The position is one of two new SJSU roles created in response to rising racial tensions in U.S.

By Olivia Gerber
STAFF WRITER

Jahmal Williams said when the position for director of advocacy for racial justice at San Jose State was first announced, he knew his passion to serve the campus community would compel him to apply. Williams, who has assumed several roles at SJSU since 2014, including being program director of the African American/Black Student Success Center, said the momentum of the Black Lives Matter movement during the summer motivated him to apply.

“I felt that I had to at least apply to say, ‘Why not take on this role and this task of moving our campus forward and making it better,’ as opposed to just trying to internally advise the person who does get the role,” he said over Zoom.

Williams has a master’s degree in clinical social work from Michigan State University and a bachelor’s degree in women’s studies from the University of Michigan.

Lisa Millora, vice president for strategy and chief of staff at SJSU, announced that Williams was named director of advocacy for racial justice on Sept. 28 in a campuswide email.

The position is one of two new roles created at SJSU this year to work toward racial equity. The director will collaborate with the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and community partners to coordinate and lead programs and initiatives that will promote racial justice for SJSU faculty members, staff and students.

Williams said the national racial justice movement this summer sparked conversations for SJSU to develop roles created at SJSU this year to work toward racial equity on the campus.

“Williams’ track record shows through the impact he has on students that he has really dedicated himself and put in extra effort for the student body over the years,” Williams said

He saw the opportunity to implement the ideas he’s been wanting to put in for so long, so I respect it,” Millora said over Zoom.

Before working at the African American/Black Student Success Center, Williams was an assistant director at Peer Connections, which provides free tutoring, mentoring and general counseling for SJSU students.

He also worked in Student Affairs at North Carolina Central University and in the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access at Georgetown University.

Donahue said she hopes Williams is able to create programs and initiatives for Black students and mitigate other racial equity issues on campus.

“His idea for the interior of the new position will allow him to have a greater impact on the student body,” Donahue said over Zoom.

He also worked in Student Affairs at North Carolina Central University and in the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access at Georgetown University.

Donahue said she hopes Williams is able to create programs and initiatives for Black students and mitigate other racial equity issues on campus.

Williams said he has long- and short-term goals to instill lasting initiatives to improve graduation and retention rates in underserved student and faculty member communities.

“The immediate short-term goal is to really hear from the constituents that make up the institution and strategize with those populations to then develop initiatives that will last forever,” he said.

It was unknown to the Spartan Daily at the time of publication who would fill the program director position at the African American/Black Student Success Center.

Williams will assume his new role Oct. 28.

A&F
Mashie gallery displays handmade art in downtown

Permanent Security Council members are too powerful

Opinion

By Olivia Gerber
STAFF WRITER

Williams said he was inspired to pursue the new role after seeing the momentum of the Black Lives Matter movement during the summer.

“I saw the opportunity to implement the ideas he’s been wanting to put in for so long, so I respect it,” Millora said over Zoom.

Before working at the African American/Black Student Success Center, Williams was an assistant director at Peer Connections, which provides free tutoring, mentoring and general counseling for SJSU students.

He also worked in Student Affairs at North Carolina Central University and in the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access at Georgetown University.

Donahue said she hopes Williams is able to create programs and initiatives for Black students and mitigate other racial equity issues on campus.

Williams said he has long- and short-term goals to instill lasting initiatives to improve graduation and retention rates in underserved student and faculty member communities.

“The immediate short-term goal is to really hear from the constituents that make up the institution and strategize with those populations to then develop initiatives that will last forever,” he said.

It was unknown to the Spartan Daily at the time of publication who would fill the program director position at the African American/Black Student Success Center.

Williams will assume his new role Oct. 28.

Serving San Jose State University since 1934
WWW.SJSUNEWS.COM/SPARTAN_DAILY

New advocacy director announced

The position is one of two new SJSU roles created in response to rising racial tensions in U.S.

[Williams'] Track record shows through the impact he has on students that he has really dedicated himself and put in extra effort for the student body over the years. So I think it’s a very fitting position for him.

Akil Green
African-American studies junior

Williams' new position as director of racial justice was created in response to the national racial justice movements happening across the country this summer.

Follow Olivia on Twitter @LivGerber

Editorial out on Wednesday

The Spartan Daily and the Lumberjacks, Humboldt State University's student newspaper, will each publish an editorial Wednesday regarding concerns about the SJSU football program temporarily moving to Humboldt.
Parking lot gallery bonds community

By Laura Fields

South San Francisco monthly art gathering, South First Fridays, continued its long-held tradition of displaying creative local art to residents, transforming a once-desolate parking lot into a makable gallery area with unique art experiences. A new generation is now enjoying a visit to the event.

As indoor spaces are closed and large gatherings are prohibited because of the coronavirus pandemic, "The Outsiders," an outdoor event, has served as a part of a collaboration with Downtown San Jose's "al-fresco" outdoor dining and market expansion following social distancing guidelines.

South First Fridays was typically held on a blocked-off section of First Street in Downtown San Jose and was a monthly event that transformed the 20 art booths before the pandemic. The public artwalk hosted galleries, restaurants, cafes and a rock climbing gym that all participated in the South First Fridays event.

Cherri Lakey, co-organizer for the event, said Lakey said they had to use some "quirky language" in describing the event during the pandemic.

"In order to avoid calling the event a gathering, Lakey used the term "al-fresco program," which allowed artists to gather visitors by using the neighboring restaurant's more relaxed restrictions. The event was held in an empty lot between Kalaid and Annex Store.

Because large gatherings are under tight scrutiny, some artists have lost that sense of community for their work.

"But we want to open the doors, but we have to have the same atmosphere conditions.

"So, I think we have pretty well done under this [pandemic]." Lakey had a feeling the event would be successful because of the COVID shut down. "We've traded shirts for bottles of wine before," Wayne Wood said. "We had good wine too." Delilah Bender, a San Francisco State studio art sophomore, worked on a stop-animation puppet of a skin walker, a preacher from Native American folklore. Lakey said organizers had a feeling the event would be successful in bringing the vendor community together. The line at "Pop-Up San Jose" began to wrap around the block hours before the event started. Lucero said since the line was getting so long, organizers opened 30 minutes before the scheduled opening time.

Theresa Martin, San Jose resident and caregiver for kids at El Jardin Vintage, said she was extremely pleased with her experience at the event. "The prices weresuper reasonable, and I liked the fact which I'm very happy about," Martin said.

When I moved to California four years ago, I was kind of broke, so I started reselling household appliances. But then a year ago I started El Jardin Vintage as a way of making extra money but also getting creative and having fun.

I have a visual arts degree, so I have been fascinated with monsters. "I started El Jardin Vintage as a way of making extra money but also getting creative and having fun. I have a visual arts degree, so I have been fascinated with monsters."

The first Friday of each month, "El Jardin Vintage," owner of El Jardin Vintage, said that was her third vintage market as a part of a collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of Silicon Valley, a non-profit youth development organization, to organize the clothing gathering in South San Francisco.

"The different styles of art all play together with clothes," she said. "Fitting people with the right personality and the tee-shirt is one of my favorite things to do."

"The different styles of art all play together with clothes," she said. "Fitting people with the right personality and the tee-shirt is one of my favorite things to do."
U.N. Security Council is stagnant

Olivia Gerber

The United Nations was designed with a major structural flaw that has kept it from evolving to fit the needs of the global population.

The U.N. is necessary because it connects international leaders and allows them to have a platform focused on achieving world peace and security.

Despite the good the organization does, its failings come from its main decision-making bodies – the Security Council.

The current Council arrangement is outdated and diluting the global will setting because of the veto power given to permanent member countries.

According to the United Nations’ Charter, the council is made up of five permanent members that were important in the aftermath of World War II in the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia. Global politics have drastically evolved since the United Nations was founded in 1945.

The five permanent members of the Security Council are no longer the exclusive world powers, and the global community has different interests in global peace policies that are not rooted in proxy wars.

The permanent members of the council are focused in two regions: North America and Europe. Other regions are either underrepresented like Asia, or not represented at all like Africa, Latin America and the small island developing states.

According to the United Nations, more than half of global population growth between now and 2050 is expected to occur in Africa. Africa has the largest number of member states in the United Nations, yet has no permanent representation in the Security Council.

A lack of diverse representation in permanent members of the Security Council limits its ability to respond to threats to international peace and security.

The membership distribution of the Security Council has changed very little since its inception in 1945, even though the number of U.N. member states has almost tripled since then and the relative power of member states has changed significantly.

In 1945, when the Security Council was formed, the United Nations included 51 member countries. There are now 193 member countries, but the structure of the council and the number of permanent members has not changed.

With the current structure of the Security Council, each permanent member has automatic veto power of any Security Council action and therefore can block any other country from being a permanent member of the Security Council.

The permanent members frequently use and perhaps abuse this veto power. According to the United Nations’ Security Council, Japan is the second longest financial contributor to the U.N. after the U.S. However, China continuously votes against the country from becoming a permanent member of the Security Council. Japan was to be established as one of the permanent members.

China would no longer be the sole permanent representative from Asia and would have to contend with Japan, a historic rival.

Because of vetoes from permanent Security Council members, the council’s actions to maintain international peace and security have been unsatisfactory. Multiple humanitarian crises occurred because of a lack of action from the Security Council.

One of the more notable cases in the Rwandan genocide. According to a 1999 Security Council Report, the council’s refusal to strengthen the peacekeeping forces in the country led to the loss of over 800,000 lives. The report called the genocide “a failure of the United Nations system as a whole.”

The existence of the veto power has allowed the five permanent members to focus the actions of the Security Council on their own members interests and ignore the rest of the world.

Although the United Nations is still needed, it needs to undergo a dramatic redistribution of power to achieve a more nuanced picture of the global community with current powers represented.

Follow Olivia on Twitter @LivGerber

STAFF WRITER
The downfall of the Giants can be attributed to their lack of young prospects, inconsistent batting and weak pitching.

Consequently, by the end of the season the Giants released two pillars of their championship teams: Pablo Sandoval and Hunter Pence. Sandoval batted an average of .220 and Pence batted .396, far from their all-star numbers. Other older players on the teams include Brandon Belt and Brandon Crawford who had just 9 and 8 home runs respectively, not even cracking the MLB top 40 for home runs. Pitchers Johnny Cueto and Jeff Samardzija also underperformed by having a combined ERA of 7.56 in 16 starts. An ERA is a measure of staff performance, so in short they gave up so many runs down the Giants several games. Sentinelarity for legacy not only cost the Giants on the field, but also it led the team to bring up some of their top 10 prospects coming this year in Joey Bart who batted an average of .235 in 105 at-bats. The Giants also struggled with inconsistent batting. According to Baseball Reference.com, in 2018, they were second to last in home runs with 133 and second to last in runs. In 2019, they were fifth to last with 167 home runs and third to last in runs. This season they made a significant jump, ranking No. 13 in home runs and No. 8 in runs. However, this was still only 60 games, compared to the usual 162.

The Giants hoped that acquiring third baseman Evan Longoria back in 2017 would put them back on track and according to a 2017 ESPN article, the trade for Longoria was expected to pay off immediately. According to a 2017 MLB.com article, Longoria was owed $81 million through 2024 with a $13 million team option for ’25, and he would receive a $2 million bonus for being healthy. Before becoming a Giant, Longoria was a decorated and established player for the Tampa Bay Rays. He was a rookie of the year, a three-time all star, a three-time golden glove winner, a defection player of the year and a home run derby participant. However, with the Giants, Longoria has yet to put up an average of .254 and hit 20 home runs in any of his seasons. The Giants hoped that acquiring third baseman from Longoria back in 2017 would put them back on track and according to a 2017 ESPN article, the trade for Longoria was expected to pay off immediately.

Sentimentality for legacy not only cost the Giants on the field, but also it led the team to bring up some of their top 10 prospects coming this year in Joey Bart who batted an average of .235 in 105 at-bats. The Giants also struggled with inconsistent batting. According to Baseball Reference.com, in 2018, they were second to last in home runs with 133 and second to last in runs. In 2019, they were fifth to last with 167 home runs and third to last in runs. This season they made a significant jump, ranking No. 13 in home runs and No. 8 in runs. However, this was still only 60 games, compared to the usual 162.

The Giants hoped that acquiring third baseman Evan Longoria back in 2017 would put them back on track and according to a 2017 ESPN article, the trade for Longoria was expected to pay off immediately. According to a 2017 MLB.com article, Longoria was owed $81 million through 2024 with a $13 million team option for ’25, and he would receive a $2 million bonus for being healthy. Before becoming a Giant, Longoria was a decorated and established player for the Tampa Bay Rays. He was a rookie of the year, a three-time all star, a three-time golden glove winner, a defection player of the year and a home run derby participant. However, with the Giants, Longoria has yet to put up an average of .254 and hit 20 home runs in any of his seasons. The Giants hoped that acquiring third baseman from Longoria back in 2017 would put them back on track and according to a 2017 ESPN article, the trade for Longoria was expected to pay off immediately.

The downfall of the Giants can be attributed to their lack of young prospects, inconsistent batting and weak pitching.