

## THIS WEEK

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### EVENTS



### Sacramento State’s Sun Quartet

Sacramento State’s Sun Quartet, with guest pianist Eric Zivian, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8, in Capistrano Hall’s Room 151. The quartet is comprised of

## Faculty Senate

## Professional Activities

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### **Recycling books**

The campus community can donate books, videos, CDs, and magazines to the Library. Paper materials not suitable for the Library Collection or which cannot be sold by the Friends of the Library at the Book Bin (visit the book bin website at [library.csus.edu/content2.asp?pageID=53](http://library.csus.edu/content2.asp?pageID=53)) will be recycled by a company that turns used paper into attic insulation. Money earned from the Friends Book Bin sales is used to buy new books, materials and equipment for the Library.

Individuals interested in making a large donation should call Sally Hitchcock, University Library, 278-5954.

For more information, visit the "Sacramento State Recycles" website at [www.fm.csus.edu/iwm/](http://www.fm.csus.edu/iwm/)

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professors Anna Kruger, Ian Swensen, Andrew Luchansky and Anna Presler. The concert is free. Donations are welcomed. Contact (916) 278-5155 or [www.csus.edu/music](http://www.csus.edu/music).

## Campus Calendar of Events

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## **ATHLETICS**

### **Takeda named WAC Specialist of the Week**

Sacramento State junior Traci Takeda was named the Western Athletic Conference Specialist of the Week. The honor is the first for Takeda during her career.

[More Info](#)

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## **Black History month activities announced**

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Monday, Feb. 2

Black History Month opening ceremony  
5-7 p.m., Multicultural Center

Thursday, Feb. 5

The "N" Word Forum  
6-7 p.m., University Union's Valley Suite

Monday, Feb. 9

Karaoke Night  
7 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Entrepreneur Network  
5-7 p.m., University Union Sequoia Room

Thursday, Feb. 12

History of Black Athletes  
7 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium

Friday, Feb. 13

Basket Win  
1-3 p.m., University Union's California Suite

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Krunk 4 Christ Gospel Celebration  
7 p.m., University Union Ballroom

Saturday, Feb. 21

Morris Brothers Negro League reenactment baseball game  
3 p.m., McAuliffe Baseball Field

Saturday, Feb. 21

Step Show  
6 p.m. Colonial Theatre, 3522 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Black History Month closing event  
6-9 p.m., University Union Ballroom I

Thursday, Feb. 26

African Students' Association presents "A Journey to Africa"  
6 p.m. University Union Redwood Room

Thursday, March 26-Sunday, March 8

Sacramento Black Art of Dance performance of "Still Standing"  
8 p.m., Solano Hall, 1010

## Community leader to give annual Black heritage lecture

Derrell Roberts, CEO and co-founder of the Roberts Family Development Center in north Sacramento, will give the annual Carter G. Woodson Lecture, 1-3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, in the University Union's Forest Suite.

Roberts is a long-time Sacramento-area community leader. The center he co-founded with his wife Tina serves more than 100 children and families each day providing day care, after school programs, family literacy programs and a summer camp for children. He was recently awarded the Metro Chamber's Al Geiger Award given for leadership in economically challenged communities within the Sacramento area.

The lecture is sponsored by Sacramento State's Cooper Woodson College Enhancement Program. It is free and open to the public.

Carter G. Woodson is a historian and writer who is credited with instituting what has become Black History Month in the mid-1920s as a way to counter a lack of information about African-American contributions in many history books. He established The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and later founded the *Journal of Negro History*.

For more information, contact the Cooper Woodson College Enhancement Program at 278-5363 or visit their website at <http://www.csus.edu/cooper/>.

## Cracked crab collects cash for Hornets

It's the third year for Sacramento State's Stinger Crabfeed and it's going stronger than ever.

About 500 people attended the Jan. 31 event at St. John Vianney Church in Rancho Cordova, cracking crab legs to raise \$25,000 for student-athlete scholarships, says Intercollegiate Athletics media relations director Brian Berger.

Even though the economy is flagging, support for Sacramento State's athletes remains high. "We sold out earlier than we ever have before," Berger says.

The annual seafood supper is sponsored by the Stinger Athletic Association, a volunteer group dedicated to supporting all 20 of the University's athletic programs.

The Crabfeed had an earlier run at the University back in the 1980s, but went dormant. Its resurrection two years ago has proven an unqualified success. "It's been really good," Berger says. "We keep pushing the capacity as much as we can."

## Applications being accepted for Capital Fellows Program

Sacramento State's Center for California Studies is taking applications for its Capital Fellows Program. The program allows college graduates to engage in, and prepare for a career in public service.

The Capital Fellows Program includes:

The California Senate Fellows ([www.csus.edu/calst/senate](http://www.csus.edu/calst/senate))

The Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program ([www.csus.edu/calst/assembly](http://www.csus.edu/calst/assembly))

The Executive Fellowship Program ([www.csus.edu/calst/executive](http://www.csus.edu/calst/executive))

The Judicial Administration Fellowship Program ([www.csus.edu/calst/judicial](http://www.csus.edu/calst/judicial))

Fellows work 10 to 11 months as full-time staff members in the California state Assembly, Senate, executive branch or within the California court system. The program offers a monthly stipend of \$1,972 along with health benefits. In addition, participants earn 12 graduate units in Government or Public Policy and Administration.

Applicants must have a four-year college or university degree and a demonstrated interest in state government and public service.

The application deadline is Feb. 25 for fellowships beginning in October. For detailed information about the programs and applications, visit the program web site at [www.csus.edu/calst/programs](http://www.csus.edu/calst/programs).

For questions about the Capital Fellows Program, contact the Center for California Studies at 278-6909 or [calstudies@csus.edu](mailto:calstudies@csus.edu).

## **Veterans, Carol Channing to be honored at Gala**

Sacramento State will pay homage to veterans as well as an icon of the stage during the fourth annual Green and Gold Gala, 5:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, in the University Union Ballroom.

The evening will highlight the University's Troops to College program, which provides scholarships and support services to help veterans obtain a college education. It will also feature actress and singer Carol Channing as the guest of honor and featured speaker.

The Green and Gold Gala provides the University with an opportunity to honor its supporters and highlight its successes. Event costs are covered through sponsorship contributions. Confirmed sponsors include Five Star Bank, the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, Sysco Sacramento, VSP Vision Care, Airco Mechanical, Inc./Unger Construction, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, [maryandwendy.com](http://maryandwendy.com), Fiddymment Farms, SAFE Credit Union, USAA, Crystal Basin Sellers and ZD Wines.

Tickets are \$200 per person. Sacramento State faculty and staff tickets are available for \$150. Proceeds from the Gala will support the Troops to College Program.

Tickets and more information about the Gala are available at 278-7043 or [www.csus.edu/gala](http://www.csus.edu/gala).

## **New IRT associate vice president**

Helen Norris has been named the new associate vice president for Information Resources and Technology's Administrative Computing Services.

Norris will take over leadership of all aspects of administrative computing, including management of information technology processes for all Peoplesoft and related systems.

For the last 11 years, she has been the director of client services for the Information Technology Division at the University of California, Berkeley. Her responsibilities there included oversight of data warehousing for student enrollment, the eRecruit systems and financial and human resources systems.

She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Trinity College and a master's degree computer resource management and business administration from Webster University.

## **Faculty Senate**

### **Monday, Feb. 2**

2-3 p.m. - Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE) – California Suite – University Union

3-4:30 p.m. – General Education/Graduation Requirement Policies Committee – Sacramento Hall 275

**Tuesday, Feb. 3**

1:30 - 2:50 p.m. – Curriculum Policies Committee – Sacramento Hall 275

3-5 p.m. – Executive Committee – Sacramento Hall 275

**Wednesday, Feb. 4**

1-2:30 p.m. – Faculty Policies Committee

**Thursday, Feb. 5**

TENTATIVE – 3-5 p.m. - Faculty Senate – Foothill Suite, University Union

**Friday, Feb. 6**

2-3 p.m. – Academic Policies Committee

## Professional Activities

### Scholarship

Undergraduates, graduate students and faculty from Biological Sciences presented their research at the "California Native Plant Society's 2009 Conservation Conference: Strategies and Solutions," held at the Sacramento Convention Center, Jan. 17-20. Retired professor **Mike Baad** presented, "Long Term monitoring of McDonald's rock cress on Red Mountain (Mendocino County) provides managers with evidence of population decline due to successional changes following fire." Professor Jamie Kneitel (with graduate student co-author **Carrie Lessin**) presented "Nutrient addition effects on plant composition in vernal pool mesocosms," a work supported by grants from the Department of Biological Sciences. Undergraduate Jim Alford (with co-author **Jamie Kneitel**) presented "**Corn Lily** (*Veratrum californicum*) presence structures sub-alpine meadows in the Sierra Nevada," a work supported by a CSUS RCA Grant. Graduate student **Byron Love** presented "Nonnative bees and plants meet the natives along the Sacramento and Cosumnes rivers."

**Anne Fuller's** article, "U.S. faculty patenting: Inside and outside the university," was published in the February 2009 issue of the journal *Research Policy*. With co-authors from Georgia Tech, the article finds that 26 percent of patents with science or engineering faculty inventors are assigned directly to private firms. The characteristics of these patents are consistent with consulting activity which may legitimately explain why these patents are not assigned to their universities. Firm assignment varies by inventor, field of study and whether the university is public or private.

**Joan Neide**, Kinesiology and Health Science, just published a book, *Teaching Self-Defense in Secondary Physical Education*.

*Metropolitan Universities Journal* has featured **Jana Noel**, Teacher Education and Community Engagement Faculty Scholar, and the Urban Teacher Education Center (UTEC), in an online newsletter that supplements their print publication. Noel is also a recent recipient of the Outstanding Community Service award in recognition for her work in creating UTEC.

### Campus Announcements

**January Employees of the Month**

Tuan Pham, Information Resources and Technology desktop software support consultant and Richard Clakeley, University Union event service coordinator are the employees of the month.

Pham's nominator mentioned, "Tuan's solutions are directly attributable to his mastery of computer programming, his inquisitive intelligence and ability to innovate and most importantly, his interest in providing exemplary customer service."

Clakeley's colleague said, "Richard is an exceptionally dedicated individual who goes above and beyond his job description on a continuous basis." He was described as an employee who "creates lasting relationships through the excellent assistance of event planning."

Details regarding eligibility, criteria and nomination procedures are available on the website link:

<http://www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm>

*Submitted by the Office of the President*

### **The Multi-Institutional Study on Leadership**

Sacramento State students will participate in the Multi-Institutional Study on Leadership (MSL) Feb. 9–27. The study will be distributed to 4,500 undergraduate students, 4,000 selected at random and 500 selected from leadership programs and positions within Student Affairs departments. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to participate in the survey if selected.

The MSL contributes to the understanding of college student leadership development with special attention to the role of higher education in fostering leadership capacities. More than 100 institutes of higher education are participating in this second distribution

Visit [www.leadershipstudy.net](http://www.leadershipstudy.net), for more information about the MSL.

*Submitted by Student Affairs*

### **Lecture by Paralympic gold medalist**

Mark Zupan, a quadriplegic rugby player, Paralympics gold medalist and star of the documentary film *Murderball*, will give a lecture from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5 in the University Union Ballroom.

The event is free and is open to the public. It is sponsored by UNIQUE Programs, Associated Students, Inc., Recreational Sports, and Services to Students with Disabilities.

*Submitted by Services to Students with Disabilities*

### **One Book Program**

Julie Otsuka's, *When the Emperor Was Divine*, has been selected by the Sacramento State One Book Program for the 2009-2010 One Book. Otsuka will visit the campus for a series of One Book activities on Oct. 5.

The book was chosen by the One Book selection committee, comprised of representatives of the faculty, staff, students and community.

A faculty One Book workshop will be held this spring. To join a general interest or information list, please email [cecenter@csus.edu](mailto:cecenter@csus.edu).

*Submitted by the Community Engagement Center*

### **Tea Ceremony**

Students, faculty and community members are welcome to attend a Japanese tea ceremony at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4 in the Sokiku Nakatani tea room on the lower level of the University Library. For questions or reservations, call Sally Hitchcock at 278-5954.

*Submitted by the University Library*

### **Time management workshops**

The Academic Advising Center will offer eight time management workshops prior to spring break. These workshops provide students with time management and study skill techniques. Workshops last one hour and are located in the University Union. Dates are:

Thursday, Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m., Lobby Suite

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 3 p.m., Lobby Suite

Tuesday, Feb. 17, noon, Lobby Suite

Monday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m., California Suite, 3F

Tuesday, March 3, 9 a.m., Lobby Suite

Wednesday, March 11, 3 p.m., Oak Room, 2F

Thursday, March 19, 9 a.m., Oak Room, 2F

Monday, March 23, noon, Folsom Room, 3F

*Submitted by Academic Advising*

### **Faculty Mentoring Faculty program**

The Center for Teaching and Learning invites faculty to participate in the Faculty Mentoring Faculty program. This program offers a variety of mentoring support for individuals at all points in their careers and provides an excellent opportunity for them to get individualized help with teaching questions.

Some of the support offered includes observations of courses, syllabus preparation, lessons planning, strategies for assessing students, strategies for pacing courses and strategies for presenting course material.

For more information, visit the Faculty Mentoring Faculty website at [www.ctl.csus.edu/fmfdirectory.htm](http://www.ctl.csus.edu/fmfdirectory.htm)

*Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning*

### **Writing Journal**

The Faculty Senate Subcommittee for Writing and Reading announces production of the first edition of the Sacramento State online undergraduate writing journal, *Writing the University*. The journal can be found at [www.csus.edu/wac/journal](http://www.csus.edu/wac/journal). It contains a variety of writing genres from students in classes across the curriculum.

To sponsor a student essay for the next edition, follow the submission guidelines link from the home page of the journal.

*Submitted by the Faculty Senate*

### **Faculty brown bag workshop**

The Community Engagement Center is hosting two faculty brown bag workshops on its Writing Partners program. The workshops are designed to help faculty re-energize the classroom environment and enhance students' critical and creative thinking by integrating effective and meaningful writing exchange assignments that students will enjoy

Workshops are 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11 and 1-2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26.

For information on the Writing Partners program, visit [www.csus.edu/cec](http://www.csus.edu/cec). To RSVP, email [cecenter@csus.edu](mailto:cecenter@csus.edu) or call 278-4610.

*Submitted by the Community Engagement Center*

### **Proposal Development Workshops**

The Research Administration office offers three proposal development workshops in February. Faculty, staff and graduate students are invited to attend.

"Research Grant Resources: Meet Your Sponsored Research Officer," noon- 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10, University Union Foothill Suite. This workshop is for anyone interested in submitting a grant proposal for external funding. Participants will learn how sponsored research officers can help identify potential sources of support and develop competitive proposals.

"National Science Foundation FastLane Overview and Interactive Demo," 9-10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18, Foothill Suite, University Union. This workshop is for those new to FastLane, the interactive, web-based system used for the submission of grant proposals and project reports to NSF.

"Funding Sources, Funding Searches," 9-10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 27, Hornet Bookstore building, Boardroom (Suite 3010). This interactive workshop is for people interested in seeking funding for research ideas or who currently have grants and would like to seek supplemental support. Participants will learn about online resources including the Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) and will discuss ways to ensure funding opportunities are a mutual good fit.

To register, visit <http://www.csus.edu/research/registration/workshops.htm>.

*Submitted by Research Administration*

### **Webinar on employment agreements**

The Research Administration office is hosting an 11-part webinar course from the National Center on Entrepreneurial Tech Transfer on the essentials of commercialization for researchers.

The topic of the next session is "The Fundamental Essentials: Employment Agreements," and will be broadcast from 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the Hornet Bookstore Building Boardroom (suite 3010).

Sacramento State faculty, staff and graduate students are invited to attend. For more on the series, or to reserve a seat, visit <http://www.csus.edu/research/workshops/webinars/index.htm>.

*Submitted by Research Administration*

### **Buddha screening**

Maria Jaoudi, Humanities and Religious Studies Department, will lead a discussion and present the film *Little Buddha*, 7 p.m., Feb. 19, at the Crocker Art Museum. A pre-film tour of the museum begins at 5:45 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$7 for nonmembers. Members are free.

For additional information visit [education@crockermuseum.org](mailto:education@crockermuseum.org)

*Submitted by the Department of Humanities and Religious Studies*

## **Human Resources**

### **Catastrophic leave donation program**

Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick or vacation leave credits each fiscal year in one-hour increments. Bargaining Units 1, 8, 10 and 11 may only donate up to 16 hours per fiscal year. If employees are interested in donating time, a donation form can be obtained at [www.csus.edu/hr/forms.htm#Disability](http://www.csus.edu/hr/forms.htm#Disability), or by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Sacramento Hall 162, or by calling 278-3522.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Julie Bradley, Math Department

Maharisha Belton, Admissions and Records

Maryann Alvarez, Nursing

Wanderah Anderson, Division of Social Work

Michael Wilson, Economics

\*Annette Karle, Strategic Planning and Quality Improvement

\*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

## **Teaching more than just a game for Sacramento State professor**

Students know it's not all fun and games in Professor John Clevenger's classes. Clevenger, a professor in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, and a recipient of the 2006-2007 Outstanding Teaching Award, teaches courses that help prepare students for careers in computer gaming.

"Computer graphics and games are up-and-coming areas of computer science," Clevenger says. "Ever since computer games came out in the 1970s, students have said they wanted to study them."

Clevenger says he began developing a curriculum for students here several years ago when it became viable to have computer games on desktop hardware. He teaches computer graphics and computer game architecture—the computer science behind the games.

"Although many of my students play video games outside of class, they don't spend time in class playing games," Clevenger said. "Most are more interested in studying the solid science of developing an interactive medium."

Developing computer games requires a bit of creativity, and Clevenger says he tries to lay out a curriculum that pushes his students and forces them to channel their creativity.

"You can never have too much creativity," he says. "What you might have is a lack of ability to focus the creativity. That is one of the biggest challenges."

Clevenger, who has been teaching computer-related courses for more than 30 years, says he loves what he does. "It's not the money, and it's not the short hours," he says jokingly. "The payoffs are the light bulbs. Teachers really enjoy it when the figurative light bulb goes off over a student's head."

Clevenger describes his teaching style as "tough" and says a survey of his students would probably conclude the same. "I don't consider that a criticism, I consider it a compliment as long as it includes 'fair,'" he says.

Notice, he didn't say fun.

## **This Week in Hornet Action**

### **Men's basketball**

Thursday, Feb. 5  
Sacramento State at Eastern Washington, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8  
Sacramento State at Portland State, 1:05 p.m.

### **Women's basketball**

Thursday, Feb. 5  
Sacramento State vs. Eastern Washington, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7  
Sacramento State vs. Portland State, 2:05 p.m.

### **Gymnastics**

Friday, Feb. 6  
Sacramento State at San Jose State, 7 p.m.

### **Men's tennis**

Friday, Feb. 6  
Sacramento State at Oklahoma State, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7  
Sacramento State vs. Wichita State, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8  
Sacramento State at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

### **Women's tennis**

Saturday, Feb. 7  
Sacramento State at Washington State, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8  
Sacramento State at Eastern Washington, 11 a.m.

**Indoor track**

Friday, Feb. 6-Saturday, Feb. 7

Sacramento State at the Bronco Invitational, Boise, Idaho

**Rowing**

No meets scheduled

**Men's golf**

No matches scheduled

**Women's golf**

No matches scheduled