The Department of Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, composed of Assistant Professor E. Cassandra Dame-Griff and Professor and Chair Bernadette Marie Calafell has been busy not only offering new courses, but publishing interdisciplinary scholarly research. Dr. Dame-Griff recently published the peer reviewed essay, “The Future is Brown…and Fat: Population Control, Latina/o/x ‘Health’ and Protecting the Future Nation-State” in the Journal of Fat Studies. This essay intercedes in existing work in Fat Studies by offering an intersectional perspective that challenges discourses around Latina/o/x bodies. Dr. Dame-Griff will be extending this research as she works on a book length monograph currently under contact with the University of Kansas Press. Additionally, Dr. Calafell recently published two edited books; Queer Intercultural Communication: The Intersectional Politics of Belonging in and Across Difference (edited with Dr. Shinsuke Eguchi) and Negotiating Identity and Transnationalism: Middle East and North African Communication and Critical Cultural Studies with Haneen Ghabra, Fatima Chrifi Zahrae Alaoui, and Shadee Abdi. Queer Intercultural Communication brings together queer studies with intercultural communication to push for more intersectional and complex understandings of culture, while the Negotiating Identity and Transnationalism is the first book in Communication Studies focused on communities in or with origins in the Middle East and North Africa. The second book is also a collaboration between Dr. Calafell and her former doctoral advisees who are now faculty at San Francisco State University and Kuwait University.