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## CSUN's Department of Police Services Prepares the Community for an Emergency

on May 2, 2013 | in [Community, Faculty and Staff News](#)



Students and others browse through information provided at California State University, Northridge's Department of Police Services Emergency Preparedness and Crime Prevention Expo on April 18. The expo provided an opportunity for the community to learn about the many education programs offered by police services, other CSUN departments and nearly a dozen other organizations that provide education on crime and emergency services. Photo by Nestor Garcia.

Cpl. Tom Finnerty explains that he is a useful member of the community, as is Nestor Garcia.



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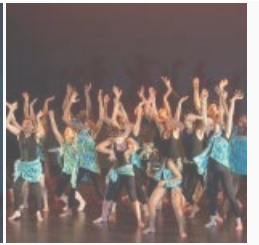
## “Kinesis: Emerging Choreography” Brings Student Ideas to Life

on May 6, 2013 | in [Arts and Culture](#), [Faculty and Staff News](#)



A duo (Talia Magleby and Christian Vidaure) in the midst of performing “MadLOVE,” choreographed by Darrell Hardaway in “Kinesis: Emerging Choreography,” a piece that follows three couples—scientists and their experiments—after the tests have gone haywire. The Department of Kinesiology annual spring dance concert took place on April 23 and 24 in the Plaza Del Sol Performance Hall. It featured the best undergraduate choreographers’ work, which were juried and selected by a panel of experts. Performances ranged from West African dance to classical East Indian dance and mixtures of hip-hop and Irish dance. Photo by Nestor Garcia.

Christian Vidaure and A  
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## For Your Information: 5-13-13

on May 13, 2013 | in [Faculty and Staff News, FYI](#)



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.

FYI will resume with the start of the fall 2013 semester.

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### Events

#### **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](mailto:heidw@csun.edu).

#### **May 21**

##### **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 between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Commencement Week, May 21 to 23. To set up an interview time, please email the StoryCube staff at [storycube@csun.edu](mailto: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 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](#).

## ***May 29***

### **Third Annual CSUN Technology Fair**

The fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Student Union, Grand Salon. Vendors including Box, Dell and Apple and guest speakers from Stanford University and Lynda.com will provide information on the latest technology trends in higher education. Lunch will be provided. RSVP on the [Tech Fair website](#).

## ***May 30***

### **47th Annual Staff Service and Recognition of Excellence Event**

This year's celebration will take place in the University Student Union, Northridge Center Complex from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. 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**—email [Monique.villegas.837@csun.edu](mailto:Monique.villegas.837@csun.edu).

**June 23**

### **Divan**

This 77-minute humorous and insightful documentary by filmmaker Pearl Gluck describes her adventurous effort to please her father on her own terms. In the tradition of Yiddish storytelling, we listen to her journey, a parable about the making of modern Jewish identity. The film will be followed by Q & A with CSUN Jewish Studies faculty at Laemmle Town Center 5, 17200 Ventura Blvd. Encino. Space is limited, please RSVP by calling (818) 677-4724 or email [jewish.studies@csun.edu](mailto:jewish.studies@csun.edu) to reserve a seat (maximum 2 seats per request).

### **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

Fidelity      May 14      To schedule an appointment, call (800) 642-7131.

MetLife      May 23      To schedule an appointment, contact Chris Maltese at  
(805) 371-4217 or (818) 648-0907.

VALIC      May 30      To schedule an appointment, contact Rachel Baroma at (818) 326-6939 or email at [rachel.baroma@valic.com](mailto:rachel.baroma@valic.com).

### **Public Meetings**

#### **Educational Equity Committee**

Meets 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13

University Hall 277

#### **Educational Resources Committee** <http://www.csun.edu/erc/>

Meets 2 – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

University Hall 211

**General Education Council** <http://www.csun.edu/epc/gec.html>

Meets 2 – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

Jerome Richfield 153

**Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Extended Learning**

Meets 3:15 – 5 p.m.

Monday, May 15

\*optional meeting\*

Executive Conference Room, Bookstore Complex

**University Planning and Budget Group** <http://www.csun.edu/academic.affairs/upbg/>

Meets noon – 2 p.m.

Friday, May 31

University Hall 277

## **Classes**

***Personal and Professional Development Program:***

***May 14***

### **Shifting from Savings to Spending**

This workshop, open to faculty and staff, is designed to help employees transition from saving for retirement to spending in retirement from 9 to 10 a.m. in the HR Training Room, Oviatt 16. This workshop is designed for employees who are less than 2 years from retirement, over 55 years old and who have an income plan in place. [Sign up to attend online.](#)

### **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.](#)



## Notices

### Registration Continues for Summer Session

Summer Session registration continues for Summer Session classes at CSUN. Summer Session one runs May 28 through August 20. Summer Session two runs May 28 through July 9. Summer Session three runs July 10 through August 20. Students do not have to be regularly enrolled at CSUN to take Summer classes, so long as they meet course prerequisites. Summer Session information is posted on the [Tseng College website](#).

### Rick Talbott Reappointed as Department Chair

Rick Talbott has been reappointed as chair of the Department of Religious Studies for a three-year term, effective Aug. 21, 2013. His term as Department Chair will expire at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 academic year.

### Catastrophic Leave Notices

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

#### **Lauree Floback** (*Athletics Administration*)

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## Deadlines

### **June 1**

#### **Graduate Certificate in Business Administration**

Those with a bachelor's degree in any field who want to increase their business knowledge or pursue an MBA may apply for the Tseng College's Graduate Certificate in Business Administration by June 1. Offered by the Tseng College in collaboration with CSUN's College of Business and Economics, the program prepares students for careers involving business management.

For more information, visit the [Tseng College website](#) or email [jesse.knepper@csun.edu](mailto:jesse.knepper@csun.edu).

## Condolences

The Department of Pan African Studies and campus community have joined in extending deep condolence to **Cedric Hackett** (*Pan African Studies*) and his family. Hackett's father recently passed away.

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## Psychology Major Receives Top Graduate Student Award

by Marc Evangelista | on May 16, 2013 | in [Community](#), [Faculty and Staff News](#), [University News](#)



After facing rejection from 10 different doctorate programs as a senior undergraduate student, **Travis Shivley-Scott** felt defeated. The 24-year-old native of Colorado thought he'd never get into a doctoral program. However, California State University, Northridge restored his confidence that he could excel as an academic scholar.

Today, he has proven himself victorious. Shivley-Scott is this year's Nathan O. Freedman Outstanding Graduate Student award recipient, the highest honor presented to a CSUN graduate student who shows the best record of distinguished scholarship, has made significant contributions to his field and maintains a minimum GPA of 3.5. He has a grade point average of 4.0.

"This is the biggest award I have ever received, and it's an affirmation of all my hard work," said Shivley-Scott. "It truly speaks to CSUN and its graduate programs

Travis Shivley-Scott. Photo by Nestor Garcia.

because it comes to show how much they can help you improve your capabilities."

In his senior year as a psychology major at Loyola Marymount University, Shivley-Scott underwent an intensive process of applying to 10 doctorate programs but was denied acceptance to all except Fordham University, where he wait-listed. To his dismay, he was edged out for the opportunity by someone else ahead of him on the list.

Realizing his odds were slim, he decided to apply to various graduate schools to improve his GRE scores and gain the clinical and research experience that could help him succeed. Shivley-Scott chose CSUN because of his interests in psychology professor Jill Razani's work in cultural and dementia neuropsychology.

"The graduate coursework in the clinical psychology program here at CSUN has been a lot more intense than I expected,"

Shivley-Scott said. “They teach at a different level, giving me good study habits and improving my scientific research writing skills that I know will really help me as I move onto my Ph.D. program.”

This fall, Shivley-Scott will be attending the clinical psychology Ph.D. program at Fordham University in New York – the same school he wait-listed at two years ago. His commitment to helping others combined with his interest in cultural issues contributed to his decision to pursue his doctorate. There, he will be investigating the neurocognitive and sociocultural aspects of antiretroviral adherence in HIV-positive Hispanic adults. He looks forward to moving to New York in the hopes that this opportunity will later lead to a job.

“I chose this path because I see it as a way I can really have an impact on people,” said Shivley-Scott. “Improving mental and individual health through a cultural context, I can help prevent cultural biases through my research.”

Identifying as African-American and white, Shivley-Scott was adopted by white parents and grew up in Denver, Colo. He moved to Los Angeles at 18 to pursue his original dream to be a filmmaker, but realized his love for neuropsychology after taking a brain and behavior course early in his undergraduate years.

“I’ve always been interested in culture because of my parents who constantly encouraged being immersed in it, not just ethnically but in any way possible,” Shivley-Scott said.

Shivley-Scott graduated summa cum laude from LMU in 2011 with a bachelor’s in psychology. He was the recipient of the ACE Summer Research Grant during his time at LMU, which provided him the opportunity to conduct cultural neuropsychology research in the summer of 2010.

At CSUN, he earned a graduate equity fellowship in fall 2011 and 2012, and will be graduating with his master’s in psychology next week. Shivley-Scott will be recognized during the university’s Honors Convocation ceremony at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 20.

“My end goal is to leave a lasting impact on the field of clinical neuropsychology, to possibly teach and to definitely mentor ethnically diverse psychology students,” said Shivley-Scott.

### **Additional Awards**

Shivley-Scott is among several graduate students who will receive prestigious awards this year. A new award is also going to be presented to one graduate student. The Mack I. Johnson memorial research award for outstanding graduate student — named in honor of the late vice president of Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs — is presented to a graduate student in the College of Science and Mathematics who has demonstrated extraordinary research abilities and who has been accepted into a doctoral program.

Appointed in 1988 as the associate vice president, Johnson was also a professor of biology at CSUN. He was a respected administrator and advocate for students who wished to pursue graduate studies. Johnson provided support and encouragement to international students and helped establish more than 50 cooperative agreements between Cal State Northridge and overseas institutions.

Receiving the inaugural award is **Darren Brown**, 35, a marine biology graduate student who has accepted a fully-funded Ph.D. position at the Unidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico. After completing his undergraduate degree in marine biology at CSUN in 2009, Brown decided to remain on campus because a bond he established with biology professor Peter Edmunds.

“I never expected to achieve as much as I have, and I owe most of my accomplishments to Dr. Peter Edmunds,” said Brown. “If it were not for his high expectations, my graduate student experience at CSUN would not have been as productive as it has been.”

After high school, Brown entered the automotive industry fixing car tires and within a few years built a career in tire sales as a regional manager. He worked for companies, both small and large, and was able to start a business with a friend. Unsatisfied with where he saw his life heading, he decided to pursue a career in science where he could find fulfillment.

“My decision to change career paths from sales to science stems from my interest in biology and my ambition to achieve more in this world than making money,” said Brown.

Brown will be recognized by name at the College of Science and Mathematics Commencement ceremony on May 21. Donations can be made to the CSUN Foundation to support the Mack I. Johnson research award.

One student is the recipient of the Robert H. Schiffman Memorial Award, which is given to a single graduate student who shows promise in the early stages of their research.

The Schiffman award is based on holding a minimum GPA of 3.5, maintaining a good record of scholarship, making contributions to the field, and will be returning to CSUN the following academic year. This year’s recipient is:

**Diana Valdez**, anthropology major – Her project, “Transforming Identities and Altered Landscapes: Life History of Place at Cerro Bernal, Chiapas,” aims to answer how transformations to the landscape may reflect changes in a culture’s perceptions and relationships to it and, reversely, how the landscape has shaped local identity. The research will construct a life history of place at Cerro Bernal, Chiapas in Mexico in order to understand how local identity has transformed throughout the life of the landscape. Valdez’s faculty supervisor, Michael Love, described her as “the finest graduate student in the Department of Anthropology at CSUN” who “richly deserves to be supported in her continuing studies.”

In addition, four students have been selected to receive the Association of Retired Faculty Memorial Award, which recognizes and provides financial support to graduate students for excellent scholarship and creative activity. The award will support a project that is part of a master’s program.

The 2013 ARF Memorial Award determining factors are based on a record GPA of 3.5 and have made significant contributions to the field. This year’s recipients are:

**April Bey**, art major – Her project, “The Millennial Natural Hair Movement,” explores the subculture-counterculture on YouTube which consists of young women between the ages of 11 and 32 blogging about natural hair. The research will reveal and investigate the African-American Natural Hair bloggers on Youtube and their role in the Millennial Natural Hair Movement through social media’s community-based mode of communication and support. Bey’s faculty supervisor, Samantha Fields, describes her as an “exemplary student” and “one of the most responsible, conscientious students” in the program.

**Edwin Leung**, marine biology major – His project, “Population Structure and Survivorship of White Seabass (*Atractoscion nobilis*) in Southern California from 1995 to 2008,” explores the effect of temperature on growth rate and survivorship in white seabass. White seabass is one of the most popular and important species for commercial and sport fishing in Southern California and is in need of management despite fishing restrictions implemented in 1994. Leung’s faculty supervisor, Larry Allen, described him as an “intelligent, deliberate and dedicated young man” who “is one of those rare students that sees what needs to be done, figures out how to do it and does it.”

**Trista Payte**, English major – Her project, “Domesticism: Sexuality, Maternity, and Domesticity in Contemporary American Fiction,” explores both American literature and feminist studies to blend interdisciplinary scholarship that explores sexuality, domesticity and motherhood from a plethora of contemporary American female perspectives. The project examines the apprehensions women feel as a result of the multiple choices they are offered, as well as the paranoia and shame they often experience as a result of the potential to choose “incorrectly.” Payte’s faculty supervisor, Katharine Haake, described her as “an exceptional writer” who “shows both talent and an edginess of vision.”

**Victoria Weaver**, anthropology major – Her project, “Dietary Ethanol Ingestion by Free-Ranging Spider Monkeys (*Ateles geoffroyi*): An Evaluation of the ‘Drunken Monkey’ Hypothesis,” explores the hypothesis that suggests human proclivity to consume alcohol may have its roots in the affinity of nonhuman primate ancestors for naturally occurring ethanol in over-ripe fruit. The research will examine the dietary role of ethanol from fruit of *Spondias mombin* in free-ranging spider monkeys on Barro Colorado Island, Panama. Weaver’s faculty supervisor, Christina Campbell, described her as a “determined and tenacious student who has successfully persevered and overcome many obstacles in her path to her academic goals.”



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## CSUN's 2013 Honored Faculty Recognized at Reception on May 20

by Chelsea Turner | on May 16, 2013 | in [CSUN Leaders](#), [Faculty and Staff News](#), [University News](#)



The annual Honored Faculty Reception will take place on May 20 from 10 a.m. to noon in the University Student Union's Grand Salon. A continental breakfast will be served at the event. The following faculty have earned awards in their respective categories. Emeritus professors and faculty completing milestone years of service will also be honored.

### Outstanding Faculty Awards

Julia Heinen (*Music*)

Paula Thomson (*Kinesiology*)

### Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Awards

Rafi Efrat (*Accounting and Information Systems*)

Ellie Kazemi (*Psychology*)

Whitney Scott (*Child and Adolescent Development*)

### Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award

Michael Bryson (*English*)

### Exceptional Creative Accomplishments Award

Rick Mitchell (*English*)

### Extraordinary Service Award

Janet Oh (*Psychology*)

### Visionary Community Service-Learning Award

Frankline Augustin (*Health Sciences*)

### Faculty Emeritus Status and Milestone Service



California State University, Northridge faculty celebrate their colleagues at last year's Honored Faculty Reception. Photo by Lee Choo.

**2013 Emeritus Faculty**

Guillermo Bartelt (*English*)

James Chiu (*Accounting and Information Systems*)

Kwang-nan Chow (*Mathematics*)

M. Lawrence Clevenson (*Mathematics*)

Jean Daniels (*Social Work*)

Darrick Danta, posthumous (*Geography*)

Jorge Garcia (*Chicana/o Studies*)

Rie Rogers Mitchell (*Educational Psychology and Counseling*)

Philip Rusche (*Educational Leadership and Policy*)

Paul Skolnick (*Psychology*)

Cindy Stern (*Philosophy*)

William Toutant (*Music*)

Joel Zeitlin (*Mathematics*)

**Faculty Completing 45 Years of Service**

Jane Bayes (*Political Science*)

Ichiro Hashimoto (*Electrical & Computer Engineering*)

**Faculty Completing 40 Years of Service**

Dianne Philibosian (*Recreation & Tourism Management*)

**Faculty Completing 35 Years of Service**

Curt Dommeyer (*Marketing*)

Nagi El Naga (*Electrical & Computer Engineering*)

Kim Greenhalgh (*Business Law*)

Terry Hatkoff (*Family and Consumer Sciences*)

Rajabali Kiani-Aslani (*Accounting and Information Systems*)

David Rodriguez (*Chicana/o Studies*)

Gerald Simila (*Geological Sciences*)

Shirley Svorny (*Economics*)

**Faculty Completing 30 Years of Service**

Thomas Hatfield (*Environmental & Occupational Health*)

Julie Laity (*Geography*)

Richard Moore (*Management*)

Bonnie Paller (*Philosophy*)

Jon Sloan (*Geological Sciences*)

## Faculty Completing 25 Years of Service

David Aks (*Music*)

Dorothy Barresi (*English*)

Quido Canzona (*Manufacturing Systems Engineering & Management*)

Robert Carpenter (*Biology*)

Brian Castronovo (*Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures*)

Anthony Costantini (*Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures*)

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## CSUN Honors Two Student Veteran Graduates with Awards

by Marc Evangelista and Shanté Morgan | on May 20, 2013 | in [Community, Faculty and Staff News](#), [Uncategorized](#), [University News](#)

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In recognition of their time and service to the country and to the community, California State University, Northridge will recognize two graduating veteran students during this week's commencement ceremonies—one as the fourth Outstanding Graduating Veteran and a second as the inaugural Veteran Peer Mentor Award recipient.

**Hector Martinez '11** (Psychology) will be recognized as this year's Outstanding Graduating Veteran Award recipient. He is graduating with his master of social work with a 3.79 GPA. The award is presented to a CSUN student who is currently or has been on active duty as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Awardees must demonstrate an excellence of artistic, creative or athletic nature, or display unusual leadership ability or community service in addition to maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

The 29-year-old enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 2003 where he served until 2007. He is currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He graduated with his bachelor's degree from CSUN cum laude and decided to continue and earn a master's degree.

"I would have never thought that I would be eligible for an award with this kind of prestige," said Martinez, who grew up in South Central Los Angeles with his immigrant parents. "I'm honored and grateful to be nominated for this award."



Hector Martinez

As a student, Martinez devoted himself to community service by helping to raise money to feed the homeless, provide services for mental health care and toys for needy children. He served as president of the Social Work Society and helped the Department of Social Work organize a panel of veterans to come and speak at the CSUN MSW fourth annual Diversity Day. He has also worked

with the Children's Bureau of Los Angeles and 5 Acres, two organizations focused on the well-being of children. He is planning a career as a mental health therapist



Ian Smith

**Ian Smith**, 37, who is graduating with a bachelor's in music education with a 3.5 GPA, has been awarded the inaugural Veteran Peer Mentor Award. It is awarded to a student veteran peer mentor who has given him or herself beyond the call of duty.

In 2000, Smith became an infantryman in the U.S. Marine Corps and was deployed twice to Afghanistan. Upon his return to civilian life, he struggled with finding a career or even an entry-level position. When the post 9/11 GI Bill was passed in 2009, he decided to take advantage of benefits and set off for Pasadena City College. He transferred to CSUN in 2011, where he has become an active part of the community as a veteran peer mentor, a position he has held since January 2012.

"I've chosen to take my own struggles and lessons learned along my path of transition from military life into civilian life and use them to help other fellow veterans in any way I can," Smith said.

Off campus, he has committed himself to several organizations that work with veteran issues including Street Symphony, The Soldiers Project and The Mission Continues. He recently served on a panel with retired U.S. Army Gen. **David H. Petraeus**, former head of the CIA, that examined the general's future role in veteran services. He is also developing his own nonprofit to help veterans. He is a husband and father of two children, with a third on the way. He plans to pursue a career as an advocate for veterans.

Stan Metzenberg, a member of CSUN's veterans advisory committee, said these awards recognize extraordinary students who have "overcome challenges in reaching their academic milestone."



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## President Harrison Welcomes Retired Members of the Community to Campus

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President Dianne F. Harrison addresses members of SAGE at their biannual event. Photo by Lee Choo.

California State University, Northridge President Dianne F. Harrison encouraged local retired community leaders who attended the SAGE Forum luncheon on May 10 to take advantage of the many resources at CSUN, including enjoying performances at the Valley Performing Arts Center, attending athletic events or taking courses.

“I’m a big believer in life-long learning. It keeps us fresh and interested in things,” said Harrison to about 100 members of the group of mostly retirees. “I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities we have at CSUN.”

The president addressed the group as the keynote speaker for the biannual event. SAGE—an acronym for Study, Activity, Growth

and Enrichment—is a self-supporting group of retired and semi-retired people who share a passion for learning and meet to exchange knowledge and develop new interests. The organization works closely with the Tseng College to offer “intellectually and culturally stimulating” courses and activities. Many of its members are retired CSUN faculty and staff.

“I feel very honored to have President Harrison at our event,” said Joyce Linden, emeritus associate professor from the Department of Special Education and event chair. “CSUN truly shines, and I think SAGE is one of the sunbeams.”

SAGE President Jeanne Polak-Recht also presented two CSUN students with the Sonja Marchand Scholarship in Gerontology. Marchand, who was a member of CSUN’s staff in the Tseng College, helped launch SAGE. The students awarded scholarships are: Joanne Cecilio and Ragini Kaur, both are health administration majors with a minor in gerontology.

In addition to inviting those at the luncheon to visit CSUN, Harrison discussed her goals for the campus and some reasons the community should take pride in the accomplishments of the university. She has identified seven key priorities for the university: student success; a focus on employees for success; enhancing the visibility of the university; planning for a future less dependent on state funding; increased research activity and sponsored programs; sustainability; and using athletics as a tool for engagement.

“I’m very humbled to be here today and to talk about the many, many ways CSUN shines,” Harrison said.



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## 'Home Grown' Faculty and Staff Gather for Celebration

on May 24, 2013 | in [Faculty and Staff News](#)



President Dianne F. Harrison (second from left) chatted with faculty and staff members at the event including (from left to right) George Johnson '84 (Radio-Television Broadcasting), equipment technician; Felicia Conlan M.S. '09 (Communicative Disorders), chapter president of Alumni Association communication disorders and sciences chapter; and Scott Perez '89 (Music), M.A. '00 (Anthropology), director of research and sponsored projects. President Harrison noted in her speech that CSUN was at an advantage with so many former students working on campus with students, allowing many experiences and a wealth of knowledge to be shared between generations. Photo by Victor Kamont.

Vicki Allen M.A. '99 (Sf Matador Involvement C American Studies), mar Communications (not p Systems/Business Educ director of the Learning acknowledged as charte the latest chapter additi



For many alumni, returning to campus means attending a sports game for a few hours, introducing the children to their old stomping grounds or visiting for an alumni event. However, for hundreds of California State University, Northridge faculty and staff, returning to campus is a daily task just like their college years—only this time, they head to an office or classroom as an employee.

The **Alumni Association** with President Dianne F. Harrison and her husband, John Wujack, hosted the “Home Grown” Faculty and Staff reception on May 7 at the University Club’s **Orange Grove Bistro**. More than 100 attendees enjoyed appetizers and mingled with co-workers and campus leadership.



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## 2013-14 Research Fellows Explore a Variety of Scholarly Topics

by Marc Evangelista | on May 24, 2013 | in [CSUN Leaders, Faculty and Staff News](#)



Nine faculty members have been selected for the California State University, Northridge Research Fellows Program for the 2013-2014 academic year in support of their research and academic development in their fields of study. Top (left to right): Susan Auerbach, Maia Beruchashvili, Vibhav Durgesh, Martha Escobar, Ellen Jarosz. Bottom (left to right): Steve Kutay, Alexandra Monchick, Scott Plunkett, Ben Yaspelkis.

Intersections between opera and film in Germany at the beginning of the 20th century, marketplace offerings contributing to consumer well-being, and issues of equity and access within the social context of urban education: These topics and more will be further investigated by the nine faculty members selected for California State University, Northridge's [Research Fellows Program](#) for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The program, founded in 2007, was created and funded collaboratively by the Office of the Provost, eight colleges and the



Delmar T. Oviatt Library to offer faculty an opportunity to pursue compelling research or a creative activity.

Nine research fellowships were awarded based on what extent the proposed activity explores creative or original concepts; the likelihood of achievement of the stated outcomes in the proposed time frame; the benefits of the research or creative activity to society; the organization of the proposal; the ability to disseminate the results widely to advance understanding; and the contribution to the field of study or across other fields.

Research fellows are required to present their findings at a colloquium in the fall.

The selected research fellows and their respective projects are:

**Susan Auerbach** (Educational Leadership & Policy Studies) – Auerbach’s research topic is “Shaping a New Common Sense of Education Reform: Policy Discourse on ‘Parent Trigger’ Laws and Turnaround Schools.” Her research will address issues of equity and access within the social context of urban education and will build on her previous work on parent empowerment and school-community relations, extending it in new directions to critically examine the policy and media discourse on parent trigger laws and corporate reform in K-12 schools. She has been teaching at CSUN since 2003.

**Maia Beruchashvili** (Marketing) – Beruchashvili’s research program examines how marketplace offerings contribute to consumer well-being. In the context of weight loss and obesity, her research projects encompass social construction of emotion, overweight identity and consumer goals. She has been teaching at CSUN since fall 2007.

**Vibhav Durgesh** (Mechanical Engineering) – Durgesh’s research will focus on the experimental study of fluid flow in an aneurysm, the abnormal ballooning or bulging of the wall of a weakened blood vessel. His research will aid in developing accurate simulation models of blood flow inside an aneurysm, which is a complex and widely studied fluid dynamics problem. He has been teaching at CSUN since fall 2012.

**Martha Escobar** (Chicana/o Studies) – Escobar’s research involves a book manuscript entitled “Criminalization of Latina Migrants and the Construction of Irrecuperability.” In the book, she maintains that imprisonment serves to construct migrants as socially irrecuperable under a hegemonic governing logic by which migrants marked as “criminal aliens” are deported and banned from returning to the United States. She has been teaching at CSUN since fall 2011.

**Ellen Jarosz** (Special Collections and Archives) and **Steve Kutay** (Digital Services) – Jarosz and Kutay’s research project involves the creation of the Guided Resource Inquiry (GRI) Tool—a learning tool that provides a means for teaching faculty to assemble content drawn from Oviatt Library primary sources as a comprehensive approach to coursework and information competency objectives. This content will form the context for assignments that are constructed using the Document-based Question (DBQ) format, which allows for knowledge synthesis through resource analysis, rather than pure memorization of texts. Jarosz is a librarian of special collections and archives librarian at the Oviatt Library and has been at CSUN since fall 2011. Kutay has been a Digital Services Librarian the Oviatt Library since fall 2011.

**Alexandra Monchick** (Music) – Monchick’s research focuses on completing her book, “Opera as Film.” She will examine how film, film theory and film music influenced opera during the beginning of the 20th century. She has been at teaching at CSUN

since 2011.

**Scott Plunkett** (Psychology) – Plunkett’s research involves making cross-cultural comparisons on parenting related to academics and mental health. The project includes combining data that has been collected in numerous states in the United States and many countries using the same parenting scales, academic outcomes and mental health outcomes. He has been teaching at CSUN since 1998.

**Ben Yaspelkis** (Kinesiology) – Yaspelkis’ research on diabetes is titled “Skeletal Muscle Insulin Resistance: The IKK pathway’s impact on insulin signaling” and will seek to resolve exactly how impairments in skeletal muscle insulin signaling are manifested and if the defects are reversible, either partially or entirely. The research will focus on inflammatory responses to nutrition and exercise and will add to his body of research on diabetes while seeking approaches to treatments that may improve the condition. He has been teaching at CSUN since 1996.



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## CSUN to Recognize Staff at Annual Awards Event on May 30

by Chelsea Turner | on May 24, 2013 | in [CSUN Leaders, Faculty and Staff News](#)



The 47th Annual CSUN Staff Service and Excellence Recognition Event will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 30 in the Northridge Center Complex, University Student Union. This event celebrates staff and administrators who have achieved service milestones at five-year increments (5, 10, 15, etc.) as well as outstanding achievement.

Service eligibility is based on continuous service, recognizing temporary or permanent employment status at half time base or greater.

University, auxiliary and combined service years are recognized. A list of staff scheduled to be honored for their years of service is listed below.

The event also provides the university, through the ceremony, the opportunity to recognize both individual staff members and teams, for outstanding efforts made over the course of the calendar year. Those awards are specifically, the Presidential Award, Award of Merit, the Jolene Koester Team Award, and new this year: the Alumni Relations Award.

Invitations have been emailed to all service honorees and recognition of excellence nominees. If you have any questions about the Staff Service and Recognition of Excellence Awards event, please contact [Monique Villegas](#) in the Office of Human Resources.

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Looking back: California State University, Northridge staff celebrate their colleagues at last year's Staff Service Awards and Recognition of Excellence Event. Photo by Lee Choo.

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## CSUN Announces New Vice Provost

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Michael Neubauer

Michael Neubauer has been named vice provost of California State University, Northridge by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Harold Hellenbrand. The appointment becomes effective July 15.

Neubauer brings more than 25 years in higher education to the position. A tenured professor in the departments of mathematics and liberal studies, he began teaching at Cal State Northridge in the spring of 1995. From 1996 to the present, Neubauer has served on the Faculty Senate, and he also has served on the Educational Policies Committee, the Personnel Planning and Review Committee and the Senate Executive Committee.

Neubauer served for three years as CSUN's Faculty President and co-chaired the Graduation Rates Task Force, which during the last decade set the course for many of the changes in the university's general education program. From 2002 to 2009, he served as the Director of Developmental Mathematics and from

2009 to the present, he served as the Director of Liberal Studies; from 2005 to 2012 he served as the co-chair of the WASC Steering Committee. He has also served on the University Planning and Budget Group, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, the Campus Master Plan Committee, and he currently chairs the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Council.

"I extend my congratulations to Michael Neubauer, who, I believe, will do an outstanding job," said Hellenbrand. "I thank the Search and Screen Committee for their work: Elizabeth Adams (chair), Marshall Bloom, Michael Hoggan, Daisy Lemus, Shelley Ruelas-Bischoff, Jack Solomon and Martin Watkins."

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## Annual Tech Fair Returns to Explore Latest Trends in Higher Education

by Chelsea Turner | on May 28, 2013 | in [Faculty and Staff News](#)



A Dell representative discusses his products with Anthony Hillbruner, media production specialist for IT academic technology, and Kevin Lizarraga, marketing manager of the University Student Union, at last year's Technology Fair.

The Division of Information Technology invites faculty and staff to join them on Wednesday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Student Union's Grand Salon to learn about the latest tech trends at the third annual CSUN Technology Fair.

"Our hope is that faculty and staff will get three things out of the fair: interact with some of our strategic vendors; learn from the presentations and speakers about relevant topics in technology in higher education and to socialize and network," said Ben Quillian, associate vice president of information technology.

Vendors at this event will include Box, a leading company in online file saving and sharing; Lynda.com, a provider of online video tutorials in various subjects; OnBase, a strategic enterprise content management (ECM) solution; and Echo360, higher education's first active learning platform. Representatives from Apple, HP and Dell will also be on hand to answer questions. These companies are either already providing services to CSUN or will be providing services in the near future.

Two guest speakers will present at the event. Clifford Nass, Ph.D., of Stanford University will give a lecture titled "Multitasking: How it's Changing You and Your Students" in the morning, and Laurie Burruss from Lynda.com will present "Learning Outside the Classroom" in the afternoon.

Lunch will be provided for attendees. For more information, visit the [IT website](#) or email Mayra Solano.

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## Honored Faculty Receive Accolades

by Chelsea Turner | on May 29, 2013 | in [CSUN Leaders, Faculty and Staff News](#)



President Dianne F. Harrison (at podium) welcomes the attendees of the 2013 Honored Faculty Reception that took place on May 20 in the University Student Union's Grand Salon. Nine faculty were distinguished with awards, and emeritus and faculty completing milestone years of service were recognized for their achievements.

Awards are presented at the University, Northridge for achievement in a variety of fields. Paula Thomson (Kinesiology), Preminent Scholar and Information System



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