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News

2013-14 Outstanding Faculty Award winners
The Faculty Senate congratulates the recipients of the 2013-14 Outstanding Faculty Awards. Please join us to honor them at a ceremony and reception at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the University Union, Redwood Room.

Outstanding Teaching Awards: Behnam Arad, Computer Science (ECS); Mark Brown, Government (SSIS); Bill DeGraffenreid, Physics and Astronomy (NSM); Elva Duran, Teaching Credentials (EDU); Jeffrey Dym, History (A&L); Katherine Kelly, School of Nursing (HHS); Yang Sun, Marketing and Supply Chain Management Area (CBA).

Outstanding University Service Awards: Ted Krovetz, Computer Science (ECS); Amy Liu, Sociology (SSIS); Vera Margoniner, Physics and Astronomy (NSM); Dan Melzer, English (A&L); Juliana Raskauskas, Undergraduate Studies in Education (EDU).

Outstanding Community Service Awards: John Clevenger, Computer Science (ECS); Katerina Lagos, History (A&L); Hazel Mahone, Graduate and Professional Studies (EDU); Kelly McDonald, Biological Sciences (NSM).

Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Awards: Rafael Escamilla, Physical Therapy (HHS); Jamie Kneitel, Biological Sciences (NSM); Nikolaos Lazaridis, History (A&L); Caio Miguel, Psychology (SSIS); Lisa William-White, Graduate and Professional Studies (EDU).

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

History professor wins President’s Award for Research and Creative Activity
History Professor Rebecca Kluchin is the 2013-14 recipient of the President’s Award for Research and Creative Activity. She will receive the award and give a lecture, “Pregnancy and Personhood: The Maternal-Fetal Relationship in American Society, 1850-Present,” from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the University Union, Summit Room.

In her lecture, she will discuss the public and private relationship between a woman and her fetus, and changing notions of fetal personhood and maternal responsibility in American history. The campus community is invited. A reception will follow in the California Suite at the Union.

Submitted by Research Administration

‘Made at Sac State’ campaign, commercial win CASE awards
Sacramento State is the recipient of Gold and Silver Awards of Excellence presented by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), District VII, for outstanding marketing communications in 2013. “Made at Sac State” received Gold in the Advertising Campaign category while the 30-second commercial “Going All the Way” earned Silver in the PSAs and Commercial Spots category.
You can view the commercial here: [http://youtu.be/nolQpNbfA_s](http://youtu.be/nolQpNbfA_s). The current “Made at Sac State” video, featuring scholar-athlete and recent graduate Markell Williams, can be viewed here: [www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Video/2014/2014-01-24_MadeAtSacState_MarkellWilliams.html](http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Video/2014/2014-01-24_MadeAtSacState_MarkellWilliams.html). And be on the lookout for alumnus Cate Dyer, CEO and founder of StemExpress, who will be featured as part of the “Made at Sac State” campaign beginning Friday. For a full list of CASE District VII winners: [www.casevii.org/dvii_awards/awards_of_excellence.html](http://www.casevii.org/dvii_awards/awards_of_excellence.html).

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

**Campus community invited to ‘unity chat’**

Students, faculty and staff are invited to “unity chats” and informal conversations about issues, events and topics that are of interest to our campus community. Join the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity for engaging discussions and complimentary Danish and coffee at the Hornet Bookstore at noon Tuesday, March 4.

Submitted by the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity

**Test of campus-wide Emergency Notification System (ENS)**

Campus officials will conduct a test at 11:15 a.m. Friday, March 7, of multiple components of Sacramento State’s notification system for use in emergencies or other critical events where life and safety are at risk.

The test will include text messages, emails, campus digital signs, the University website’s home page, classroom telephones, loudspeakers and desktop alerts on some University-owned computers, as well as social networks such as Facebook and Twitter.

Students are already signed up to receive Emergency Notification System messages on their cellphones and via email, but should use this test to confirm that their devices are registered correctly. Faculty and staff must register themselves and can go to [www.csus.edu/ens/signup.html](http://www.csus.edu/ens/signup.html) if they have not done so previously.

The campus community will be receiving a short follow-up survey on the test. If you are registered on the system but do not receive a test ENS message at 11:15 a.m. March 7, please provide feedback on the survey so that any system issues can be resolved.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

**Sacramento State partnership with March for Babies**

Did you know that March of Dimes research, vaccines, education and breakthroughs have benefited 4 million babies? This year, President Alexander Gonzalez is the chairman of the local March for Babies, the organization’s largest annual fundraiser, which takes place Saturday, April 26. He is encouraging everyone to get involved to make Sacramento State a leading contributor to this cause and give back to the community.

The public relations program under Professor Tim Howard will be taking a significant role in the promotion of this partnership. To start, it has launched the Sac State March for Babies Facebook page. Check it out to find more about the event and how to participate: [www.facebook.com/SacStateMarchforBabies](http://www.facebook.com/SacStateMarchforBabies).

Submitted by Sac State March for Babies

**One World Initiative student symposium: Call for student presenters**

As part of its second end-of-year celebration, the One World Initiative is organizing a student symposium on migration from 10 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Monday, April 21, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Students from all majors are invited to present their perspectives on migration as an issue of global importance. Presentations may be given via
whatever format best fits the material. Our goal is to bring together a group of students with diverse points of view to share their perspectives.

The deadline for submission of applications is 5 p.m. Friday, March 21. Information about the event and the application form can be found at [www.csus.edu/oneworld/OneWorld-2014%20Celebration.html](http://www.csus.edu/oneworld/OneWorld-2014%20Celebration.html).

Submitted by One World

**This week in One World**

- **Tuesday, March 4:** The Geology-Ecology-Environmental Science Colloquium Series presents “Expanding Ice and Shrinking Seas: Pleistocene Migrations” by Dr. Dale Russell at 4:20 p.m. in Riverside 1015.

- **Wednesday, March 5:** The Asian Studies Program presents “Vasco da Gama and the End of the Indian Ocean Cosmopolitanism” by Raghuraman Trichur, Department of Anthropology; and “The Kingdom of Siam’s Trade and Foreign Contacts in the 17th and 18th Century” by Pat Chirapravati, Asian Studies Program. The first talk is from 3 to 4:15 p.m.; the second talk is from 4:30 to 5:50 p.m.; both are in Amador 250.

For a full listing of One World events, visit [www.csus.edu/oneworld](http://www.csus.edu/oneworld).

Submitted by One World

**Doctorate in Educational Leadership Speaker Series**
The Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program will host its next Speaker Series presentation, featuring a superintendent panel discussion, from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the University Union, Delta Suite. The moderator will be Professor Carlos Nevarez, director of the program. Please come out and join us while these superintendents discuss navigating the major changes facing our schools.

Submitted by the Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program

**UNIQUE presents author lecture**
University Union UNIQUE Programs, the Women’s Resource Center and Kappa Psi Epsilon are pleased to announce a lecture by Chong Kim, author of *Broken Silence*, a book about her experience as a survivor of human trafficking and child exploitation. Preceding the lecture is a film screening of *Eden*, a film based on Chong Kim. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public. *Eden* will be screened at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 6, and Chong Kim will lecture at 7:30 p.m. that day in the University Union Ballroom.

Submitted by University Union UNIQUE Programs

**Author Lecture Series at University Library Gallery**
Alan Taylor, author of *The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832*, will discuss his book at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the University Library Gallery. For more information or to receive a parking pass, contact Sally Hitchcock at 278-5954 or Hitchcock@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by the Friends of the Library

**Sacramento Taiko Dan performance Wednesday**
University Union UNIQUE Programs and Associated Students Inc. are pleased to announce a live performance by Sacramento Taiko Dan, a traditional Japanese drumming group. Admission is free, and the public is welcome. The performance is at noon Wednesday, March 5, in the University Union, Redwood Room. This event supports Women’s HerStory Month.
Sacramento Taiko Dan is the premier Japanese drumming ensemble in the greater Sacramento area. Its performers include community members and an international touring performance team. Sacramento Taiko Dan tours nationally and internationally, with annual appearances including the California State Fair and the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival.

Submitted by University Union UNIQUE Programs

Student Purchase Awards reception coming Thursday
The Student Purchase Awards show is the University Union Gallery’s annual exhibit. Sacramento State student artists submit artwork of all media to be considered for this exhibit. Professional art consultants from the community as well as staff from the University Union Gallery review and select pieces for the show. The top three will be recognized on the night of the reception. Pieces to be included in the Union’s permanent art collection also will be chosen.

Exhibit dates are March 3-20; the reception and awards are from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 6. For the submission form and complete rules, visit www.union.csus.edu/gallery.

Submitted by the University Union Gallery

Engineering and Computer Science Career Day is Friday
Eighty-seven engineering and engineering-related companies are expected at the Engineering and Computer Science Career Day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the University Union Ballroom. The annual event is the most productive hiring event of the year for the college. In addition to the job fair, six career seminars will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The list of seminars and companies attending Career Day 2014 is at http://career.ecs.csus.edu/career-day/seminars.php.

The annual employer survey conducted in conjunction with Career Day 2014 shows that demand for engineers and computer scientists is very solid, with companies reporting 1,198 openings for technical majors. There is strong demand across all technical disciplines. Companies are hiring interns, new grads and experienced candidates, with plans to attract engineering and computer science majors as early as possible to meet hiring needs.

Submitted by the College of Engineering and CS Career Services

First Year Experience seeks student leaders for Fall 2014 peer mentor team
First Year Experience (FYE) 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 an academic peer advisor, a resource to the campus and community, and a mentor to assist with the transition to Sacramento State. Applications and additional information are available at www.csus.edu/acad/advising-services/First%20Year%20Experience%20Application%20Page.html. The application deadline is noon Friday, March 7.

FYE is a consortium of campus-wide programs administered by representatives from Academic Affairs, and Planning, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. If you have a student recommendation or questions (applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average), please email jasonsumi@csus.edu.

Submitted by Academic Advising and the Career Center

Notary service available at ASI Student Shop
The ASI Student Shop has a certified notary public located on the third floor of the University Union. The service is free for Sac State students with a OneCard, $10 per
signature for faculty, staff and the public. For an appointment or more information, call 278-7916 or go to www.asi.csus.edu.
Submitted by the ASI Student Shop

Exchange Email maintenance scheduled for March 8
Exchange Email will be undergoing planned maintenance from 12:01 to 4 a.m. Saturday, March 8. Faculty and staff using email at those hours may experience outages of up to five minutes. Email will be queued during those short outages and will be sent when the outage is complete. No email will be lost. If you have questions or concerns about the outage, please contact the Service Desk at 278-7337. If you have general comments, please contact us at ITFeedback@csus.edu.
Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Common Financial System upgrade scheduled for April 17-25
Like all CSU campuses, Sacramento State utilizes the systemwide PeopleSoft Common Financial System (CFS) for financial business processes. It is now necessary for all campuses to upgrade to the most current version. The transition is scheduled for April 17-25, with normal operations resuming Monday, April 28. During this time, CFS and the services it provides will not be available. This means:

- April 10 is the deadline for entering and approving requisitions to allow time for sourcing to POs before the down time.
- No checks or payments will be available during the down time, including travel advances or reimbursements.
- No procurement can be done during this time (other than through the ProCard or OfficeMax).
- No budget or expenditure transfers will be processed.
- ProCard dates have been adjusted for the upgrade (transactions available Monday, April 28; reconciliations, Friday, May 9; and statements due Friday, May 16).
- The Data Warehouse will be available for reporting but will have data as of April 17 until the new system is ready for use.

For these reasons, it is important to plan for your procurement, check and payment needs to avoid being inconvenienced. Please go to www.csus.edu/adminupgrades for further information about administrative systems upgrades.
Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs

Astra Schedule VII upgrade scheduled for spring break
Astra Schedule, the University’s comprehensive event and room scheduling software tool administered by Space Management, is scheduled for an upgrade during spring break, which is March 24-30. This upgrade will provide a more stable interface for class section facility assignment synchronization between CMS and Astra Schedule, and offer new and enhanced functionality and navigation to view campus activities and search for available facilities.

Astra Schedule may be down for several days or the entire week of spring break. This means:

- No space requests for meetings or events will be processed by Space Management during spring break.
- No room transactions for class sections will be permitted in CMS or Astra Schedule during spring break.
For this reason, it is important to submit any space requests for use of University facilities during spring break to Space Management no later than Friday, March 14. Space request forms are available on the Space Management website at [www.csus.edu/aba/space](http://www.csus.edu/aba/space).

Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs

**Annual training for building coordinators/floor marshals**

There will be a training session from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. It will cover:

- Program overview and history
- Multi-hazard plan/building emergency action plan
- ICS/interaction with first responders
- Responsibilities of building coordinators, floor marshals and faculty
- Evacuation procedures/rally areas and evacuation chairs
- Shelter-in-place?
- IFAN
- ENS
- Web pages and info

All members of the Building Emergency Preparedness Teams, building coordinators, floor marshals and faculty who have responsibility during a disaster or emergency should attend. Register by sending an email to Bill Gnagy at gnagywb@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by University Police

**Campus disaster/emergency preparedness training**

During the first year of employment and every three years thereafter, Sacramento State faculty, staff and student employees must attend a two-hour presentation on what to expect during a disaster/emergency on campus and how to react to it. The training is mandated by the state and the CSU. Attendees will receive an overview of:

- The campus Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan
- The campus emergency response and management groups
- The important role of faculty in emergency response
- Evacuate or shelter requirements
- Campus Emergency Notification Systems
- The Disaster Service Worker program
- Home emergency preparedness

The next training times and dates are 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, March 6, and 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 10, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Seating is limited to the first 150. Attendance is required at only one session. Register with gnagywb@saclink.csus.edu or on LearnerWeb at [https://learnerweb.saclink.csus.edu/csusenterprise/](https://learnerweb.saclink.csus.edu/csusenterprise/).

Submitted by University Police

**Violence in the workplace prevention training**

This training is a one-hour presentation of information regarding University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention, reporting practices and available resources. The course will give attendees information on how to prepare for, recognize, document and report incidents in their respective areas. Materials will be provided.
Class participation is required by Cal-OSHA and the University; all faculty, staff and student employees need to attend the training every three years. All training will take place in University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Upcoming trainings are:

- 9-10 a.m. Thursday, March 27
- 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 9
- 9-10 a.m. Thursday, May 8
- 9-10 a.m. Monday, May 12

To RSVP for the training, please email barnettkj@csus.edu or register on LearnerWeb at https://learnerweb.saclink.csus.edu/csus_enterprise/.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) budget call
The 2014-15 Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) call for proposals is posted at www.csus.edu/aba/admin-ops/ira.html. If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Vice President for Administration/CFO at 278-6312 or via email at sfuson@csus.edu or kem@csus.edu.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

IRA Workshops coming soon
Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) funds are available for 2014-15. All programs requesting IRA funding should attend the IRA Workshops, designed to familiarize program advisors with the process, priorities and criteria for IRA funding.

Please RSVP to Serena Fuson at sfuson@csus.edu or by calling 278-6312. Questions should be directed to Kem Gravenberg, VP/CFO Designee to the IRA Committee, at kem@csus.edu or 278-5809. A choice of two workshops is being offered to accommodate teaching schedules:

- 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, March 11, Sacramento Hall Room 161
- 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, Sacramento Hall Room 161

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/02/ProfessionalActivities02-10-14.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

Learning Management System informational event
ATCS and IRT invite faculty to a Learning Management System informational event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 7, in Del Norte 1010. The program will include presentations by Blackboard leaders outlining key features of the system, particularly those that have teaching and learning potential but are typically lesser-known, and presentations by Sac State faculty showing examples of best practices in courseware. ATCS also will introduce the eAcademy Online, a new, asynchronous, self-paced online program that will assist faculty in converting courses to fully online. There will be ample opportunities for Q&A for all presenters, and lunch will be provided.
We hope many faculty will be able to join us. Please RSVP to bayardj@csus.edu no later than Tuesday, March 4, so we can make sure we have a lunch for you.  
Submitted by Academic Technology and Creative Services, and Information Resources and Technology

Security tip: Be very careful of ‘insider-type’ crimes
A study of criminal prosecutions found an average associated financial loss of $3 million per incident for "social engineering" or “insider-type” crimes. Many institutions, including universities, were targets of these types of crimes. Almost 90 percent of the crimes began with attackers logging onto accounts with IDs they obtained inappropriately. While IDs are sometimes illegally obtained by the use of passwords, such as cracking programs, many are obtained “the old-fashioned way” – by collusion with people within the institution who share IDs and passwords, sometimes simply for convenience.  
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Benefits workshops
The Office of Human Resources – Benefits is sponsoring the following retirement and financial planning workshops. If you are interested in attending one of the workshops, please go to the Benefits Office Workshops website at http://www.csus.edu/hr/departments/benefits/workshops.html to view the schedule, find specific registration information and download a copy of each workshop flier. Please review the workshop flier before registering to ensure that the specific workshop fits your needs. You are required to secure the approval of your supervisor prior to registration.

- CalPERS Planning Your Retirement: 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, March 4, University Union, Foothill Suite. Register online through MyCalPERS at https://my.calpers.ca.gov. Go to the Education Resources tab >> View Classes >> Planning Your Retirement (CSU Sacramento) or call the CalPERS Customer Contact Center at (888) 225-7377. For your convenience, CalPERS has provided online versions of the CalPERS Planning Your Retirement workshop. Go to the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov and under Online Services click Member Education.

- Tax Sheltered Annuity 403(b) Office Hours – VALIC: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 7 (by appointment only), Del Norte Hall 3004. Contact Dane Sincere at Dane.Sincere@valic.com to schedule an appointment.


Managers and supervisors are asked to please distribute this information to employees in your departments who do not have access to email. Please post conspicuously and provide copies in your employees’ mailboxes. For questions or comments, contact the Office of Human Resources – Benefits, Del Norte Hall, Room 3004, or call 278-6213.

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.