Diverse Group Selected for Research Fellows Program
Fellows Will Have Opportunity to Conduct Compelling Research, Creative Activities

Eight faculty members have been selected as California State University, Northridge Research Fellows for the 2009-10 academic year. The program, which is open to tenured and tenure-track faculty, allows the fellows the opportunity to pursue compelling research or creative activity during the year. The Research Fellows program showcases the vibrant research focus and diversity of research at CSUN.

“Scholarship and the considered collection of texts and artifacts are essential for the health of society. Thus, we celebrate both reflection and collection in this fellows program under the auspices of the library,” said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Harry Hellenbrand, who launched the program in 2007. The program was created and is funded collaboratively by the Office of the Provost, the colleges and the Oviatt Library. Fellows will report the results of their research to their Research Fellows program.

CSUN’s Grand Reunion: A 50th Anniversary Celebration
Fraternities, Sororities Among Groups to Reconnect at April 25 Event

Henry Sauceda ‘95 (Health Administration) has fond memories of his time as a student at Cal State Northridge. One of his favorite stories is about attending his first formal dance in 1992 as a pledge of the Sigma Chi fraternity with CSUN’s “unofficial ambassador” Dorothea “Granny” Heitz.

“I was really proud of that,” said Sauceda, about his date with the late Heitz, who as an older returning student formed the celebrated “Granny Girls” spirit squad and was considered the fraternity’s eternal sweetheart. “Having her around really grounded us guys and made us do the right thing.”

Sauceda will be among those attending CSUN’s first-ever all class Grand Reunion, Saturday, April 25, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the Oviatt Lawn and Sierra Quad.

The reunion continues the year-long observance of the university’s 50th anniversary.

Lisa Dunn ‘85 (Speech Communications) will travel from her home in Spokane, Wash., to attend and to reconnect with members of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She said it is also symbolic in that she served as CSUN’s Homecoming Queen during the campus’ 25th anniversary celebration. CSUN and the Alumni Association are inviting all alumni as well as current and former faculty and staff to reunite with CSUN friends at the event. More than 40 groups are planning individual reunions, including those affiliated with former Associated Students presidents, Homecoming Courts, cheerleaders, Granny Girls, the Matador Marching Band, the Black Student Union, athletic teams, fraternities, sororities and various academic departments.

Plans for the reunion include entertainment by live bands, plenty of food and drink, door prizes, and a family “Kid Zone” with children’s activities. Admission and parking are free; the barbecue dinner is $10 per person. Attendees also will have the opportunity to archive personal stories about their time at CSUN. The CSUN Stories Project recording office will be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information or to register, visit www.csun.edu/50 or call Alumni Relations at (818) 677-2137.

“Think of it in terms of several reunions rolled into one big gathering,” said D.G. “Gray” Mounger, assistant vice president for Alumni Relations. “In addition to the specific alumni reunions, several campus departments will be hosting tents on the quad.”

To organize a reunion group or to volunteer, contact Alumni Relations at alumni@csun.edu. For more information or to register, visit www.csun.edu/50 or call Alumni Relations at (818) 677-2137.
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deans and to the provost. Once a year, the Oviatt Library will host a colloquium in which the fellows will share their work with the campus.

Faculty committees reviewed proposals for the projects, which reflect a diverse field of scholarship.

Robert Conner (Manufacturing Systems Engineering and Management) will research processes and mechanics of engineering materials, particularly amorphous alloys and amorphous alloy composites. His research may be used in medical applications.

Julie Gainsburg (Secondary Education) will study the mathematical development of engineers, from entry into an undergraduate university program to the level of experienced engineer. Her work may be used to “inform” K-12 mathematics education.

Victoria Jaque (Kinesiology) will study the physiologic markers of a mitochondrial DNA sequence variation associated with migraine and common functional disorders (chronic fatigue, irritable bowel syndrome and depression). Her research may help in understanding the causes of these disorders, while also describing additional physiologic manifestations of these disorders related to mitochondrial dysfunction.

Daisy Lemus (Communication Studies) will focus on understanding communication about retirement from employers’ sense-making processes to the ways behavior affects retirement experiences. She intends to use her research to generate publications and assist in hosting a retirement planning fair for low-income participants.

Vivian Mendez (Oviatt Library) will assist in the creation of learning objects and participation and contribution to the learning object repository for the organization of learning objects.

Yifei Sun (Geography) will research urban and economic geography. He will examine technology, innovation and urban and regional economic development in China. His goal is to determine entry into global and local networks affect technological innovations in Chinese industrial enterprises.

Nayereh Tohidi (Gender and Women’s Studies) will study the women’s movement under the Islamist regime in Iran and its role in the process of democratization and secularization of the Iranian society. The strategies and tactics of women’s activism in present Iran will be analyzed within the historical and geopolitical context of today’s Iran from a “glocal” (global-local) perspective.

Arashan Azizyan (Systems and Operations Management) will research the operational, economical and environmental feasibility of integrating a logistic hub into Southern California’s freight transportation network.
For Your Information publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, classes and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue.

The deadline for the May issue is Monday, April 27. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-6909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting items.

Note: fmi—means for more information.

Events

Wednesday, April 22

Community Engagement Faculty Symposium

Community Engagement (formerly Community Service-Learning) will present a Community Engagement Faculty Symposium 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room, on community-based research projects, the pedagogy of engagement and methods for utilizing community-based research in the RTP process. Please RSVP, fmi–x3795 or merri.wiblelock@csun.edu.

Wednesday, April 22

Astro Day

The Society of Physics Students, the Physics and Astronomy Club and the Department of Physics and Astronomy will host “Astronomy Day,” 3:45 p.m.–10 p.m. Open viewings of the sun and the night sky at the CSUN observatory at Hughes Grove, and a free night sky show at 7 p.m. in the Bianchi Planetarium. Astronomers will be available to talk to the public.

Wednesday, April 22

The Crimes of the Bush Administration & Obama’s Dilemma

The Department of Political Science presents a lecture on “The Crimes of the Bush Administration & Obama’s Dilemma,” 6:30 p.m.–9 p.m., Johnson Auditorium 100. Speakers: Authors Vincent Bugliosi and Michael Haas.

Thursday, April 23

Cross-Examine the Judges’ Night

The Department of Political Science presents “Cross-Examine the Judges’ Night,” an open forum with Los Angeles Superior Court Judges and officers from the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, 7 p.m., Grand Salon, USU.

Friday, April 24

“Hurts So Good”

The CSE for Gender and Gender Research presents Adam Sweeney’s lecture, “Hurts So Good: What’s Bad about Masochistic Pain” from 1 p.m.–3 p.m., Jerome Richfield Hall 319.

Saturday, April 25

CSUN V-DAY Celebration

CSUN V-DAY Club will present a celebration in conjunction with the CSUN Grand Reunion to mark the 7th anniversary of the founding of CSUN’s V-DAY Club chapter, 5 p.m.–5 p.m., Reseda Room, USU. RSVP to: csunvdayclub@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 25

CSUN Grand Reunion

Alumni Relations will host the CSUN Grand Reunion, Saturday, April 25, 4 p.m.–10 p.m. on the Oviatt Lawn.

Pre-registration: $10 per person ($15 day of event), $5 children aged 2–10. The registration includes parking, a barbecue dinner and an alumni gift.

fmi-Alumni Relations, x2317 or visit www.csun.edu/50.

Saturday, April 25

Department of Geography Open House and Reunion

The Department of Geography will host an open house, reception and dinner to commemorate CSUN’s 50th anniversary, 4 p.m.–6 p.m., Sierra Hall 150. Reception and dinner: 7 p.m.–10 p.m., Grand Salon, USU.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 22.

2009–10 Federal Work-Study Annual Meeting for Newcomers

Meets 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Monday, May 4

Jacaranda Hall 1126

RSVP–work.study@csun.edu or x2735

Public Meetings

North Campus-University Park Development Corp.

Meets 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 21

University Hall 250

Personnel Planning and Review Committee

Meets 1:15 p.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22

University Hall 277

Educational Policies Committee

Meets 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22

University Hall 211

Senate Executive Committee

Meets 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Thursday, April 30

University Hall 277

CSUN Faculty Development

The CSUN Faculty Development will sponsor the Spring 2009 All-University Programs and Faculty Development Learning Community and Special Series.

fmi-Donna Brooks, x6656

Getting the Teams & Faculty Workshop Series on Student Team Projects’ Workshop Three: Evaluating and Assessing Students’ Learning in Team Projects

Tuesday, April 21, 1 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room

“Just in Time Teaching”

Thursday, April 23, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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Discussion Group

Thursday, April 30, 3 p.m.–5 p.m.

Collegiates Room, Sierra Center, 2nd Floor

Safety Workshops

The Department of Police Services will present Spring Safety Workshops open to students, staff, faculty and the community. The workshops will take place at the CSUN Police Department, Training Room. fmi and sign up: Daniel Foster, crime prevention coordinator, x5820 or daniel.foster@csun.edu.

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Benefits Info Workshops

The Office of Human Resource presents “Benefits Administration Information Workshops for the spring 2009 semester.” For all interested CSUN staff and faculty, unless otherwise noted.

fmi–Marianne Hude, x5246.

Savings Plus Program

Tuesday, April 21, 9 a.m.–10 a.m., for new enrollees and 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m., for asset allocation.

Oviatt Library, 16, HR Training Room

fmisavingsplusservice@gmail.com or visit www.sfform.com.

CalPERS Member Home Loan Program

Tuesday, April 28, 12 p.m.–1 p.m.

Oviatt Library 16, HR Training Room

fmis-wwu.csun.edu/obr/benefits.

EAP Lunchtime Learning Seminar: Breathe, Here and Now

Sponsored by University Counseling and CSUN EAP

Tuesday, April 28, 12 p.m.–1 p.m.

Oviatt Library 16, HR Training Room

fmis-wwu.csun.edu/obr/benefits.

Monthly Support Group for Caregivers

The L.A. Department of Aging and CSUN EAP

Wednesday, April 29, 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Oviatt Library 16, HR Training Room

fmis-Debra Rozanski, x2681 or debra.rozanski@csun.edu.

Monthly Personalized Solutions for Caregivers

One-on-one Consultations with the LA Department of Aging

Wednesday, April 29, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

Oviatt Library 16, HR Training Room

For appointments: http://www.adm- admin.csun.edu/obr/eap.

TIAA-CREF One-on-One Retirement Consultations

Thursday, April 30

University Hall 165, Human Resources Conference Room

For appointments: http://www.tiaca- ref.org/moe, or call Lisa Radliff at (866) 842-2095, x456355.

Professional Development

The Professional Development Program provides free training workshops for CSUN staff and faculty, in the Oviatt Library, Personnel Room, unless noted otherwise fmi-Lauren Nile, lauren.nile@csun.edu.

Meetings That Work

Tuesday, April 21, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Police Services Training Room

To register: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5wuwime–15UEBh1XJbXU6jaVoETA _3d_3d

Understanding How the University Operates–Essentials for All Managers”

For MPPS

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Notices

Catastrophic Leave Donations

Erin Matthews (Family & Consumer Sciences and Recreation & Tourism Management) and Raca Dineros (ETF Operations), currently out on medical leaves of absence, have exhausted their leave credits. To make a voluntary leave donation of sick leave and/or vacation leave, forward a completed catastrophic leave donation form to Payroll Administration, mail code 8238. Leave donation forms are available at http://www.adm- admin.csun.edu/obr/benefits/forms/ pludge.dot.

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If a caller dials a number without 1-818 or 1-747, the call will not be completed. However, three-digit numbers such as 911 will work the same as before.

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Devices that use seven-digit dialing, such as life safety systems, fax machines, alarm or security systems and individual speed dial numbers will require reprogramming for the new dialing procedures.

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Annual Juried Art Student Exhibition

Works in various media by currently enrolled graduate and undergraduate CSUN art students. Opening reception: Fri., April 24, 7-9 p.m.

Galley Talk: Mon., April 27, 9:30 a.m.

Runs through Tue., May 19.

Main Gallery

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Bianchi Planetarium

For ticket info. (818) 677-2489 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium.

Telescope viewing follows second show.

“Spring Sky Show” and “Strolling Through the Heavens–An Introduction to the Constellations of the Winter and Spring Skies.” Fri., April 24, 7:30 p.m.

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