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News

One World Initiative’s theme for 2013-14: Migration
The One World Initiative invites the campus community to participate in the 2013-14 theme, “Global Perspectives on Migration,” through inclusion in curricula, public events and student activities.

Migration is a social, political and economic issue: Human migration occurs in response to political and economic factors. The impact of migration includes issues of cultural diversity and assimilation, human trafficking, resource management, immigration policy and international relations. Scientists investigate migration in areas as diverse as gene migration in evolution and population genetics, plant and animal migration, and the chemical transport of material. And the experiences of migrants as well as the cultural exchange produced through migration are common themes in art, literature, music and dance.

To have your course or event added to the One World website and calendar of events, send information to oneworld@csus.edu. Visit our website at www.csus.edu/oneworld.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

Call for applicants: ‘Mastering the Role of the Moderator in Online Discussions’
This Summer Peer Learning Community is focused on helping faculty practice their online discussion-moderating skills. Co-facilitated by Dan Melzer, University writing and reading coordinator, and Carolyn Gibbs, ATCS fellow and eAcademy facilitator, the community is aimed specifically at new or relatively new faculty facilitators of online discussions.

In June, July and August, faculty in this community will focus on practicing and improving their moderating/facilitating skills, using their faculty colleagues as peer coaches. There are only two required face-to-face sessions – in late May and early September. For more information and an application, download the application at http://ctl.csus.edu or contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at ctl@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Call for participation: Constitution Week 2013
Each September, Sacramento State celebrates the signing of the U.S. Constitution with a week of activities and special events. In part, Sac State’s Constitution Week explores the Constitution as a contemporary guiding document through the examination of social issues. For our Fall 2013 event, the Community Engagement Center is seeking faculty and staff knowledgeable in constitutional law to serve as panelists, moderators and/or to advise in the content planning for our panel discussion, “Human Trafficking in the U.S.: Realities of Modern Day Slavery.” For more information or to get involved, please contact the student event coordinator, Kay, at 278-4610 or email cecenter@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center
Spring Sac Pack Drive is under way
The Community Engagement Center's Spring Sac Pack Drive continues through Friday, May 24. Donations of new or gently used school and art supplies will be distributed to youth in need through the center's local nonprofit community partners. Visit www.csus.edu/cec/sacpack for our donation wish list and more information. Please encourage fellow faculty, staff and students of all ages to donate. Donations can be dropped off at the center, Library 4028, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Sac State Serves: Volunteer opportunity
Faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to volunteer with Sac State Serves on Saturday, June 1, for the North Sacramento Family Resource Center’s Street Fair. The fair is a free, fun way to learn about health, safety and preventative community resources. Volunteers will assist with setup, booths and activities, refreshment stations and more. For more information or to sign up, visit www.csus.edu/cec/volunteer/.
Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Faculty Teaching Assignment Report updated
The Faculty Teaching Assignment Report is available on the Office of Institutional Research website. This report is based on the Academic Planning Data Base submitted to and approved by the Chancellor’s Office on the Census Date of Spring 2013. The report includes Fall 2012 and Spring 2013, and features detailed information regarding faculty teaching load, such as course sections, student course credits, section enrollment, student FTE and weighted teaching units (WTU) by individual faculty member and department.

To view the report, go to www.csus.edu/oir. Click on “Data Center,” then “Faculty: Special Reports.” For questions, please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 278-6566.
Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

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. This training will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium.

To RSVP for the training, please email barnettkj@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

Professional activities
The latest professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2013/04/ProfessionalActivities04-15-13.html.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate calendar for the Spring semester is available at www.csus.edu/acse. On that page, click “Calendar” on the right under “2012-13 Senate Info.”
Submitted by the Faculty Senate
Summer Academies returning
For the second time, high school students will come to Sacramento State this summer to explore various career paths and immerse themselves in the college experience through the Summer Academies. These short courses allow students to preview various fields before they attend college, so they get a better idea of what to expect and how they might plan their futures.

Two weeks of academies will be offered, each in an intensive one-week format. High school students can explore a diverse range of careers, including biotechnology, health care, robotics, fire service and fashion. Students who will enter the ninth grade in fall are eligible as well. Sessions are July 15-19 and July 22-26. For more information, please visit the Summer Academies website at www.cce.csus.edu/acads.
Submitted by the College of Continuing Education

Weight Watchers at Work
University Enterprises Inc. hosts weekly lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings. If you are interested in joining our summer series, please attend on Tuesday, May 14, in UEI’s boardroom, Suite 3010. You’ll learn about the program, the dues to join and how to get registered. For more information, please contact Nancy Blanton at 278-7006 or email her at nancyb@csus.edu.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Faculty/staff Summer Golf League
For the fifth consecutive summer, The WELL will be coordinating a 12-week fun and dynamic Summer Golf League for faculty and staff.

If you would like more information or to register for the league, please visit: http://sacstategolfleague.wufoo.com/forms/z7x3p3/.
If you have any questions, please contact Sean Basso at basso@saclink.csus.edu.
Submitted by The WELL

Security quick tip
University security can be compromised by installing software and downloading programs for personal use on campus computers. Peer-to-peer applications such as AIM, Yahoo Messenger, NaCentral Timeer and Gnutella allow users to share data with others outside the CSU network, creating an inherent risk of virus infection. The sharing of information may violate copyright laws. Spyware can also piggyback on software, including peer-to-peer applications. For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find contact information on its webpage at www.csus.edu/irt/is.
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Sabbatical Information Workshop
The Office of Human Resources will conduct its annual Sabbatical Information Workshop from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 17, in the Delta Room on the third floor of the University Union. The workshop will provide beneficial information for full-time faculty interested in applying for a sabbatical or difference-in-pay leave for the 2014-15 academic year. Seating is limited, so please RSVP by noon Wednesday, May 15, to Lorena Solis at lsolis@csus.edu. For questions about eligibility, please see Provision 27.2 of the Unit 3 Faculty Contract. For more information, please contact the Office of Human Resources at 278-6169.
**Summer hours**
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 28, through Friday, Aug. 23. As always, authorized supervisors may modify individual work schedules to address special situations as long as these basic hours are covered. It is important that offices are staffed during these announced hours.

As in past summers, this schedule enables the University to realize substantial budget savings by reducing energy consumption during the late afternoon 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 Kent Porter, associate vice president for Labor Relations and Compliance.

**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](http://www.csus.edu/hr/forms.html#disability) by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3002, or by calling 278-3522.

The following employee has been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Donna Redman-Fox, Science Educational Equity
Nguyet (Lynna) Vo, Health Services – Pharmacy