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Welcome to the newsletter of the **Disability Community Collaborative at Cal State East Bay!**

The [Disability Community Collaborative \(DCC\)](#) brings together CSU East Bay students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community members in order to collaborate through education, advocacy, creating inclusive physical and virtual spaces, and fostering access and authentic connection.

You are invited to join us today, **Tues Mar 17th from 12:15-1:15 pm**, in person (CORE 159) or online ([register for Zoom link](#)) for **Community Conversations: Exploring Neurodiversity**. During this informal get-together co-sponsored by the [DCC](#) and the [Center for Disability Justice Research](#), we will discuss what neurodiversity means to you. Come to share, come to listen, come to learn! Also, light refreshments provided for those attending in person.

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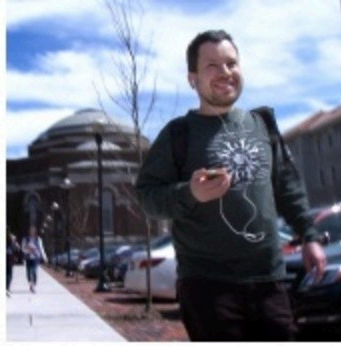
During Spring 2026, Seiryō Taiko - an ensemble that plays Japanese drums - meets every Thursday from 12:30 - 1:30pm in the PE 140 Dance Studio this semester. All are welcome! No previous experience necessary.

Guest teacher Naoko Amemiya is a professional Taiko artist with an interest in Inclusive Taiko. She has previously taught workshops with Seiryō Taiko and our Inclusive Interdisciplinary Ensemble, and is part of our international RISE Collective working on Inclusive Taiko projects.

Naoko Amemiya and Eric Kupers, Professor of Theatre and Dance, want to especially welcome anyone who has felt nervous about participating in a Taiko class or practice. They aim to make Taiko more inclusive of people with diverse abilities/disabilities and neuro-types.

Come give it a try! Spread the word!

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Intelligent Lives documentary

As part of Disability Justice Week last month, the [Center for Disability Justice Research](#) (CDJR) hosted a virtual screening and discussion of the documentary [Intelligent Lives](#), which profiles 3 young adults with intellectual disabilities (ID): Naieer, Micah, and Naomie (*pictured clockwise from top left*).

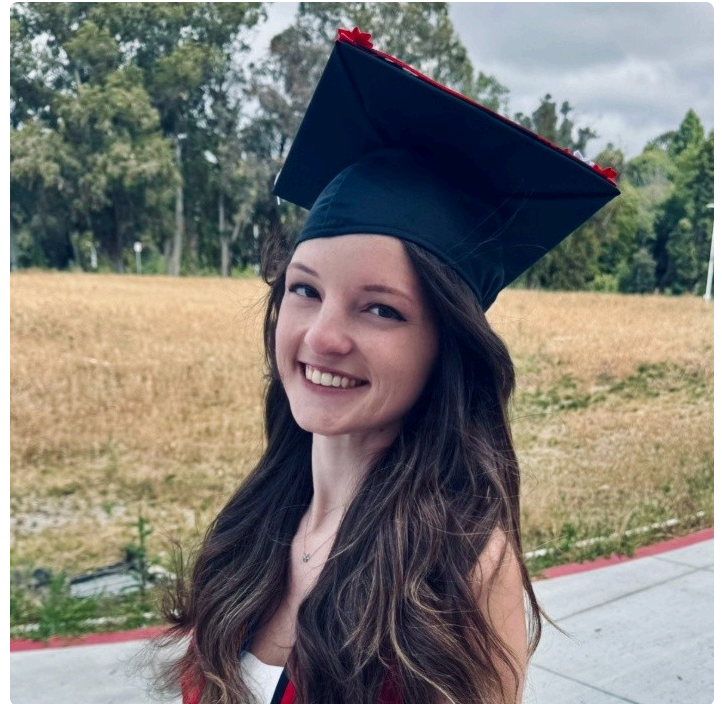
Discussion was facilitated by CDJR Governing Board member Kristin Vogel-Campbell, education consultant and veteran Special Educator (*pictured at lower left*).

If you have CSUEB library privileges, you can [stream Intelligent Lives for free!](#)

Student Research on the Shortage of ASL Interpreters in Medical Settings

Azaria Gjokaj graduated from CSUEB in 2025 with her BA in Human Development, and a concentration in Childhood Development.

Read our [interview](#) with her about her senior research project, "**The Shortage of ASL Interpreters and Its Effects on Accessibility in Medical Settings**," for which she interviewed 5 deaf adults via direct messaging about their experiences with healthcare in the US.



Disability Community News @CSUEB and Beyond

Disability Community Collaborative (DCC) monthly meetings - The DCC meets monthly over [Zoom](#). All are welcome to join us on **Fri Mar 27 from 10-11:30 am**, and/or **Mon Apr 27 from 4-5:30 pm**. Email dcc@csueastbay.edu if you'd like to be added to the list for email announcements, or submit your email address to this [form](#) if you want to receive future issues of this newsletter!

SAVE THE DATE: College Link Program (CLP) celebration on April 21-24, 2026! - The [College Link Program \(CLP\)](#) is excited to be celebrating our 15th anniversary! Founded in 2010, CLP provides specialized support for students on the autism spectrum in 4 domains: academic skills, independent living skills, career preparation skills, and social skills. Details to come about presentations, workshops, and performances during this multi-day event!

Disability Community Open Study Space - Students are invited to drop by CORE 341 on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 12-1 pm. Co-sponsored by the [Disability Justice and Neurodiversity Club](#), the [Think By The Bay program](#), and the [SCAA](#) (Student Center for Academic Achievement)!

Virtual Open Community Space - Student members and allies of the [Disability Justice and Neurodiversity Club](#) are invited to connect over [Zoom](#), every other Friday from 4-5 pm! Next gathering in on Mar 27.

Memorial Service for Alice Wong - The [San Francisco Disability Cultural Center](#) will host a memorial service for Alice Wong on Wed Mar 25 from 11 am-1 pm ([link for livestream](#)), to be followed by a reception from 1-2 pm which you can join virtually ([register for the Zoom link](#)).

Legacies of Eugenics Conference at UC Berkeley - free. in person from April 10-11, 2026. [Schedule](#) and [registration](#).

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"Disability justice is about justice for *all* people. It offers a better way forward, one which centers collective care and mutual aid, ensuring equitable access to all we need to experience and live in our joy, freedom, and humanity."

– [Sandy Ho](#)

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What We're Reading

News stories:

[Think By The Bay Awarded \\$2.3 Million Federal Grant to Expand Opportunities for Students with Intellectual Disabilities](#)

[BAFTA Awards incident sparks debate on race and disability after guest with Tourette's shouts slur](#)

Newsletters:

[SF Disability Cultural Center](#)

[UC Berkeley Disability Cultural Community Center](#)

[Crip News](#) - "A weekly roundup about disability arts and politics"

A Note from the DCC Newsletter Committee

Please feel free to contact us at dcc@csueastbay.edu with any questions or ideas for future stories!

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