



ERSO Celebrations



April 2025

Staff Spotlight

This month, we shine a spotlight on our Executive Director, **Cynthia Weekley**. Thanks for sharing, Cynthia!



"Photo I added is my whole world, my husband, daughter and mom"

In 1 word, please describe what you do in ERSO. **Navigate**

In 2 words, please tell us about yourself. **Curious and Big Hearted**

You have 30 minutes to spend a million dollars. Where is your first stop? **Book a trip to the Maldives and donate to a few charities I support.**

What advice would you give to your teenage self? **Take risks, invest, explore, and most of all, value your uniqueness- it's what sets you apart!**

Worst song or movie ever? **Pulp Fiction**

What hobby would you get into if time and money weren't an issue? **More travel**

What question should we ask the next Spotlight colleague? **If you could instantly become an expert in anything, what would it be?**

Happy BIRTHDAY!

April Alford
Krystle Bartholomew
Natalie Chen
Amy Frithsen
Miriam Kader
Kevin Matthews
Heather Murthy
Richard Stibravy
Judy Tam
Christy Welden

Happy AnnivERSOry!

Alberto Marcelo, 11 years
Sarah Gaugler, 10 years
Ken Major, 6 years
Sam Wong, 6 years
Julie Tan, 3 years
Tracee Jackson, 3 years
Marie Wallmark, 3 years
John Keller, 2 years

Beginning this month,
Spotlight nominations are
open to everyone in ERSO!

Please submit your
nomination(s) using [this form](#).





Catie Anders - we salute you!

"Catie had to put together a DARPA proposal together for the first time. (This is the most complicated proposal possible with a budget spreadsheet that has reduced many an experienced RA to tears!). To make matters more complicated, she had to compile the budgets and other documents from several often noncommunicative co-PIs and a sick lead PI. In addition, the budgets involved equipment fabrications that included a ridiculous number of items and vendor quotes. Through all that, Catie remained cheerful and patient, diligently following through on her requests and making sure understood what was needed when. She did a beautiful job compiling a very complex proposal despite the odds being stacked against her."



April Programming

Tuesday, April 1

11:30am – 1:00pm PT
Board Games & Cupcakes
Hosted by Julie Tan
Format: In-person (Conf Rm, Cory Hall)

Friday, April 5

12:15 – 1:00pm PT
Lunch Klatches: DIY/Creators/Makers
Hosted by Tom Parsons
Format: Virtual

Wednesday, April 16

12:15 – 1:00pm PT
Lunch Klatches: Movies and Shows
Hosted by Eva Leach
Format: Virtual

Friday, April 25

12:15 – 1:00pm PT
Lunch Klatches: Cooking/Food/Travel
Hosted by Eva Leach
Format: Virtual



Announcements/Alerts:

SPOT AWARDS: The final nomination deadline is *April 28, 2025*.

- Please find the nomination form [here](#).
- Full program details can be found [here](#).

Upcoming: Party on the Patio

Date: Wednesday, May 14th
Time: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Location: The Fourth Bore (Orinda)

Your questions/feedback is welcome! Please submit it via this [anonymous form](#).

