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News

**Festival of the Arts starts this week, on and off campus**
Sacramento State’s annual Festival of the Arts kicks off this week. Join the College of Arts and Letters for five days of creative performances, exhibits, lectures, and master classes showcasing the region’s creative and cultural excellence. Highlights of the festival, which begins Wednesday, April 8, include:

- The first U-Create!, a street faire in downtown Sacramento to celebrate faculty and student projects. President Alexander Gonzalez will give the keynote speech at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9.
- BANDALOOP, a pioneer in vertical performance, will give an exhilarating performance along the outside walls of the University Library on Friday, April 10.
- Sunday Funday is an open house for the College of Arts and Letters with free admission and free parking in Parking Structure II. The family-friendly event includes a kids zone, live performances, cultural events, and two more performances by BANDALOOP.

More information about the festival can be found at [www.csus.edu/festival](http://www.csus.edu/festival).

Submitted by the College of Arts and Letters

**Graduate Research Interaction Day coming this week**
To showcase the emerging excellence of graduate education at Sacramento State, and as part of Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (April 6-10), the Office of Graduate Studies and Academic Affairs proudly announce Graduate Research Interaction Day, Wednesday, April 8, an opportunity for graduate students (current master’s and doctoral students from all disciplines) to present their work in oral or poster presentation format and to obtain feedback from a diverse audience (peers, faculty, community members, etc.).

The presentation schedule and further information can be found at [www.csus.edu/gradstudies/GradProfessionalAppreciation.html](http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/GradProfessionalAppreciation.html). Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend the various student presentations at the University Union. For questions, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 278-6470.

Submitted by the Office of Graduate Studies

**Professor Catherine Turrill earns prestigious award**
Professor Catherine Turrill, Art Department, has been selected as the recipient of the Yvonne Captain Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education. The honor is awarded annually by Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars, and will be given out at Phi Beta Delta’s 2015 conference on Thursday, April 23, at CSU San Bernardino. The late Professor Tom Knutson was the last Sacramento State faculty member to receive this award (2007). Turrill is the president and interim coordinator of Sacramento State’s Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, as well as regional vice president for Phi Beta
Delta’s Western Region. For more information about Phi Beta Delta, go to www.phibetadelta.org.

Submitted by the Art Department

Celebration of life for Naomi Thomas is April 24
Come celebrate the life of Naomi Thomas with the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies with stories and song from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the Alumni Center. Refreshments will be served. For more details, call 278-6504.

Submitted by the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Guest speaker will provide overview of Hispanic-Serving Institutions
The Serna Center Speaker Series will present Erica Romero, speaking on “Hispanic-Serving Institutions 101,” from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, in the University Union, Forest Suite.

Romero serves as the senior executive director of Western States Legislative Affairs for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). As the founding executive director of the first regional office, she advocates for policies that benefit Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Hispanic students in Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. These policies include adequate funding for higher education, state financial aid, and programs to ensure access and success for Latino students. Romero also works with HACU’s Federal Government Relations Office to promote similar federal policies.

Her lecture will provide an overview of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) eligibility, funding opportunities for HSIs, the differences between serving and enrolling Hispanic students, and the state and federal policy implications to consider when emerging as an HSI. Romero also will make recommendations on how to approach HSI eligibility and access to new funding.

RSVP for the event directly to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-serna-center-speaker-series-presents-erica-romero-hsis-101-tickets-16254287010. If you have questions, please contact the Serna Center at serna-04@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Serna Center

This Week in One World
• Nammour Symposium: The Department of Philosophy will present the 2015 symposium on Wednesday, April 8, and Thursday, April 9. This year’s theme is “Happiness.” Sessions will take place in The WELL’s Terrace Suite. For details, contact Kyle Swan at kyle.swan@csus.edu. The complete symposium schedule can be found at www.csus.edu/cppe/symposium/nammour_2015_Happiness.html.
• The annual George Rich Colloquium: “So ... What Exactly Makes People Happy? Recent Findings from the Social Sciences” will be presented by Public Policy and Administration Professors Edward Lascher and Robert Wassmer, and Ngan Tran of Covered California, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Alumni Center; reception to follow. For further information, contact the Department of Anthropology at 278-6452.
• ALLot (A Long List of Things): The film will be shown as part of the Festival of the Arts at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 11, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium.

Submitted by One World

Friends of the Library lecture features two Sac State faculty
The Friends of the Library invite the campus community and the public to the final Author Lecture Series presentation of this academic year at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Library Gallery. The event is free and open to the public. Faculty members Lee M.A. Simpson and
Chris Castaneda will talk about their book, *River City and Valley Life: An Environmental History of the Sacramento Region*.

Simpson, a professor of history and director of the General Education Honors Program, is the author of *Selling the City: Women and the California Growth Machine, 1880-1920* and *Fair Oaks, California*. Her current research explores the work of various judges in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to preserve courthouses.

Castaneda, also a professor of history, has conducted extensive research on the history of the U.S. energy industry with a focus on natural gas. He is author of several books, including *Gas Pipelines and the Emergence of America’s Regulatory State: A History of Panhandle Eastern Corporation, 1928-1993* and *Invisible Fuel: a History of Manufactured and Natural Gas in America, 1800-2000*.

**Mathematics and Statistics’ annual Integration Bee coming Friday**

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics holds an Integration Bee every spring semester. This is similar to a traditional spelling bee, except that competitors compute integrals from calculus instead of spelling words. This year’s event will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 10, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. The Integration Bee attracts large numbers of STEM majors and is open to the public. This year, we expect to have door prizes for all attendees, with a raffle for special prizes for those who make the final round (about nine contestants). The top three competitors will win monetary prizes.

This year, we also will begin an inscribed plaque with winners’ names to display in the Math Department. The event is sponsored by the Math Club and includes a pizza party.

Submitted by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics

**Play tackles issues of race and immigration**

The Community Engagement Center invites the campus community and the public to a free performance of *Amnesia*, a new play about race and immigration, written and performed by Ariel Luckey and directed by Susannah Martin, with music by Lila Sklar, from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 13, in University Union Ballrooms I and II.

Layering theater, dance, spoken word, and an original score inspired by hip-hop, Klezmer and Mexican folk music, *Amnesia* tells the story of a young man who retraces his family’s migration from a small village in Eastern Europe through New York’s Lower East Side to Phoenix, only to find that the violence his family fled cannot be so easily forgotten.

Co-sponsors include the Serna Center, the Women’s Resource Center, the PRIDE Center, the Multi-Cultural Center, the Full Circle Project, First Year Experience Programs, the College of Continuing Education, the College of Arts and Letters, the Department of Theatre and Dance, the Festival of the Arts, and Rabbi Mona Alfi (Congregation B’nai Israel).

A question-and-answer session with the playwright will immediately follow.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

**Ken Kerri Endowment Fund Luncheon is April 15**

The Department of Civil Engineering will host the seventh annual Ken Kerri Endowment Fund Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Alumni Center.

This year’s keynote speaker is Sacramento Assistant City Manager John Dangberg, who will be joined by David Friedman, president of Fulcrum Properties, to discuss work on Sacramento’s new Entertainment and Sports Complex.
The luncheon also offers an opportunity for regional industry professionals, alumni, and students to network before and after the keynote address.

The Ken Kerri Endowment Fund Luncheon is held during the Department of Civil Engineering’s celebration of Alumni Week, when some student classes are visited by alumni who are civil engineering professionals and can offer advice and unique career experiences. The fund supports faculty and student enrichment activities. More information is available at www.ecs.csus.edu/ce.

Some individual tickets are available, but seating is limited. RSVP to the Department of Civil Engineering at 278-6982 by Friday, April 10.
Submitted by the Department of Civil Engineering

Campus Earth Day celebration promises sustainable walking tours
Get to know your sustainable campus better during Sac State’s 2015 Earth Day celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 16. We are offering three opportunities to learn just how sustainable your campus really is with exciting and informative guided tours.

- 10:30 a.m. – Arboretum Tour (meets at the University Arboretum sign). Michael Baad, an emeritus professor of biological sciences and director of the University Arboretum, will lead an hourlong tour of the 3-acre botanical garden that boasts shrubs, trees, and herbaceous perennials from throughout the world.
- Noon – Campus Sustainability Walking Tour (meets in front of The WELL). Back by popular demand, this 45-minute walking tour will highlight Sacramento State’s many sustainable attributes that help put the green in Green and Gold.
- 1:30 p.m. – STORC Guided Tour (meets at the Sustainable Technology Optimization Research Center). This hourlong tour highlights the sustainable projects underway at STORC. Get up close and personal with cutting-edge technology, including a biodiesel production system, a solar water purification system, a bio-toilet, a food waste composter, an aquaponics system, storm-water research, and much more. An open house, self-guided exploration of STORC also is available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, please email sustainability@csus.edu.
Submitted by Sustainability at Sac State

Fourth Student Success Chat of the semester coming in April
The President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity and the Serna Center are hosting Student Success Chats throughout the spring semester in the Hornet Bookstore conference room. They are informal meetings with students, University faculty and staff, alumni and community leaders on topics connected to academic success. The chats provide a space for thought-provoking conversation that brings forth common perils of being a student and provides insight, tools for success, and a positive community to support growth and development.

Join us from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16, for our fourth chat, “The Fear of Going into the Real World.” The Serna Center will provide lunch for all who attend.
Submitted by the Serna Center

‘Communicating for Success’ event on April 17
Please help us disseminate the following information to all students: “Communicating for Success: Leveraging Language to Launch Your Career” will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, April 17, in the University Union, Redwood Room. The event is great for students in
any major; they can hear how language skills have helped local professionals grow their careers in health care, finance, law, and business. A diverse panel of local professionals is excited to share stories about how foreign language skills have helped them create successful careers. Students can meet with potential employers from finance, law, health care, and other fields. Now is the time to plan summer internships. Contact anne.goff@csus.edu with any questions.

Submitted by the Department of Foreign Languages

Center for Cal Studies’ visiting scholar to make Delta presentation
Join the Center for California Studies for a free presentation by our visiting scholar, Dr. Robert Benedetti, with Margit Aramburu, former director of the Nature Resources Institute at the University of the Pacific. The presentation, from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in The WELL’s Terrace Suite, regards efforts by the center and the Delta Protection Commission to illuminate and capture the 10,000-year history of the people, cultures, and heritage of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Topics include the literary and artistic heritage of the region, the impact of reclamation and restoration strategies, and the development of immigrant communities. Students, staff, and faculty are welcome to attend; light refreshments will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Alexandria Smith (Alexandria.Smith@csus.edu) or call us at 278-6906.

Submitted by the Center for California Studies

Asian Pacific Islander American Senior Success Recognition Celebration
The Full Circle Project at Sacramento State invites graduating students to participate in the second annual Asian Pacific Islander American Senior Success Recognition (APIA SSR) Celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 10, in the University Union Ballroom. At APIA SSR, graduating students can celebrate their successes and achievements with family and friends in an intimate setting.

APIA SSR requires no fees to participate. Graduating students will receive a unique graduation cord as a keepsake for participating. The event also will feature engaging speakers, an awards ceremony, and live cultural performances to celebrate the rich diversity of APIA culture. Additional information and online registration (required) can be found at http://csusapiagrad.wix.com/csusapiagrad.

Submitted by the Full Circle Project

Performances, workshops mark Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month
The Full Circle Project is delighted to share the Asian Pacific Islander Celebration Events programs for spring. We invite the campus community to engage and celebrate Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month by participating in a series of cultural performances and workshops in April and May. The main goal of these programs is to demonstrate that our campus represents a vibrant and diverse community of Asian Pacific Islander American students. For a schedule of events, visit www.facebook.com/events/1404665153182971.

Submitted by the Full Circle Project

Call for nominations: John C. Livingston Distinguished Faculty Lecture
The Faculty Senate is pleased to call for the nomination of faculty members to deliver the 2015-16 John C. Livingston Distinguished Faculty Lecture. The lecture traditionally is on a topic of general interest to the University community that is chosen by the Livingston lecturer. The faculty member will be selected this spring and will deliver the lecture during the fall semester at a convocation held in his or her honor. This award recognizes a sustained and unique contribution to the campus community in providing intellectual leadership and has important significance to the life of the University. Nominations are due by noon Monday, April 13, and are to be submitted via email to kathy.garcia@csus.edu. The
University Staff Assembly seeks committee nominations

The University Staff Assembly strives to strengthen staff contributions to the campus community and seeks nominations to several campus committees that have openings for staff representation. More information about these committees and positions may be found at www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/election.html. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit the following to usa@csus.edu by 5 p.m. Friday, April 10:

- The nominee’s name
- Phone extension
- Department
- Email address
- A brief explanation of why the nominee should sit on the committee

If you are nominating someone, please obtain his or her permission and the permission of his or her supervisor and HEERA designee before submitting the name. If you are nominating yourself, please obtain permission from your supervisor and HEERA designee. Permission via email is acceptable. Elections will commence once all nominees have been confirmed.

The voice of the staff on campus is invaluable. Please consider serving the staff and the University.

Submitted by the USA Election Committee

Building coordinator/floor marshal training

Annual two-hour training sessions will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, and Tuesday, June 2, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. They will cover the following:

- 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
- Active shooter preparedness
- IFAN
- ENS
- Web pages and information

Attendance is mandatory for all members of the building emergency preparedness teams, building coordinators, floor marshals, and faculty who have responsibilities during a disaster or emergency. Seating is limited to the first 150. Register by emailing gnagywb@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by Sacramento State 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
• The campus Emergency Notification System
• The Disaster Service Worker program
• Active shooter response

Sessions will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, and Wednesday, June 3, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Seating is limited to the first 150. Attendance is required at only one session. Register by emailing grazywb@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by Sacramento State Police

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

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2015/03/ProfessionalActivities03-09-15.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate calendar is available at www.csus.edu/acs.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Online information security training available
Given the many news stories about security breaches jeopardizing our personal identity information, we all are painfully aware of the need for vigilance in protecting confidential campus data. You may also be aware that both California law and CSU policy require all CSU employees to complete training on confidential data security and privacy.

To assist Sacramento State employees with protecting confidential data and meeting this requirement, IRT is making web-based data security and privacy training available through My Sac State. To access the training:

• Log on to My Sac State with your SacLink ID
• Go to the Employee Center channel on the Home tab
• Click on the “Data Security and Privacy” link.

Follow the instructions to complete the online training, then complete the confidentiality certification form and you are done. Completion of this course will help you safeguard your personal information as well as University data for others that you access and use in your work.
All campus employees (including student employees) will receive separate email reminders about the need to complete this training before the end of this school year. If you have questions or feedback regarding the data security and privacy training, please contact the Information Security Office at iso@csus.edu.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Security tip: Be very careful with emails
Email communications – even internal emails – are inherently insecure because they can be readable as they travel over the network. When sending any email, consider how you can keep information from falling into the wrong hands. This can include determining precisely who needs to see the information and sending it only to that person; considering other forms of communication that might be more secure, such as the mail or hand-delivering a paper or electronic copy; or encrypting the email.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Summer work schedule
This summer, in an effort to conserve energy, we will continue the practice of a modified work schedule with normal business hours for the campus of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. These hours will be effective Tuesday, May 26, and continue through Friday, Aug. 21. As always, authorized supervisors may modify individual work schedules to address special situations.

As in past summers, this schedule enables the University to realize substantial budget savings by reducing energy consumption during the late afternoon hours when energy demand is highest. We hope that this change will also permit many of our employees to get the most from the longer summer days.

If you have any questions or concerns that cannot be answered by your supervisor or manager, please contact Veronica Hodge, associate vice president for 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:

- Monica Patterson, Mail Services
- Noreen James, Center for Collaborative Policy