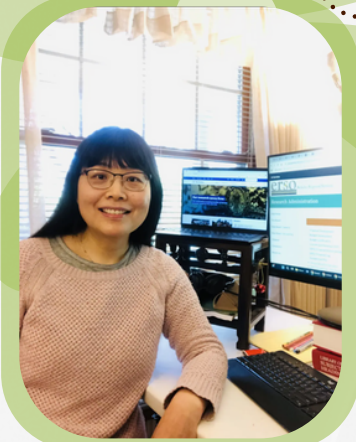


## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



This month, we shine a spotlight on **Rachel Zhang** from the RA team. Thanks for sharing, Rachel!

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

In 2 words, please tell us about yourself.  
**Proactive and Friendly**

You have 30 minutes to spend a million dollars.  
Where is your first stop?  
**I'd go to local charities to donate a sizable amount and invest in a few tech stocks using the remaining funds.**

What advice would you give to your teenage self?  
**I would tell myself...to focus on learning while stepping out of my comfort zone in sports and club activities!**

Worst song or movie ever?  
**"Legends of the Condor Heroes (2025)": not a good adaptation of the novel with the same title**

If you could instantly become an expert in anything, what would it be?  
**English linguistics: it would be cool to understand the phonetics, structure, evolution and future change of the language**

What question should we ask the next Spotlight colleague?  
**If it were your turn to choose a book for the book club, which one would you recommend?**

# ERSO CELEBRATIONS

May 2025

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Catie Anders  
John Keller  
Julie Tan  
Sarah Lirio

Happy  
Anniversary

Parijat Sengupta Datta, 6 years  
\*Mark Bell, 3 years  
Jade Horder, 3 years  
Angelica Gurrola, 2 years

## Christina Hamilton - We salute you!

"I am happy to nominate Christina Hamilton for a Staff Salute! While she has only been with ERSO since December, she has already stepped up to take the lead on the Projection Template - implementing updates, changes, feedback, etc. from other ERSO RAs and creating a more robust tool for everyone's use. She has also provided (and continues to provide) input to make the RA master training document more rounded and comprehensive for future RAs onboarded to ERSO, and she has already requested to be a part of the ERSO Hub Committee to further better this organization. She truly demonstrates commitment, being a problem solver, and anticipating needs for not just her PIs, but for her fellow colleagues and the organization as a whole. ERSO is incredibly lucky to have her!"

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you  
cannot see a shadow."  
—Helen Keller

# ERSO CELEBRATIONS

May 2025



## Party on the Patio

Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

11:30am to 1:30pm

The Fourth Bore (Orinda)

*Please RSVP by May 7th*

## May Programming

### FRIDAY, MAY 2

12:15 – 1:00pm PST

Lunch Klatches: DIY/Creators/Makers

Hosted by Tom Parsons

Format: Virtual

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

12:15 – 1:00pm PST

Lunch Klatches: Movies and Shows

Hosted by Eva Leach

Format: Virtual

### FRIDAY, MAY 30

12:15 – 1:00pm PST

Lunch Klatches: Cooking/Food/Travel

Hosted by Christina Hamilton &

Lauren Wolf

Format: Virtual

### Staff Spotlight

nominations are now  
open to everyone in  
ERSO! Please submit  
your nomination(s) using  
**this form.**

Your questions/feedback is welcome! Please submit it via this **anonymous form.**