

A photograph of three young men at what appears to be a vape expo. The man in the center, wearing a maroon jacket and a black cap, is exhaling a large, thick cloud of white vapor. To his left, another man in a black cap looks on. To his right, a third man in a black cap and glasses is also using a vape. They are all wearing lanyards with badges.

Smoke Signals

Globe reporters investigate vaping concerns in a three-piece series

Winter is coming

Students consider value of pricey ski passes

'How We Left Home'

Interactive art exhibit displays personal immigration stories, poems, speeches and artifacts

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ALL WEEK

SLCC President's Art Show

When: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Where: South City Campus, Multipurpose Room

Inspirational Native Americans Gallery

When: All day

Where: TR Campus, Student Center

Native American Art Showcase submissions

When: All day

Where: TR Campus, Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs

WEDNESDAY

6th

Linkedin 101

When: 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where: TR Campus, Student Center

Presentation Skills Lab

When: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: TR Campus, Business Building, room 128

THURSDAY

7th

Issue Area Networking

When: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: South City Campus

Fempowered

When: 2 - 3 p.m.

Where: South City Campus, Gender & Sexuality Student Resource Center, 1-140

Film Screening Series - 'Adaptation'

When: 6 p.m.

Where: South City Campus, Screening Room

'Fortinbras' Black Box Theatre Production

When: 7:30 p.m. (Nov. 7 - 9)

Where: South City Campus, Black Box Theater

FRIDAY

8th

SLCC Men's Basketball v. Casper College

When: 6 p.m.

Where: TR Campus, LAC

SATURDAY

9th

SLCC Men's Basketball v. Western Nebraska Community College

When: 5 p.m.

Where: TR Campus, LAC

MONDAY

11th

Veterans Day Observance & Flag Ceremony

When: 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Where: TR Campus, Front of Student Center

TUESDAY

12th

Inge Auerbacher - Holocaust Speaker

When: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: TR Campus, LAC

Presentation Skills Lab

When: 5 - 7 p.m.

Where: South City Campus, room 1-158

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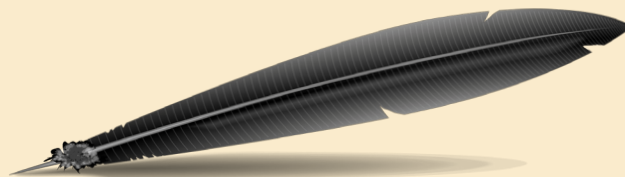
The Globe covers Utah's vaping crisis

Dear Globe readers,

With nearly 2,000 vaping-related hospitalizations in the last two months, vaping has become a hot button issue across the nation. Utah, in particular, is home to the highest number of vaping-related lung injuries per capita of any state, the majority of which are attributed to patients between 20-29 age years old.

Over the next few weeks, The Globe's staff will address the regulatory, health and commercial concerns of Utah's recent vaping developments. In conjunction with these weekly stories, we will appear on KRCL 90.9.

We will dive into the myths and controversy around vaping by reporting what Salt Lake Community College students, healthcare professionals and administrators, as well as local business owners have to say about the issue.



Noah Lewis

Editor-In-Chief, *The Globe*

Utah's ruling and repeal of emergency vaping statue

Noah Lewis

Editor-In-Chief

He was a healthy, 20-something with no history of medical conditions, but he died at his home, unable to reach the hospital in time. The only thing doctors knew for certain was that he suffered a severe lung-injury.

On Oct. 9, 2019, the Utah Department of Health confirmed the state's first vaping-related death.

Although there has only been one confirmed death in Utah, the state has had an unusually high number of vaping-related injuries with 98 reported cases out of the almost 1,500 cases, or 6.5% of cases nationwide. Like Utah's lone vaping death, most of Utahns who vape are between the ages of 20-29.

"Utah has the highest number of cases per capita of all the states," says Ryan Bartlett, media coordinator for the health department's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program. "We don't know why just yet, but we're collecting samples, testing samples, interviewing patients, and looking for an answer."

Bartlett notes that vaping products containing illicit tetrahydrocannabinol — more commonly known as THC — have been linked to almost all lung-injury cases in Utah.

"Almost 95% of Utah cases have been linked to the use of street-bought THC cartridges," he says. "Only a few confirmed cases were strictly nicotine vaping-related injuries."

A Salt Lake County autopsy of the one vaping death in Utah later found no other cause of death besides a lung injury, according to the *Salt Lake Tribune*. Additionally, a toxicology report indicated the use of THC, the psychoactive substance in marijuana. Authorities also found THC vape cartridges in the man's home.

To mitigate an increase in these cases, an emergency rule was enacted by the health department on Oct. 3, requiring all tobacco specialty shops to display signs warning against the use of THC vaping products. In addition, the ruling effectively removed all flavored vaping products from general tobacco retailers.

"The rule states that general tobacco retailers, like Walgreens, convenience stores, gas stations, would not be permitted to sell flavored vaping products for the duration of the ruling," says Bartlett.

The ruling was proposed to be in effect for 90 days but has since been rescinded by Utah's 3rd District Court.

"There's been dozens and dozens hospitalized in Utah as a result of vaping, mostly vaping THC. For the sake of public health, we're going to speak with policymakers and the owners of these general tobacco retailer stores in the hopes of making this regulation permanent," says Bartlett.

As of Oct. 28, however, Utah Vapors Business Association won in a court hearing against the health department, ruling that the emergency vaping rule would be repealed. This means tobacco retailers can continue to sell flavored e-liquids and remove health warning signs previously mandated by the health department.

"We are disappointed in the outcome of the hearing," says Christy Cushing, policy analyst at the health department. "Our top priority is stopping the outbreak of vaping-associated lung injuries, and we believe the emergency rule is one of the tools that can help us achieve that goal."

Many stores selling tobacco, including vaping products, have already complied with the emergency rule, Cushing says.

"The plaintiffs who brought this suit represent a small minority of tobacco businesses," says Cushing. "The vast majority of both general tobacco retailers and specialty tobacco shops are already in compliance with the emergency rule and we encourage them to remain so."

But Cushing says they will continue with other efforts to stop this outbreak and to protect the public health. In accordance with the new ruling, they will notify local health departments to cease enforcement of the emergency rule for the time being. The health department plans to present cases in future hearings.



Utah holds the highest number of vaping-related injuries of all states.

Utah is also on track to enact a regulation that mandates an increase in the legal purchase age of tobacco products, according to the Public Health Law Center. As of July 1, 2020, the legal purchase age increases to 20. The following year, the purchase age increases to 21.

Michigan, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Washington state have enacted some form of ban on the sale of vaping products. Massachusetts, a state where recreational and medical marijuana is legal, has placed a more severe ruling on vaping products, halting the sale of all nicotine and THC vaping products, regardless of flavor and contents, for four months. This ruling includes e-sales of these products.

"The regulation they've put in place is on an extreme end of the spectrum," says 22-year-old Massachusetts native and vaper, Dylan Hayashi. "They're targeting reputable businesses when they should be cracking down on the sale of illegal THC cartridges."

Hayashi admits, however, that the regulations, news stories and his personal experience are changing his stance on vaping, whether its nicotine or THC.

"The ban made me decide that it could be a good time to stop vaping," says Hayashi. "After hearing some of these stories, it also makes you want to reconsider."

Utah's emergency ruling is less stringent, as it only removes flavored e-liquids from general retail stores. Tobacco specialty shops, informally known as smoke shops, can continue selling their usual products.

Noel Jensen, a 22-year-old Utah resident and vaper, hasn't noticed a difference in the accessibility of nicotine vaping products since the emergency ruling.

"I noticed the signs warning people about THC products, but I can still get the flavors I want," says Jensen, noting he typically buys his vaping products from specialty tobacco shops.

While vaping as a general means of consumption has come under attack, the reality is that illicit THC cartridges distributed across the nation are causing the bulk of the cases, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The primary cause of illness can vary from state to state, but it is undeniable that vaping THC is linked to lung-injury. More specifically, in a report released by the *New York Times*, Mayo Clinic researchers found that Vitamin E Acetate, a common filler in home-made THC vaping products, is a likely cause of many vaping-related cases.

To combat the consumption of unsafe and illegal products, legitimate cannabis vaping businesses have begun to add QR codes to cartridge boxes. Consumers can scan the code and verify whether it is a legitimate product, that undergoes adequate quality control. For those who don't reside in a cannabis-legal state, steering clear of illicit THC vaping products is the best course of action in avoiding any chance of lung injury.

"The message we really want to drive home is for the general public to avoid buying or consuming illegal THC cartridges," affirms Bartlett.

Next week: The Globe's Amie Schaeffer addresses health and regulatory concerns tied to vaping.

New dean pushes social justice exploration in classrooms

Megan Neff

Staff Writer

Salt Lake Community College welcomes new Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities, Dr. Roderic Land who was appointed in the summer of 2019, following his previous position as chief diversity officer.

"There are days where you have phenomenal things happening with the school and students," Land says. "We also have those moments where you have issues and fires you need to put out in the school, but sometimes those are one in the same. They can be phenomenal moments to celebrate."

On Oct. 24, "Donuts with the Dean" was held for students to meet Land. This gave students the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and discuss programs within the department. The social sciences and humanities department at SLCC provides 17 programs for students to achieve their degrees.

"That was a moment for students to come into a space that they probably have not come into before amongst faculty," says Land.

"It gave me the chance to connect with the students and let them know that I'm here."

Land shares that there is often a disconnect between administration and students with this type of position.

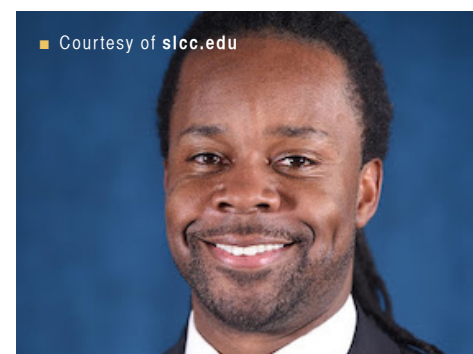
"I don't ever want to lose touch. I want to stay as connected as possible and [Donuts with the Dean] was my way of trying to stay connected."

Land started an initiative called the Social Justice Curriculum Initiative within the department, in which he received a grant for racial social justice in response to the deadly 2017 rally in Charlottesville.

"So, for my new role, I was trying to figure out how I can best engage faculty to properly think about issues of social justice within the classroom," Land says.

Faculty was encouraged to submit proposals on how they would embed social justice into their curriculum and courses. These applications will be taken into consideration for revising the department curriculum.

With this initiative, he hopes that inserting a social justice perspective, will educate faculty and encourage students to engage in the conversation. "By embedding it throughout the entire course, it can give students a different kind of vantage point or perspective on what social justice means and what it looks like," Land says.

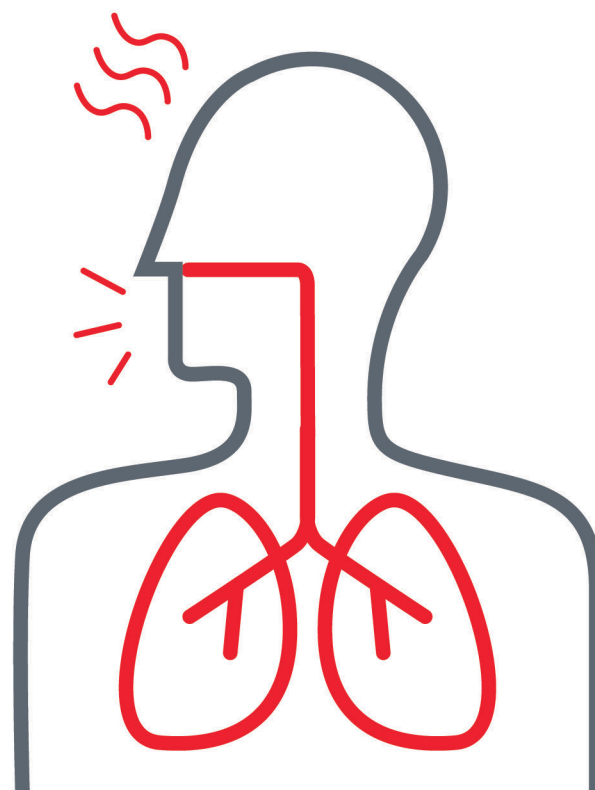


■ Courtesy of slcc.edu

Dr. Roderic Land became Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities in the summer of 2019.

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THESE SYMPTOMS,
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IMMEDIATELY**

- Cough, shortness of breath or chest pain
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Fatigue, fever or abdominal pain



Students reconsider ski season over pricey passes

Maya Fraser

Contributing Writer

As temperatures continue to drop, so does the rate at which students purchase ski passes.

Ski passes can be expensive, especially for students who have tuition to pay and books to cover. A day at Brighton alone can cost up to \$200 including parking, day passes, food and ski rentals.

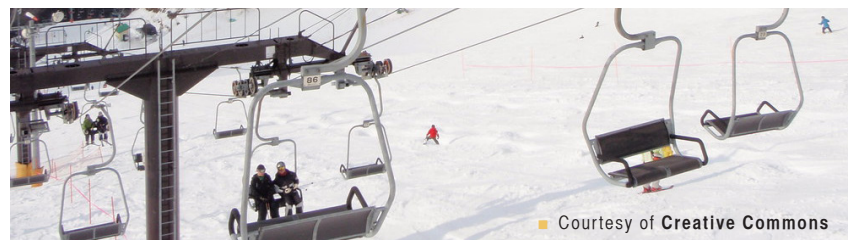
Ali Alam, a computer science major, plans to purchase a ski pass this season at Brighton Resort because of the student discounts, which can reduce the price by around \$100.

“For me, skiing is a priority, so I always save throughout the year so I know that I’ll be able to afford it,” Alam says. “My biggest tip would be to cancel monthly subscriptions that you don’t use anymore and put that money towards the pass.”

Porter Treaner, a second-year psychology major at Salt Lake Community College, chose not to get a ski pass this season due to the high cost. Though Treaner isn’t planning on skiing much in the coming year, but in the past has found tricks to stretching his budget.

“I would recommend students buy used gear instead of new,” he says. “I find that’s a great way to cut down the cost of skiing and snowboarding.”

Tyler Bearss has snowboarded at Brighton Resort as well as Park City Resort but has opted out this year because of the price. In the past, Bearss has utilized his student discount or found friends who work at the resorts and got him a discount.



High costs are keeping students from purchasing ski passes.

“My biggest piece of advice is to find friends that work at the resorts and can get you either a free pass or a pass at a discounted rate,” he says. “I also used social media, because a lot of times they will post about certain deals that you can take advantage of.”

Many of the ski resorts around the Wasatch Front are aware students don’t have unlimited budgets and offer deals for those currently in school, according to the Ski Utah website. Young adult (ages 18-25) season passes range from \$729 at Snowbird for tram and chairlift access to \$225 at Nordic Valley.

The other resorts in the Cottonwood canyons and Park City offers passes between \$399 and \$599.



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'How We Left Home' shares personal immigration stories

Sadie Slikker

Staff Writer

Students gathered at Salt Lake Community College's Taylorsville Redwood campus on Oct. 24 to celebrate the opening of the "How We Left Home" interactive art exhibit hosted by students of INTL 2040: Immigrant Experience through Literature & Film.

The Academic and Administration building will host "How We Left Home", an exhibit that is inspired by Richard Blanco's poem "Mother Country" through Nov. 8. The display is a chance to listen to the immigration stories, poems, and speeches given by students at SLCC. Students are encouraged to participate by adding their families artifacts to the collection of suitcases, a display that will showcase their own family's personal immigration story.

Carlos Mendoza shared his mother's story immigrating to the United States from Mexico City after an earthquake in the 1980s. His mother's journey had many obstacles such as severe weather, a car accident and more - but mementos from home helped ease the journey. A blanket that was given to Mendoza's mother by her grandmother is still in the family 40 years later and provides comfort to anyone who uses it.

"She has finally made it to the end of the journey," Mendoza says. "My mom will be taking the citizenship test next week after 33 years. She has worked so hard to get where she is knowing the many obstacles it takes to become a citizen... she battled all these odds and overcame them in the end."

Through her search for family artifacts, Madison Cochrane had the pleasure of coming across old unopened letters, dishes and china from her great-great-grandfather and other Irish and Scottish ancestors.

"It couldn't be better timing," Cochrane says.

In the letters, Cochrane learned of the struggles that her relatives went through to immigrate to the United States from Ireland and Scotland. Even though her relatives arrived in Tooele, and were able to open a repair shop and bakery, they still found themselves on the outside looking in as recent immigrants. One letter from her great-great-grandfather addressed to his future kin read, "I hope that when you grow up you will honor those who have come from other countries and make them feel welcome so they don't experience the same heartache and pain that I experienced when I came to the states."

Between poems written by students and real stories of family members' hardships, the audience is reminded of the struggle immigrants face.

"The journey for migrants and refugees is not concluded once their geographical destination is reached. It continues often for a lifetime in terms of paperwork, status, acclimation, claims for immigrants to demonstrate their patriotism or allegiance to their new country, daily challenges of assimilation, the ever-present pain of what and who you left behind, this exhibit chronicles some of these challenges, but it also seeks to highlight the tenacity, success, courage and contributions made by immigrants to the economic cultural political and social landscape of the United States," says Associate Professor Claire Peterson.

SLCC's Dean of Humanities Dr. Roderic R. Land says, "Everybody has a story. Everybody comes from someplace. And the reality is that you don't have to leave those places behind, but they can be a piece of us when we move forward in our life... Always remember where you came from, but it doesn't have to define who you are. Because we all have a story to tell, and I would definitely encourage you to tell your story as loudly and as proudly as possible."



Luggage showcasing student's artifacts from their home lands.



Interactive piece where students pin a luggage tag to their home country on the map.



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