

THIS WEEK

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DISTINGUISHED VISIT—

Cooper-Woodson Program Scholars met Maya Soetoro-Ng (center, back row), during her visit to campus Tuesday, March 17. Also pictured is Soetoro-Ng's 4-year-old daughter, Suhaila, sitting with Soetoro-Ng's cousin, Randy Stark. Soetoro-Ng spoke on leadership and service to community.

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EVENTS



Piano Series

Piano Series guest artist Mack McCray will perform at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 28, in Capistrano Hall's Music Recital Hall. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at Sacramento State's Ticket Office, 278-4323 or www.tickets.com.

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ATHLETICS

Jason Smith named Big

Cesar Chavez Day and students are on spring recess through April 3. The normal weekly schedule resumes April 6. Items may be submitted to the Bulletin at bulletin@csus.edu. The deadline is 10 a.m. the Wednesday before Monday publication. All submissions are subject to editing for style and space. More information is available at 278-6156.

Sky men's tennis player of the week

Sacramento State's Jason Smith has been named the Big Sky Men's Tennis Player of the Week for matches played from March 10-18.

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Metal and Metal Objects

All types of metal are recycled at Sac State, including aluminum, copper, brass, steel, tin and mixed metals. If your department generates large amounts of scrap metal of any kind call Integrated Waste Management at 278-5801 to arrange a pick-up. Parts may include bits of copper wire, brass plumbing parts and junk and metal file cabinets, among others.

For more information, visit the "Sacramento State Recycles" website at www.fm.csus.edu/iwm/.

Bulletin Staff



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Sacramento State graduate students will soon be working in UC Davis stem cell laboratories thanks to a grant for Sacramento State to establish a new master's degree in applied bioscience.

A three-year, \$1.3 million "Bridges to Stem Cell Research" grant was approved by the governing board of the state's stem cell agency, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), Thursday, March 12.

Beginning in the fall, Sacramento State and UC Davis will collaborate on a new 20-month graduate degree program focused on producing the next generation of stem cell scientists.

"The training provided by the two schools will produce skilled scientific and laboratory personnel who will fill the demand for laboratory managers, scientists and other research support professionals in a growing number of laboratories involved in stem cell research," says Laurel G. Heffernan, associate dean and professor of biological sciences at Sacramento State.

Students will have three semesters of coursework at Sacramento State, and two semesters of a full-time internship at the nearby UC Davis Institute for Regenerative Cures, a facility supported by CIRM. There will also be a 40-hour Stem Cell Techniques training course at the Buck Institute for Age Research in Novato, Calif.

"Students will learn specialized techniques such as good manufacturing practices, adult and embryonic stem cell culture and scale-up production for cellular therapies, which will play an important role in advancing stem cell science and bringing new treatments to patients who need them." says Jan Nolta, stem cell program director for UC Davis' Institute for Regenerative Cures and a Sacramento State graduate.

Students will be full participants in the labs, generating data, presenting results at meetings and potentially contributing to scientific publications. Interns will work in labs focused on stem cell cures for currently untreatable neurodegenerative diseases, vascular disorders, liver failure, blindness, and other conditions.

CIRM is the voter-approved agency established by Proposition 71 in 2004 to provide \$3 billion in funding for stem cell research in California. Apart from the March 12 awards, the CIRM committee has awarded 253 research grants totaling more than \$635 million, making it the largest source of funding for embryonic and pluripotent stem cell research in the world.

Web-based virtual classroom meets needs of campus

Sacramento State is meeting the future of hybrid and online teaching through a program called Elluminate Alive.

Elluminate Alive is a web-based group conferencing software featuring an online chat room with live audio, video and interactive white boards. Sacramento State has offered the program since 2008.

"We've used Elluminate Alive in nursing, engineering and communication classes, as well as student conferences and workshops through a limited licensing agreement," says Jean-Pierre Bayard, director of Academic Technology and Creative Services.

Bayard says Elluminate Alive has been so successful, Sacramento State has expanded its user license so an unlimited number of people can use the program simultaneously. He calls the virtual classroom one of the most effective teaching tools available and says the program's expansion "is a big deal for us."

"This has amazing interactivity," he says. "Students interact with the instructor and each other as if they're in the same room. They can ask questions and draw on the same white board as the instructor." Students who can't make a live session can log on later and view a recording of the session.

Bayard says that with the expanded licensing, more instructors can offer hybrid courses where students get the best of both worlds -- the dynamics of face-to-face teaching and the convenience and interactivity of online instruction.

Bayard says Elluminate Alive has other uses as well, from student advising to long-distance interviews and administrative meetings. The unlimited license will remain in effect until June 2010 when the online programs will be evaluated and a new licensing agreement determined.

For more information on Elluminate Alive, call 278-3370 or send an e-mail to web-courses@csus.edu. Information is also available at <http://www.csus.edu/atcs/tools/imeet/imeet-sacct.stm>

A form to use Elluminate Alive for a SacCT course is available at <http://www.csus.edu/atcs/tools/imeet/sacct-imeet-request-form.stm>

To use Elluminate Alive for non-academic uses, visit <http://www.csus.edu/atcs/tools/imeet/request-form.stm>.

April is Sacramento State Alumni Month

Alumni Month, a time to recognize current and future Sacramento State graduates, kicks off in April with a variety of events on campus and around the city.

"We want to do something to give alumni an opportunity to come back to the campus, to participate in the events, to mix and mingle with other alums and get to know what we're doing," says Carmen Cataldo, events manager for Alumni Relations.

Alumni Month activities begin at 4 p.m., Friday, March 27, with the Alumni Open House. Appetizers will be provided.

Alumni Volunteer Day is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, April 5. People are invited to participate in clearing up the Sacramento State Arboretum. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Graduation candidates and alumni are encouraged to participate in the Grad Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, in the University Union. The fair is a "one-stop shop" for students to purchase items for graduation.

The Sacramento State 5K Fun Run is 6 p.m., Thursday, April 16, beginning at Serna Plaza. There will be live music and refreshments.

The third annual Stinger Wine and Food Classic, a benefit supporting the athletic scholarship program on campus, is 6 p.m., Friday, April 17. The benefit is hosted by the Stinger Athletic Organization, and participants include alumni-owned restaurants, catering companies, wineries and vineyards. A silent auction featuring artwork, sports memorabilia and jewelry will be held.

"Hornets Dining on the Move," is an opportunity for the campus community to sample foods at Midtown eateries: Zocalo, Dragonfly, Paesanos, 58 Degrees & Holding Co., and Java City. The event is Tuesday, April 21, and restaurant passports are \$25 per person.

The annual Alumni Reception and Member Mixer is 5 p.m., Friday, April 24, in the Hornet Bookstore. The event is an opportunity for former classmates to mingle and network. Refreshments will be provided.

The Distinguished Service Awards, presented by the University and the Alumni Association, will recognize the professional achievements and community service of alumni. The event is 6 p.m.,

Thursday, April 30, at the Alumni Center.

The annual Sac State Night at the River Cats game is 7:05 p.m., Thursday, May 7. A free gift will be given to anyone wearing Sacramento State clothing items.

Sacramento State alumni will receive discounts throughout April at select businesses by using a special discount E-Card. To receive your complimentary card, send requests to stuebel@csus.edu by April 6. Card holders will be entered to win two tickets to the Stinger Wine and Food Classic.

For more information about Alumni Month events and how to make reservations, contact the Alumni Association at (916) 278-6295 or visit www.sacstatealumni.com. For media assistance, contact Sacramento State's Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

Serna Center offers cultural programs through May

Sacramento State's Serna Center will host a number of programs highlighting diversity and culture during the spring including the Latin American Film Festival, which continues through Tuesday, March 24.

The festival, co-sponsored with the Honors Program, presents films about Chile, Cuba, and Latin America. Films are reviewed by film critics from *The Sacramento Bee* for their craftsmanship, quality and significance.

Also in the spring, the center will host *Sacramento Bee* columnist Marcos Breton who will discuss the area's present and future in *Sacramento Politics: There Will Be Blood*, 12:30–2 p.m., Thursday, April 30. Breton will lead a frank and lively discussion on Sacramento's new mayor, city and state politics, Proposition 8, and predictions for the state and Sacramento's future.

The Jewish Presence in Latin America will be discussed and a Sabbath dinner held 4:30–6:30 p.m., Friday, May 1.

Stanford University Professor Susan Loeb will be featured at an education seminar (co-sponsored by Sacramento State's Educational Doctorate program) 4:30-6 p.m., Friday, May 8. The program looks at problems confronting students and educators from pre-school through college in California, how they affect learning and teaching and what must be done to solve the problems.

The Serna Center is located in the University Library. It is named for Sacramento's late mayor and Government Professor Joe Serna, and his wife, the late University administrator and Ethnic Studies Professor Isabel Hernandez-Serna.

The center serves as a cultural hub for students and is a venue for discussions, forums and events for the campus community. It was created for the study of California's increasing diversity, with a particular emphasis on Latinos.

For a schedule of Serna Center activities, visit www.csus.sernacenter.

Wellness center sponsors 5K run

Sacramento State will hold its inaugural 5K Fun Run beginning at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16. The run will begin at Serna Plaza and make its way through campus.

The run is free for students, faculty and staff and \$20 for alumni. Participants can register online at www.csus.edu/hlth/5k/. Runners can also register at 5 p.m. on the day of the race. People who pre-register will receive a free T-shirt and racing packet. Items can be picked up in the Wellness Center Preview Room in the University Union (across from Round Table Pizza) Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15.

The run will cause traffic delays from 6 p.m., until 7 p.m., on State University Drive West, Sinclair Road and Stadium Drive. Traffic coming from the south end of campus is advised to use State University Drive east and to use parking lot 7 and parking structure 2. Traffic coming from the north end of campus should use State University Drive north and parking lot 1, or State University Drive East and parking lot 2.

The run is part of a larger promotion for the new 153,000-square-foot Recreation and Wellness Center (named "The WELL") scheduled to open in fall 2010. The WELL is being built on the north end of Hornet Stadium.

The WELL will feature a fitness center, an indoor track, gym courts, racquetball courts, a rock climbing wall and the student health center. There will also be a massage therapy spa, a baby-sitting center and space for Peak Adventures.

For more information on the 5K Fun Run, contact Jason Blessinger at 278-6056. For more information on the Wellness Center contact Mirjana Gavric at 278-7904 or visit www.csus.edu/union/RWC/index.htm.

Conference examines how religion promotes peace in Africa

Registration is underway for Sacramento State's 18th annual Africa/Diaspora Conference, April 30 - May 2, in the University Union.

The conference is presented by The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution and the Pan African Studies Program. The conference is open to the public and is free for Sacramento State students, faculty and staff. The cost for non-campus attendees is \$50.

This year's theme is Religion, Race and Ethnic Relations in Africa/Diaspora: Creating Peace and Justice Dialogue. The conference will examine the role that religion and faith-based groups play in promoting peace in African nations, how effective they are, challenges they face and ways they can be better utilized.

To register for the conference, visit www.csus.edu/org/capcr/events/newevents/Africa18-2009.htm

For more information, call Ernest E. Uwazie, CAPCR director, at 278-6282.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, March 24

1:30-2:50 p.m. – Program Review Oversight Subcommittee (CPC) – Sacramento Hall 275

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

Wednesday, March 25

9-10 a.m. – Writing and Reading Subcommittee (CPC) – Camellia Room, University Union

3-4:30 p.m. – General Education Course Review Subcommittee (GE/GRPC) – Sacramento Hall 275

Thursday, March 26

8:30-10 a.m. – Graduate Studies Policies Committee – Sacramento Hall 275

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

Friday, March 27

1-2 p.m. – Academic Information Technology Committee (AITC) - TBA

2-3:30 p.m. – Academic Policy Committee – Sacramento Hall 275

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Cindy Schorzman, M.D., staff physician at Student Health Services, has authored a chapter in the *American Academy of Pediatrics Textbook of Pediatric Care*. The chapter is entitled, "Gay and Lesbian-parented Families."

This is the first time the text has included a chapter on this topic.

Gloria Solomon, Kinesiology and Health Science, gave a keynote address at the 2009 California Sport and Exercise Psychology Symposium held Feb. 27-28, at Fresno State. Titled "The Case of Positive Sport Psychology," Solomon's talk linked a relatively young and rapidly growing area of psychology, "positive psychology," to the research and practice of sport and exercise psychology.

Recognition

Ten staff and family members from the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics volunteered to answer phones for KVIE on Friday, March 6. The group worked the phone bank from 8:15 p.m. until just after 11 p.m. Donations during this time totaled \$9,510.

In the News

Jeff Lustig, Government, had an op-ed essay in the Feb. 22 *San Francisco Chronicle*, "Reinventing California: Constitution Must Match Our Needs," about the current move for a new constitutional convention in California.

Denver AM radio station KEZW.com interviewed **Robert E. Humphrey**, Communication Studies, about his book, *Once Upon A Time In War: The 99th Division in World War II*. The interview can be heard on the station's podcast.

Outstanding Student – Felix Barba

Hometown: Ripon, California

Major: Government. Plans to graduate in Spring 2009

Background: Barba's family moved around before settling in Ripon. After high school, Barba attended two years of seminary school in Connecticut to fulfill his dream of becoming a priest, but discovered he might have another calling. He returned home to Ripon, attending community college as he adjusted to college life. "I was coming from a monastery-type environment with a life of silence, where I only spoke one hour out of the day." He transferred to Sacramento State in 2006, and soon got involved in campus life, getting elected to Associated Students, Inc. and joining the University Union board.

Influences: "I used all the mentors I could find. I would bounce my ideas off of my teachers in high school and they would give me wonderful feedback. I also talked to my pastor before seminary, my seminary director, my biology teacher and guitar teacher. Listening to them and getting their input is the number one thing."

Highlight: "Through my involvement in student government, I've realized that I am making a difference in the lives of my fellow students and I am contributing to fulfilling the Destination 2010 initiative on campus."

Proudest Accomplishment: Starting the Salsa Loca Club. After moving to Sacramento, he began dancing at Salsa clubs in midtown and decided to bring it to campus. The club draws as many as 50 students to its weekly meetings. "It is a great social outlet."

Destination: Had an internship at the Capitol for Summer 2008. Plans to work in government after graduation, specializing in international relations and using his Spanish language skills.

This Week in Hornet Action

Baseball

Tuesday, March 24

Sacramento State at Oregon, 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

Sacramento State at Oregon, 1 p.m.

Friday, March 27

Sacramento State vs. Menlo, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

Sacramento State vs. Menlo, 11 a.m.

Softball

Tuesday, March 24

Sacramento State at Cal, 2 p.m.

Gymnastics

No events scheduled

Outdoor track

Wednesday, March 25-Thursday, March 26

Sacramento State at the Cal Multi, Berkeley, Calif.

Women's tennis

Friday, March 27

Sacramento State vs. at Arizona, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

Sacramento State at Arizona, noon.

Men's tennis

Friday, March 27-Monday, March 30

Sacramento State vs. Montana Rio Del Oro Racquet Club, 1 p.m.

Men's golf

Thursday, March 26-Friday, March 27

Sacramento State at the Cal Poly Men's Intercollegiate, Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Women's golf

Monday, March 23-Tuesday, March 24

Sacramento State hosts the Sac State Invitational

Rowing

Saturday, March 28

Sacramento State vs. San Diego State, Lake Notama, 8:30 a.m.

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Campus Announcements

Contracts Workshop

The Office of Research Administration and Contract Administration is offering a workshop on contracting opportunities with state agencies and other organizations from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, in the Hornet Bookstore Building Board Room (suite 3010). The workshop will be of interest to those who would like to:

- discover which funding agencies commonly award contracts
- learn how a contract is different from a grant
- hear from faculty who have received contracts
- review sample statements of work and budgets

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

Submitted by Research Administration

Bioethics lecture

The Philosophy Department and the Sacramento State Center for Practical and Professional Ethics are sponsoring a lecture by Wesley J. Smith on bioethics, 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, April 7, in the University Union's Hinde Auditorium.

Smith is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute, an attorney for the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, and a special consultant for the Center for Bioethics and Culture. He has authored or co-authored 11 books.

His lecture is titled, "Bioethics: Creating a Disposable Caste of People?" It will examine why some human beings, including embryos and fetuses, newborns and people who have lost cognitive capacities are deemed non persons whose lives have a lesser value.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Submitted by the Center for Practical and Professional Ethics

What is Islam?

Yufus Estes, a former Christian minister who is now a Muslim sheikh, will speak about Islam at 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 6, in the University Union's Redwood Room. The event is free and open to the public.

Estes served as a delegate to United Nations Peace Summit for Religious Leaders and as a U.S. federal chaplain from 1994 until 2000. More information on Estes is available at www.islamtomorrow.com. For information on the Muslim Student Association, e-mail info@csusmsa.com.

Submitted by the Muslim Student Association

Sac State Striders

The Susan G. Komen 2009 Race/Walk for the Cure is 7:45 a.m., Saturday, May 9, at Cal Expo, and the Sac State Striders will be a part of the event.

The Striders are Sacramento State students, faculty, staff, friends and family members who support breast cancer awareness. To join the team, sign up online at www.komensacramento.org, and choose "Sac State Striders." People who would like to contribute but can't make the event can make a contribution toward the Striders' fundraising goal through the website.

For more information, call Janet Dumonchelle at 278-6093.

Submitted by the Student Health Center Pharmacy

Administrator review

Three campus administrators will be reviewed this year under a campus policy which requires a thorough review for certain administrators every five years in addition to annual performance evaluations.

The administrators to be reviewed this year are Alice Tom, dean of the College of Continuing Education; Terry Wanless, director of Intercollegiate Athletics; and David Wagner, vice president for Human Resources.

The review will involve campus and community evaluations and will be coordinated by the Committee for Administrative Review.

Faculty and staff will receive an e-mail from the IDEA Center by Monday, March 23, requesting participation in a survey. Members who do not receive an e-mail but would like to participate should contact Marilyn Hopkins, dean of the College of Health and Human Services and chair of the Committee for Administrative Review, at hopkinsm@csus.edu.

Submitted by Human Resources

A look inside a classroom

"Let's Talk: Images of Teaching and Learning in Film" an hour-long discussion of college teaching and how it is depicted in the movies, will be presented at noon, Tuesday, April 7, in the University Redwood Room. Faculty and students are encouraged to attend.

The presentation includes clips from a movie and a discussion on the reality of classroom depictions in movies.

The event is sponsored by UNIQUE and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Submitted by Child Development

Political Engagement, Service Learning and Research

Catherine Gabor, English Department and Greg Kim-Ju, Psychology Department, will discuss their work as California Campus Compact-Carnegie Foundation Faculty Fellows for Service Learning and Political Engagement, 3-4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 26, at the Center for Teaching and Learning in Library 4026.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

New faculty workshop

A new workshop for preparing accessible instructional materials will be held noon-1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9, in Library Room 11 (lower level).

Participants will learn about Accessible Technology Initiative requirements, new course requirements, new instructional materials accessibility checklists, universal design concepts for teaching and learning and tips to create accessible Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Adobe PDF instructional materials.

Guest speaker is Brett Christie, from the Sonoma State University School of Education and Center for Teaching and Professional Development.

To attend, RSVP by e-mail at cvera@csus.edu or call 278-2847. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

A workshop flier is available at

<http://www.csus.edu/accessibility/PreparingAccessibleInstructionalMaterialsWorkshop.pdf>.

Individuals needing reasonable accommodations for disability access should e-mail cvera@csus.edu or call 278-2847 at least five business days before the workshop.

Submitted by Services to Students with Disabilities

Human Resources

The Office of Human Resources will be conduct its annual Sabbatical Workshop 9-11 a.m., Friday, April 10, in the Orchard Suite of the University Union. The workshop will provide beneficial information for full-time faculty interested in applying for sabbatical or difference-in-pay leave for the 2010-2011 academic year. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. RSVP by noon on Wednesday, April 1, to Lorena Solis at lsolis@csus.edu or 278-6779. For questions about eligibility, please see Provision 27.2 of the Unit 3 Faculty Contract. For more information, contact the Office of Human Resources at 278-6169.

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 in one-hour increments each fiscal year. 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, 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:

Janelle Robinette, Nursing

Julie Bradley, Math Department.

Wandarah Anderson, Division of Social Work

Michael Wilson, Economics

Brittini Collins, University Transportation and Parking Services

Candace Parke, College of Continuing Education

Misty Sisneros, Community Engagement Center

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