Book Topics Range From Allergies to Sufi Sages

Discovering the world of color is not always easy. Valerie Wheeler, professor of anthropology at CSUS, began to discover the true meaning of colors and self-discovery when, in the fall of 1997, she returned to campus not just as a professor of anthropology, but also as a beginning student of art. Aaron DeWall, an art major who has taken two of Wheeler’s anthropology courses, encouraged her to become a student again. He recommended Jack Ogden as the professor with whom to begin work.

“The experience was wonderful,” says Wheeler. “I began to learn about the process of doing. Art is in the doing.”

That is, Wheeler says, the process of doing or creating art is an important part. In the act of drawing and painting is the act of seeing. Art students must learn to draw what they see and not what they think they see. Artists should not put their cultural bias in what is being drawn, says Wheeler.

In the same way, when anthropologists study people they must learn to keep their cultural bias out of their research and try to take notes of what they see and not what their acculturated eye thinks it sees. It is in the doing that the anthropologist can see the people who are being studied. “The world judges you on the finished product,” says Wheeler.

But, Wheeler says, to understand the force of culture and what it is and how people learn it, is part of a process. A process that includes “doing.” Through the techniques Wheeler is learning in her art classes, she is looking at her own teaching methods in anthropology with new ideas. She is incorporating what she learns as an artist in her classroom.

Wheeler is trying to teach students of anthropology to understand this idea. As a visual thinker, Wheeler has gained more from art courses than she found the experience to be a “cherry on top. I am grateful to them all.” Wheeler has been teaching at CSUS since 1970 and feels that by once again becoming a student, she can relate better to students. She says she has had the opportunity to revitalize her own teaching methods and goals.

CSUS WROTE—Anita Peña, a speech pathology major, looks over the books for sale in the Hornet Bookstore which are written by CSUS faculty. An entire section is dedicated to such books.

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FACULTY AUTHORS

Professor Doubles as Undergraduate

High school students and state lawmakers will meet to discuss youth and violence at 10 a.m. Dec. 8 in the State Capitol Building Room 4202. The event is the latest in a series of town hall meetings on youth issues coordinated by the State Legislature and the LegSchool Project at CSUS. Among the topics will be causes of violence, policies that respond to violence, young people as victims of violence and violent images in entertainment.

Panelists will include students from Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville and Fairfax High School in Los Angeles, Senator Richard Polanco (D-Los Angeles), Assemblyman Jack Scott (D-Pasadena) and Senator David Kelley (R-Irwindale). Professor Barbara Arinstein of the CSUS College of Education will be the moderator. More than 100 students in the audience will be able to ask questions, including students from Reseda High School who will participate by telephone. The session will be broadcast on the California Channel and taped for later viewing.

The CSUS LegSchool Project promotes participation in government among high school students. More information is available by contacting Kolleen Ostgaard, LegSchool coordinator, at 278-6906.
**Facility Development Grant Recipients Announced**

Provost Jolene Koester has announced the first round of the Prohibitary Faculty Development Grant (formerly known as the Affirmative Action Grant Program). The grant provides grants (3 units of release time and $500 to at least one faculty from each College).

Applicants are reviewed by the Deans in order to promote facility development for new faculty and/or promote the pluralism goals of the Campus Strategic Plan (e.g. teaching strategies with different groups, studies of diverse communities, etc., or ABDs teaching an existing course). The following are new recipients for Spring 1999:

**Eugene D. Dammel**, civil engineering.

**Unreasonable Result Problems;** and

**Ernest Uwazie and Cec. Canton,** criminal justice, completed the final phase of an alternative dispute resolution project in West Africa in November.

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Faculty Authors Fill The Shelves

News Digest

Postal Rate Increases

The U.S. Postal Rate Commission has approved a postage rate increase that will raise the cost of first class letter mail to 33 cents on Jan. 10, 1999. The last increase occurred in 1995 when first class postage rose from 29 to 32 cents.

For budgeting purposes, current 98/99 and proposed 99/00 budgets should be adjusted to reflect this rate increase. Questions about the new postal rates should be directed to Michael Kalstein at 278-6783.

Campus Diversity Is Topic Dec. 8

Bertice Berry, an award-winning lecturer, doctor of sociology, stand-up comedian, and television host, will deliver a lecture, “Cultural Diversity on College Campuses,” at 11:45 a.m. Dec. 8 in the University Union Ballroom.

UNIQUE Programs and the Ethnic Greek Council are hosting the event to promote a better understanding between the many different cultures found on college campuses.

Berry is the host of USA Live, a USA Network daily live interactive talk show and has carved out a niche as a scholar with a message and a sense of humor. She received her Ph.D. in sociology in 1988 from Kent State University and has been honored as the 1992 “Lecturer of the Year,” by the National Association of Campus Activities. Berry has authored Bertice: The World According to Me, a collection of experiences, inspirations and insights, and is also an accomplished singer and starred in The Little Black Girl Who Did, based on her book. A book signing will immediately follow. More information is available at 278-6595.

Lecture on Feminist Gender and Race in American Politics

Micaela di Leonardo, who the Boston Book Review says “…critiques a stunning range of thinkers from Margaret Mead to… a slew of ‘feminist ethnographers’”, will speak at 1 p.m. Dec. 11 in the CSUS Multi-Cultural Center. “Gender and Race in American Politics: The Curious Case of Margaret Mead” is the topic of her talk sponsored by the anthropology department, ethnic studies departments, and the Multi-Cultural and Women’s Resource Centers.

di Leonardo is an anthropologist and women’s studies professor at Northwestern University near Chicago. She also has written and edited several books discussing feminist anthropology and ethnic experience including her most recent, Exotics at Home: Anthropology as Others, American Modernity and co-edited The Gender/ Sexuality Reader: Culture, History, Political Economy. The event is free. More information is available at 278-6101.

Visiting Scholar Directory Available

The 1998-1999 Directory of Visiting Fulbright Scholars and Occasional Lecturers is now available for viewing in the Office of International Programs. The directory may be used as a means of identifying Fulbright visiting scholars working at other institutions in the U.S. who can be invited to lecture on campus through the Occasional Lecturer Program. The program will pay for the scholar’s round-trip transportation to and from Sacramento. Department offices are responsible for local transportation, accommodations and meals for the lecturer.

More information is available from Monica Freeman in the Office of International Programs at 278-6686.

Recent Faculty Publications

CSUS faculty and emeritus faculty published works that are now or will soon be available in the Hornet Bookstore include:

Earline Ames, When Grandma Learned to Fly, A Flight Instructor’s Nightmare, 1998


Denise D. Cummins, Evolution of the Mind, 1998

Ken DeBow and John Syet, Power and Politics in California, forthcoming


Turan Gonen, Electrical Machines, 1998


Edwin L. Klingelhofer, Co-author, Taking Charge of Your Child’s Allergies, 1998

Herb Kutchins, Making Us Crazy, 1997; co-author, Aimez vous Le DSM? Le triomphe de la pyschiatrie americaine, 1998

Ted Lounsbury, But Will it Work? Stories, Institutions, and Automobile Insurance Reform in North America, forthcoming

Jeffrey Lustig, Intercultural Competence, 3rd edition, 1999

Mary Mackey, The Fires of Spring, 1998

Robert L. Marrone, Death, Mourn- ing and Caring, 1997


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Wheeler’s New Field

“I wish all faculty would start over again by taking some courses,” says Wheeler. “By going to the other side, the student side, we may reduce the generation gap in our classrooms.” Wheeler says the most exciting place on campus is the classroom, where the interaction between professor and student and the interaction between students themselves occurs.

“CSUS is rich in resources,” says Wheeler. “Why shouldn’t we faculty learn from each other? We have all this ability and brain power and we don’t even try. We barely tap into the resources we have.”

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Ernest G. Olson, Personal Development and Discovery Through Leisure, 1998
Xin Ren, Tradition of the Law and Law of the Tradition, 1997
Leigh Stephens, Covering the Community: A Diversity Handbook for Media, forthcoming
Elizabeth Strauss, editor, Primate Locomotion: Recent Advances, 1998
John Tumblyn, School Health Education Readings and Resources, 1998
Leah R. Vande Berg, Critical Approaches to Television, 1998
William J. Vizzardi, In the Crossfire: A Political History of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 1997
Lynn E. Wilcox, Sayings of the Sufi Sages, 1997

Bulletin Board

Catastrophic leave has been approved for Richard Francis, learning skills at Oby Washington, mail services.

CSUS employees may donate up to a maximum of 16 hours of vacation or sick leave per fiscal year to employees who have been approved for the catastrophic leave program. If employees are interested in donating time, donation forms are available in the Benefits Office, Sacramento Hall 253 or by calling 287-6213.

Ongoing

CSUS Graphic Design Program exhibit, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., (5-8 p.m. Wed.-Thurs.), University Union Exhibit Lounge. Continues to Dec. 17.

Monday, Dec. 7

“The Political Implications of Higher Voter Turnout,” lecture by Ray Wolfinger, UC Berkeley, 4 p.m., University Union Oak Room.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Friday, Dec. 11

“Renaissance Society forum, “Creativity on Demand - Flourishing in the Arts” by Brenda Walton, designer and illustrator, 3 p.m., MND 1005.

Astronomical observatory viewing, 7-9 p.m., 4th floor Amador Hall, weather permitting. Call 278-6268 for voice message confirmation.

Winter Jazz Festival featuring the CSUS Vocal Jazz Ensemble with vocalist Bobbe Norris and the Larry Dunlap Trio, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall; 56 general, $4 students/seniors, tickets available at the door or through all BASS Ticket Centers.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Winter Jazz Festival, 7 p.m., University Union Auditorium; 56 general, $4 students/seniors, tickets available at the door or through all BASS Tickety Centers.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Procession of Carols with the CSUS Chorus, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church; 56 general, $4 students/seniors. Call 489-2985 or BASS Ticket Centers for advance tickets.

CSUS Horn Caroling, 8 p.m., MUS 143; 56 general, $4 students/seniors, tickets available at the door or through all BASS Ticket Centers.

Monday, Dec. 14

Monday Night Football, Detroit vs. San Francisco, 5 p.m., The Hive in the University Union.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Gold Rush Lecture, “Faces in the Crowd: The Individual in the Gold Rush” by Patricia Nelson Limerick of the University of Colorado, 7 p.m., Sacramento Central Library’s Tsakopoulos Library Galleria.

Thursday, Dec. 17

Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Library lower level).

Friday, Dec. 18

CSUS Winter Commencement Ceremonies at Arco Arena: College of Education, 1 p.m.; College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, 3:30 p.m.; College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, 6 p.m. Doors open one-half hour prior to ceremony. Call 278-4724 for more information.

Saturday, Dec. 19

CSUS Winter Commencement Ceremonies at Arco Arena: College of Health and Human Services, 9-10 a.m.; College of Business Administration, 11 a.m.; College of Arts and Letters, 2 p.m.; College of Engineering and Computer Sciences, 5 p.m. Doors open one-half hour prior to ceremony. Call 278-4724 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 2

Men’s basketball vs. Weber State, 2 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Library lower level.

Friday, Jan. 8

Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Library lower level.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Men’s basketball vs. Idaho State, 2 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Monday, Jan. 25

Martin Luther King celebration. Call 278-6101 for information.

Monday, Jan. 27

Gold Rush Lecture, “Where Have All the Young Men Gone? The Social Legacy of the Gold Rush” by Elizabeth Jameson of the University of New Mexico, 7 p.m., State Archives Auditorium.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Men’s basketball vs. Montana State, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Technology Fair, call 278-6101 for information.

Friday, Feb. 4

Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Library lower level.

Faculty Senate

Monday, Dec. 12

3 p.m., General Education Policies/Graduation Requirements Committee, SAC 275
3 p.m., Faculty Endowment Fund Committee, SAC 150
Tuesday, Dec. 12

10 a.m., Pedagogy Enhancement Awards Subcommittee, SAC 275
3 p.m., Executive Committee, SAC 275
Wednesday, Dec. 12

3 p.m., General Education Course Review Subcommittee, SAC 275
Thursday, Dec. 12

3 p.m., Faculty Senate, University Union Football Suite
Tuesday, Dec. 15

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee, SAC 275