



April 10, 2017

2016-17 Outstanding Faculty Awards

The Faculty Senate congratulates the recipients of the 2016-17 Outstanding Faculty Awards for Outstanding Teaching, University Service, Scholarly and Creative Activity, and Community Service.

Outstanding Teaching Awards:

- Al Levin, Graduate and Professional Studies in Education (EDU)
- Amy Mickel, Management (CBA)
- Darla Hagge, Communication Sciences and Disorders (HHS)
- James DeShaw Rae, Government (SSIS)
- Kevin Cornwell, Geology (NSM)
- Michele Foss-Snowden, Communication Studies (A&L)

Outstanding University Service Awards:

- Brian Baldus, Marketing and Supply Chain Management (CBA)
- Kristen Tudor, Communication Studies (A&L)
- Ron Coleman, Biological Sciences (NSM)

Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Awards:

- Andras Domokos, Mathematics and Statistics (NSM)
- Andrey Mikhailitchenko, Marketing and Supply Chain Management (CBA)
- Mark Williams, Communication Studies (A&L)
- Porfirio Loeza, Graduate and Professional Studies in Education (EDU)
- Smile Dube, Economics (SSIS)

Outstanding Community Service Awards:

- Ernest Uwazie, Criminal Justice (HHS)
- Judi Kusnick, Geology (NSM)
- Michelle Stevens, Environmental Studies (SSIS)

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. Tuesday, April 18, in University Union Ballroom III.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Recipients of University Awards for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

The Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee of the Faculty Senate and the Office of Research Affairs are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 University Awards for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity. Brendan Lindsay, assistant professor of history, has been named the Early-Career Faculty recipient, and Jamie Kneitel, professor of biological sciences, has been named the Senior Faculty recipient.

We will celebrate their outstanding achievements at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. The awardees will present talks highlighting their recent research projects. A reception will follow at 6 p.m. at Epicure Restaurant. Please join us to celebrate the work of our distinguished faculty. Congratulations, Dr. Lindsay and Dr. Kneitel!

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs and the RCA Faculty Senate Subcommittee

WASC re-accreditation team will be on campus this week

The re-accreditation process is an important reflection of the quality of our University and our commitment to students and the Sacramento region. As part of this process, the WASC team will be on campus Tuesday through Thursday, April 11-13. The group will tour the campus, meet with individuals, and hold informal open meetings for faculty, staff, and students. These open meetings will take place from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday in the University Union. Participation is encouraged. For more information on the re-accreditation process and the WASC team, or to see the institutional report submitted last year, visit csus.edu/acaf/wasc.

Submitted by Academic Affairs

Elena Larson named director of the Bursar's Office

Administration and Business Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of Elena Larson as director of the Bursar's Office. Elena has more than 26 years' experience at Sacramento State. She previously was the interim director and has been a member of the Bursar's Office (formerly known as Accounts Receivable and the Student Financial Services Center) for 19 years. She began at Sac State in 1990 in the Financial Aid office and moved to the Bursar's Office in 1998 as a financial advisor in Collections. Prior to serving as interim director, Elena was assistant director and Collections manager for 12 years.

Elena has grown the "Your Money Matters!" financial literacy initiative and also has served as president of the regional professional association, PacWest SFS. She is a Hornet alumna and holds degrees in education, liberal studies (BA), and behavioral science (MA). Please join us in congratulating her on her new permanent role.

Submitted by the Office of the Associate Vice President for Financial Services

New CourseLeaf 2017-18 University Catalog is live

The 2017-18 CourseLeaf University Catalog has officially launched with a fresh, new design and improved navigation and search functionality. If you haven't checked it out, visit catalog.csus.edu. The Leapfrog CourseLeaf Project, led by a cross-functional team including administration, faculty, and staff, is a dual-phased plan that has successfully transitioned the University Catalog to an online format, with the next phase being CourseLeaf Curriculum Workflow. Scheduled for Fall 2017 launch, Curriculum Workflow will automate the current paper process (i.e., Form A and Form B) for curriculum management. These projects are part of the "Graduation Ecosystem" (csus.edu/smartplanner/assets/documents/relationship-map.pdf) supporting the Student Success and Completion Initiative. To learn more and for project updates, visit csus.edu/curriculumworkflow.

Submitted by Academic Affairs

Visiting scholar from Puebla, Mexico, to speak about native Náhuatl philosophy

The Center for Teaching and Learning's Visiting Scholar Program today brings to campus Dr. José Nicolás Jiménez Escamilla from Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico, to speak about the Náhuatl philosophy and the struggles for identity formation and other issues in southern Mexico. His talk, also supported by the Doctorate in Educational

Leadership program, is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the University Union, Walnut Room. All are welcome.

Submitted by the Doctorate in Educational Leadership/College of Education

Join us Thursday for Sac State's Earth Day festivities

Come celebrate Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Main Quad, adjacent to River Front Center and Shasta Hall. This is an exciting opportunity to learn more about campus sustainability and what you can do to make a difference. Highlights of the campus Earth Day celebration include:

- Educational booths
- A thrift shop brought to you by the Sac State Greeks
- Food trucks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Live band: Petting Zoo, a sustainable dumpster funk band, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- A 45-minute University Arboretum tour (noon to 12:45 p.m.) led by Arboretum director Dr. Michael Baad; meet at the Arboretum sign
- Scooter the Clean Air Mascot will make an appearance between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- A surprise event put on by your Student Fashion Association
- A sustainable vehicles display
- Recycling collection of electronic waste, batteries, light bulbs, bottles and cans, ink and toner, cartridges, and select medications

And so much more! For more information, email sustainability@csus.edu.

Submitted by Sac State Sustainability

Join us for a free screening of *Love Thy Nature*

In celebration of Earth Day, Peak Adventures and UNIQUE Programs are proud to present a screening of *Love Thy Nature* at noon Wednesday, April 12, in the University Union, Redwood Room.

An award-winning film narrated by Liam Neeson, *Love Thy Nature* takes viewers on a cinematic journey through the beauty and intimacy of our relationship with the natural world. It shows that a renewed connection with nature is key not only to our well-being but also to solving our environmental and climate crises. Peak Adventures will hand out prizes, coupons, and chances for free trips. Come celebrate Earth Day and show your love for Mother Nature.

Submitted by Peak Adventures

Last in 'Historical Perspectives on America in Crisis' discussion series is Thursday

The Department of History is pleased to invite the campus community and members of the general public to a lunch-hour discussion series titled "Historical Perspectives on America in Crisis." The faculty-led panels are designed to encourage historically informed discussion of many of the critical issues capturing media headlines since the inauguration of President Donald Trump. The third and last in the series is on "Women's Activism and Reproductive Rights in Historical Perspective" from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the University Union, Forest Suite.

All events are free and open to the public. For a complete list of the panels and more, visit csus.edu/sacstatenews/briefing/documents/historicalperspectivesonamericaincrisis.pdf.

Submitted by the Department of History

A competition for all students: STRONG 2017 – deadline extended to Friday

Students will compete Friday, April 21, in STRONG 2017: Hornets Imagine Tomorrow's Solutions (csus.edu/strong) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Global Lounge and Library Art Gallery. This *Shark Tank*-style competition is open to all undergrad and grad students. It asks them to research a problem within their major or desired career field and propose a solution to employers across many disciplines. (See community partners at csus.edu/strong/communitypartners and campus partners at csus.edu/strong/campuspartners.) Incentives for students are the potential to win \$1,000 for work they already are doing, as well as interview practice and networking with Sacramento-area employers. Students are encouraged to submit projects they already are working on in classes. Please encourage students to sign up at csus.edu/STRONG by Friday, April 14!

Submitted by the Parents and Families Program

One World Initiative's end-of-year celebration coming next week

Please join us for the culmination of this year's celebration of "Global Perspectives on Inheritance" – and bring your students!

- The Student Symposium (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 17, University Union Ballroom III) will highlight a range of responses to the theme in posters and presentations. Refreshments will be served.
- The Faculty Panel (1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, April 17, University Union, Hinde Auditorium) will present "Understandings and Inquiries from Divergent Fields," with comments from Kim Mulligan, Saray Ayala-Lopez, EunMi Cho, and Michael Walker (moderated by Paula Austin).
- The keynote address (noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, University Union Ballroom III) will feature feminist, Chicana, queer activist, and author Cherríe Moraga. Her talk is titled "The Body Other/The Other(ed) Body: A Cultural Legacy of Dissent for Those Who Came Before and for Those Who Follow ..."

Submitted by the One World Initiative

Enter the 2017 Homecoming theme and design contest

The Office of University Advancement and the Sacramento State Alumni Association encourage all faculty and staff to use your creativity and school spirit to develop a Homecoming mark and theme that showcase Hornet pride! The winner will receive free entry in the annual golf cart parade (includes free golf cart rental and \$75 to use toward decorations), a \$40 gift card for the Hornet Bookstore, and Sac State promotional items. All entrants will receive a Homecoming 2017 T-shirt for participating.

Contest rules and requirements are at csus.edu/homecoming/2017design_contest.pdf. Submit your entry to homecoming@csus.edu. The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, April 17.

Submitted by University Advancement

The Hunting Ground screening and panel coming April 18

Human Resources, Women's Studies, and First Year Experience will present a screening of *The Hunting Ground*, a CNN film on sexual assault on college campuses, at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 18. Following the film, there will be a panel from Sacramento State Police, residence

halls, The WELL, Student Health and Counseling Services, and more at 3 p.m. to discuss this important issue. The screening and panel will be in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. This event is part of the Leadership Initiative.

Submitted by First Year Experience

International Education & Exchange: A Focus on Fulbright and China

This event from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in the Global Lounge (Library 1001) is for faculty interested in learning how to best frame a Fulbright application, for students interested in research and study abroad of a short- or long-term duration, and for those interested in China generally. It will feature presentations by James DeShaw Rae, faculty in the Department of Government and former Fulbright scholar; Veronica Damian-Maldonado, Sacramento State government major; Lauren Cunningham, Sacramento State economics major; and Nathan Keltner, former manager of the State Department's Fulbright program at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Submitted by the Department of Government

University Staff Assembly seeks committee nominations

The University Staff Assembly is seeking nominations for election/appointment to several campus committees that have openings for staff representation. More information about these committees and positions may be found at csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/election.html.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on one of these committees, please submit the following to usa@csus.edu by 5 p.m. Friday, April 21:

- Name
- Phone extension
- Department
- Email address
- A brief explanation of why that person should sit on the committee or why you would like to sit on the committee

If you are nominating someone, please obtain that person's permission and that 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

Bestselling author to lead writing workshops this month at CCE

Everyone has a tale worth telling and, maybe, even the makings of a great book. Just ask Davis native Franz Wisner, who was jilted at the altar but turned the experience into a *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *Honeymoon with My Brother*. Wisner has helped hundreds of aspiring writers unleash their inner story, and he will lead two writing workshops this month at the College of Continuing Education. His Brand Storytelling Workshop is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and his Memoir Writing Workshop follows from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29. For more information and to register for these and other workshops: cce.csus.edu/workshops.

Submitted by the College of Continuing Education

2017 McNair Research Symposium coming April 24

The effort and creativity of this year's McNair Scholars will be showcased in an afternoon of academic enrichment and scholarly exchange from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Scholars will introduce their individual research projects through oral and poster presentations. The poster presentation will be from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in the University Union, Redwood Room. Questions and discussion will follow each student's presentation. The campus community and the general public are invited to support the scholars' research efforts and celebrate their academic achievements.

Submitted by the McNair Scholars Program

Next Estate Planning 101 seminar is April 24

The Office of Planned Giving hosts Estate Planning 101 seminars throughout the year for members of the Sacramento State community who are considering their estate plans. Topics covered include wills, living trusts, estate taxes, probate, property and inheritance planning, special needs trusts, and charitable gift annuities.

The next Estate Planning 101 seminar will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the Leslie and Anita Harper Alumni Center. Reservations are required by Monday, April 17. RSVP to giving@csus.edu or 278-2577.

Please visit csus.planningyourlegacy.org for more information on planned giving or the dates of future seminars. If you are interested in making a gift through your will or estate, or you have questions regarding Estate Planning 101, please call the Office of Planned Giving at 278-6989.

Submitted by University Development

Please support fundraiser benefiting undocumented Sac State students

The Dreamer Resource Center is having its first fundraiser to benefit undocumented students and students from mixed-status families at Sacramento State from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Cafeteria 15L (1116 15th St). By purchasing a \$35 admission ticket, you can join President Robert S. Nelsen and the Dreamer Resource Center for an evening reception with appetizers and refreshments. Proceeds will provide funding for scholarships, student emergency grants, and programming that strengthens services and support for students.

To purchase a ticket, please visit csus.edu/aba/hornettickets or send a check via campus mail to River Front Center, campus ZIP code 6141. Please make checks payable to "Dreamer Resource Center at Sacramento State." If you are unable to attend but still want to support undocumented students, you can make a gift greater than \$35 to University Foundation at Sacramento State and write "Dreamer Resource Center" in the memo line.

Submitted by the Dreamer Resource Center

Advising seminar will address Keys to Degree, GE requirements

Are you interested in learning more about Sac State's Keys to Degree Toolbox and general education/graduation requirements? Have a burning question you've wanted to ask? The Academic Advising Center will host a campus-wide advising seminar to assist and empower you when advising. The seminar is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 27, in Lassen Hall 1013.

RSVP at csus.edu/acad/rsvpgeneral no later than Tuesday, April 25. The professional development objectives provide an overview of the "integrated suite of tools" available to

students, faculty, and staff, designed to assist with effective, comprehensive advising toward progress to degree and the general perspectives of the general education/graduation requirement. Please direct questions to My Sayamnath, assistant director, at msayamnath@csus.edu. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Academic Advising

Internship Awareness Week and the Fun in the Sun Internship Fair, April 24-28

The Career Center's Internship Awareness Week takes place April 24-28. The week is filled with employer presentations Monday through Thursday, offering students information on summer internship opportunities, as well as career readiness topics. All presentations will be held in the University Union, Forest Suite (second floor). Two presentations will be held at 10 and 11:30 a.m. daily. The week will end with the Fun in the Sun Internship Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 28, in the Library Quad. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with 50 companies and organizations that have summer internship opportunities. Visit csus.edu/careercenter/iaw/index for more information and the week's schedule.

Submitted by the Career Center

26th annual Africa/Diaspora Conference is April 27-29

Sacramento State's Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution will hold the 26th annual Africa/Diaspora Conference April 27-29. The theme will be "Power, Peace and Vulnerability in Africa/Diaspora: Toward Social Justice in National and International Development." The conference keynote lecture will be delivered from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, by Emira Woods, global client principal at ThoughtWorks in Washington and former co-director of foreign policy at the Foreign Policy Institute (Biography: csus.edu/sacstatenews/briefing/documents/emirawoodsbio2017.pdf). Other presentations by scholars, jurists, and policymakers from various parts of the United States, Africa, and Europe will follow through Saturday, April 29.

A welcome reception and reading of *Never Look an American in the Eye: A Memoir of Flying Turtle, Colonial Ghosts, and the Making of a Nigerian American* by Okey Ndibe will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. April 27. The conference presentation will include an April 27 workshop on U.S. Foreign Service careers and internships for students by Ambassador Dorothy Ngutter, diplomat-in-residence at UC Berkeley. All conference sessions and related activities will be at the University Union. The program will conclude April 29 with a screening of *Camp 72*, a film about peace and reconciliation in Liberia. The event is open to public and free to the campus community. A preliminary program is available at csus.edu/org/capcr/2017%20africa%20conference%20and%20peace%20awards/2017%20africa%20conference%20tentative%20program.pdf or by emailing capcr@csus.edu or calling 278-6282.

Submitted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

Annual Africa Peace Awards Dinner is April 29

Join the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution from 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 29, in the University Union Ballroom for the 26th annual Africa Peace Awards Dinner. Awardees are five exemplary couples from the Sacramento region and the Bay Area who are being recognized as role models for promoting healthy marriage relations: Eugene and Priscilla Elendu, Yohayada and Assumpta Mbangukira, Chinyere and Augustine Emodi, Walter and Grace Mulondo, and Fred and Persis Kyama. The keynote presentation will be made by Professor Pat Utomi, executive director and founder of the Center for Values in Leadership in Nigeria. Among numerous other credentials, Utomi is co-founder and a faculty

member of the renowned Lagos Business School-Nigeria. View his complete CV at csus.edu/sacstatenews/briefing/documents/patrickokedinachiutomicv.pdf.

General admission is \$55. Tickets can be purchased at commerce.cashnet.com/csusacevent. Click "Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR)."

Submitted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

Testing Center services during finals week

The Testing Center would like to remind faculty that the deadline for students registered with the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities to schedule their final exams at the Testing Center is Wednesday, May 3. Students are required to let instructors know when they have scheduled their exams. We also will offer two makeup test sessions, for a fee of \$6 to the student, during finals week – at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 17. Students must call us or visit our office ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

We would also like to encourage faculty to pick up exams taken during finals week (May 15-19) directly from our office to guarantee they will receive the exam(s) before grades are due. Please contact us at 278-6296 or testingcenter@csus.edu with any questions during our normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Submitted by the Testing Center

Faculty and staff Apple Appreciation Sale coming April 26

Faculty and staff are invited to join the Hornet Bookstore for Apple Appreciation Day, Wednesday, April 26, in-store only. Save up to \$250 on Apple devices. Call or email the Technology Department to reserve your items. Some restrictions apply; please contact store for details.

Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

Register for the Sac State 5K Fun Run: Mustache Edition

Please join us for the 2017 Sac State 5K Fun Run, a campus tradition! The ninth annual run will start promptly at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4. Students, faculty, staff, and community members of all ages are welcome to sign up. Use the coupon code MONDAYBRIEFING to receive \$3 off your registration. The code expires Friday, April 21. To sign up, get more information about the race, or volunteer, visit thewellatsacstate.com/events/5k.

Submitted by The WELL

Peak Adventures summer camps offer outdoor fun for kids

Give your kids a summer to remember! Peak Adventures offers weeklong outdoor youth camps for ages 9 to 17. We offer three camp options: Green and Gold Camp for ages 9 to 12, Adventure Camp for ages 12 to 15, and Expedition Camp for ages 13 to 17. At the Green and Gold Camp, activities include scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, games, water activities, and more. Adventure Camps host a new activity each day, ranging from the Challenge Center on campus to outdoor rock climbing and whitewater rafting. Expedition Camps involve a weeklong adventure hiking through Lassen Volcanic National Park, Point Reyes National Seashore, or Spooner Lake State Park. Drop them off in the morning with a lunch and let the adventures begin.

For more details or to register now, please visit peakadventures.org/youth_camp or call 278-6321. Camps are filling quickly, so remember to register your children today!

Submitted by Peak Adventures

Results of the Listening to Students Study available online

To learn more about the perspectives of students from a variety of backgrounds and educational paths, including this week's section, "Listening to Students' Thoughts on Campus Life," please visit csus.edu/saseep/listeningtostudents.

Submitted by the Department of Communication Studies

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 for, 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:

- 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, University Union, Foothill Suite
- 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 27, University Union, Hinde Auditorium
- 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 11, University Union, Hinde Auditorium

To RSVP for the training, please email barnettk@skymail.csus.edu.

Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Building coordinator/floor marshal training

Annual two-hour training sessions are scheduled for the following dates/times:

- 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, University Union, Hinde Auditorium
- 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 25, University Union, Hinde Auditorium

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 on LearnerWeb at csusac.learnerhall.com.

Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Campus disaster/emergency preparedness training

Two-hour overviews of disaster preparedness on campus have been scheduled for the following dates/times:

- 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 13, University Union, Hinde Auditorium
- 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, University Union, Foothill Suite

The training is mandated by the state and the CSU. All Sacramento State faculty, staff, and student employees must attend during their first year of employment and every three years thereafter. Seating is limited to the first 150. Register on LearnerWeb at csusac.learnerhall.com.

Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Faculty professional activities

The latest faculty professional activities are available at csus.edu/news/articles/2017/4/1/Professional-activities,-April-June-2017.shtml.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule

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

Human Resources

Summer hours begin May 30

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 are effective Tuesday, May 30, and continue through Friday, Aug. 18. 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 this change also permits many of our employees to get the most from the longer summer days.

If you have questions or concerns that cannot be answered by your supervisor or manager, please contact Chela Cholula, employee relations manager in the Office of Human Resources, at 278-6779 or cholula@csus.edu. Thank you.