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Geological Sciences Professor Richard Heermance Named CSUN's Jerome Richfield Memorial Scholar

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Richard V. Heermance, 2013 Jerome Richfield Memorial Scholar. Photo by Lee Choo.

Geological sciences professor Richard V. Heermance has been named California State University, Northridge's Jerome Richfield

Memorial Scholar for his research on the glacial moraines in the Trinity Alps in the Klamath Mountains of Northern California.

The honor is named for the late Jerome Richfield, a dean emeritus and professor of philosophy at CSUN. Each year, an outstanding faculty member conducting research in the arts, science or humanities is awarded the honor so that the scholar may share his research with the campus community. The honorary scholar is granted three units of class time to continue in-depth research throughout the school year.

Heermance, who has been teaching at CSUN since spring 2009, worked with one graduate and two undergraduate students on the research. The research included field studies mapping glacial deposits and collecting samples for dating of the glacial moraines (rock piles deposited at the edge a glacier). The goal was to begin to reconstruct climate change patterns within the last 10,000 years. He credited Josh Graham, a graduate student in geological sciences, and undergraduate students Ryan Witkosky and Jose Cardona for much of the work on the project.

“The combination of the area’s poorly known glacial history, combined with the potential to resolve past climate changes in Northern California, caused me to be interested in this study,” Heermance said. “I have been thinking about this project for the past decade.”

Heermance will present his research at a lecture titled “Climactic Significance of Recent (<5,000 years ago) Glaciation in the Klamath Mountains of Northern California” at the annual Provost’s Colloquium on Wednesday, March 20, at 4 p.m. in the Presentation Room of the Delmar T. Oviatt Library.

The professor was attracted to the Trinity Alps because of their scientific appeal and his personal connection to the range. As a child, he visited the range for months at a time, spending entire summers in Northern California and camping in the mountains. As he completed his doctorate, he began to consider the potential research the region offered. Heermance said that dating of the Klamath Mountains glacial moraines (a proxy for when the glaciers were at their maximum extent) has yet to be accomplished, thereby making it a unique project with many implications about climate change.

“I am quite honored to be named the Jerome Richfield Memorial Scholar,” Heermance said. “I know that there are many excellent studies taking place at CSUN, and I am humbled to receive this award among so many esteemed colleagues within the university.”

Heermance, who specializes in stratigraphy and geomorphology, said CSUN has provided him with opportunities to set up a lab to date rocks using cosmogenic nuclide exposure dating and supported the purchase of laboratory processing equipment.

“CSUN has been great,” he said. “This award will allow me to devote more time throughout the year to publish the results of this research with my students.”



Geological sciences professor Richard V. Heermance at the top of Thompson Peak in the Trinity Alps.

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Events

March 6

Rushing Waters, Rising Dreams: How the Arts Are Transforming a Community

The Friends of the Oviatt Library invite you to join them for a book signing and documentary viewing with CSUN Chicano Studies professor Denise M. Sandoval and independent filmmaker John Cantú as they discuss the book and documentary “Rushing Waters, Rising Dreams: How the Arts Are Transforming a Community.” The event will take place at 2 p.m. in the Ferman Presentation Room of the Oviatt Library.

For more information — call (818) 677-2638

March 7

Environmental and Occupational Exposure to Metal Nanoparticles

The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, in conjunction with the EOH Alumni Association and Student Association, hosts its annual technical symposium. This year will focus on the impact of metallic nanoparticles used in manufacturing processes and consumer products. Experts will speak at various presentations from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Northridge Center Complex of the University Student Union. Pre-registration is \$85 and \$75 for EOH Alumni Chapter Members. Registration at the door is \$100 and does not include parking (\$6) or lunch. Register [online on the Alumni Association website](#)

or by phone at (818) 677-2137.

For more information—visit the [Department of Environmental and Occupational Health](#).

March 10

Seamanship and Settlement: The Portuguese Maritime Tradition and Macau's Architectural Duality

The Delmar T. Oviatt Library presents this opening event at 2 p.m. in the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room of the Oviatt Library in an exhibition of photographs and images of the Portuguese Navy's Tall Ship N.R.P. Sagres, and the historic architecture of Macau, China. The exhibition is celebrating some 500 years of Portuguese maritime skill, daring exploration, and mutual cultural influence with China as exemplified by magnificent photographs of the N.R.P. Sagres, and of the historic architecture of the port city of Macau, the first enduring point of contact between China and the west. Reservations are appreciated, please call (818) 677-2638.

For more information — visit the [Oviatt Library's website](#).

March 14

STEM: Education Challenges and Career Opportunities

The Oviatt Library and the Bonita J. Campbell Endowment for Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) is scheduled to host this event in the Ferman Presentation Room of the Oviatt Library from 4 to 6 p.m. Faculty are welcome to bring their students.

For more information — call (818) 677-2638 or visit the [Oviatt Library's website](#).

March 22

What Really Works in Education Conference

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education at CSUN hosts a full day education conference at the CSUN University Student Union on March 22. Participants will leave with practical tips, tricks and strategies among local teachers, parents, and administrators. Rebecca Mieliwoki, 2012 National Teacher of the Year, will be the keynote speaker. The conference fee is \$90, with discounted rates available for CSUN students, CTL Partnership Schools, and groups of 5 or more. Register online at the [Center for Teaching and Learning](#).

For more information — call (818) 677-7494 or e-mail ctl@csun.edu

March 30

Chinese New Year Banquet

The China Institute and the Chinese Student Association at CSUN will host their annual banquet to celebrate the Year of the Snake in the University Student Union's Grand Salon from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Recent China Council full-scholarship recipients will make presentations on their life-changing experiences and wonders in China, and the CSUN Chinese Student Association, in collaboration with UCLA Chinese Student Association, will showcase special talents in singing, dancing and playing traditional Chinese musical instruments. Contributions to the banquet start at \$60 for two guests.

For more information—contact Justine Su, director of the China Institute at (818) 677-3801 or zsu@csun.edu.

One-on-one Retirement Consultations

The Office of Human Resources has partnered with five CSU Tax Shelter Annuity Fund sponsors to have representatives visit

campus and assist those approaching retirement achieve their goals. Please bring your questions and most recent statements from your retirement plan investment providers for a comprehensive analysis. For additional information, refer to the [CSU TSA website](#).

Upcoming Meetings

ING March 6 To schedule an appointment, contact Kam Nassiri at (818) 774-0719 or e-mail at kam.nassiri@ingfp.com.

Fidelity March 12 To schedule an appointment, call (800) 642-7131.

MetLife March 14 To schedule an appointment, contact Chris Maltese at (805) 371-4217 or (818) 648-0907.

VALIC March 21 To schedule an appointment, contact Rachel Baroma at (818) 326-6939 or e-mail at rachel.baroma@valic.com.

TIAA-CREF March 28 To schedule an appointment, please call (800) 732-8353.

Public Meetings

General Education Council

Meets 2–4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6
University Hall 211

Faculty Senate

Meets 2–4:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 7
Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room
(Room 81, West Wing, Lower Level of Oviatt Library)

Research and Grant Committee

Meets 10 a.m.–noon
Friday, March 8
University Hall 277

Educational Resources Committee

Meets 2-4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12
University Hall 2111

Graduate Studies Committee

Meets 2–4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12
University Hall 277

Educational Policies Committee

Meets 2–4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

University Hall 211

Classes

Brown Bag Spring 2013 – Research Seminar Series

The College of Engineering and Computer Science is hosting a research seminar series every Tuesday in Jacaranda Hall, conference room JD1568 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Each series, which will run from Feb. 12 through May 7, will feature different faculty members to share their work. Bring your lunch and listen to fellow colleagues speak about their research interests and projects that they are currently working on.

For more information – [download the Brown Bag Spring 2013 Research Seminar Series program](#).

Human Resources Workshop

The Tseng College offers a Human Resources Management Overview and PHR/SPHR Exam Preparation Workshop at CSUN on Tuesdays. Classes will run Feb. 26 through April 30 from 6 to 9:55 p.m. Topics include business management and strategy, workforce planning and employment, HR development, compensation and benefits, employee and labor relations, and risk management. Detailed information is posted on the [Tseng College website](#).

For more information—email angela.carpenter@csun.edu or call (818) 677-3332.

Department of Police Services Spring Safety Workshops:

For more information on workshops offered by the Department of Police Services, call (818) 677-2111.

March 12

Building and Floor Marshal Training

The Building and Floor Marshal plan is designed to provide recruiting, training and coordination of volunteer CSUN employees in major buildings on campus. The training will provide emergency response procedures for some of the most common or likely critical incident emergency situation that may occur on campus. [Sign up for training online](#).

March 19

Emergency Personal Preparedness

This workshop from 12 to 1:30 p.m. will help with developing a family emergency plan; prepare emergency supplies and other valuable information to help during emergencies and the recovery process. [Sign up for training online](#).

March 21

Identity Theft Prevention – “Has Your Identity Been Compromised?”

Learn how to protect your identity by attending this workshop from 12 to 1 p.m. [Sign up for training online](#).

Personal and Professional Development Program:

March 5

Essentials of Public Speaking: Part I

Bridget Sampson, communication studies faculty, will host two workshops to help faculty and staff enhance their presentation skills. Part I of the workshop, taking place in Oviatt 16 from 9 to 11 a.m., will emphasize basic strategies to improve skills and conquer anxiety associated with public speaking. [*Sign up for training online.*](#)

March 6

Understanding How the University Operates—Essentials for all Managers

CSUN supervisory and managerial staff are invited to attend this workshop presented by Diane Stephens, associate vice president of Academic Resources, and Debra Hammond, executive director of the University Student Union. The information-rich session, taking place in Oviatt 16 from 9 to 11 a.m., will provide information to be used for more effective management in the CSU/CSUN environment. [*Sign up for attend online.*](#)

March 19

IRA Education Workshop (TIAA)

This session, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Oviatt 16, will review all aspects of an IRA including what it is, how to choose the right one, investment options and IRA conversions. [*Sign up for the workshop online.*](#)

ScholarShare: California's 529 College Savings Plan

CSUN faculty and staff are welcome to attend this session from 12 to 1 p.m. in Oviatt 16 HR Training Room that will help teach how to integrate the 529 College Savings Plan into your savings strategy. [*Sign up for training online.*](#)

Retirement Income Strategies

Presented by Jonathan Reilly, district manager of VALIC, and Rachel Baroma, financial advisor of VALIC, will host a session providing faculty and staff information on how to make informed choices about protecting retirement income in Oviatt 16 from 2 to 3 p.m. [*Sign up to attend online.*](#)

March 22

How to be an Ally to CSUN's LGBTQ Community

Debra Hammond, executive director for the University Student union, will host this session from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Oviatt 16 for CSUN faculty and staff to learn how to be an ally to lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer, students, faculty and staff. A student panel will share their coming out experiences and their experience of being LGBTQ at CSUN. [*Sign up to attend online.*](#)

March 26

Essentials of Public Speaking: Part II

Bridget Sampson, communication studies faculty, will host two workshops to help faculty and staff enhance their presentation skills. Part I of the workshop, taking place in Oviatt 16 from 9 to 11 a.m., will emphasize basic strategies to improve skills and conquer anxiety associated with public speaking. [*Sign up to attend online.*](#)

March 27

Improving Communication with Students that have Autism Spectrum Disorders

Faculty and staff are invited to attend this workshop, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Oviatt 16, which will help participants enrich their understanding of the lived experiences of students diagnosed with ASD. *Sign up to attend online.*

HealthWorks by Kaiser Permanente:

Cal State Northridge and HealthWorks by Kaiser Permanente have teamed up for a third year to bring you a suite of health tools and wellness programming developed to meet your individual needs. The wellness offerings, which are open to all interested CSUN employees – whether you are a Kaiser Permanente member or not – consist of a variety of activities and resources and include onsite classes, health screenings, and an online health competition designed to help you stay on track with making healthy choices.

Mondays, On-going

Weight Management

Continuing its program in Oviatt 16 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., every Monday for eight weeks, HealthWorks will provide a weight management program that provides the tools necessary to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. Participants will learn how healthy lifestyle choices, like good eating and physical activity, and a positive attitude can help them lose weight and keep it off. The program will run through April 22 and is free to faculty and staff. *Sign up to register online.*

Book Club Meetings and Groups:

Grow Your Mind Book Club, sponsored by the Office of Human Resources and Faculty Development, presents a series of book club meetings facilitated by Elizabeth T. Adams, senior director of undergraduate studies. All faculty and staff are welcome to join at any time. Meetings take place on the following Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in Oviatt 16. Register to be in the book club at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SV6BKRK>.

March 6

“White Bread: A Social History of the Store-Bought Loaf” by Andrew Boborw-Strain

April 3

“A History of the World in 100 Objects” by Neil MacGregor

The **Jewish Studies Book Group** will host two spring meetings in the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room on the following unique reads. For more information, contact Jewish studies at (818) 677-3007 or email jewish.studies@csun.edu.

March 17

“Murder on a Kibbutz: A Communal Case” by Batya Gur

The event will be led by Rabbi Michele Paskow of the Jewish studies program starting at 2 p.m.

May 5

“What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank: Stories” by Nathan Englander

The event will be led by Audrey Thacker of the English department.

Notices

Policy on Procedures for Evaluating Teaching Effectiveness

Section 612.5.2.c.(2)(b)(ii) of the Administrative Manual was reaffirmed to comply with changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement of Fall 2012 by the Faculty Senate and approved by President Dianne F. Harrison. The policy can be viewed on the [Faculty Senate website](#). All policies can be found under “resources” on the [Faculty Senate website](#).

For more information—Heidi Wolfbauer at (818) 677-3263.

Policy on Procedures for Evaluating Teaching Effectiveness (Lecturers)

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Policy on Examinations and Religious Observations

In correspondence with campus policy, the Office of the Provost would like to remind faculty members that “in administering any test or examination, we will permit any student who is eligible to undergo the test or examination to do so, without penalty, at a time when the activity would not violate the student’s religious creed.” The policy can be viewed on the [Faculty Affairs website](#). If a faculty member needs assistance in evaluation the request of a student for the re-scheduling of an examination for purposes of religious observation, please contact the Office of Faculty Affairs at (818) 677-2962.

Master of Public Administration

Applications are now accepted for the fall 2013 Master of Public Administration program offered at CSUN and online. The Tseng College administers this graduate degree program designed for those in the public or nonprofit sector. Detailed information is posted on the [Tseng College website](#).

For more information—email alice.lu@csun.edu or call (818) 677-5635.

Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

As a result of amendments to the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) and the issuance of Executive Order 1083 (Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect), all CSU employees now have an obligation to report suspected or known incidents of child abuse or neglect. The university will provide detailed information about the law and faculty/staff reporting obligations, including a form to acknowledge that the information has been reviewed and faculty understand their obligation to comply with CANRA. This form will require a signature and must be returned to a designated campus official.

Emergency Desk Reference for Staff Members

Be prepared and informed before an emergency or disaster occurs by referencing sources provided by the [Emergency Desk](#). The Desk Reference is a quick guide for what to do in emergency situations that might occur on campus including medical emergencies, fires/explosions, involvement of hazardous materials, bomb threats, encounters with suspicious behaviors and objects and earthquakes. Access to the guide can be done from the [home page](#) by clicking the link “[Emergency Information](#)” at the bottom of the page. Updating personal contact information can also be done to enhance emergency contact on the

myNorthridge portal in the “Emergency Information” section. Text messaging can also be managed through the system—check the box next to “Emergency Text Message” on the portal page.

Master of Public Administration Info Sessions: Feb. 26–March 19

The Tseng College hosts free information sessions for CSUN’s Master of Public Administration program held at off-campus sites. Information sessions take place at Beverly Hills City Hall, third floor HR training room, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, Feb. 26 and March 19, from noon to 1 p.m., at the Pasadena City Hall, training room S018, 100 N. Garfield Ave.; March 6 and 13, from 2 to 3 p.m.; and at the Los Angeles Unified School District headquarters, 333 S. Beaudry Drive, Los Angeles, March 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, email patti.burleson@csun.edu or visit the [Tseng College website](#).

Summer Session

Currently enrolled CSUN students can make an appointment to register for Summer Session through the myNorthridge portal, from March 19 to 25, where they self-appoint a time and date to register online. The registration period runs March 26-April 2 for those with appointments. Registration is open to those without appointments starting April 3. Summer Session information is posted on the [Tseng College website](#).

Training for Dealing with Distressed Students

Faculty Senate invites faculty and staff participation in two interactive on-line training programs, meant to enhance your confidence and provide you resources when dealing with students who are showing signs of emotional distress and/or adjustment issues. One training program is designed for the general student population and the other for our student veterans. Each training takes between 45 and 75 minutes and can be done in the privacy of your own office. Access Training can be found [here for general student training](#) and [here for veteran student training](#). To log-on, use enrollment key “csun42,” create a password, answer the series of questions and complete the training. Other on-line resources for addressing student behavior that may be of concern can be found at the University Counseling Services website, <http://www.csun.edu/counseling>. For more information, contact Mark Stevens, director of CSUN’s University Counseling Services at (818) 677-4069 or email mark.stevens@csun.edu. Counselors at UCS are also available to come to a department or staff meeting to facilitate a discussion about the Kognito trainings.

Deadlines

April 15

Graduating Senior Award

Applications for the 2013 Outstanding Graduating Senior Award will be due. Four students will receive an award of \$1000 each in recognition for academic excellence, service to community and campus, and exceptional achievements or personal life circumstances that have been overcome. Applications are available in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs or visit the [Division of Student Affairs website](#).

Condolences

Darrick Danta

The campus community extends deep condolences to the family and friends of Darrick Danta '77 (Geography), M.A. '80

(Geography), associate dean of CSUN's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, who passed away on Friday, Feb. 15. He was a longtime faculty member of the Department of Geography. He is survived by his wife, Sara. A memorial fund has been established. Those interested in contributing to the fund may send a check, payable to CSUN Foundation, to Anne Robison, CSUN/College of Social and Behavior Sciences, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91330-8256.



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CSUN Panel to Discuss the Evolution of Digital Information

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A diverse panel of experts on the creation, distribution and consumption of digital information will participate in a symposium at California State University, Northridge on Wednesday, **April 3**.



The event, which is hosted by the **Delmar T. Oviatt Library** and **Academic Affairs**, will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room of the Delmar T. Oviatt Library. The symposium, entitled “<R>Evolution of Knowledge: The Digital Order of Things,” will address several issues, including how university students and faculty utilize technology to produce, deliver and engage content; the emerging trends and models in education in the new digital age; and the role of libraries in meeting the expectations of students in light of constant technological changes.

“Production, publication, delivery and consumption of information, and in a deeper sense, knowledge, are quite often explored separately, or in a subset,” said Helen Heinrich, CSUN faculty/librarian and chair of the symposium organizing committee. “The symposium will bring these facets together as the links of one

supply chain, reflecting on the role of universities and libraries. It will trace the evolution of these processes in light of new technologies, will assess our progress, identify challenges, and chart future opportunities.”

CSUN President Dianne F. Harrison, Provost Harry Hellenbrand and Oviatt Library Dean Mark Stover will be among those scheduled to address attendees. Guest speakers include Marshall Breeding, a consultant, author and creator of “Library Technology Guides”; Stephen Abram, managing principal at Lighthouse Partners and affiliate of Dysart and Jones Associates;

Jeff Gold, director of Academic Technology at the CSU Chancellor's Office; Deone Zell, senior director of Academic Technology at CSUN and Chrysanne Lowe, vice president of Global Marketing Communications at Elsevier.

The event will include lunch. RSVP by March 28 to mickey.martinez@csun.edu. For more information, call (818) 677-2271.



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CSUN Speaker Series Showcases Psychology Department Research

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The Department of Psychology at California State University, Northridge is hosting a lunchtime seminar series designed for psychology faculty and graduate students interested in learning about current research projects and exchanging ideas.

This is the second year CSUN's psychology department will host a "GE Brown Bag Series." The series is open to all faculty and staff. It takes place approximately every other Friday from noon to 1 p.m., from March 15 through May 10, in Sierra Hall 322. The series will feature a variety of topics including "Revising Your Beliefs: How the Scope of a Rule Affects Your Decision-making"; "the Linguistic and Social Development of Mexican Immigrant Children"; and "Foster Care: Attachment,

Resilience, and Cultural Identity."

"We want our graduate students to be participating in a community of ongoing research and not just see research in its final form," said psychology professor Holli Tonyan, series organizer. "Each speaker in this series is a gem."

Students in Psychology 500: Seminar in Professional Development, a two-term course that aims to prepare students to be successful in their graduate program and eventually a doctoral program, are required to attend.

Tonyan said the series "provides a window into more recently collected data" than is available through published research journals because it takes time to make it to press.

Scheduled series are presentations are as follows:

- **March 15** – "Revising your Beliefs: How the Scope of a Rule Affects Your Decision-making" presented by Alex Swan of the University of California, Santa Barbara
- **April 5** – "The Linguistic and Social Development of Mexican Immigrant Children" presented by Allison Wishard of the

University of California San Diego (**canceled**)

- **April 19** - Alumni Panel organized and hosted by Mark Otten
- **May 19** – “The development of Human Amygdala Function and Connectivity Following Early Life Stress” presented by Nim Tottenham of the Department of Psychology at the University of California Los Angeles
- **May 10** – “Foster Care: Attachment, Resilience, and Cultural Identity” presented by Leslie Ponciano of the Department of Early Childhood Education, at Loyola Marymount University

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ScholarWorks: Preserving CSUN's Digital Properties

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Elizabeth Altman (left) and Andrew Weiss, staff CSUN's ScholarWorks project. Photo by Lee Choo.

If you've authored a paper or created a video, podcast or tutorial and want to share it with the world, California State University, Northridge's ScholarWorks project is a vehicle for faculty, staff and students to store and provide access to their digital properties.

The ScholarWorks project is an open-access institutional repository administered by staff at the Oviatt Library. The software

captures, organizes, preserves and disseminates the intellectual output of members of the CSUN community. The project is part of a systemwide program, first launched by the CSU Chancellor's office in 2007.

"ScholarWorks provides stable links, ensures long-term digital preservation of work and contributes to the ideals of open-access publishing," said digital services librarian Andrew Weiss. "It also showcases the depth and breadth of scholarship and academic achievement of everyone at CSUN."

This long-term preservation is made possible by ScholarWorks' distinctive feature that attributes a permanent online location, also known as a "handle," to each submission.

"This (handle) will never change, and students, faculty and staff will be able to provide links to their work that will never break," said Weiss. "It will allow faculty, staff and students to permanently cite their theses, papers or other works on their resumes or CVs."

Weiss said ScholarWorks provides an invaluable solution to the Internet's permanence problem including "broken links."

ScholarWorks offers a "one-click" discovery of the research achievements of individual faculty, a department, a college or subject area. The system is also easy to use. Library staff will:

- Create an online author section
- Contact publishers and clear copyright permission
- Upload legal copies of the authors work
- Provide Curriculum Vitae mining, which extracts citations from CVs at no cost

"Submitting work can be done individually by any CSUN-related faculty, staff and students," said Weiss. "Or they can request the Oviatt Library ScholarWorks staff to submit on their behalf."

Tutorials, demonstrations and workshops on how to use the ScholarWorks program are available for faculty and staff. For more information visit the [ScholarWorks](#) website or contact Elizabeth Altman, (818) 677-2863.



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For more information — call (818) 677-7494 or email ctl@csun.edu.

March 26

Tseng College Information Session: Master of Arts in Music Industry Administration

The Tseng College will host an information session at the CSUN University Club/Orange Grove Bistro from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m..

The event will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person.

For more information—visit the [Tseng College website](#) or email Rylie Sata at rylie.sata@csun.edu.

March 27

Tseng College Information Session: Master of Arts in Humanities

The Tseng College will host a free information session about the Master of Arts in Humanities from 6 to 8 p.m. at the CSUN University Club/Orange Grove Bistro. The Master of Arts in Humanities program is offered by the College of Humanities in collaboration with the Tseng College. To attend, email barb.frye@csun.edu.

For more information—visit the [Tseng College website](#).

March 28

Tseng College Information Session: Master of Public Administration

There will be a free information session about options in the Master of Public Administration program from 6 to 9 p.m. at the CSUN University Club/Orange Grove Bistro. The Tseng College collaborates with the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences to offer an Urban Studies and Planning option in the Master of Public Administration program.

For more information— visit the [Tseng College website](#) or email alice.lu@csun.edu.

March 30

Chinese New Year Banquet

The China Institute and the Chinese Student Association at CSUN will host their annual banquet to celebrate the Year of the Snake in the USU's Grand Salon from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Recent China Council full-scholarship recipients will make presentations on their life-changing experiences and wonders in China, and the CSUN Chinese Student Association, in collaboration with UCLA Chinese Student Association, will showcase special talents in singing, dancing and playing traditional Chinese musical instruments. Contributions to the banquet start at \$60 for two guests.

For more information—contact Justine Su, director of the China Institute at (818) 677-3801 or zsu@csun.edu.

April 25

Annual Federal Work-Study First and Second Year Supervisor's Meeting

Supervisors who are hiring federal work-study students for the first or second year must attend this meeting from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room of the Oviatt Library. Please reserve a seat by sending an email to work.study@csun.edu or calling (818) 677-2373 by April 19. Please note that any department or program that does not fulfill the meeting requirement will not be granted a FWS allocation and will not be able to pay their students under FWS funds.

For more information—contact Josefina Carbajal at josefina.carbajal@csun.edu or (818) 677-3875.

Annual Federal Work-Study Supervisor's Meeting

Supervisors who have hired work-study students in the past two consecutive years may fulfill the annual meeting requirement by completing the online supervisor's training at <http://www.csun.edu/finaid/workstudy-meeting.html>. The link will open on April 15.

For more information—contact Josefina Carbajal at josefina.carbajal@csun.edu or (818) 677-3875.

One-on-one Retirement Consultations

The Office of Human Resources has partnered with five CSU Tax Shelter Annuity Fund sponsors to have representatives visit

campus and assist those approaching retirement achieve their goals. Please bring your questions and most recent statements from your retirement plan investment providers for a comprehensive analysis. For additional information, refer to the [CSU TSA website](#).

Upcoming Meetings

VALIC, March 21. To schedule an appointment, contact Rachel Baroma at (818)326-6939 or email at rachel.baroma@valic.com.

TIAA-CREF, March 28. To schedule an appointment, please call (800) 732-8353.

Public Meetings

General Education Council

Meets 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

University Hall 211

Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Extended Learning

Meets 3:15-5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Executive Conference Room, Bookstore Complex

Senate Executive Committee

Meets 1-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

University Hall 277

University Planning and Budget Group

Meets 12-2 p.m.

Friday, March 22

University Hall 277

Educational Policies Committee

Meets 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27

University Hall 211

Classes

Brown Bag Spring 2013 – Research Seminar Series

The College of Engineering and Computer Science is hosting a research seminar series every Tuesday in Jacaranda Hall, conference room JD1568 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Each series, which will run through May 7, will feature different faculty members to share their work. Bring your lunch and listen to fellow colleagues speak about their research interests and projects that they are currently working on.

For more information – [download the Brown Bag Spring 2013 Research Seminar Series program.](#)

Human Resources Workshop

The Tseng College offers a Human Resources Management Overview and PHR/SPHR Exam Preparation Workshop at CSUN on Tuesdays. Classes will run through April 30 from 6 to 9:55 p.m. Topics include business management and strategy, workforce planning and employment, HR development, compensation and benefits, employee and labor relations, and risk management. Detailed information is posted on the [Tseng College website](#).

For more information—email angela.carpenter@csun.edu or call (818) 677-3332.

Department of Police Services Spring Safety Workshops:

For more information on workshops offered by the Department of Police Services, call (818) 677-2111.

March 19

Emergency Personal Preparedness

This workshop from 12 to 1:30 p.m. will help with developing a family emergency plan; prepare emergency supplies and other valuable information to help during emergencies and the recovery process. [Sign up for training online.](#)

March 21

Identity Theft Prevention – “Has Your Identity Been Compromised?”

Learn how to protect your identity by attending this workshop from 12 to 1 p.m. [Sign up for training online.](#)

Personal and Professional Development Program:

March 19

IRA Education Workshop (TIAA)

This session, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Oviatt 16, will review all aspects of an IRA including what it is, how to choose the right one, investment options and IRA conversions. [Sign up for the workshop online.](#)

ScholarShare: California’s 529 College Savings Plan

CSUN faculty and staff are welcome to attend this session from 12 to 1 p.m. in Oviatt 16 HR Training Room that will help teach how to integrate the 529 College Savings Plan into your savings strategy. [Sign up for training online.](#)

Retirement Income Strategies

Presented by Jonathan Reilly, district manager of VALIC, and Rachel Baroma, financial advisor of VALIC, will host a session providing faculty and staff information on how to make informed choices about protecting retirement income in Oviatt 16 from 2 to 3 p.m. [Sign up to attend online.](#)

March 22

How to be an Ally to CSUN’s LGBTQ Community

Debra Hammond, executive director for the University Student union, will host this session from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Oviatt 16

for CSUN faculty and staff to learn how to be an ally to lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer, students, faculty and staff. A student panel will share their coming out experiences and their experience of being LGBTQ at CSUN. *Sign up to attend online.*

March 26

Essentials of Public Speaking: Part II

Bridget Sampson, communication studies faculty, will host two workshops to help faculty and staff enhance their presentation skills. Part I of the workshop, taking place in Oviatt 16 from 9 to 11 a.m., will emphasize basic strategies to improve skills and conquer anxiety associated with public speaking. *Sign up to attend online.*

March 27

Improving Communication with Students that have Autism Spectrum Disorders

Faculty and staff are invited to attend this workshop, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Oviatt 16, which will help participants enrich their understanding of the lived experiences of students diagnosed with ASD. *Sign up to attend online.*

HealthWorks by Kaiser Permanente:

Cal State Northridge and HealthWorks by Kaiser Permanente have teamed up for a third year to bring you a suite of health tools and wellness programming developed to meet your individual needs. The wellness offerings, which are open to all interested CSUN employees – whether you are a Kaiser Permanente member or not – consist of a variety of activities and resources and include onsite classes, health screenings, and an online health competition designed to help you stay on track with making healthy choices.

Mondays, On-going

Weight Management

Continuing its program in Oviatt 16 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., every Monday for eight weeks, HealthWorks will provide a weight management program that provides the tools necessary to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. Participants will learn how healthy lifestyle choices, like good eating and physical activity, and a positive attitude can help them lose weight and keep it off. The program will run through April 22 and is free to faculty and staff. *Sign up to register online.*

Book Club Meetings and Groups:

Grow Your Mind Book Club, sponsored by the Office of Human Resources and Faculty Development, presents a series of book club meetings facilitated by Elizabeth T. Adams, senior director of undergraduate studies. All faculty and staff are welcome to join at any time. Meetings take place on the following Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in Oviatt 16. Register to be in the book club at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SV6BKRP>.

April 3

“A History of the World in 100 Objects” by Neil MacGregor

The **Jewish Studies Book Group** will host two spring meetings in the Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room on the following unique reads. For more information, contact Jewish studies at (818) 677-3007 or email jewish.studies@csun.edu.

May 5

“What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank: Stories” by Nathan Englander

The event will be led by Audrey Thacker of the Department of English.

Catastrophic Leave Notices

The following employees are out on medical leave and have exhausted their leave credits:

Tricia Troutt (*Financial Aid and Scholarships*)

To make voluntary donations, please forward a completed Catastrophic Leave Donation form to Payroll Administration, mail code 8228. You can access the form online. <http://www-admn.csun.edu/ohrs/benefits/forms/pledge.doc>

Notices

Master of Public Administration Info Sessions: through March 19

The Tseng College hosts free information sessions for CSUN’s Master of Public Administration program held at off-campus sites. An information session will take place at Beverly Hills City Hall, third floor HR training room, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, March 19, from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, email patti.burleson@csun.edu or visit the [Tseng College website](#).

Deadlines

March 25

Summer Session

Currently enrolled CSUN students can make an appointment to register for Summer Session through the myNorthridge portal, from March 19 to 25, where they self-appoint a time and date to register online. The registration period runs March 26 through April 2 for those with appointments. Registration is open to those without appointments starting April 3. Summer Session information is posted on the [Tseng College website](#).

April 15

Graduating Senior Award

Applications for the 2013 Outstanding Graduating Senior Award is due April 15. Four students will receive an award of \$1,000 each in recognition of academic excellence, service to community and campus, and exceptional achievements or personal life circumstances that have been overcome. Applications are available in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs or visit the [Division of Student Affairs website](#).



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Institute for Sustainability to Host Water Day

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In celebration of International Water Day, California State University, Northridge's Institute for Sustainability will host its annual Water Day event on Wed., March 20, in the University Student Union's Northridge Center.

The event, which is free and open to the campus community, will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. with the goal of familiarizing attendees with water-related issues. Wednesday's activities will focus on the health and environmental problems associated with bottled water and the need for access to fresh water in developing countries.

"The Institute hosts Water Day annually to educate students about local and global issues related to water," said Sarah Johnson,

administrative coordinator for the institute. “We plan to engage students in activities and dialogue so they can think critically about this vital and scarce resource.”

The day will feature three sessions. The first will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and include an interactive activity in which participants are given five water types to sample and record their taste findings. After the taste test, there will be a screening of the film “Tapped,” a documentary that shows the environmental and health effects of bottled water. A panel with faculty members Yann Schrodi (Chemistry), Erica Wohldman (Psychology) and Michael Alvord (Environmental and Occupational Health) will discuss some of the issues raised in the film and the water taste test results.

The Thirst Project, a nonprofit organization led by college students that works to create awareness and solutions to water issues, will present at the second session from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. The group will discuss the issues associated with minimal access to fresh water and how their initiative is working to provide water to thousands in developing nations. There will also be a screening of the 2012 film “Running Dry,” which chronicles the issues of the global lack of access to fresh water.

From 7 to 9 p.m. the institute will host a screening of the documentary “Over Troubled Waters,” a film about pollution in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

CSUN’s Institute for Sustainability promotes, facilitates and develops educational research and university and community programs related to sustainability. It serves as an umbrella organization across the university on issues related to sustainability and is connecting the campus with efforts in the community. For more information, contact the Institute for Sustainability at (818) 677-7710, email sustainability@csun.edu or visit the [institute’s website](#).



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CSUN Health and Human Development Professionals Become ‘Professors’ for a Day

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Carly Marino '06 (Kinesiology), M.S. '08 (Kinesiology) speaks to a Department of Kinesiology class about career paths during the College of Health and Human Development's annual Professor for a Day on March 14. Photo by Lee Choo.

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When Carly Marino '06 (Kinesiology), M.S. '08 (Kinesiology) was a student at California State University, Northridge, she appreciated the importance of mentors and professionals in guiding her career. She said the faculty provided great education and insight but she had questions for professionals working in her field of interest.

That's why Marino, now a regional physical activity specialist with the state's Department of Public Health Network for a Healthy California, participated in the College of Health and Human Development's annual Professor for a Day program. She was one of 15 guest lecturers to participate in the event on Thursday, March 14.

"When I was in your shoes," she told the students in her class. "I was always trying to figure it all out, and I just wanted someone to answer my questions."

The guest lecturers were a mix of alumni and community leaders who donned the title of "professor" and shared useful advice and personal stories about how they have achieved success in their profession. They represented a cross-section of the college's nine departments and lectured on a range of topics, including child and adolescent development; radiography; nursing; speech and language development; women's health; organizational health services; nutrition; kinesiology; leadership in recreation; meetings and conventions; the fashion industry; and health administration.

"Programs like this (Professor for a Day) offer an opportunity for students to have candid conversations with professionals about real life experiences in careers," said Marino about the program.

Sylvia Alva, dean of the College of Health and Human Development, said the Professor for A Day program is a "great example of how CSUN shines."

"The guest professors were impressed by our students and the quality of their questions, and our students were able to benefit from the knowledge and experience of many of our alumni and supporters," Alva said. "As leaders and mentors in their fields, our alumni bring a wealth of professional knowledge and career advice to the classroom."

Karen Embrey '04 (Nursing), clinical director of the USC Keck School of Medicine nurse anesthesia program, recommended that students commit to being "lifelong learners."

"Have a vision for yourself," Embrey said. "The secret to success is making little steps everyday towards your goal."

Houman Salem '94 (History), founder of Argyle Partners, a global management consulting firm to the fashion, apparel and retail

industry, told students in a apparel design and merchandising class to stay “flexible and nimble” with their careers.

“The successful ones (students) will be able to adapt to different environments,” Salem said.

Edward Daco, a student in the college’s nursing program, said the Professor for a Day program is “extremely helpful.”

“It has really helped me see nursing from different perspectives and specialties,” he said.



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CSUN Math Prof to Take Part in International Frontiers of Science Symposium

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California State University, Northridge associate **math** professor Maria Rita D'Orsogna is spending her spring break this year in India, sharing the results of her research on particle clusters at an international gathering of some of the top researchers in the world.

The Indo-American Frontiers of Science symposium is the National Academy of Sciences premiere activity for distinguished young scientists. Unlike meetings that focus on a narrow area of science, the symposium allows participants to explore innovative research ideas across a wide variety of fields and to develop new networks that they can tap into as they progress in their individual fields.

“It is quite an honor for me to be able to participate in such a program, and it’s an honor for CSUN because it reflects on the caliber of work that so many of us here at the university are doing,” said D’Orsogna about taking part in the symposium in Agra, India, on April 7 through April 10.

Attendees are selected by a committee of academy members from among young researchers who have already made recognized contributions to science, including recipients of major national fellowships and awards who have been identified as future leaders in science.

D’Orsogna’s research interests include biological swarming, studying how natural agents, or particles, self-organize, or form, into the coherent patterns that are seen everywhere. Her research examines discrete models of self-propelling, interacting agents and



Maria Rita D’Orsogna. Photo courtesy of the Sundial.

the arising morphologies they create as the relevant parameters and environmental conditions are changed. By using statistical mechanics, she is able to analyze these natural and artificial ensembles, their stability and passage to the continuum.

She also uses simple mathematical and physical modeling to try to understand the basic phenomenology driving complex biological processes, which has applications in understanding how viruses work. She is also using mathematics and game theory to understand how the interactions between residents in a community with law enforcement can affect crime, and in particular the roles informants play in reducing crime rates in neighborhoods.

The Frontiers of Science symposium format is designed to encourage one-on-one conversations and informal group discussions in which participants continue in discussions sparked by formation presentations. The goal is to remove communication barriers between fields and encourage collaboration among the attendees.

D'Orsogna said she is looking forward to hearing what her colleagues in others disciplines are doing and learning from their research.

“It’s an intellectual exchange of different opinions and different views,” she said. “It should be quite interesting.”

D'Orsogna joined [CSUN's Department of Mathematics](#) in 2007. She has a doctorate in physics from UCLA.



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CSUN Tackles Black Male Enrollment and Graduation Rates

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In an effort to address black male enrollment and graduation rates, California State University, Northridge will host the first Men of Color Enquiry and Student Poster Session.

The event, co-sponsored by the Department of Pan African Studies and the DuBois-Hamer Institute for Academic Achievement, will take place on Thursday, March 28 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the University Student Union, Northridge Center. The keynote speaker is Frank Harris III M.A. '99 (Speech Communications), an associate professor at San Diego State University, co-director of the Minority Male Community College Collaborative and co-author of "College Men and Masculinities: Theory, Research and Implications for Practice."

Cal State Northridge joins universities across the country trying to find ways to bridge the gap between higher education and black male students. A report published last year by the University of Pennsylvania documents the "crisis" facing black men in higher education. According to the report, the relative number of black men entering college hasn't improved since 1976, and only 33 percent of black male college students graduate within six years.

"It is suggested in the literature that institutions of higher learning in the U.S. have not effectively enrolled, engaged and/or advanced black males," said Cedric Hackett '95 (Sociology/Counseling), M.A. '00 (Educational Psychology and Counseling), a Department of Pan African Studies professor and one of the organizers of the Men of Color event. "We hope to develop some programs and strategies to change the numbers."



Frank Harris



Cedric Hackett

He said the event also will begin a dialogue around other issues, including absentee fatherhood, fashion and the spread of HIV/AIDS.

According to CSUN's Office of Institutional Research, as of spring 2013 the undergraduate enrollment of African-American males made up only 5.3 percent of male students enrolled at CSUN compared to 34.3 percent Latino males and 27.8 percent white males. The six year graduation rate for first-time African-American men who entered in fall 2006 was only 23 percent in comparison to 33 percent for American Indian, 47 percent for Asian American, 36 percent Latino, 43 percent Pacific Islander and 53 percent for white male students.

"The value of education among black males, which was once held at a premium during the late 60s, 70s and 80s has drastically taken a decline in the 90s and into the 21st century," said Christopher Holmes '72 (Psychology), staff psychologist with University Counseling Services and head of the campus' Black

Male Initiative, a group of volunteers made up of CSUN black faculty, staff and alumni. He said his group and others are working to turn these numbers around.

Thursday's event will include a question and answer session and culminate with the student research poster session. Hackett,

who also heads a project called “Creating Black Male Intellectual Space,” an experiential learning program designed to promote academic achievement in African-American males at CSUN, said the material from the poster session will be used to educate the campus community about the issue.



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