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MGM Chairman and CEO Alex Yemenidjian (front row center), President Jolene Koester (right) and Vice President of University Advancement Judy C. Knudson (left) are joined by Armenian students and alumni at campus reception in Yemenidjian's honor.

Campus Welcomes MGM Chairman and CEO Yemenidjian

Business College Alum Returns to Alma Mater to Meet, Mentor, Share Life Values with Students

The university where he earned his business administration and accounting degree gave Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. Chairman and CEO Alex Yemenidjian a hearty welcome during the executive's daylong visit to his alma mater in late March.

Yemenidjian, who presides over one of the premier corporations in the global entertainment industry, shared with Cal State Northridge students his insights, values and knowledge harvested during a spectacular rise from accountant to corporate chief.

At a reception in Yemenidjian's honor, more than 100 Armenian students and alumni gathered to honor perhaps the university's most famous Armenian alumnus. Yemenidjian was president and chief operating officer at MGM Grand, Inc. prior to becoming chairman of the fabled MGM film and television corporation in 1999.

"For those of you who are students," said President Jolene Koester in welcoming remarks, "I urge you to look to [Alex Yeminidjian] for inspiration, because he truly is that."

Koester noted that fully 10 percent of CSUN's student population is of Armenian descent. "The Armenian community is a very important part of California State University, Northridge," she said. "We have more Armenian students than any other university outside of Armenia."

Drawing from his life experiences, Yemenidjian told students in the courtyard of the Michael D. Eisner College of Education that corporate leaders like Kirk Kerkorian, who owns about 74 percent of MGM, reached the top by keeping their minds receptive to new ideas and knowledge.

"The minute you think you know it all," he quipped, "you're cooked."

Students in the honors section of professor William Jennings' Finance 437 course, an undergraduate portfolio management class called "Advanced Topics in Finance," were treated to Yemenidjian's candid, often humorous discourse on four attributes he considers vital to success in business: likeability, trustworthiness, a strong work ethic and the ability to lead.

On likeability: It attracts mentors and provides access to figures in the corridors of power, Yemenidjian said. "If you are brilliant at what you do but people don't like and trust you, you're going nowhere."

On trustworthiness: "You have to prove to people that you can be trusted." Yemenidjian recalled a former employer who instructed him to turn down a gold-plated offer on a major Las Vegas property because Yemenidjian had already sealed an earlier, less attractive deal. The employer, he said, asked only one question: "Did you give your word?"

On a strong work ethic: As a young accountant, Yemenidjian shared a cubicle with a colleague who spent an entire night in the firm's library, teaching himself how to put together a reverse triangular merger. "If you are a hard worker," Yemenidjian said, "nobody can beat you."

On leadership: A gifted leader understands when and how to give his employees the all-important "psychological paychecks." Yemenidjian personally keeps up with milestones in his employees' lives, pays attention to their health care issues, asks their opinions.

A self-described "nerd" so intent on succeeding that he typically set the curve for everyone else, Yemenidjian earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from Northridge in 1977, and his master's degree in business taxation from USC in 1982. Previously managing partner in the certified public accounting firm of Parks, Turner and Yemenidjian, the "growth-oriented" executive spent nine years at billionaire Kerkorian's Tracinda Corporation and at MGM Grand, Inc., becoming its president and chief operating officer.

Yemenidjian relocated from Las Vegas to Los Angeles when in 1999 he was named chairman and CEO of MGM, whose 4,000-plus titles form the world's largest modern film library.

When a Northridge student asked what gave him his competitive edge, Yemenidjian said it came from the same insecurity that drove him to reject failure as an option. "You have to behave," he said, "as if you're the underdog."

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'Mysteries of Ancient Chinese Art' to Debut at Oviatt

The Tseng Collection's Rare Jade, Bronze, Earthenware Antiquities Span 6,000 Years

An exquisite collection of Chinese antiquities spanning more than 6,000 years of Chinese history will go on display Thursday, April 22, in Cal State Northridge's Oviatt Library. Entitled "Possessing the Past: Mysteries of Ancient Chinese Art," the exhibition will be open to the public through August 27.

Marking the first public showing of The Tseng Collection, the exhibition will include more than 100 pieces of archaic jade, an assortment of ancient bronze, Neolithic pottery, earthenware and Stone Age tools.

Collection highlights include a unique 3,000-year-old gold and bronze vessel valued at \$5.5 million, a bronze bull with inlaid gold and silver dated between the eleventh and sixth centuries B.C.E., a glass water buffalo weight dated between 400-221 B.C.E., and a Stone Age axe blade believed to be between 1.5-2 million years old.

In fall 2003, entrepreneur Roland Tseng pledged to Cal State Northridge a collection of Chinese antiquities valued at up to \$38 million.

Designated for public display and academic study, Tseng's donation was the largest in the history of Cal State Northridge and the California State University system. The antiquities now are part of the Special Collections and Archives area of the Oviatt Library.

Visitors to the exhibition in the library's C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery-named for Roland Tseng's parents-will be struck by the detail and fine craftsmanship that went into each piece, said curator Tony Gardner.

"I personally was amazed at the level of craftsmanship of these ancient artisans," Gardner said.

Tseng, a veteran art collector who also has helped the Chinese government with its own preservation efforts, said he chose Cal State Northridge for the collection because of the university's strong connections with China, and because the university is a place where the antiquities can be publicly shown and studied in many different disciplines.

In recognition of the gift, the CSU Board of Trustees in January approved renaming the College of Extended Learning as the Roland Tseng College of Extended Learning, and the west wing of the Oviatt Library-where the prized art will be displayed-as the Tseng Family Wing.

Roland Tseng is a corporate founder and inventor, an internationally published author, a photographer and

martial arts expert. His gift also will establish an endowment to permanently support the collection, expected to become a focus for academic research by the university's own faculty and students, and by researchers from around the world, including China.

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Theodoulou to Lead Social and Behavioral Sciences

New Dean Brings to Post 'Wealth' of Experience as Interim Dean, Political Science Chair

Stella Theodoulou, who has served the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences as its interim dean since 2001, became its permanent leader on April 15.

"Dr. Theodoulou brings a wealth of administrative experience, teaching and scholarly activities that encompass public opinion, social policy, and policy analysis and evaluation," said Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda Bain in announcing the appointment.

"I'm looking forward to continuing the work that I started in my term as interim dean," said Theodoulou. "I would like to thank the faculty and staff of the college, who are extremely hardworking and dedicated to delivering the finest programs possible for our students."



An international expert on AIDS policies, the new dean has served as a consultant to domestic and international public sector agencies.

"The Art of the Game: Understanding American Public Policy Making," co-authored with political analyst Chris Kofinis and published by Wadsworth Publishing, is Theodoulou's latest book.

Prior to her appointment as Social and Behavioral Sciences' interim dean, Theodoulou served for four years as chair of Northridge's Political Science Department, where she taught from 1990-2001. During that period, she served on the Faculty Senate as well as on numerous college- and university-wide committees.

Before coming to Cal State Northridge, Theodoulou taught at Claremont Graduate School, Jacksonville University and Tulane University.

The dean earned her bachelor's degree in politics and government from the City of London Polytechnic, her master's degree in American government and politics from the University of Essex, and her doctorate in political science from Tulane.

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CSU Student Research Competition Comes to Northridge

For First Time, University Will Host Prestigious Two-Day Round of Research Presentations

For the first time in the 18-year history of the event, Cal State Northridge will host the California State University Student Research Competition on April 30 and May 1, drawing to campus some 200 students from all 23 CSU institutions. University administrators and Chancellor's Office representatives also will attend.

The event is designed to showcase the high caliber of research conducted by CSU undergraduate and graduate students in the full complement of academic programs offered by the CSU system, according to campus coordinator Hedy Carpenter, associate director of Graduate Programs, in the office of graduate studies, Research and International Programs.

"It's a great way to highlight our students' accomplishments," said Carpenter, who added that presenters are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible, both within and outside of their own fields. "This is an academic experience; we want students to absorb as much as they can about the research others are conducting in a range of disciplines."

Their choices will include topics as varied as "Political conflict and brain drain in Sri Lanka," "Gender warfare and feminine retribution in 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner,'" and "Behavioral responses to dehydration in the California and Pacific tree frogs."

Students will make oral presentations to peers as well as to faculty judges from surrounding universities and professional experts from major corporations, foundations and public agencies. Traditionally, judges have been drawn from outside the CSU system to assure impartial evaluations and to broaden awareness of CSU student achievement.

"The judges are always impressed with the caliber of the work," Carpenter said. "The students who compete at this level are always polished and professional. Many have given talks at professional academic conferences, and the vast majority give PowerPoint presentations."

Twenty panels are planned, each with three judges to review student research in categories ranging from creative arts and design to the physical and mathematical sciences. All the judges must be strong in their fields, Carpenter said, to pose stimulating questions to the presenters.

"It is heartening to see judges dedicate their time to this important event," she added, noting that excellent judges are critical to the success of the competition.

First and second place awards for each category will be presented at a Saturday, May 1 awards luncheon,

with \$400 awards for first place winners and \$200 for second place.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, on the portico of the Oviatt Library. Presentations will begin at noon in the College of Business and Economics. On Saturday, sessions will be held in Manzanita Hall starting at 8 a.m. and ending at noon.

The talks are open to the campus community. For more information about the event, visit the competition Web site at www.csun.edu/graduate_studies/studentresearch.htm, or click the "CSU Student Research Competition" link on the campus Web site home page. n

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Campus Revs Up Defense Against Computer Hackers

Aggressive, Unified Strategies Urged to Combat Escalating Assaults on University Networks

In March, computer hackers made off with personal information on nearly 180,000 students, employees and applicants from a San Diego State University financial aid office server.

The infamous worm blaster virus recently infected more than 6,000 Stanford University computers. Repair costs reportedly exceeded \$800,000.

During the last few weeks, reported supercomputer infiltrations at 20 educational and research institutions disrupted the National Science Foundation- funded TeraGrid computer network used for genome sequencing.

Universities nationwide are facing the escalation of such attacks on their computer systems, according to Steven Fitzgerald, chief technology officer of Cal State Northridge's Information Technology Resources (ITR) unit.

The campus' growing list of security concerns includes copyright infringement such as the illegal file-sharing targeted by recent Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) lawsuits, as well as privacy and confidential data exposure issues.

Northridge is defending its systems, Fitzgerald said, by taking aggressive steps "from a technical, educational and policy perspective." He believes, however, that the best defense involves the entire campus community working with ITR in a proactive strategy for self-protection.

University actions include:

- Erecting campus firewalls that keep non-CSUN computer users out of the university's network.
- Adoption of standards for all information technology (IT) devices connected to the campus network.
- The use of a "traffic shaper," a program that allows ITR to set priorities for the types of data crowding the campus technology highway. High priority data, Fitzgerald said, rates the "diamond lane," or high-speed width. Movie downloading, in contrast, can be routed to a "bumper to bumper" lane.
- An intrusion detection system to sound an early alarm on cyber attacks.
- Spam control and antivirus e-mail filtering systems.
- Standardized desktop management practices, handled by all campus IT personnel. Fitzgerald said discussions are underway to develop such standards with local IT units.
- Adoption of account password standards.

Continued IT security training for CSUN employees who have access to vital information is planned, as is the hiring of a full-time information security officer.

Campus users can:

- Make sure computer desktops have antivirus software and appropriate, up-to-date security patches.
- Refrain from sharing passwords with student assistants.
- Utilize password screensavers, make passwords difficult to guess and change them regularly.

"Above all," Fitzgerald urged, "ask questions."

To some, the word 'security' means restriction, he said, acknowledging a perceived threat to the campus culture of open inquiry and freely shared information. "Actually, we want only to restrict unauthorized individuals, such as hackers, from using our information 'highway system.' "

Campus information technology-related policies are posted at www.csun.edu/policy

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Entertainment Career Marketplace Set for May 1

CSUN Students, Industry Professionals Meet at 'Executive-Level Career Mixer'

Cal State Northridge's popular Entertainment Industry Career Marketplace, a "must-go" event for university students eager to network with key industry representatives, makes its sixth annual spring appearance from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, in the University Student Union's Grand Salon.

Sponsored by the university's Entertainment Industry Institute, the marketplace this year will present executives from Brad Grey Television ("The Sopranos"), NBC4, Paramount Pictures Television Group, The WB Television Network, Universal Network Television and Sony Pictures.

Open to all students on campus, the marketplace also will feature a select group of representatives from the region's burgeoning animation industry.

"This event is not the typical jobs fair," said Robert Gustafson, institute director. "Rather, it is total immersion into the entertainment industry."

Gustafson described the marketplace as an "executive-level career mixer" in which Northridge students and industry professionals interact on a personal level for an extended period.

The "real action" occurs during the networking lunch and other planned breaks, when invited industry insiders sit down to a meal and informal conversations with students. "It's access, access, access," said Gustafson.

Among the day's speakers will be Tony Carey, vice president of Brad Grey Television ("The Sopranos"); Jeff Gilbert, account manager at NBC4; Cynthia Lieberman, vice president of Paramount Pictures Television Group; Brian Wright, manager of staffing, The WB Television Network; Bruce Sandzimier, vice president, Universal Network Television; and Eric Rigney, manager of Sony Pictures Post Production.

Tickets for the event are \$5, lunch included. Contact the CSUN box office, Nordhoff Hall 141, or at (818) 677-2488.

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University to Salute Staff at Service Awards Ceremony

The Cal State Northridge 38th annual Staff Service Recognition Awards ceremony will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. Friday, May 14, in the Shoshone Room, Satellite Student Union, to recognize staff employees' dedicated service to the university. The awards are given in five-year service increments. Please review the following list of recipients. If you believe your years of service should be recognized and your name does not appear on the list or is not correctly listed, please contact Cathy Salazar at kim.mcneal@csun.edu, Office of Human Resource Services, no later than Monday, April 26.

5-Year Recipients

Trini Lee, Accounts Payable
Rosario Astorga, Admissions and Records
Patricia Brinson, Admissions and Records
Carol McAllister, Admissions and Records
Spencer Carranza, Advising Res Ctr/EOP
Noe Garcia, Advising Res Ctr/EOP
Carlos Guzman, Associated Students
Charles Neff, Associated Students
Richard Dull, Athletics Administration
Susan Sea, Athletics Administration
Yolanda Avila, CAMC/Student Res Ctr
Ana Montoya, Center on Disabilities
Virginia Hoover, Counseling Services
Michelle Giacomuzzi, Department of Art
Amanda Miner, Department of Art
Mary Reale, Department of Music
Audrey Gold, Department of Theatre
Sofia Kirzner, Education/Credential Office
Philip Rusche, Education/Dean's Office
Amy Unger, Education/Secondary Ed
Janaki Bowerman, English
Isidore Gold, Equipment Room/Athletics
Robert Brocklehurst, Jr., ExL-Program Development
Patti McDaniel, ExL Enter Industries
Victoria Branch, ExL Pub Rel & Publication
Mike Chen, Facilities Planning
Allen Brown, Facility Services
Efrain Guillen, Facility Services

Daniel MacDonald, Facility Services
Delbur Thompson, Facility Services
Lourdes Francia, Fund Accounting
Maria D'Addario, Genetic Counseling Prog.
John Daly, Human Resource Services
Laurie Gold-Brubaker, Human Resource Services
Cathy Salazar, Human Resource Services
Tammy Guzman, Library, Finance & Personnel
Bruce McDonald, Library Systems Admin.
Eleanora DeYoung, Mathematics
Matthew Monroe, Media Relations/Athletics
Rebecca Brown, National Ctr on Deafness
Merri Pearson, National Ctr on Deafness
David Peeples, National Ctr on Deafness
Ranjit Philip, Network Administration
Joy Hillman, Office of VP Admin & Finance
LaVerne Hendricks, Academic Advisement
Nikki Eatmon, Office of VP Student Affairs
Kelly Smith, Jr., Office of Info Technology
Linda Noblejas, Office of the President
Brenda Bailey, Pan African Studies
Celia Green, Pan African Studies
Carole Arciero, Physics & Astronomy
Gail Hesse, PPM Director's Office
Tatsuo Kumagai, Public Relations & Comm.
William Smith, Public Safety/Admin/Ops.
Tenicia Williams, Public Safety/Admin/Ops.
Joselito Blanco, Purchasing Contract Admin.
Yvonne Wolfe, Radio Station KCSN
Marcia Beamish, Res Life & Conf/Admin.
Maren Jensen, Res Life & Conf/Admin.
Angelica Mata, Sci. & Math/Advisement
Frank Colon, Student Outreach & Recruitment
Jason Roberts, Student Outreach & Recruitment
Diana Chavez, Student Accounting
Nikki Johnson-Maxwell, Student Development & International Programs
Jamison Keller, Student Dev. & Intl. Prog.
Maria Garza, Student Health Center/Admin.
Mary Kay Graves, Student Health Ctr/Admin.
Leticia Smith-Pacheco, Student Health Center/Admin.
Caleb Fahey, TES Computer Equip. Svcs
Peter Kain, TES Systems
Dmitry Kogan, TES Systems
Odette Fullum, The Career Center
Jose Cuevas, University Cash Services
Holly Baxter, University Corporation
Arleen Candelario, University Corporation
Diana Castle, University Corporation
Jose Ceja, University Corporation
Jana Cobb, University Corporation
Brad Erisman, University Corporation
Gino Galvez, University Corporation
Shera Garcia, University Corporation
Stephanie Gipson, University Corporation

Miriam Gonzalez, University Corporation
Kenneth Guidry, University Corporation
Alicia Heckathorne, University Corporation
Michelle Le, University Corporation
Gregory Miraglia, University Corporation
Graciela Nakamura, University Corporation
Gloria Rodriguez Gil, University Corporation
Fabricio Rojas, University Corporation
Doris Roman, University Corporation
Priscilla Samaniego, University Corporation
Kimberly Saunders, University Corporation
Sandra Schlesinger, University Corporation
Gabriel Vega, University Postal Services
Sharon Kinard, University Student Union
Vincent (Vinnie) Mele, University Student Union

10-Year Recipients

Yvonne Monreal, A.S. Accounting
Rochelle Johnson-Henderson, Admissions and Records
James Henry, Advising Res Ctr/EOP
Desmond Mounger, Alumni Relations
Lauree Floback, Athletics Administration
Vincente Espinoza, Carpenter Shop
Jose Gil, Carpenter Shop
Erasmus Magana, Carpenter Shop
Leo Ojeda, Carpenter Shop
Joseph Penades, Carpenter Shop
Karla Johnson-Majedi, CECS/Student Development Equity Center
William Roberts, COBAE/Assoc Dean
John LaFreniere, College of HHD/Dean
Mari Uichanco, College of HHD/Dean
James Lortscher, Conference & Customer Service
Linda Gray, Department of Music
Thomas Darin, Dept of Cinema & TV Arts
Fariba Ferdosi, Development Services
Maria Boutin, Education/Ed Psych & Couns
Loretta Staudt, Education/Grants
Lizabeth Kraay, Education/Policy Studies
Guadalupe Nunez, Electric Shop
Cindy Barrett, Engr & Comp Sci/Dean
Rosi Guerra, ExL Acad Support
Paula Lumowa, F&AS Resource Mgmt.
William Fairchild, Facilities Planning
Catalina Basurto, Facility Services
Francis Canales, Facility Services
Hector Figueroa, Facility Services
Victor Gonzalez, Facility Services
Jenny Hsing, Facility Services
Rosalie Loy, Facility Services
John Martin, Facility Services
Felicia Newsome, Facility Services
Marco Perez, Facility Services

Lidia Portillo, Facility Services
Agripina Rodriguez, Facility Services
Lucilo Salazar, Facility Services
Sergio Terrazas, Facility Services
Paulette Sontag, Family Environmental Sci
Margo Dutton, Financial Acctg & Reporting
Janice Craig, Finance, Real Est, & Ins
Judith Mardis, Financial Aid/Operations
Cynthia Bohannon, Financial Services
Jennifer Kelley, Geography
George Alwerth, Landscape & Grounds Services
Rashawn Green, Learning Resource Center
Laura Lau, Library-Finance & Personnel
Eric Hopper, Mechanical Services
Wayne Morrow, Mechanical Services
Christopher Rooney, Mechanical Services
William Sullivan, Mechanical Services
John Young, Mechanical Services
Dean Arnold, Media Library
Ryan Finney, Media Relations/Athletics
Frank Haverstock, NTA Operations
Heriberto Torres, NTA Operations
Roland Cantu, Paint Shop
Tony Cantu, Paint Shop
Frank Tucci, Paint Shop
Benjamin Elisondo, Jr., PPM/Directorv Carmen Chandler, Public Relations & Communications
Douglas Flores, Public Safety/Admin/Opers
John Haran, Public Safety/Admin/Opers
Paul Wells, Public Safety/Admin/Opers
Mary Rueda, Purchasing Contract Adm
John-Thomas Williamson, Shipping Event Relocation
Carolyn Greenfield, Student Accounting
Vicki Allen, Student Dev & Intl Prog
Lorraine Johnson, Student Health Ctr/Admin
Edward Rich, Student Health Ctr/Admin
Gina Lopez, Tech Svc/Serials
Mary Siegel, Tech Svc/Serials
David Burrows, TES Computer Equip Svcs
Paul-Lee Strand, TES Computer Equip Svcs
Mickey Martinez, Univ Library Admin
Maria Perez, University Corporation
Teddie Tan, University Postal Services
Robert Villegas, University Postal Services

15-Year Recipients

Kevin Anderson, Admissions and Records
Vickie Barreiro, Admissions and Records
Deirdre Dowling-Mertz, Admissions and Records
Sandra Hernandez, Admissions and Records
Rosemary Muniz, Admissions and Records
Cydney Walsh, Admissions and Records
James Greene, Advising Res Ctr/EOP

Roxana Salinas, Advising Res Ctr/EOP
Leanne Vincent, Associated Students
John Brown, Biology
Shiva Parsa, Bridge Program
Gerardo Barron, Carpenter Shop
Jodi Johnson, Center on Disabilities
Joseph Dabbour, Circulation
Brenda Leggon, College Preparatory Prgms
Rechelle Aguayo, Commication Disorders & Sciences
Nicolette Stambolis, Communication Studies
Dwight Timmons, Confer & Customer Service
Gary Young, Confer & Customer Service
Robert Kemmerling, Counseling Services
Lawrence O'Connor, Counseling Services
Philip Calvert, Department of Music
Judi Daleke, Education/Dean's Office
Kenneth Rappe, Education/Dean's Office
Ronald Cruz, Electric Shop
Thomas Edvalson, Electric Shop
Ardis Flenniken, ExL K-12 Programs
Daniele Dibie, ExL Lang Cultural Studies
Michael Steadman, ExL Systems/Develop
Emily Inouye, Facilities Planning
Donna Dodrill, Facility Services
Vanessa Ellsworth, Facility Services
Luz Garcia de Garcia, Facility Services
Isidro Ortiz, Facility Services
Ernesto Santana, Facility Services
Truyen Vo, Facility Services
Denise Hansford, Financial Aid/Operations
Mariana Saavedra, Financial Aid/Operations
Susan Young, Financial Aid/Systems Hedy Carpenter, Grad Studies,
Res. & Intl Programs
Fariba Farzan-Schmitt, Liberal Studies Prog
Eric Willis, Library Systems Admin
Alethia MacLachlan, Mechanical Engineering
Thanh Kha, Off VP Student Affairs
Gregory Byars, Paint Shop
Narinder Mitter, Periodicals
Anna Martinez, PPM/Director
Jennifer Elliott, Religious Studies
Linda Jones, Religious Studies
Howard Bliman, Student Health Ctr/Admin
Jeri Landon, Student Health Ctr/Admin
Lisa Baylin, Systems and Technology
Marivic Ghorbani, Tech Svc/Cataloging&Mat
Janice Johnson, TES Telecomm Supp Svcs
Rosemarie Barksdale, The Career Center
Ann Newbury, The Career Center
Linda Llanes, USS Help Desk

20-Year Recipients

Linda Faye Westphal, Admissions and Records
Antonia Pena-Hernandez, Anthropology
Daniel Meehan, APD Program Development
Trudy Ferris, Athletics Administration
Parthenia Hosch, Biology
James Sweeters, Department of Art
William Taylor, Department of Theatre
Gerald Nader, Education/Dean's Office
Douglas Johnson, Education/Equity
Jose Rivera, Engr & Comp Sci/Shop
Linda Belcher, Facility Services
Michael Brunn, Facility Services
Kelly Winkleblack, History
Susan Currin, Human Resource Services
Mika Williamson, Human Resource Services
Linda Carlson, Philosophy
Reginald Castro, Plumbing Shop
Charles Wood, PPM/Director
Dona Whiteley, Purchasing Contract Admin.
Russell Hendler, Tech Svc/Cataloging&Mat
Gina Hsiung, Tech Svc/Cataloging&Mat
Diane Moore, Tech Svc/Database Maint
Peter Prager, Univ Library Admin
Muriel Mozena, University Collection
Dorothy Emick, University Corporation
Cindy Ventuleth, University Development

25-Year Recipients

Beatrice Crowdy-Turner, Admissions and Records
Lydia Kravitz, Admissions and Records
Beverly Palmberg, Application Development
Thomas Poehlmann, CAMC/Dean's Office
David Douglas, Carpenter Shop
Lorna Hughes, Chemistry/Admin
Jacqueline Stemm, Department of Art
Patricia Kuhn, Department of Music
Yervant Aghishian, Engr & Comp Sci/Dean
Sarah-Jane Small, ExL Spec Session Credit
Janice Xanthos, F&AS Resource Management
Vanessa Ellsworth, Facility Services
Rosie Marie Garcia, Facility Services
David Liggett, Geological Sciences
Jan Vardaman, Grad Stu, Rsch & Intl Prog
Ruben Avila, Kinesiology
Raymond Romero, Landscape & Grounds Services
Joseph Parham, Library Systems Admin
Deborah Whitchurch, PS Campus Support Team
John Charles, Jr., Student Dev & Intl Prog
Marian Christy, University Cash Services
Judith Donabedian, University Collection
Judy Berger, University Corporation
Carolina Borella, Univ. Stu. Union/State

30-Year Recipients

Estelle Hekkers, Admissions and Records
Cynthia Ringwald, Admissions and Records
Laura True, Admissions and Records
Michelle Whitaker, Admissions and Records
Virginia Benoit, Facilities Planning
Catherine Clark, Facility Services
Nancy Cichon, Faculty Affairs
Charleen Bell, Financial & Tax Services
Nadean Dupre, Financial Aid/Operations
Jessica Garcia, Human Resource Services
Brenda Greer, Human Resource Services
William Watkins, Jr., Off VP Student Affairs
Annette Angel-Lahr, Psychology
Francisco Lechuga, Stu Outreach & Recruit
Jeanette Olson, Student Accounting
John Arany, The Career Center

35-Year Recipients

Robert Provin, Geography
Jeffrey Craig, PPM/Director
Hilda Moreno, Tech Svc/Cataloging&Mat
Lawrence Kaufman, TES Media Equip Svcs

40-Year Recipient

Dorena Knepper, Government Affairs

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Research and Sponsored Projects

Behzad Bavarian (Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics) received \$499,141 from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in continuing support of a project titled "Failure Analysis Prevention and Reliability Modeling for Sub-Micron Electronics Technology."

Ann Bisno (Special Education) received \$48,766 from North Los Angeles County Regional Center in support of a project titled "Family Focus Resource Center Antelope Valley" and \$73,955 for a project titled "The Family Focus Resource Center."

Bisno also received \$203,460 from the California Department of Education, in continuing support of a project titled "Family Focus Center-Family Empowerment Act."

Cal State Northridge has received \$1,000,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, in continuing support of a project titled "Teachers for a New Era Initiative."

Deborah Chen (Special Education) has received \$33,321 from the Oregon Health and Science University in support of a project titled "Validation of Evidence-Based Assessment Strategies to Promote Achievement in Children who are Deafblind."

Shawna Dark (Geography) received \$43,853 from the County of Ventura in support of a project titled "Enhanced Digital Wetland Mapping for Ventura County Priority Areas."

Peter Edmunds (Biology) received \$275,000 from the National Science Foundation in support of a project titled "Long Term Coral Reef Dynamics in the U.S. Virgin Islands: 1987-2008."

Charles Hanson (Educational Psychology and Counseling) has received \$338,346 and \$79,000 from the Office of Criminal Justice Planning in continuing support of projects titled "Valley Trauma Center" and "Valley Trauma Center-SART," respectively.

Karla Johnson-Majedi (Engineering) received \$78,750 from the CSU Sacramento Foundation in support of a project titled "CSU Louis Stokes- Alliance for Minority Participation, Phase III."

Nicholas Kioussis (Physics and Astronomy) received \$5,000 from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and \$30,000 from the U. S. Army Research Office in support of a project titled "Third International Workshop on Electron Correlations and Materials Properties." He received \$40,000 from UCLA in continuing support of a project titled "Modeling the Deformation of Engineered Nano-Layered Structures by Computer Simulations."

Kioussis also received \$82,410 from the Department of the Army in continuing support of a project titled "Dislocation Core and Cross Slip Properties in Metals and Intermetallics: Linking Ab Initio and

Continuum Approaches."

David Klein (Mathematics) received \$15,698 from the Fordham Foundation in support of a project titled "Evaluation of State Mathematics Standards."

Kathleen Marsaglia (Geological Sciences) received \$25,289 from Texas A&M Research Foundation in support of a project titled "Provenance and Diagenesis of Oligocene to Albian Sandstones and Grainstones Recovered During ODP Leg 210."

Thomas Minehan (Chemistry and Biochemistry) received \$17,626 from the American Chemical Society in continuing support of a project titled "Investigation of C-Aryl Glycosine Formation in Aqueous Media."

Joyce Munsch (Child and Adolescent Development) received \$46,000 from Jumpstart in support of a project titled "Jumpstart for Young Children."

Barbara Polland (Child and Adolescent Development) received \$10,405 from the Lily Academy Group in continuing support of a project titled "Child Development Institute."

Alfonso Ratcliffe (Alliance for Minority Participation Program) received \$45,295 from San Francisco State University in continuing support of a project titled "Alliance for Minority Participation Project."

Jason Roberts (Outreach and Recruitment) and Christopher Villa (Student Access and Support Services) received \$206,013 from the EdFund in support of a project titled "California Higher Education Financial Aid Outreach Plan Campus and Agency Partnership Development Grant."

Paula Schiffman (Biology) has received \$7,500 from the Western National Parks Association in support of a project titled "Effects of Competition from Invasive Plants on Endangered Plant, *Pentachaeta Iyonii*."

Debra Sheets (Health Sciences) received \$45,000 from Temple University's Center for Intergenerational Learning in support of a program titled "Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders (Project SHINE)," which prepares elderly immigrants for U.S. citizenship.

Ben Yaspelkis (Kinesiology) received \$211,500 from the National Institutes of Health in support of a project titled "High Fat Diet Alterations in Muscle Insulin Signaling."

The Stipend Commission of the Office of Online Instruction, under Undergraduate Studies, has granted the following faculty \$2,000 to create online courses for fall 2004:

Kenneth Berry (Secondary Education)
Ana Balboa-Guenther (Elementary Education)
Eric Collins (Physics and Astronomy)
York Gunther (Philosophy)
Mark Raab (Anthropology)
Jamie Rose (Theatre)
Debra Sheets (Health Sciences)
Martine Vallade (Geography)
Nan Yamane and Leslie Smithers (History)

Stipends of \$500 were granted to the following faculty for creating and teaching one or two sections of a Share the Space (half-online) course in fall 2004:

Maria Helena Noronha (Math)
Robert Lingard (Computer Science)
Seunghae Lee (Family and Consumer Sciences)
Allen Martin (Family and Consumer Sciences)



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Honors and Awards

Annette Besnilian (Family and Consumer Sciences) was named one of the Recognized Young Dietitians of the Year by the California Dietetic Association.

Robert Burger and Bruno Osorno (Electrical and Computer Engineering) were selected for the Outstanding Engineering Achievement Merit Award of the Engineers' Council.

Irene Clark (English) has received a curriculum development grant to incorporate a service learning component into an English 305 course for public health students.

Ramón García (Chicano/a Studies) was awarded a John Woods Grant to attend the Prague Summer Program, a yearly international writers' convention in the Czech Republic, sponsored by Western Michigan University.

Doris Helfer (Oviatt Library Technical Services) was awarded the Rose L. Vormelker Award from the Special Libraries Association (SLA), recognizing mentorship of students and professionals. She will receive her award at the annual SLA conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mona Houghton (English) has won the 2003 Melville Novella Contest, sponsored by Inconundrum Press, for her novella, "Frottage."

Carol Kelly (Child and Adolescent Development) was included in "Profiles of Ohio Women, 1803-2003," Ohio University Press.

Edward Larson (Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics) was selected for the Distinguished Engineering Educator Award of the Engineers' Council.

Robert Ryan (Mechanical Engineering) was selected as a faculty fellow for the 2004 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Faculty Fellowship Program at Dryden Flight Research Center.

David Whitwell (Music) appeared as guest conductor with the Virginia Commonwealth University Wind Ensemble and the Jamestown High School Band in conjunction with the convention of the American Bandmasters Association. n

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Presentations and Publications

Presentations

Tony Arthur (English) was a featured commentator on The History Channel's two-hour film, "Rescue at Dawn: The Los Baños Raid." His first book, "Deliverance at Los Baños," was one of the sources used for the film, describing the rescue of American internees held by the Japanese army near Manila, in February 1945.

Ian Barnard (English) presented a paper titled "Civility and Liberal Pluralism" at the Fourth Biennial Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference in October and gave a presentation titled "Anti-Ethnography?" at this year's National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) convention in San Francisco.

Pamela Bourgeois and Irene Clark (English) presented a workshop together in November titled "Teacher to Teacher" for high school, community college, and four-year college teachers focusing on writing assignments strategies. In March, Bourgeois was invited to represent CSU faculty at the "Transitions Conference" held at Moorpark College, where she discussed college-level writing expectations for incoming first-year students.

Gwen Brewer and Vern Bullough (English) presented a paper titled "Prostitution in Eighteenth Century London" at the joint National and International Congress of Eighteenth Century Studies at UCLA in August. Both also received the 2003 Emeriti Merit Award from the Cal State Northridge Alumni Association in November.

Eve Caram (English) and Kambon Obayani (Pan African Studies) gave a reading, "All About Love," at the Midnight Special Bookstore in Santa Monica in January.

Helen Castillo (College of Health and Human Development), a board member of the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF), took part in MAOF's recent National Hispanic Women's Conference at the Staples Center. Among the speakers were Carol Kelly (Child and Adolescent Development), Claudia Fajardo-Lira (Family and Consumer Sciences), Mario Lopez (Student Services Center/ EOP), Hooshang Bagheri (Kinesiology, Elementary Education) and Joyce Munsch (Child and Adolescent Development).

Dorothy Clark (English) presented a talk titled "You Can't Require, You Must Inspire! Choosing Books For The Contemporary Child" at the University of Judaism on February 8 for KorehLA, an organization of literacy volunteers working through the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles.

Irene Clark (English) presented a workshop titled "Academic Writing" for doctoral students at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. She also presented a paper titled "Writing Assignments as Performance," and participated on a panel titled "Performing the Writing Center in a Linked Curriculum"

at the Northern California Writing Centers Association held at Stanford University.

Randy Cohen (Biology) had his lab work presented at the Entomological Society of America meetings and at the Society for Neuroscience meeting. Last October, Cohen gave an invited seminar titled "Life among the ruins: Adaptive mechanisms during neurodegeneration" to the Neuroscience Program at Bowling Green State University.

Robert Espinoza (Biology) gave a talk titled "Why herbivory shouldn't evolve in reptiles and a hypothesis for why it does" at the meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology.

Meg Florio (English) presented a paper titled "The End of Innocence: The Child Protagonist as Hero" at the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery conference in Colorado Springs, Colo.

David Gray (Biology) gave an invited seminar titled "Song, sex, and species: Acoustic communication and evolution in crickets," at the University of Toronto at Mississauga.

Kate Haake (English) had a story titled "The Place That Was Nowhere" published in the current issue of The Santa Monica Review. Her other story, "The Immortal Feet," appeared in January in the literary publication, One Story. She currently is a featured writer in the online literary magazine, Segue.

Jennifer Johnson (English) gave a paper titled "Grammar Checks in the Writing Center: Addressing the Needs of Business Students," at the Northern California Writing Centers Association held at Stanford University.

Carol Kelly (Child and Adolescent Development) chaired a keynote session, "Reflections and Projections: Generation Perspectives in our Child and Youth Care Profession" at the International Child and Youth Care Conference in Canada.

Elizabeth Kessler (English) presented a paper titled "Coyolauhqui Reincarnated: Las Artistas Guadalupanas" at the Western Literature Association Conference in Houston, Texas. Her personal memoir, "En las Mañanitas" appeared in the composition textbook "Chicano/a Studies Reader: A Bridge to Writing," released in December. She also was invited to lecture in May, on Chicana literature and artists at the University of Klagenfurt in Austria.

Jackie Pugh Kogan (English) presented a selection from her novel, "What Exists Before Memory," at the Western Literature Association conference in Houston in November. She also participated in a staged reading of scenes from the New Latin Playwright's Collection, a series of plays originally produced at La Jolla Playhouse. In February, she gave a reading of her poetry at the Robinson Jeffers Conference reception in Carmel.

Richard Mitchell (English) had his one-act play, "Stand-Up Comic," produced last month in Connecticut at the Rich Forum, Stamford Center for the Arts. In November, his play "Brecht in L.A." was performed as a staged reading in Berlin, Germany, as part of the "Literaturforum im Brecht-Haus."

Ramin Roosta (Electrical and Computer Engineering) presented a paper titled "A Re-programmable Platform for Dynamic Burn-in Test of Xilinx Virtex-II (XQR2V3000) FPGA for Military and Aerospace Applications" at the 8th International Commercialization of Military and Space Electronics Conference and Exhibition in February 2004.

Stephanie Satie (English) was scheduled to perform "Refugees" at the Jewish Theatre of Minnesota in St. Paul. She also was a guest speaker at a Jewish Bureau of Education dinner, speaking on immigrant literature and experience. She performed her solo piece "Coming to America, Transformations" at the North Hollywood regional branch of the Los Angeles Public Library in March.

Paula Schiffman (Biology) was invited to speak at a September Cal Tech symposium sponsored by the

John Randolph and Dora Haynes Foundation. The symposium's theme was: "A Sustainable Future? Environmental Patterns and the Los Angeles Past."

Jackie Stallcup (English) delivered a paper titled " 'I Trusted Neither Men nor Books': Narrative Transformations of Child-Rearing Advice," and chaired the panel "Revisions: Viewing Textual Transformations through a Gendered Lens" at the 119th Modern Languages Association (MLA) Annual Convention in December.

Sandra Stanley (English) presented a paper titled "Korea and the Maternal Paradox in Theresa Hak Kyung Cha's 'Dictee'" at the Pacific and Modern Language Association (PAMLA) conference at Scripps in November. Also, the advisory board of Pacific Coast Philology invited her to join the journal's editorial board. In December, she presented another paper titled "A Prosthetic Reading of Theresa Hak Kyung Cha's Dictee" for the panel "The Extraordinary Bodies of Asian Americans: Disability and Cyborg Studies Meet Asian American Literature" at the 119th MLA Annual Convention.

Joseph Thomas (English) organized and chaired the panel "Tolkien and the 21st Century" at the 119th MLA Annual Convention in December. He also gave a lecture titled "Two, four, six, eight, we ain't gonna integrate": Poetry, Politics, and the Playground," at the request of San Diego State University's National Center for the Study of Children's Literature, in February.

Virginia Vandergon (Biology) gave a talk this fall at the Teacher Quality Enhancement Center in Los Angeles titled "Empowering subject matter and education faculty to redesign curriculum for undergraduate teacher preparation." Co-presenters were Arlinda Eaton (College of Education), Hillary Hertzog (Elementary Education) and Terry Sweeting (Kinesiology). At the California Council on Teacher Education Conference in San Diego, the four gave a talk with David Kretschmer (Elementary Education) titled "Empowering subject matter and education faculty as a community of practice: Curriculum benefits for future teachers."

David Whitwell (Music) appeared as a guest conductor with the Virginia Commonwealth University Wind Ensemble and the Jamestown High School Band in conjunction with the convention of the American Bandmasters Association.

Publications

Dorothy Barresi (English) had her "Poem to Some of My Recent Purchases" published in Pushcart Prize XXVII, Best of the Small Presses. Her essay-review "Playing in the Dark: Black Humor and Poetry" appears in West Branch, No. 53. On February 10, the essay was featured on the Poetry Daily Web site.

Ian Barnard (English) had an article titled "The Pedagogy of Diversity: The Silence of Sexuality" published in Exchanges: the Online Journal of Teaching and Learning in the CSU, www.exchangesjournal.org. His review of the film "Amandla!: A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony" was published in African Arts, volume 36, number 2.

Robert Carpenter (Biology) co-authored a paper with a student titled "The effects of water flow on photosynthesis and morphology of marine macroalgae." It was recently published in Ecology magazine.

Irene Clark (English) had her book "Concepts in Composition: Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Writing" (Lawrence Erlbaum 2003) reviewed in Rhetoric Review, Vol. 23, No. 1, 2004. Her article, "A Genre Approach to Writing Assignments," was accepted for publication in the summer 2004 issue of Composition Forum.

Maria D'Addario, Aida Metzenberg, Sharon Shohfi (Biology) and other members of the Genetic Counseling Program have put together the program's first online newsletter, which can be accessed at www.csun.edu/Genetic_Counseling/newsletter/alumniF03.pdf

Cynthia Desrochers (CELT) published "A Review of The Art of Changing the Brain: Enriching Teaching by Exploring the Biology of Learning," on a work by James E. Zull in Exchanges, the Online Journal of Teaching and Learning in the CSU,

[Rheem Medh \(Biology\) co-authored a paper titled "Gene expression profile of human CEM lymphoid cells sensitive and resistant to glucocorticoid-evoked apoptosis" that was published in Genomics. Medh also published in Endocrine Reviews a compilation of publications on "Knockout mouse models for bone studies" as part of a series titled "Genetically Modified Animals in Endocrinology."](#)

[Richard Mitchell \(English\) had "Caribbean Cruising: Sex, Death, and Memories of \(Congo\) Darkness" published in the bilingual journal Atenea, Vol. XXIII, No. 2, December 2003, pp. 9-24. Mitchell's review of the philosopher Slavoj Žižek's "The Puppet and the Dwarf: The Perverse Core of Christianity" appeared online in Leonardo Reviews, in March 2004.](#)

[Steven Oppenheimer \(Biology\) and Edward Carroll \(Science and Math\) had the fourth edition of their textbook, "Introduction to Embryonic Development," published by Pearson Education, New Jersey. Oppenheimer also co-authored a poster paper, "Tumorigenicity and Derivatized Bead Binding of Human Colon Cell Lines," with his colleague Lisa Banner \(Biology\), eight of his students and a K-12 teacher. The paper was presented at the 43rd annual national meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology in December. An abstract of this paper was published in Molecular Biology of the Cell, vol. 14 \(supplement\), in November 2003. He also collaborated with students on "The charged milieu: a major player in fertilization reactions" and with students and assistants on "Carbohydrate involvement in cellular interactions in sea urchin gastrulation," in the January and March 2004 issues of the international journal Acta Histochemica.](#)

[Paula Schiffmann \(Biology\) co-authored a paper titled "Differing effects of cattle grazing on native and alien plants." The paper appeared in the December 2003 issue of Conservation Biology.](#)

[Richard Squires \(Geological Sciences\) was co-author of "Uncommon Cretaceous naticiform gastropods from the Pacific slope of North America," published by The Veliger 47\(1\): 21-37.](#)

[Jon Stahl \(Cinema and Television Arts\) had his article, "Guiding the Creation of the Short, Narrative Script: A Pedagogical Model," published in the Journal of Film and Video, Volume 54, No. 4.](#)

[Patricia Swenson and Nancy Taylor \(English\) have edited the 2004 winter issue of Avocet, A Journal of Nature Poems featuring poetry from fellow colleague Robert Chianese.](#)

[David Whitwell \(Music\) wrote a book titled "Extraordinary Women" which has been translated into Japanese and is being serially reprinted beginning in the Winter 2004 issue of Epic World, a leading quarterly published in Tokyo.](#)

[Paul Wilson \(Biology\) is one of five co-authors of a book chapter titled "Forest landscape patterns, structure, and composition." The book, edited by D.R. Foster and J.D. Aber, is called "Forest in Time: The Environmental Consequences of 1,000 Years of Change in New England," Yale University Press. Wilson also co-authored a second paper titled "Pollen transfer by hummingbirds and bumblebees, and the divergence of pollination modes in Penstemon," published in Evolution.](#)

[Ben Yaspelkis \(Kinesiology\) had a research paper titled "Chronic leptin treatment enhances insulin-stimulated glucose disposal in skeletal muscle of high-fat fed rodents" published in Life Sciences 74:1801-1816, 2004.](#)



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News Briefs

President Koester Receives Pioneer Women Award

Acting jointly with the Los Angeles City Council, the City of Los Angeles' Commission on the Status of Women honored President Jolene Koester with its 2004 Pioneer Women Award in March, the national Women's History Month.

Koester, one of 15 women selected by the commission and the City Council, was cited for her "exemplary record of commitment and numerous significant contributions to the support, protection and awareness of the valuable accomplishments of women in our society."

District 12 Councilmember Greig Smith nominated the president for the award, accepted in Council chambers by Chief of Staff Claire Cavallaro on behalf of President Koester, who was away on university business.

Among the other honorees were CSUN alumna Tyree Wieder, president of Los Angeles Valley College, and former California First Lady Sharon Davis.

"It is a privilege to join the roll call of women who have received this very special tribute," said President Koester. "I am grateful to the Commission and to Councilmember Smith for their recognition of my work, which reflects the inspiration and support of the entire community of dedicated educators and staff at Cal State Northridge." n



Klotz Health Center Achieves Important Accreditation

Cal State Northridge's Addie L. Klotz Student Health Center has achieved accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), a private, not-for-profit national agency established in 1979 to develop appropriate standards and to measure the performance of ambulatory health care organizations.

"The AAAHC success is due to the collaborative and dedicated efforts of the entire Student Health Center staff," said health center special projects coordinator Lynne Landeta, "and to the leadership of Dr. Linda Reid Chassiakos, the center's director."

As an applicant for AAAHC accreditation, the Northridge health center was required to pass a series of rigorous and nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care.

Landeta said all department heads assisted in the review and revision of their departmental policies in

accordance with AAAHC standards, whose primary focus is ambulatory health care nationwide.

More than 1,300 U.S. ambulatory health care organizations such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield, commercial insurance carriers and government agencies, are accredited by the AAAHC.

"The accreditation is a testament not only to the center's compliance on the AAAHC core standards," said Landeta, "but it attests to the excellent quality of care delivered to students, in all of its areas."

The Klotz center provides laboratory and X-ray services, wellness care, reproductive and sexual health services, a wide-ranging health education program, smoking cessation services, optometry, substance use and nutrition counseling, and a range of other services. It also provides opportunities for students to work with health care professionals and health promotion staff on health fairs, survey development and career preparation.

For more information about the center, visit its Web site at www.csun.edu/studenthealthcenter.

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FYI

For Your Information publishes announcements of public meetings, notices, classes and courses of interest to the university community. The deadline for submitting items generally is noon on Monday, one week before the issue appears.

The deadline for the May 3 issue is Monday, April 26. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring during the two-week period until the next issue. Items further in advance will be run on a space-available basis. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-4909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Note: **fmi**-means for more information.

Events

Marilyn Magaram Nutrition Lecture Series

The Marilyn Magaram Center hosts a free nutrition lecture series.

- April 21, 1-2 p.m.
"How to Pick Fruits and Vegetables in Season"
Sequoia Hall 112
Jane Allen of One Generation Farmers Market
- April 24, 3-4 p.m.
"A Pictorial Tour of the Chinese Healthcare System"
Sequoia Hall 104
Louis Rubino (Health Sciences)

fmi-x3102, or magaram.center@csun.edu

EarthFair 2004

Sponsored by Associated Students' University Recycling Program, Earth Fair 2004 is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22 on the lawn in front of the Matador Bookstore. The LA Graffiti Abatement Program's blue RV and alternate fuel vehicles will mark the spot for the Earth Day event, to feature a noon performance by the CSUN Steel

Drum Ensemble. fmi-Cyndi Signett, x2477, or csunas.org/recycle

Learning Centered University Dialogues

President Jolene Koester, Interim Provost Linda Bain and Vice President for Student Affairs Terry Piper host "Brown Bag Dialogues" on the learning centered university concept. Unless noted, sessions will be from noon-1:30 p.m., University Hall 277. Beverages and cookies will be provided. Maximum attendance: 30.

The updated dialogue schedule:

- Mon., April 26, Bain/Piper, faculty
- Tue., May 11, (12:30-2 p.m.) Bain/Piper, faculty
- Wed., May 12, Bain/Piper, dept. chairs, deans, assoc. deans
- Mon., May 17, Koester/Bain, dept. chairs, deans, assoc. deans
- Fri., May 21, Koester/Piper, Student Affairs staff

RSVP or fmi-Pattie Ridenour, x5005, or pattie.ridenour@csun.edu

Mental Health Speaker Series

The National Institute of Mental Health sponsors the Career Opportunities in Research Program and the Minority Research Infrastructure Support Program Spring 2004 Speaker Series. The first two in the series of free lectures are from 5-6:45 p.m. in Sierra Hall 322.

- April 29
"Biculturalism: Socio-Cognitive Processes and Individual Differences" Veronica Benet-Martinez, professor, UC Riverside Psychology Department
- May 6
"Ethnic Differences in Depression: Symptom Presentation and Treatment Response" Hector Myers, professor, UCLA Department of Psychology

fmi-Frederica Rose, x6280, or frederica.isabella.rose@csun.edu

Faculty Book Reading

The English Department and the College of Humanities Faculty Fellows Program host the reading of English professor Brian Leung's new book, "World Famous Love Acts," from 12:15-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 28 in Jerome Richfield Hall 319.

Deaf Studies Speakers Program

CSUN's Deaf Studies Department and the Office of Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs Distinguished Visiting Speakers Program present:

- Thursday, April 29
"International Perspectives on Deaf Women"
Roslyn Rosen, Council on Education of the Deaf, speaks at 5 p.m. in the Noski Auditorium, Business-Education Complex.
- Monday, May 3
"Deaf People in Cuba"
Oscar Balmaseda, Asociacion Nacional de Sordos de Cuba (ANSOC), speaks at 5 p.m. in the Engineering Auditorium.

Admission is free and interpreters will be provided for both events. fmi-Genie Gertz, x5116.

Whitsett Lecture on Lewis and Clark

The History Department hosts its annual W.P. Whitsett Lecture on California and Western History at 8 p.m., Friday, April 30, University Student Union Grand Salon. UCLA history professor Stephen Aron, executive director of the Institute for the Study of the American West, will discuss "The Afterlives of Lewis and Clark." fmi-History Department, x3566.

Run, Walk & Roll

The third annual Run Walk & Roll Race benefiting the Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled starts at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 1, at the Kinesiology Building west patio area. fmi-Marjorie Chase, x4025, or marjorie.a.chase@csun.edu. Register online at www.w2promo.com, or from 6:30 a.m. at the event.

Una Serata Italiana

Stage adaptations of Italo Calvino's "*Marcovaldo*" and Natalia Ginzburg's "*Ti Ho Sposato per Allegria*" will be performed on:

- Saturday, May 1, 8 p.m.
- Sunday May 2, 3 p.m.

This honors project is supervised by professor Patrizia Miller, Language Learning Resource Center director, and is presented by the Italian section of CSUN's Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Department and the Theatre Department. Admission is free. Reservations and fmi-Patrizia Miller, x3452.

Public Meetings

Personnel Planning and Review Committee

Wed., 4/21, 28 and 5/5, 1:15-5 p.m.
University Hall 277

USU Board Meeting

Mon., April 26 and May 10, 1 p.m.
USU Grand Salon

Educational Equity Committee

Mon., April 26 and May 10
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
University Hall 211

Educational Policies Committee

Wed., April 28, 2-4 p.m.
University Hall 211

Senate Executive Committee

Thu., April 29, 1-5 p.m.
University Hall 277

Academic Technology Committee

Fri., May 7, 2-4 p.m.
University Hall 211

Notices

Our Deepest Sympathy

Physical Plant Management (PPM) and the MESA Engineering Program (MEP) join the campus community in offering deepest condolences to the family and friends of Olivia Gaines, who passed away on Tue., March 30. Gaines came to PPM after the Northridge earthquake. In fall 1995, she became MEP program manager, retiring in October 2003 due to sudden illness. Gaines was held in high regard by students and colleagues.

Owens Retirement

Nancy Owens (Family & Consumer Sciences) has retired after 36 years of valued service at CSUN. Owens served as president of the Faculty Senate from 1994-98 and of the California Faculty Association's Northridge chapter from 1983-87 and again from 1989-90. She was active in student organizations and university governance.

Summer Session Catalogs

Summer term catalogs are available at the College of Extended Learning, Matador Bookstore Complex, room 100. Seven sessions of university classes are scheduled between June 7 and August 13. Registration starts on Tue., April 20. fmi-x2504.

HR Professional Development Program

Janice Evelyn of the Los Angeles Unified School District will speak on "Time Management" at the Office of Human Resource Services' professional development session from 8:30-11:30 a.m., Wed., April 21, in the Oviatt Library's HR training room 16 (ground level). Registration forms are available in University Hall room 170, or at [www-admn.csun.edu/hrs/training](http://www.admn.csun.edu/hrs/training). fmi-x3820.

Scheduling of Final Exams

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda Bain reminds deans, department chairs and faculty that under no circumstances should faculty change the time or date of scheduled final exams without written approval of the department chair and the college dean. The interim provost should receive a copy of any approved deviations from the printed final exam schedule.

Classes

ITR Workshops

Information Technology Resources (ITR) offers free training workshops to Cal State faculty and staff in the Oviatt Library. Enrollment is required. u Excel: Make the Most of the Solar Class Roster. April 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thu., OV33

- Dreamweaver Basics
Fri., April 23, 2-4:30 p.m. OV33
- Netscape Composers for Beginners
Tue., April 27, 2-4:30 p.m. OV32
- FrontPage for Beginners
Wed., April 28, 1:15-4:45 p.m. OV30
- Publisher for Beginners
Wed., April 28, 9-11 a.m. OV33

fmi-x2204, training@csun.edu, or www.csun.edu/itr/training/desc/

Online Instruction Workshops

The Offices of Undergraduate Studies and Online Instruction will sponsor faculty computer workshops. All labs will be in Sierra Hall, Faculty Lab 422 unless otherwise specified.

- Course Design and Technology (not a computer lab workshop)
Tue., April 20, 12:30-2 p.m. Sierra Hall, CELT Conf. Rm. 439
- Macromedia Fireworks
Wed., April 21, 2-3 p.m.
- PowerPoint
Thu., April 22, 2-3 p.m.
- Macromedia Flash
Wed., April 28, 2-3 p.m.
- PowerPoint: Advanced Techniques
Thu., April 29, 2-3 p.m.

Registration is required and space is limited. Sign up at: www.csun.edu/~webteach/workshops.html fmi-Catheryn Cheal, x6558, or catheryn.cheal@csun.edu

Deadlines

Human Subjects Research Approval

Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete Human Subjects Protocol Approval form. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to Research Office for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next deadline: Tue., April 27. Next committee meeting: Tue., May 11. Protocol submission forms in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265, or downloaded from www.csun.edu/research. fmiDx2901.

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CALENDAR

The Associated Students Ticket Office is in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, excepted for some held by outside groups. The ticket office is open from 9:30 a.m.-5p.m. Mon.-Fri.. For prices not given, call (818) 677-3093, or x2488.

Art and Exhibits

Bianchi Planetarium

"Spring Sky Show" and "The Search for Life in the Universe"

Fri., April 23, 6 p.m.

"Spring Sky Show" and "What's New on Mars"

Fri., April 30, 6 p.m.

For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium.

Athletics (home games)

Men's Baseball

4/20 Cal Poly Pomona 3 p.m.

4/30 UC Irvine 3 p.m.

5/1 UC Irvine 1 p.m.

5/2 UC Irvine 1 p.m.

5/4 Cal Lutheran 3 p.m.

Women's Softball

4/24 UC Riverside noon

4/24 UC Riverside 2 p.m.

4/25 UC Riverside noon

Cinematheque

Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Armer Theater, on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus. For more info, call (818) 677-3192 or see www.csuncinematheque.com.

Sneak Preview Screenings

(first come, first served; no seat-saving) "Mean Girls"
Produced by Lorne Michaels.
Directed by Mark Waters.
Starring Tim Meadows, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler.
Fri., April 23, 6 and 8 p.m.

WWII Dramas

"The Train"
Directed by John Frankenheimer and Arthur Penn.
Wed., April 21, 7 p.m.
"Conspiracy"
Directed by Frank Pierson.
Wed., April 28, 7 p.m.

Music

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): \$10 general, \$7 faculty, staff and seniors, \$5 students.

An Evening of Chamber Music

Directed by music professor Julia Heinen.
Wed., April 21, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Guitar Ensemble

Directed by music professor Ronald Purcell.
Thu., April 22, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

American Guitar Society

International Concert Series featuring Canadian music professor Steve Thachuk.
Sat., April 24, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Cal State Northridge World Music Ensembles

Directed by music professor Ric Alviso.
Sun., April 25, 3 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

An Evening of Chamber Music

Directed by music professor Mary Kim.
Mon., April 26, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Cal State Northridge Master Chorale

Conducted by music professor Paul Smith.
Tue., April 27, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Cal State Northridge Studio Jazz Band

Directed by music professor Gary Pratt.
Wed., April 28, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Guitar Studio Recital

Directed by music professors Steve Thachuk and Ronald Borczon.
Thu., April 29, 8 p.m.
Sat., May 1, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Invitational Large Choir Festival

Various choirs perform.
Fri., April 30, 1 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

From the Violin Studio of Mary Kim

Kim plays the violin.
Mon., May 3, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Theater/Performance

The Greeks

"Iphigenia in Aulis" and "The Trojan Women"
Directed by J'aime Morrison and James DePaul.
Fri. April 23, 8 p.m.
Sat., April 24, 8 p.m.
Sun., April 25, 3 p.m.
Wed., May 5, 7 p.m.

"Electra" and "Iphigenia in Taurus"

Directed by Kevin Wetmore and James DePaul.

Fri., April 30, 8 p.m.

Sat., May 1, 8 p.m.

Sun., May 2, 3 p.m.

Campus Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 100 General \$15, seniors \$13, faculty/staff \$12, students \$10. Marathon Saturday admissions: general \$48.80, seniors \$44.80, faculty/staff \$42.80, students \$38.80. Prices include buffet dinner. Note: Performances may contain some nudity and cigarette smoke.

Davita's Harp

Based on the book by Chaim Potok.

Directed by Christine Adaire.

Fri., April 30, 8 p.m.

Sat., May 1, 8 p.m.

Sun., May 2, 3 p.m. matinee with interpreters for the hard of hearing.

Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 121

General \$15, seniors \$13, faculty/staff \$12, students \$10.

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