Faculty Center Newsletter

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From the Director:

It has been a great pleasure to serve as Director of the Faculty Center these past four years. This 2008-2009 year will complete my second term as Director, after which I will return to my position in the History Department full-time. In the coming weeks, Dr. Jennifer Jeffries will collaborate with the Faculty Center Advisory Council to announce a search for a new director. Please review the call and spread the news. There are some excellent potential applicants out there among the faculty. Please step forward and continue the good work of the Faculty Center in supporting faculty professional development on this campus.

-Carmen Nava, Director

New Faculty Institute: Orientation Success

This year, the Faculty Center hosted fourteen tenure-track faculty members and three Distinguished Teachers in Resident for a two-day orientation in mid-August. Following a successful model from last year, the Faculty Center will bring the new faculty together as a “faculty learning community” for two additional meetings during the academic year. The Faculty Center also collaborated with the Library to host the 5th Annual Faculty Reception for new and returning faculty on the day of University Convocation. More than 80 faculty and administrators attended, making the event a great success. Please help us welcome the new faculty to Cal State University San Marcos.

College of Arts and Sciences: Greig Guthey (Liberal Studies), Katherine Hijar (History), Joonseong Lee (Communication), Jeff Nessler (Kinesiology), Joey Proudfit (Sociology), Kim Pulvers (Psychology), Thomas Spady (Biology), Paul Stuhr (Kinesiology), Theresa Suarez (Sociology)

College of Business Administration: Vassilis Dalaka (Management and Marketing)

College of Education: Erika Daniels, Shauna Friedemann, Dawniel Malandra, Kathleen Rocha

Library: Ian Chan and Pearl Ly

School of Nursing: Nancy Coffin-Romig
A complete calendar listing is available on our website: http://www.csusm.edu/fc/calendar.htm

**Faculty Mentoring Program Applications Due**
Friday, September 5, 2008 in the Faculty Center (KEL 2400)

**Technology Tuesday: Using GIS To Make Your Point**
Tuesday, September 9, 2008 from 12:00-1:00pm in KEL 2413

**Faculty Center Advisory Council Monthly Meeting**
Wednesday, September 10, 2008 from 10:00-11:30 am in KEL 2413

**RTP Workshop for Tenure Track Faculty**
Thursday, September 25, 2008 from 11:30-1:00pm in KEL 2413

**Faculty Promotion and Tenure Reception**
Wed, Sept 10, 2008 at 3:15pm in the Clark Field House Grand Salon
The Office of the Planning and Academic Resources invites you to a reception and program to honor faculty who were promoted and/or tenured this year. Those being honored this year are:

- **College of Arts and Sciences** ~ Todd Astorino (Kinesiology), Associate Professor with Tenure; Scott Greenwood (Political Science), Associate Professor with Tenure; Judit Hersko (Visual and Performing Arts) Associate Professor with Tenure; Deborah Kristan (Biology) Associate Professor with Tenure; Anne Lombard (History) Associate Professor with Tenure; Cyrus Masroori (Political Science) Associate Professor with Tenure; Dreama Moon (Communication) Professor; Radhika Ramamurthi (Mathematics) Associate Professor with Tenure; Fernando Soriano (Human Development) Professor; Pamela Stricker (Political Science) Associate Professor with Tenure; Jill Michele Weigt (Sociology), Associate Professor with Tenure; Xiaoyu Zhang (Computer Science) Associate Professor with Tenure

- **College of Business Administration** ~ Robert Aboolian (Information Systems and Operation Management) Associate Professor with Tenure; Glen Brodowsky (Management and Marketing) Professor

- **College of Education** ~ Grace Park McField, Associate Professor with Tenure

- **Library and Information Services** ~ Judith Downie, Associate Librarian with Tenure; Yvonne Meulemans, Associate Librarian with Tenure; Hua Yi, Librarian

**Academic Resources Calendar**
The Office of Planning and Academic Resources has just published their annual Academic Resources Calendar. It is a summary of the important dates affecting faculty such as salary, leave issues, personnel reviews, and significant University dates. Events are color-coded to identify certain types of activities. Due dates and deadlines are emphasized to make them easier to find.
Technology Tuesday: Using GIS to Make Your Point
Much of the data that we use instructionally and in research has a spatial component, whether it is data about people, places or things. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a tool for both displaying and analyzing data. For example, the keynote speaker at the recent ESRI Educational GIS Conference discussed how she uses GIS to analyze historical data – from analysis of the Gettysburg battlefield to exploring the Oklahoma Dust Bowls of the 1930’s. Using a combination of student application data, school district data and U.S. Census data; Allen Risley has been learning more about our student population. The resulting color-coded maps, charts and animations will demonstrate what you can do with data in your field of study. The workshop will conclude with a brief demonstration of some easy-to-use, online GIS tools.

Faculty Accessibility Representatives (FARs)
Our lottery grant this year helped fund the work of Faculty Accessibility Representatives (FARs) from each college. The FARs attended workshops this summer on principles of universal design for learning. They also learned how to make instructional materials accessible and they are each working on creating an accessible course. They will help us help you by identifying needs and issues related to the Instructional Materials Accessibility Plan (IMAP). Here are their names and colleges:
College of Education – Joan Hanor
College of Business Administration – Camille Schuster
College of Arts & Sciences – Mtafiti Imara & Sajith Jayasinghe
Adjunct Faculty – Elizabeth Bigham

Grant Information, Opportunities & Successes
http://www.csusm.edu/fc/FacultyGrantPage.htm

NCHEA Fall 08 Grant Announcement
Deadline: Monday, October 6, 2008
The North County Higher Education Alliance (NCHEA) is accepting applications for funding projects involving the collaboration of colleagues from Cal State San Marcos, Palomar College and MiraCosta College. Grant ($500-$3000) and mini-grant (less than $500) applications are available from our website at www.csusm.edu/nchea.

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Notices
Receive all the latest grant postings that meet your research or special project needs by enrolling today with Grants.gov Email Subscription. For further information or assistance, please contact Jan Cushman at x4722, University Auxiliary & Research Services Corp.
Are you interested in receiving notification when a particular Funding Opportunity Notice is available? This and more services are available to you through the following Grants.gov URL: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription.jsp
**Grant Proposal Seed Money (GPSM) program**
The Office of Graduate Studies & Research sponsors the Grant Proposal Seed Money (GPSM) program. GPSM funds are available to assist you in making you more competitive for external grants. If you are contemplating an external grant proposal, this is an excellent opportunity to request funds. The typical range for funding is $1,000-$3,000 based on merit and justification. Requests for funds may include supplies, equipment, travel, student assistants, grant writing assistance, stipends (to hire assistance), or other needs associated with external grant and fellowship proposal development. There is no hard deadline but apply as soon as you are certain that you will pursue an extramural proposal. You can find the GPSM policy at: [http://lynx.csusm.edu/policies/procedure_online.asp?ID=128](http://lynx.csusm.edu/policies/procedure_online.asp?ID=128)

**CSU Discipline Research Project – Round #2: Request for Proposals**
Addressing Critical Classroom Issues Related to the Quality of Student Learning
*Project dates: January 2009 to January 2011*
*Online applications due Monday, November 3, 2008*
TRC is happy to announce this request for proposals (RFP) from the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL), Office of the Chancellor. The Discipline Research Project is a 2-year multi-campus discipline-based community, whereby systemwide teams of 6-8 common-disciplinary faculty focus on critical teaching and learning issues as an applied-research project. Teams receive funds in order to support their collaboration and experimentation on individual and team research questions. For complete details, please go to [http://www.calstate.edu/itl/proposals/docs/FINAL_7_18_RFP_DRP_II.doc](http://www.calstate.edu/itl/proposals/docs/FINAL_7_18_RFP_DRP_II.doc)

**Visiting Japanese Students**
*September 3-10, 2008*
The American Language and Culture Institute is hosting college students from Japan as part of our American Culture Experience program. Students will be on campus September 3 – 10 and would like to observe university classes. If you are willing to let small groups of 2-3 students visit your class, please contact Assistant Director, Lety Banks at [lsbanks@csusm.edu](mailto:lsbanks@csusm.edu).

**American Democracy Project (ADP) Fall Events**
For more information, visit the ADP website [http://lynx.csusm.edu/adp/](http://lynx.csusm.edu/adp/)

**Pizza and Politics**
*Thursday, Sept 18 - 12-1 Commons 206*
*Thursday, October 2, 12-1, Commons 206*
*Thursday, October 16, 12-1, Commons 206*
*Thursday, October 30, 12-1, Commons 206*
The topics will be announced after the beginning of the semester. Contact the ADP Director if you would like to volunteer to lead a discussion. Please arrive early as over 100 students participated in the final Pizza and Politics event last spring. We will also be working with the University Activity Board to put on an Election Eve at the Clarke.
Campus Read Fall 08
*Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson. For more information, visit the author's website [http://www.threecupsoftea.com/](http://www.threecupsoftea.com/). We will have an all campus - Campus Read to discuss the book, Thursday, Nov 13, 12-1 Commons 206.

**Citizenship Component Request**
Please consider adding a *Citizenship Component* to your classes regardless of subject matter. Perhaps you could offer credit to students for attending a program, (ADP or other), completing a writing assignment or whatever you deem as a useful analysis of the experience.

**Two Faculty Center Advisory Council Seats Available**
The College of Arts and Sciences Humanities/Fine Arts and the Social Sciences seats on the Faculty Center Advisory Council are available. The term is for two years. Please note that the standing meeting time is the second Wednesday of the month, from 10-11:30 AM. Please consult the Faculty Center website at [http://www.csusm.edu/fc/advcouncil.htm](http://www.csusm.edu/fc/advcouncil.htm) for information about the council, clicking on "Faculty Center Advisory Council" for a description of the work involved. Contact Marcia Woolf at mwoolfe@csusm.edu if you would like to add your name to the ballot.

**CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning: Connections Fall 08 Newsletter**
The Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) is an Academic Program of the California State University System devoted to promoting the highest standards of university teaching and to fostering faculty professional growth and collaboration throughout the 23-campus California State System. [http://www.calstate.edu/itl/newsletter/](http://www.calstate.edu/itl/newsletter/)

**International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (IJ-SoTL)**
The July 2008 issue of *International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning* (IJ-SoTL) is now online at [http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ijsotl/v2n2.html](http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ijsotl/v2n2.html)

**SoTL Commons International Conference**
March 11-13, 2009 at Georgia Southern University

Keynote speakers will be Randy Bass (Georgetown University), Kathy Takayama (Brown University), and Laurie Richlin (Claremont Graduate University). Early registration is now open and the submission of proposals period is August 15 - October 15, 2008. Like the inaugural conference, it looks to be very international, as well as having participants from all over the United States.
Faculty Grant Achievements
Dr. Richard Bray and Dr. Matthew Escobar, faculty in the Department of Biology, are recent grant recipients from the National Institutes of Health/NIGMS.

Dr. Bray’s proposal titled CSUSM Bridges to the Future Program was selected for continuing funding in the amount of $849,406 under the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program for Underrepresented Students funding opportunity. This successful project, managed through the Office of Biomedical Research and Training, focuses on the seamless transfer of community college racial and ethnic minority students to CSUSM to integrate them into one of several MORE Program initiatives currently in operation on campus.

Dr. Escobar received $328,680 in support of his research project entitled Cellular Redox Balancing and Oxidative Stress: Assembling a Global Model. Funded under the NIH Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Continuance Award program, this project will elucidate how healthy cells dynamically adjust their physiology to prevent oxidative stress under changing environmental conditions using the plant Arabidopsis thaliana as an experimental model.

Recent Faculty Appointments to the University Administration
Dawn M. Formo
Dr. Dawn M. Formo, from the Literature & Writing Studies (LTWR) Department, has accepted the appointment as the next Associate Dean of Instruction and Academic Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dawn joined the College of Arts & Sciences’ LTWR faculty at California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) as an Assistant Professor in 1995, after completing a Ph.D. in English (Rhetoric, Linguistics, and Literature) at the University of Southern California. She received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in 2001.

Jennifer Jeffries
Dr. Jennifer Jeffries, from the College of Education, has accepted the appointment as the Interim Associate Vice President of Planning and Academic Resources. Jennifer joined the College of Education Faculty at an Assistant Professor in Fall 2001, after completing an EdD from the University of San Diego. She received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in 2007.

Patricia Prado-Olmos
Patricia Prado-Olmos, from the College of Education, has accepted the appointment as the Associate Dean in the College of Education. Patricia joined the College of Education Faculty at an Assistant Professor in Fall 1997, after completing a PhD at UC Santa Barbara. She received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in 2001.
Pictures from the Faculty Reception 8/21

From L to R: Erika Daniels with Janet McDaniel; Katherine Hijar with President Haynes; Thomas Spady, Deborah Kristan and President Haynes.

From L to R: Cynthia Chavez Metoyer, Martha Stoddard-Holmes, and Liliana Castaneda Rossmann; Melanie Chu, Marisol Clark-Ibanez and Joan Hanor