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News

2014-15 Outstanding Faculty Awards recipients
The Faculty Senate congratulates the recipients of the 2014-15 Outstanding Faculty Awards. Recipients of these awards are recognized for having positively affected the life of the University through their teaching, their service, or their scholarly and creative activities – displaying a consistent and engaging collegiality and a strong commitment to students throughout their careers at Sacramento State. The awards ceremony and a reception to honor the recipients will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in the University Union, Redwood Room.

Outstanding Teaching Awards
- Ron Coleman, Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Aya Ida, Sociology, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Nuriddin Ikromov, Finance, College of Business Administration
- Jacqueline Irwin, Communication Studies, College of Arts and Letters
- Robert Pieretti, Speech Pathology and Audiology, College of Health and Human Services
- Lynda Stone, Undergraduate Studies, College of Education

Outstanding University Service Awards
- Phillip Akutsu, Psychology, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Carolynn Goetze, Nursing, College of Health and Human Services
- Lisa Hammersley, Geology, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Kazue Masuyama, Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Letters
- Pia Wong, Teaching Credentials, College of Education

Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Awards
- Tim Horner, Geology, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Edward Lascher, Public Policy and Administration, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Saad Merayyan, Civil Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science
- Hakan Ozcelik, Management, College of Business Administration
- Mona Siegel, History, College of Arts and Letters
- Caroline Turner, Graduate and Professional Studies, College of Education

Outstanding Community Service Awards
- Manuel Barajas, Sociology, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Nassrine Noureddine, Nursing, College of Health and Human Services
- Nigel Poor, Design, College of Arts and Letters

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Caroline Turner to receive University Award for Research and Creative Activity
Dr. Caroline S. Turner of the Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program is the 2014-15 recipient of the University Award (formerly the President’s Award) for Research and Creative
Activity. She will receive the award and give a lecture, "Lessons from the Field: Cultivating Nurturing Environments in Higher Education," from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in the University Union, Forest Suite. She will discuss how a scholarly learning journey, as a student and faculty member, brings one back to an understanding of the value of knowledge gained in one’s home community, and how to foster settings for others to cultivate knowledge as well. The campus community is invited to this event. A reception will follow in the University Union, Lobby Suite.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

Student Research Symposium coming Friday
The Office of Research Affairs invites faculty, staff and students to attend the annual Student Research Symposium on Friday, March 6. The symposium celebrates and recognizes outstanding scholarly accomplishments by providing our students with an opportunity to present their research and their scholarly and creative activities to the campus community in both oral and poster presentation formats.

The top two undergraduate and graduate presenters (individuals or student teams) in both oral and poster divisions will be honored with the Provost’s Award for Research Excellence, which includes a monetary award for students and professional development funds for faculty mentors. Up to 10 students making oral presentations will be selected to compete in May at the 29th annual California State University Student Research Competition at CSU San Bernardino.

The symposium’s schedule and other information will continue to be updated on our website (http://bit.ly/sympASI). All presentational activities will take place on the first and second floors of the University Union from 9 a.m. to noon. The symposium will close in the University Union Ballroom with a luncheon for participants and audience members at noon, followed by an awards ceremony at 12:45 p.m. This event is open to the public. For questions, please contact the Office of Research Affairs at 278-3667 or student.research@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

McNair Scholars Research Symposium is April 27
The effort and creativity of our McNair Scholars will be showcased in an afternoon of academic enrichment and scholarly exchange. The program will host its fourth annual Research Symposium on Monday, April 27, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. The scholars will introduce their individual research projects through poster and oral presentations, and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. The campus community and the general public are invited to support our students and celebrate their scholastic achievements. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

Submitted by the McNair Scholars Program

Call for presenters: Graduate Research Interaction Day 2015
To showcase the emerging excellence of graduate education at Sacramento State, as a part of Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (April 6-10), on Wednesday, April 8, the Office of Graduate Studies and Academic Affairs will hold Graduate Research Interaction Day, an opportunity for graduate students to present their work in oral or poster format to obtain feedback from a diverse audience (peers, faculty, community members, etc.).

Online registration is now open to current master’s and doctoral students (all disciplines are welcome). Register at www.csus.edu/gradstudies. The registration deadline is Friday, March 20, at 5 p.m. Further details and the event schedule will continue to be updated online as
well. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the various student presentations and the reception at the University Union. For questions, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (916) 278-6470.

Submitted by the Office of Graduate Studies

Housing and Residential Life will stage Women of Influence Awards Ceremony
The sixth annual Women of Influence Awards Ceremony will celebrate and honor the accomplishments of our female students, staff and faculty. The ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the University Union, Redwood Room. The University community is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Nominate a deserving female faculty or staff member and/or current Sacramento State student who exhibits professional and/or academic excellence and dedication to her community. The awards will recognize one female faculty member, one female staff member, one female student leader and one female residential student leader. Nominations close Wednesday, March 4. The nomination form can be found at https://orgsync.com/68522/forms/96560. For more information, please contact Michael Wagner, graduate assistant for Housing and Residential Life, at michaelwagner@csus.edu or 278-6655.

Submitted by Housing and Residential Life

This week in the One World Initiative
- Nobel Peace Prize Forum streaming live from Minneapolis: Former President and Nobel laureate Jimmy Carter will be giving a talk, streamed live from Minneapolis, on women, religion, violence and power; Friday, March 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m., University Union, Hinde Auditorium. This event was organized and is co-sponsored with the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.
- Student Symposium on Happiness: Students are invited to apply to present research, art or performances pertaining to the theme of “Happiness” at the One World Initiative’s end-of-the-year celebration. Applications are due Friday, March 20, for the event, which will take place Monday, April 20. Applications are available at www.csus.edu/oneworld.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

New non-emergency number for Sac State Police
The Sacramento State Police Department has a new phone number for non-emergency calls: (916) 278-6000 (which, by the way, is also the campus address on J Street). The old non-emergency number, (916) 278-6851, will remain active for now, but we encourage the campus community to use the new, easy-to-remember number.

If you have an emergency, please call (916) 278-6900 or dial 911 from any campus phone.

Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Did you know: Sac State addresses complaints of dating or domestic violence
In a continuing effort to raise campus awareness of and prevent sexual violence, this notice reminds you of a valuable campus resource in any matters of sexual violence, which includes dating or domestic violence.

Under CSU Executive Order 1095, dating violence is defined as “abuse committed by a person who is or has been in a social or dating relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.” The Sacramento State Office for Equal Opportunity (OEO) investigates instances of dating violence that occur on campus, even when the person accused has no
University affiliation. Depending on the circumstances, the OEO may also investigate incidents that occur off campus.

Even if the OEO does not investigate, dating violence should still be reported to the OEO so that the victims may be offered a variety of resources available to them, including counseling, advocacy resources and criminal reporting options.

Jessica Heskin, victim advocate, works in the Student Health and Counseling Center on campus. She is on call 24/7 to all students, faculty and staff, and is available to provide emotional support, connect victims to needed services, assist with reporting if desired, and explain the victim’s rights and options. She also can assist victims in seeking restraining orders.

While Jessica is primarily a resource for students, she also can be contacted by employees who have experienced dating or domestic violence to provide suggestions on available resources. The Employee Assistance Program can refer employees to additional resources as well.

The CSU system-wide policy addressing matters of sexual violence may be found at www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-1095.html.

Submitted by the Office for Equal Opportunity

University Conversation event is Wednesday
The Faculty Policies Committee invites you to participate in the University Conversation: “Demystifying RTP Session II, Teaching: The Kindling of a Flame,” from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Workshop information may be viewed at www.csus.edu/acse/Docs-and-pdfs/UnivConv3-4-15.pdf or by contacting Sue Holl, chair, Faculty Policies Committee, at sueh@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

ECS Career Day is March 13
The College of Engineering and Computer Science’s annual Career Day is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, in the University Union Ballroom. A job fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring 88 engineering and computer employers hiring for career and student jobs. Seminars, information on which can be found at http://career.ecs.csus.edu/career-day/seminars.php, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by the College of Engineering and Computer Science

Feminist, author, activist is Serna Center Speaker Series guest March 19
The Serna Center Speaker Series presents Dr. Vandana Shiva, speaking on “Cultivating Diversity, Freedom and Hope,” from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in University Union Ballroom I. A feminist, author, environmentalist and activist, she combines sharp intellectual inquiry with courageous activism. Her work spans from teaching at universities worldwide to working with peasants in rural India. She is the author of many books contributing to fundamental ways of changing the practice and paradigms of agriculture and food.

Shiva will address the value of diversity in nature and society. Her message of local ownership and self-sufficiency in the production and distribution of food offers a powerful case for the development of urban and local food systems. Her deep understanding of sustainability challenges us to keep reaching across sectors, disciplines and communities as we grow our regional food system.

To bring a class to the lecture, RSVP to serna-05@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Serna Center

Capital Public Radio, Arts and Letters join to create online curriculum modules
Capital Public Radio’s Curriculum Outreach Project (CapRadioCurriculum) is a collaboration of Capital Public Radio and the College of Arts and Letters to connect the award-winning content from CapRadio and National Public Radio with faculty and their students.

Under the direction of Communication Studies Professor Nick Burnett, the project offers individual online curriculum modules built on stories aired on NPR. Each module contains a link to an audio story and asks students to complete an assignment, answer a question or write an essay dealing with the linked story. These modules could be used for replacement classes (when, for instance, faculty might be traveling), extra credit or supplements to traditional, hybrid and online classes. The modules are available free to faculty at www.csus.edu/capradiocurriculum.

Just point your students toward a module, specify the assignment and provide a due date. Check out the site – new material is added weekly.

Submitted by CapRadioCurriculum

First Year Experience seeks student leaders for fall peer mentor team
The First Year Experience (FYE) program is seeking talented student leaders to apply for peer mentor positions. In partnership with their assigned faculty member, peer mentors assist first-year students by serving as academic peer advisors, a resource to the campus and community, and mentors to assist with the transition to Sacramento State. Applications and informational session dates are available at www.csus.edu/acad/advising-services/First%20Year%20Experience.html. Applications must be received by noon Friday, March 6, in Lassen Hall, Room 1013.

FYE is a consortium of campus-wide programs administered by representatives from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. If you have any student recommendations (applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA) or questions, please email peermentor@csus.edu.

Submitted by First Year Experience

$1,500 scholarships for children of Sac State employees
The Sacramento State Retirees Association has changed the eligibility criteria for the two scholarships we award each year to make more students eligible. Please encourage your son or daughter to apply if you are employed by the University half time or more and your Sac State student meets the following criteria:

- Has completed 12 units (formerly 15 units) at Sac State
- Has a Sac State GPA of 2.75 or more (was 3.0)
- Is a full-time student, enrolled in 12 or more units
- Is a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior

The deadline is Tuesday, March 31. The application is online at https://csus.academicworks.com. You may learn about previous recipients and their parents at the Scholarship link of the Retirees Association website, www.csus.edu/org/retirees/index.html. Please email questions to the association’s past president, Tom Griffith, at tgriffith@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Sacramento State Retirees Association

Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) training
The 2015-16 Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) call for proposals is now posted at http://www.csus.edu/aba/admin-ops/ira.html. Programs submitting a proposal for IRA
funding are required to attend an IRA training, which is designed to familiarize program advisors with the process and criteria for IRA funding. Attendance at one of the two scheduled trainings is mandatory. The trainings are scheduled to take place in Sacramento Hall 275 on Tuesday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to noon and Wednesday, March 4, from 3 to 4 p.m. RSVP to Margaret Hwang at mh227@csus.edu or 278-6312. If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Vice President for Administration/CFO at 278-6312 or email kem@csus.edu.
Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Violence in the Workplace Prevention Training
This is a one-hour presentation, with additional time for questions, on information regarding University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention information, reporting practices and available resources. The course will give attendees information on how to prepare, recognize, document and report incidents in their respective areas as it pertains to violence in the workplace or unacceptable behavior. Materials will be provided. Class participation every three years is required of all faculty, staff and student employees by Cal-OSHA and Sacramento State. Training is in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium:
- 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, April 20; Monday, May 4; and Tuesday, May 19
- 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2015/02/ProfessionalActivities02-02-15.html. Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate calendar is available at www.csus.edu/acse. Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Security tip: Are all websites safe to browse?
Websites can pose significant risks of encountering spyware and malware. A new trick used by hackers is to inject malware onto your computer after you simply visit a web page. This problem is especially present on unknown websites, as there are increasing numbers of "distribution sites" – malicious websites that infect your computer when you visit them. But even legitimate websites can be hacked and infected with malware.
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Catastrophic leave donation
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, 10 and 11 may donate only up to 16 hours per fiscal year. If employees are interested in donating time, a form can be obtained at www.csus.edu/hr/forms.html#disability by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3004, or by calling 278-3522.

The Benefits Office currently has the following employees on an approved CAT Leave:
- Lisalee Egbert – Teacher Education (Child Development Department)
- Venesha Rosseau – Graduate & Professional Studies in Education (vacation only)
- Monica Patterson – Mail Services
- Noreen James – Center for Collaborative Policy