of high-demand food items.

Join the Giving Tuesday Campus Celebration! Stop by Tuesday, December 3 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to learn more about Replenish, get free snacks, and participate in Giving Tuesday activities at the following locations: Kirkhof Center Lobby, Seidman Center Lobby, and DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health (by the café)

CACC is encouraging all CECI faculty and staff to consider giving during the Giving Tuesday Replenish Food Drive with donation boxes on every floor.

Community Engagement

Annual CECI Give Back Event

Last Friday, November 1st, the annual "CECI Give Back" event was held at the "**Public Thread**" warehouse on the Southwest side of Grand Rapids. A group of over 25 volunteers from across CECI, including Deans Soman and Hoffman, helped the folks from Public Thread prepare and organize their production space after their recent move to a historic building located on Godfrey Avenue.

Public Thread is a non-profit business that upcycles sustainably sourced textiles into a variety of innovative and stylish products ranging from purses and tote bags to laptop and tablet sleeves. Its mission is to promote sustainable production, protect our environment, and provide living wages to employees who represent a diverse cross-section of West Michigan communities. [Click here](#) for more information about Public Thread, and their beautiful and innovative products.

A huge **thank you** to my colleagues on the CECI Advisory and Communication Committee (CACC), especially those who volunteered for the organizational sub-committees, all of the volunteers who rolled up their sleeves that day, and Mrs. Rita Cooper, and Associate Dean Mark Hoffman, for being the primary drivers and organizers of the "Give Back" event.

Christopher Kierkus, CACC Chair



Front row (L-R): Simon Reeves (Dean's Office GA), Adrian Copeland (SCCJLS), Shelly Page (OCA), Cyril Maccauley (SCLD GA), Victoria Stubbs (T&L), Jane Auchter (OCA), Rui Niu-Cooper (LEFT), and Jade Bowman (OCA).

Middle row (L-R): Betsy Wessels (CECI UAC), Michelle Hodde (SSW), Rita Cooper (Dean's Office), Kelly Lormand (T&L), and Mei Mah (CEP).

Back row (L-R): Will Harper (CECI UAC), Christopher Kierkus (SCCJLS), Courtney Topic (SCCJLS), Jen DeWard (T&L), Clay Pelon (CEP), Mark Hoffman (Dean's Office), Mara Spears (CEP), and Daisy Fredricks (T&L).



Inaugural Teacher Academy Career Day

On Monday, November 4, 2024, ninety-nine Michigan high school students attended GVSU's 1st Teacher Academy Career Day. This event allowed high school students from Michigan teacher academy programs to learn about GVSU's teacher education programs and network with faculty, staff, and students. Each participating high school program has an articulated credit agreement with GVSU. Their students earn GVSU college credit (EDF 115: Introduction to Education) through a teacher academy program that formally aligns with GVSU's curriculum.

[Read more about the 1st Teacher Academy Career Day](#)

SCLD Day of Service

The School of Community Leadership and Development (SCLD) Day of Service at the Michigan Veterans Home (MVS) in Grand Rapids was a big success! With 65 CECI faculty, staff, students, and alumni, along with staff from the MVS, participating in various service projects, including cleaning grave markers in the cemetery, decorating for the haunted house, planting flower bulbs, and some significant trimming/pruning/landscaping efforts.



Day of Photo Gallery

Young Nonprofit Professionals Network

The Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Grand Rapids held their annual Leadership Awards Dinner at The Goei Center in Grand Rapids, on Thursday, October 3. The School of Community and Leadership Development purchased a table for the event attended by faculty, students, and alumni.



L-R: Aruna Karkee (MPNL student), Professor Donijo Robbins, Patricia Okolo (MPNL alum), Bex Takacs-Britz (MPNL student), Professor Salvatore Alaimo, Tara Aday (MPA alum), Colin Schroeder (undergrad student), and Andu Tekle (undergrad student)

Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy Alumni Panel

The Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy, part of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University, hosts the Wheelhouse Talks series. They are for thinking leaders and leading thinkers. Throughout the series, shared leadership values — integrity, energy, community, and vision — are center stage.

On September 30, two SCLD alumni were part of a fabulous panel discussion on leadership held at the Loosemore Auditorium, on the downtown campus of GVSU. Alma-Jean Fossel (MPA 2013), Executive Director at Community Food Club, and Katie Beemer (MPA, 2021), City Administrator at City of Fennville, MI shared their experiences and valuable insights with students, faculty, and members of the community.



Wheelhouse Panel - Katie Beemer, MPA '21



Wheelhouse Panel - Alma-Jean Fossel, MPA '13

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College Governance

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Faculty Council

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, November 20th ([Zoom link](#))

Wednesday, December 4th ([Zoom link](#))

College Advisory and Communication Committee

On November 1, we held our annual **CECI Give Back event at Public Thread**. Our volunteers exceeded expectations and had a great time giving back.

We are looking forward to the **CECI Fall Social** happening Thursday, November 14 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall of the DeVos Center. Grab your colleagues for a great time of socializing, food, and trivia!

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, November 20

Wednesday, December 11

Wednesday, January 15

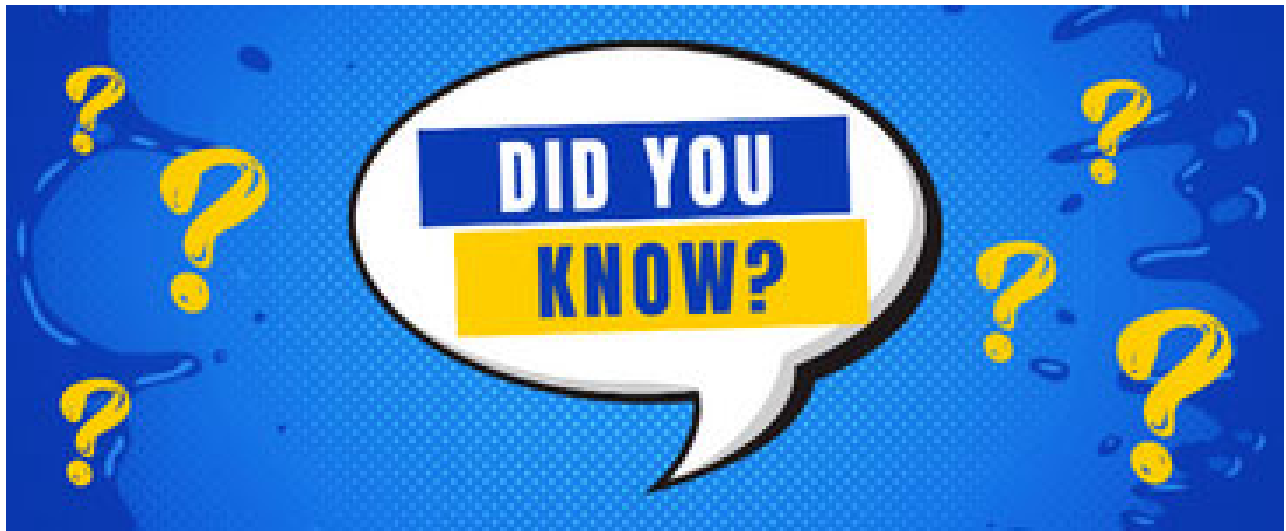
Wednesday, February 19

Wednesday, March 19

Wednesday, April 16

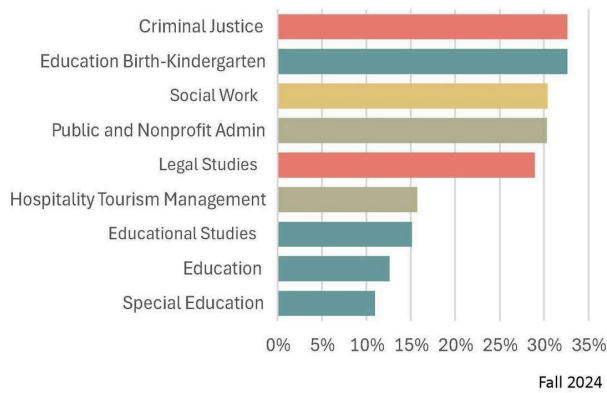


The [CECI Happenings](#) is an informational form that can be submitted by any faculty, staff, or student to promote an event, publication, etc. for our social platforms and newsletter.

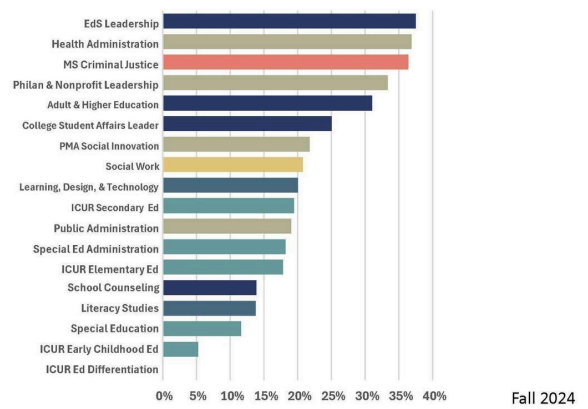


Fall Student Census

BIPOC students, percent by major
(excludes international students)



BIPOC students, percent by graduate program
(excludes international students)



- November 11** - [GACC Webinar](#) - 10:00 a.m. (19:00 AMT)
- November 12** - [Majors Fair](#) - Kirkhof Center - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- November 12** - [Fall GVSU Education Alumni Roundtable](#) - Regency Room
- November 12** - [Women in Leadership](#) - Loosemore Auditorium
- November 13** - [Teach-In](#) - Seidman 1008 Multipurpose Room

November 14 - [Teach-In](#) - Kirkhof Center
November 14 - CECI Fall Social - Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
November 16 - Fall Laker Open House - Kirkhof Center - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
November 21 - [GACC Webinar](#) - 1:00 p.m. (22:00 AMT)
November 23 - [GACC Webinar](#) - 9:30 AM (18:30 AMT)
November 27 - December 1 - Thanksgiving Recess
December 4 - Big Byte Webinar
December 7 - 14 - Examination Week
December 7 - Classes End and Commencement
December 14 - Semester Ends
January 22 - Big Byte Webinar
April 14 - Year-End Winter Meeting - Seidman 1008 Multipurpose Room

Join the GVSU community for the **12th annual Teach-In** on November 13 and 14th, 2024, entitled Power, Privilege, and Difficult Dialogues. Teach-In is a two-day conference that engages all participants in mutual education around inequity, systems of oppression, social justice, and liberation on our campus, in our region, and communities worldwide.

Teams of faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to submit a proposal for a session that is practical, participatory, and action-oriented with an intersectional framework. Faculty are encouraged to make the Teach-In part of their class participation and conversation!

For more information, including the schedule of presentations, visit the [Teach-In website](#)



Important Dates

FALL PERSONNEL ACTIONS

August 26 - Fall Personnel Portfolios due to Unit Heads by 11:59 p.m.
October 25 - Unit Head submits appropriate fall personnel documents to Dean
October 31 - Dean forwards fall personnel documents to CPC
November 15 - CPC submits fall personnel recommendations to Dean
December 20 - Dean submits fall personnel recommendations to Provost
January 31 - Provost makes fall personnel decisions and notifies all appropriate people

SABBATICALS

September 1 - Sabbatical Leave Proposals due no later than 11:59 p.m.
September 23 - Revised sabbatical leave proposals are due
September 30 - Unit sabbatical recommendations due
November 15 - University Sabbatical Review Committee recommendations are due
December 15 - College Dean sabbatical recommendation is due
January 31 - Provost sabbatical decision is due

WINTER PERSONNEL ACTIONS

October - Candidates for winter personnel actions can [apply in writing](#) to the Dean.

ANNUAL SCHEDULE

Please note that Spring/Summer will be due back before Fall and Winter				
Semester	Phase	To	Available	Edits Complete By
SS25	Round One - First Dibs Rooms	Departments	9/23/2024	10/18/2024
SS25	Round One - First Dibs Rooms	Deans	10/21/2024	10/25/2024
SS25	Round One - QC	Records	10/28/2024	11/8/2024
SS25	Final Round - Open Rooms	Departments	11/11/2024	12/4/2024
SS25	Final Round - Open Rooms	Deans	12/5/2024	12/6/2024
SS25	Schedule Viewable (Course Changes)	Live/Viewable to Students	12/9/2024	
SS25	Schedule Viewable (Course Changes)	Planner Available	3/1/2025	
SS25	Advanced Registration (Course Changes)	Registration Live	3/17/2025	
F25.W26	Round One - First Dibs Rooms	Departments	9/23/2024	11/8/2024
F25.W26	Round One - First Dibs Rooms	Deans	11/11/2024	11/15/2024
F25.W26	Round One - QC	Records	11/18/2024	12/6/2024
F25.W26	Final Round - Open Rooms	Departments	12/9/2024	1/31/2025
F25.W26	Final Round - QC & Roomless	Deans	2/3/2025	2/7/2025
F25.W26	Final Round - QC & Roomless	Records	2/10/2025	2/28/2025
F25.W26	Schedule Viewable (Course Changes)	Planner Available	3/1/2025	
F25.W26	Advanced Registration (Course Changes)	Registration Live	3/17/2025	

Resources

- [Acronyms](#)
- [CECI Connections Guide](#)
- [CECI Newsletter Repository](#)
- [Experts Guide](#)
- [Organizational Chart](#)
- [Student Flowchart](#)

Thanks to all those who contributed to the November 2024 edition of CECI Connections:
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Neal Buckwalter, Mohammed Lefrid, Salvatore Alaimo, and Christopher Kierkus

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