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Events

March 10 – May 31

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

The Delmar T. Oviatt Library presents this 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.

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

April 3

Summer Session Registration for Non-CSUN Students

Registration for non-CSUN students in Summer Session at CSUN starts April 3. Summer Session classes are open to students from other colleges and the community at large, so long as there is room in the class and students meet course prerequisites.

CSUN offers three separate Summer Sessions, May 28-Aug. 20; May 28-July 9; and July 10-Aug. 20.

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

Revolution of Knowledge: The Digital Order of Things

The event, 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 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.

For more information—contact Jim Lunsford at (818) 677-4659 or email james.lunsford@csun.edu.

Memory and Neighborhood: Poles and Poland in American Jewish Fiction after World War II

Visiting Polish professor of English and Cultural Studies, Lucyna Aleksandrowicz-Pedich of the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, will present her perspectives on what American Jewish literature says about Poles and American Jews. The lecture, hosted by the CSUN Jewish Studies Program, will be from 9:30 to 10:45 p.m. in Sierra Hall 267. Reservations are appreciated.

For more information—call (818) 677-4724 or email jewish.studies@csun.edu

April 4

Tseng College Information Session: Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution

The Tseng College holds an information session for its Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution program, 6 to 8 p.m., CSUN's University Club. The one-semester program is for anyone called on to resolve conflicts in professional, workplace or community settings. To attend the information session, e-mail patricia.lyon@csun.edu or call (818) 677-3332.

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

Contemporary Polish Literary and Artistic Responses to Historic Polish Anti-Semitism: Jewish Skeletons in Polish Cupboards

CSUN Jewish Studies Program will host visiting professor, Lucyna Aleksandrowicz of the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, in a lecture discussing the responses of contemporary Poles to information about Jedwabne and other examples of Polish anti-Semitism from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in Sierra Hall 184. Reservations are appreciated.

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

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TIAA-CREF April 9 To schedule an appointment, please call (800) 732-8353.

ING April 10 To schedule an appointment, contact Kam Nassiri at (818) 774-0719 or email at kam.nassiri@ingfp.com.

MetLife April 11 To schedule an appointment, contact Chris Maltese at (805) 371-4217 or (818) 648-0907.

Public Meetings

General Education Council

Meets 2–4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

University Hall 211

Faculty Senate <http://www.csun.edu/senate/>

Meets 2–4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Jack and Florence Ferman Presentation Room

(Room 81, West Wing, Lower Level of Oviatt Library)

Educational Resources Committee

Meets 2–4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

University Hall 2111

Educational Equity Committee

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

Monday, April 15

University Hall 277

Classes

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For more information – http://www.ecs.csun.edu/ecsdean/docs/BrownBagSeries_20130117.pdf.

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Personal and Professional Development Program:

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Investing 101

Chris Maltese, financial service representative of MetLife Resources, will host a session providing interested faculty and staff information on decisions regarding your personal financial situation in Oviatt 16 from 9 to 10 a.m. [Sign up to attend 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](#)

April 17

Compensation/ Classification Overview

CSUN HR liaisons, supervisory and managerial staff are welcome to attend this workshop that will cover the important components of an effective staff position description, and analyze the staff classification review and In-Range Progression processes. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the HR Training Room, Oviatt 16 Garden Level. [Sign up for the workshop online.](#)

April 19

American Sign Language 101

This workshop, from 2 to 4 p.m. in HR Training Room Oviatt 16, will provide some basics in American Sign Language (ASL). All CSUN staff and faculty will receive updated information on ASL during the interactive seminar, led by CSUN ASL instructor, Christine Firkins. [Sign up for the workshop online.](#)

April 23

Cross-Cultural Relationships: Rewards and Challenges

CSUN faculty and staff are welcome to attend this session from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Oviatt 16 HR Training Room that will discuss how to have “difficult conversations,” that in the end will facilitate and deepen understanding of both oneself and others. [Sign up for the session online.](#)

April 24

Leadership Feedback

Kristina de la Vega, associate director of employee relations, will present a session addressing communication between supervisor and employee, how to build on strengths by affirming positive behaviors, and how to use concrete examples as of means of clarifying expectations. CSUN supervisory and managerial staff are welcome to attend this session held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the HR Training Room, Oviatt 16 Garden Level. [Sign up for the session online.](#)

Catastrophic Leave Notices

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

Christine Menzies (*Theater*)

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

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>.

April 3

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

The **Jewish Studies Book Group** will host its last unique read at CSUN Hillel at 17729 Plummer Street. 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.

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.

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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.

Policy on Accelerated Promotion Review Process

Section 643.1.5 of the Administrative Manual was recently passed by the Faculty Senate and approved by President Harrison. The policy can be viewed on the [Faculty Senate website](#). All policies can be found under “resources” on the [Faculty Senate website](#).

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Policy on Contributions to the Field of Study

Section 632.4 of the Administrative Manual was recently passed by the Faculty Senate and approved by President 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.

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

The 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](#). 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.

2013 Faculty Election Results

The following faculty members have been elected for the following positions:

- Vice President of the Faculty: Shane Frehlich (Kinesiology)
- Secretary of the Faculty: Terri Lisagor (Family and Consumer Sciences)
- CSU Academic Senator: Shane Frehlich (Kinesiology)
- Senators-at-Large: Lawrence Becker (Political Science), Eric Garcia (University Library), Sharon Klein (English), Janet Oh (Psychology), Jared Rappaport (Cinema and Television Arts), Cheryl Spector (English)

CSU Employee Update

Attached you will find the most recent [California State University Employee Update](#) provided by the CSU Chancellor’s Office for all employees. It contains information about the CSU’s budget plans presented at the March 2013 Board of Trustees meeting, and information about several CSU system activities and recognitions. Of note, CSUN received “Honor Roll with Distinction” in the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, which annually commends colleges and universities that achieve meaningful and measurable outcomes in the communities they serve.

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](#).

April 19

47th Annual Staff Service and Recognition of Excellence Event

Submission of nomination [forms](#) are due to the Office of Human Resources in University Hall 165 or via mail, drop 8229. The event celebrates employees that have achieved service milestones at five year increments as well as outstanding achievement. The

Recognition of Excellence Awards include the Presidential Award, Award of Merit, the Jolene Koester Team Award and the Alumni Relations Award, the latest addition to the group.

For more information—call the Office of Human Resources at (818) 677-2101.

Condolences

Elaine Helms

The campus community extends deep condolences to the family and friends of Elaine Helms, admissions and records representative who passed on Thursday, March 7 in her sleep. Helms worked at admissions and records for more than 33 years.



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CSUN's Best Choreographers and Dancers Showcase Talent at Kinesis

by Marc Evangelista | on April 12, 2013 | in [Arts and Culture](#), [Community](#), [Faculty and Staff News](#)

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Dancers perform “Tala” at last year’s annual “Kinesis: Emerging Choreography” performance at the Plaza del Sol Performance Hall. Hilary Gereaux and professional classical Indian dancer Tharini Shanmugarajah (facing forward, from left to right), and Darrell Hardaway, Rebecca Daly and Cheyenne Spencer (with their backs to audience, from left to right). Photo by Lee Choo.

California State University, Northridge students will demonstrate diverse choreographic visions, passionate dancing and powerful performances at the Department of Kinesiology’s annual spring dance concert.

The “Kinesis: Emerging Choreography” show will take place on Tuesday, April 23, at 8 p.m. and Wednesday, April 24 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Plaza Del Sol Performance Hall, located in the University Student Union on the east side of the campus.

“The choreographers’ mission is to have an artistic and creative voice,” said Paula Thomson, kinesiology professor and event director. “All of the dances have special meaning behind them as they tackle different themes addressing powerful, social and political issues.”

The Department of Kinesiology will feature the best undergraduate choreographers’ work, which were juried and selected by a panel of experts. Performances will range from West African dance, to classical East Indian dance and mixtures of hip-hop and Irish dance. The dance concert also will include well-known professional dancers such as Hilary Gereaux, Talia Magleby and Tharini Shamuganarajah.

Tickets for the event are \$15 for students and seniors and \$20 for nonstudents. To obtain tickets, call (818) 677-2488. For more information about the performance, contact Paula Thomson at (818) 677-7575 or paula.thomson@csun.edu.



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Events

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From Buckism to Barackism

Department of Pan African Studies professor Theresa Renee White will present a “rough cut” of her documentary “From Buckism to Barackism: Re-imagining Black Masculinity and Manhood,” on Wednesday, April 17 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall. CTVA professor Nate Thomas will moderate a panel discussion. The event is co-sponsored by CAPTURED Student Research Group, DuBois Hamer Institute, Associated Students and the University Student Union.

Information Session: Urban Studies and Planning

The Tseng College will host an information session for its graduate credit certificate in Urban Studies and Planning at the University Club Orange Grove Bistro, from 6 to 9 p.m. The program also serves as an option in CSUN’s Master of Public Administration program. CBS 2 and KCAL 9 meteorologist Josh Rubenstein, a graduate of the program, will speak about the program. To register, visit the [Tseng College website](#).

For more information – email rylie.sata@csun.edu or call (818) 677-3332.

April 18

Jewish Music with Cantor Mike Stein

All are welcome to join in learning about diverse and exciting Jewish music from Europe, the Middle East, the United States and Africa in Jerome Richfield 245 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Hazzan (Cantor) Mike Stein will present an overview of the history and development of Jewish music by playing the guitar, violin, oud and shofar. Seating is limited, please RSVP by calling (818) 677-4724 or email jewish.studies@csun.

April 23

The JNF Postcard Project: How a New Musical Culture Was Created for Emerging Jewish Nationalism

From 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Flintridge Room of the University Student Union, Michael Isaacson, Ph.D., founding artistic director of The Israel Pops Orchestra and renowned composer, conductor, producer and educator, presents a fascinating musical and visual history of Jewish folk culture in pre-1948 Palestine. The Jewish National Fund commissioned distinguished European musicians to compose folk songs celebrating Zionist achievements. Printed on picture postcards and mailed to Jewish communities around the world, these songs became part of the fabric of Jewish life in the new state and the Diaspora. Seating is limited, please RSVP by calling (818) 677-4724 or email jewish.studies@csun.

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Eva Brettler, Holocaust Survivor

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May 1

CSUN Department of Police Services K-9 Unit Fundraiser

Enjoy delicious food at Maria's Italian Kitchen, 9161 Reseda Blvd., in the Vons shopping center, and help raise funds to assist the Department of Police Services K-9 Unit from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come meet Officer Felix Anthony Vargas and his K-9 partner, Mitch and Cpl. Tom Finnerty and his K-9 partner, Isy. Dine-in or take-out. For more information or to make a donation, call Christina Villalobos at (818) 677-7922.

May 20

Honored Faculty Reception

The annual Honored Faculty Reception will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Grand Salon, University Student Union. Faculty awards will be presented for Outstanding Faculty; Distinguished Teaching, Counseling, or Librarianship; Scholarly Publication; Creative Accomplishment; Extraordinary Service; and Visionary Community Service-Learning. Emeritus professors and faculty completing milestone years of service will be honored. A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by May 13 by calling (818) 677-3263 or email heidw@csun.edu.

May 26

CSUN Formula SAE & ASME Car Show

Join this year's student team of Matador Motorsports by attending their fundraiser at the MB2 Raceway, 1475 Lawrence Drive, Thousand Oaks, Calif., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Auto setup time is from 7 to 8 a.m. Admission is free for spectators, but registration is \$20 for all vehicles and \$15 for motorcycles. For registration, visit the [ASME website](#).

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Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Extended Learning

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Research and Grant Committee

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Chris Maltese, financial service representative of MetLife Resources, will host a session providing interested faculty and staff information on decisions regarding your personal financial situation in Oviatt 16 from 9 to 10 a.m. [Sign up to attend online](#).

Retirement Income Strategies

Presented by Jonathan Reilly, district manager of VALIC, and Rachel Baroma, financial adviser 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](#).

April 17

Compensation/ Classification Overview

CSUN HR liaisons, supervisory and managerial staff are welcome to attend this workshop that will cover the important components of an effective staff position description, and analyze the staff classification review and In-Range Progression processes. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the HR Training Room, Oviatt 16 Garden Level. [Sign up for the workshop online](#).

April 19

American Sign Language 101

This workshop, from 2 to 4 p.m. in HR Training Room Oviatt 16, will provide some basics in American Sign Language (ASL). All CSUN staff and faculty will receive updated information on ASL during the interactive seminar, led by CSUN ASL instructor, Christine Firkins. [Sign up for the workshop online](#).

April 23

Cross-Cultural Relationships: Rewards and Challenges

CSUN faculty and staff are welcome to attend this session from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Oviatt 16 HR Training Room that will

discuss how to have “difficult conversations,” that in the end will facilitate and deepen understanding of both oneself and others.

[Sign up for the session online.](#)

April 24

Leadership Feedback

Kristina de la Vega, associate director of employee relations, will present a session addressing communication between supervisor and employee, how to build on strengths by affirming positive behaviors, and how to use concrete examples as of means of clarifying expectations. CSUN supervisory and managerial staff are welcome to attend this session held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the HR Training Room, Oviatt 16 Garden Level. [Sign up for the session online.](#)

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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

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.](#)

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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](#). 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.

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Condolences

Charles Wiggins

The campus community extends deep condolences to the family and friends of Charles Wiggins, emeritus music professor and retired chair of the music department, who passed on March 28 at age 88. He focused his time at CSUN on contributing to the university's music program and enriching people's lives through music. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Clarence and Margaret Wiggins Music Education Scholarship Fund.

Deadlines

April 19

47th Annual Staff Service and Recognition of Excellence Event

Submission of nomination **forms** are due to the Office of Human Resources in University Hall 165 or via mail, drop 8229. The event celebrates employees that have achieved service milestones at five year increments as well as outstanding achievement. The Recognition of Excellence Awards include the Presidential Award, Award of Merit, the Jolene Koester Team Award and the Alumni Relations Award, the latest addition to the group.

For more information—call the Office of Human Resources at (818) 677-2101.

May 1

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For Your Information shares announcements of events, public meetings, notices, classes and deadlines. The submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next post.

The deadline for the May 13 posting is Monday, May 6.

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Events

April 29

CSUN StoryCube Project

Share the highlights of your university experience with the [CSUN StoryCube Project](#) to help preserve the oral history of our campus by recording the memories of faculty, staff and students. The StoryCube booth is set up near the front entrance of the Matador Bookstore, and interviews can be scheduled Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 29 to May 10 and Commencement Week, May 21 to 23. To set up an interview time, please email the StoryCube staff at storycube@csun.edu. You make the university what it is today, so help us document what it means to be a part of the CSUN community.

May 1

CSUN Department of Police Services K-9 Unit Fundraiser

Enjoy delicious food at Maria's Italian Kitchen, 9161 Reseda Blvd., in the Vons shopping center, and help raise funds to assist the Department of Police Services K-9 Unit from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come meet Officer Felix Anthony Vargas and his K-9 partner, Mitch and Cpl. Finnerty and K-9 partner, Isy. Dine- in or take-out. For more information or to make a donation, call Christina Villalobos at (818) 677-7922.

May 11

2013 MFA/MA Thesis Exhibition

Join the fourth annual Graduate Thesis Exhibition at the opening reception from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Art Galleries. The exhibition will showcase a stunning array of work from a diversity of disciplines that are a culmination of intensive study and experimentation in partial fulfillment of the thesis requirements for the MFA and MA degrees. In conjunction with the Graduate Thesis Exhibition, both graduating and matriculating students will open their studios and invite visitors to engage in a deeper conversation of the concepts and processes behind the work.

May 20

Honored Faculty Reception

The annual Honored Faculty Reception will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Grand Salon, University Student Union. Faculty awards will be presented for Outstanding Faculty; Distinguished Teaching, Counseling, or Librarianship; Scholarly Publication; Creative Accomplishment; Extraordinary Service; and Visionary Community Service-Learning. Emeritus professors and faculty completing milestone years of service will be honored. A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by May 13 by calling (818) 677-3263 or email heidw@csun.edu.

May 20 – May 23

2013 Commencement and Honors Convocation Schedule:

May 20

- 6 p.m., Delmar T. Oviatt Library Lawn – Honors Convocation

May 21

- 8 a.m., Oviatt Library Lawn – Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication
- 3:30 p.m., Manzanita Hall Lawn – College of Science and Mathematics
- 6:30 p.m., Oviatt Library Lawn – College of Health and Human Development

May 22

- 8 a.m., Oviatt Library Lawn – College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 3:30 p.m., Manzanita Hall Lawn – College of Engineering and Computer Science
- 6:30 p.m., Oviatt Library Lawn – College of Humanities

May 23

- 8 a.m., Oviatt Library Lawn – College of Business and Economics
- 6:30 p.m., Oviatt Library Lawn – Michael D. Eisner College of Education

May 26

CSUN Formula SAE & ASME Car Show

Join this year's student team of matador motorsports by attending this fundraiser at the MB2 Raceway on 1475 Lawrence Drive, Thousand Oaks, Calif. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Auto setup time is from 7 to 8 a.m. Admission is free for spectators, but registration

is \$20 for all vehicles and \$15 for motorcycles. For registration, visit the [ASME website](#).

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 May 8 To schedule an appointment, contact Kam Nassiri at (818) 774-0719 or email at kam.nassiri@ingfp.com.

TIAA-CREF May 9 To schedule an appointment, please call (800) 732-8353.

Public Meetings

General Education Council

Meets 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

University Hall 211

Academic Technology Committee

Meets 1-3 p.m.

Friday, May 3

University Hall 211

Educational Policies Committee

Meets 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

University Hall 211

Faculty Senate

Meets 2–4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

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, May 10

University Hall 277

Educational Equity Committee

Meets 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13

University Hall 277

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 now 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.](#)

GE Brown Bag Series

The Department of Psychology is hosting a lunchtime seminar series designed for psychology faculty and graduate students interested in learning about current research projects and exchanging ideas. The series is open to all faculty and staff. It takes place approximately every other Friday from noon to 1 p.m., from now through May 10, in Sierra Hall 322.

For more information – [download the GE Brown Bag Series program.](#)

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May 14

Shifting from Savings to Spending

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How to Plan What's Best for You in Years to Come

This session from 2 to 3 p.m. in the HR Training Room, Oviatt 16 examines retirement planning at all stages. Specifically, this workshop will help to identify savings gaps that can prevent from reaching retirement goals; demonstrate how important it is to choose income options based upon individual needs; and provide a comprehensive discussion of income options offered by TIAA-CREF. All interested faculty and staff are welcome to attend. [Sign up to attend online](#).

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Permit-less Parking at the Orange Grove Bistro

The Department of Police Services, Parking and Transportation Services Division, is happy to announce a new permit-less vehicle identification system for guests of the [Orange Grove Bistro](#). Implemented on April 15, guests of the Orange Grove Bistro can avoid having to place a parking permit on their vehicle by simply letting the receptionist inside the Bistro know what stall number they are parked in, as well as the color and make of the vehicle. Bistro staff will input this information into a data base which Parking Enforcement Officers will access and use to verify those vehicles authorized to park in the Bistro parking stalls. The hours of operation for this service at the Bistro are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact

Keren Aks, Orange Grove Bistro Manager, at (818) 677- 2076 or keren.aks@csun.edu.

Faculty Emeritus Status and Milestone Service

First Name	Last Name	Department	Honored For
David	Aks	Music	25th year
Dorothy	Barresi	English	25th year
Robert	Carpenter	Biology	25th year
Brian	Castronovo	Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures	25th year
Anthony	Costantini	Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures	25th year
Michele	Hanley	Special Education	25th year
David	Klein	Mathematics	25th year
David	Kretschmer	Elementary Education	25th year
Tom	Lee	Economics	25th year
Steven	Loy	Kinesiology	25th year
Ignacio	Osorno	Electrical & Computer Engineering	25th year
Christine	Roussos	Communicative Disorders & Science	25th year
Siva	Sankaran	Systems & Operations Management	25th year
Mohamad	Tabidian	Geological Sciences	25th year
Mariaelena	Zavala	Biology	25th year
Quido	Canzona	Manufacturing Systems Engineering & Management	25th year
Frederick	Elias	Psychology	25th year
Nicholas	Habib	Philosophy	25th year
Thomas	Hatfield	Environmental & Occupational Health	30th year
Julie	Laity	Geography	30th year
Richard	Moore	Management	30th year
Bonnie	Paller	Philosophy	30th year

Jon	Sloane	Geological Sciences	30th year
Curt	Dommeyer	Marketing	35th year
Nagi	El Naga	Electrical & Computer Engineering	35th year
Kim	Greenhalgh	Business Law	35th year
Terry	Hatkoff	Family and Consumer Sciences	35th year
Rajabali	Kiani-Aslani	Accounting and Information Systems	35th year
David	Rodriguez	Chicano/a Studies	35th year
Gerald	Simila	Geological Sciences	35th year
Shirley	Svorny	Economics	35th year
Dianne	Philibosian	Recreation & Tourism Management	40th year
Ichiro	Hashimoto	Electrical & Computer Engineering	45th year
Jane	Bayes	Political Science	45th year
Guillermo	Bartelt	English	Emeritus
James	Chiu	Accounting and Information Systems	Emeritus
Kwang-nan	Chow	Mathematics	Emeritus
M. Lawrence	Clevenson	Mathematics	Emeritus
Jean	Daniels	Social Work	Emeritus
Darrick	Danta	Geography (posthumous)	Emeritus
Jorge	Garcia	Chicano/a Studies	Emeritus
Rie	Rogers Mitchell	Educational Psychology and Counseling	Emeritus
Philip	Rusche	Educational Leadership and Policy	Emeritus
Paul	Skolnick	Psychology	Emeritus
Cindy	Stern	Philosophy	Emeritus
William	Toutant	Music	Emeritus
Joel	Zeitlin	Mathematics	Emeritus

Deadlines

April 30

Master of Arts in Humanities

Students interested in the M.A. Humanities Fall 2013 program have until April 30 to meet the priority registration deadline for this program. Applications on that date will be reviewed on a space-available basis. The College of Humanities offers the Master of Arts Humanities in collaboration with the Tseng College. For more information:

<http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/programs/HUMA> or email barb.frye@csun.edu

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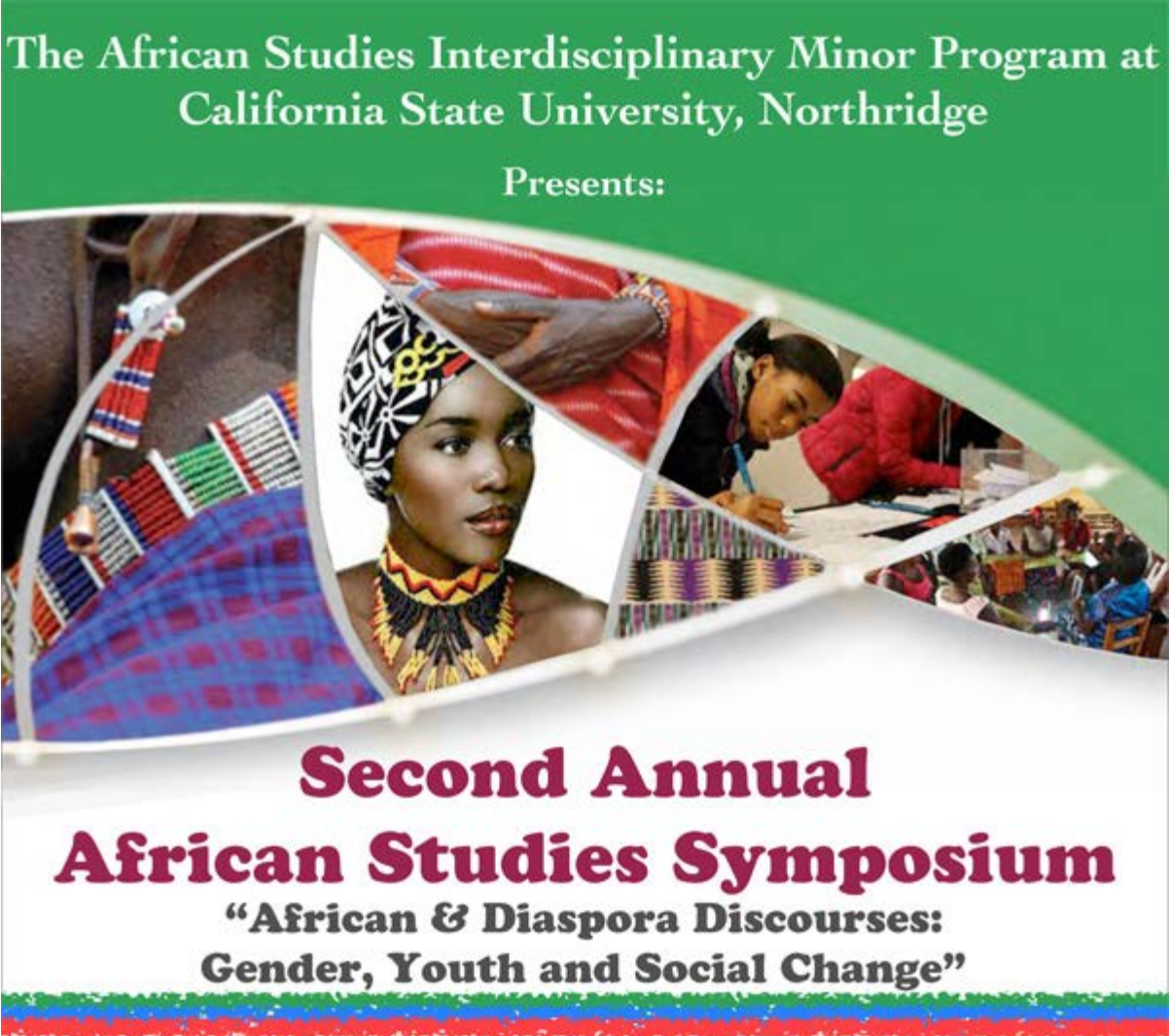


Second Annual African Studies Symposium to Explore: Gender, Youth and Social Change

by Chelsea Turner | on April 29, 2013 | in [Community, Education, Faculty and Staff News, Politics and Society](#)

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The African Studies Interdisciplinary Minor Program at
California State University, Northridge
Presents:

**Second Annual
African Studies Symposium**
“African & Diaspora Discourses:
Gender, Youth and Social Change”

The African Studies Interdisciplinary Minor program will host its second annual African Studies Symposium, “African and

Diaspora Discourses: Gender, Youth and Social Change,” tomorrow, April 30. The event will be held in the University Student Union’s Northridge Center from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with speakers and panels exploring the theme of the symposium.

The keynote speaker at the symposium will be Kathleen West, a lecturer in the Department of Preventative Medicine at USC’s Keck School of Medicine and a research scholar. West attended college in Michigan and Sierra Leone and continues her field work in medical anthropology, concentrating on the maternal, child and mental health issues in Sierra Leone region.

Tom Spencer-Walters, coordinator of the African Studies Interdisciplinary program and event coordinator, said West will discuss how African women are achieving personal and societal development through creative initiatives without the necessary administrative or political authority.

There will be four panels covering such topics as women, war and social transformation, hip-hop, social change, gender, youth and empowerment in rural and urban Africa and student research in African and diaspora studies. Speakers will include CSUN faculty from various disciplines and students in the minor program.

“The goal of the symposium is threefold: to recruit minors for the African Studies Interdisciplinary Minor; to contribute to the mission of a diversified education at CSUN; and thirdly, to expand students’ knowledge about Africa and its many diasporas while giving them the opportunity to utilize this knowledge in various capacities both here at CSUN and in the general community,” said Spencer-Walters.

The event is open to the campus and community. Spencer-Walter’s said last year’s symposium was a “resounding success” with standing-room only for each session. For more information or to RSVP, please email [Tom Spencer-Walters](mailto:Tom.Spencer-Walters).



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