

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Amaya Gonzalez
Damon Hinson
Denise Ramirez
Derek Johnson
Erik Hoopes
Eva Leach
John Li
Kasandra Casillas
Laman Sadaghiani
Larry Polito
Maria Perez
Mary Cuisson
Mattie Lee
Robert Rainey
Stacy Ruvalcaba
Veronika Blair

"Love is at once an affirmation and a transcendence of who we are."

– Esther Perel

HAPPY AnnivERSORY!

Amy Frithsen
Eboni Wilson
Esther Gomez
Farah Pranawahadi
Joel Spitzer
John Li
Judy Tam
Laman Sadaghiani
Sandra Guiton
Sara Rivera
Taylor Kaserman
Wendy Kung

WARMEST WELCOME to **Allyson Baldus** and **Catie Anders** who joins our Research Administration team this month!

July Newsletter Correction: Happy, happy July birthday to our colleague **Makayla Leahy** who was excluded from last month's Celebrations in error!

Congratulations, Emily Martinez – We salute you!

"With the departure of the Math AP Analyst for non-senate appointments several months ago, Emily has repeatedly stepped in to help myself and the department to navigate one of the busiest times for non-senate appointments and activity. Emily continuously goes above and beyond by showing exceptional commitment to the needs and intentions of our department by helping to solve problems (example: coordinating a visa and subsequent transition from Postdoc to Project Scientist for one of our appointees), anticipate the department's needs and intentions (example: closely reviewing the requests I've submitted to ensure that actions are implemented correctly as was the case in processing retroactive payroll adjustments for one of our lecturers and several of our senate faculty members), and continuously demonstrating her willingness to be both a team player and a leader. I am truly grateful to have Emily's support and guidance and feel that without her assistance these past few months, we would not have been able to navigate this period as smoothly as we have."

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

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This month, we shine a spotlight on **Brooke Estrada** from our HR team. Thanks for sharing, Brooke!

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

Hire

In 2 words, please tell us about yourself.

Locked in

You have 30 minutes to spend a million dollars. Where is your first stop?

Porsche dealership

What advice would you give to your teenage self?

Lean into your fears

Worst song or movie ever?

Cats (2019)

Who do you look up to the most?

My mom

What question should we ask the next Spotlight colleague?

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Please share a picture that best represents you:

