Hurley Tackles Consumer Rights in Eastern Europe

A mericans take things for granted—physicians are licensed and products are safe, and if they’re not, there’s an agency to turn to. Those kinds of protection don’t always exist in the newly democratic countries of the former Soviet Union, says Robert Hurley, a CSUS criminal justice professor. Hurley has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholar grant to the recently independent Republic of Georgia, where he’ll teach criminal justice courses and American-style consumer protection, such as how to set up licensing procedures and avenues for complaint resolution. In January, Hurley heads to the University of Tbilisi in the Georgian capital.

The trip is an extension of Hurley’s civic education efforts in formerly communist countries. He and other CSUS professors work with government officials at the city and county levels, helping them to be more democratic.

CSUS faculty members have worked in this area for seven years. Hurley’s courses at the University of Tbilisi will be taught in English.

Hurley’s four grown children will turn to. Those kinds of protection don’t always exist in the newly independent Republic of Georgia. Hurley and wife Margaret McNally-Hurley, a CSUS government lecturer, adopted the brother and sister from a Russian orphanage three years ago. Though the children speak Russian, not Georgian, most Georgians speak Russian as their second language, says Hurley. The Hurleys’ four grown children will remain in the United States.

Hurley will stay in Georgia until August, combining his Fulbright experience with a sabbatical. He hopes to develop some international criminal justice courses. He has a special interest in examining delinquency among orphaned children in the former Soviet Union.

Since the fall of communism,...
**Scholarship**

**Correction: Rita Cameron-Wedding**, women’s studies, was named to the California Commission on the Status of Women by Gov. Gray Davis. President Donald R. Gerthe congratulated her on the appointment.

**Michael Hatter**, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, gave a presentation on “Community-Based Interdisciplinary Clinical Education” at the Association of Schools of Allied Health conference in Atlanta. Hatter and Associate Dean Marilyn Hopkins had an abstract of the presentation published in the proceedings.


**John Hester**, engineering and computer science emeritus, received the 1999 Outstanding Achievement Award from Tri-State University.

**Celeste Rosser-Ree-McKibbin**, speech pathology and audiology, had her article “Service Delivery to Asian-American Families: Principles and Practices,” published in CSOA Magazine.

**Elaine O’Brien**, art, organized a panel on new art history and contemporary art of memory for Barnard University’s 10th Feminist Art and Art History Conference in New York Oct. 30. O’Brien’s paper, “Lot’s Wife: Maria Velasco, Claudia Bernardi, and Me,” examined the relationship between artist and artist when the subject for both is the recent past.

**Craig A. Kelley**, management, had his article, “A Note on Applying Price and Non-price Restraint Antitrust Cases to E-commerce Marketing,” published in Advances in Marketing: Theory, Practice and Education.

**Mare M. Henneky, Jr.**, English, will have his essay “‘Like or No Like’: Figuring the Scapegoat in A Tale of Two Cities” published in Dickens Studies Annual: Essays on Victorian Fiction.

**Shirley Ann Wilson Moorhouse**, history, received the President’s Award for Research and Creative Activity. Her book, To Place Our Deeds: The African American Community in Richmond, California, 1910-1967, was published by the University of California Press in October. On Nov. 5 she presented a paper, “Blues Clubs and Black Women,” at the fourteen annual California Studies Conference, “Music as a Reflection of Culture, Time, and Place,” in Cupertino.


**Grants**

**Xia Ren**, criminal justice, and two colleagues received a two-year $150,000 grant from the National Institute of Justice to complete a delinquency birth cohort study in China.

**Jo Hernandez**, criminal justice, received a community Service Learning Award for the 1999-2000 academic year. He will receive up to $1,000 to assist in adding a community-based component to his courses.

**Student Spotlight**


**Mario Estioko**

Graphic design professor Mario Estioko is accustomed to being in the University’s classrooms. Only he’s a little more used to taking notes than giving lectures. Estioko made the switch from student to teacher this fall, after graduating in May with a master’s degree in digital animation. He also earned his bachelor’s degree at the University in graphic design.

As a CSUS alumus, Estioko says he can lend his students understanding ear and better lead them into the new graphic age of interactive media and Web design. “I have a special connection with CSUS students,” Estioko says. “I’m not necessarily going to cut them slack, but I know how it is. It’s not going to be as easy as they think it will be.”

During his studies, Estioko gained teaching experience as an instructor for the University of California, Berkeley and University of California, Davis extension, where he still teaches color theory and applications, and applied computer graphic design. Before that, he taught as a community education instructor at Sierra Community College and Utah Valley Community College.

A father of four, it’s no surprise to Estioko’s graduate project was a digital animated children’s book “Beddy Boy Freezy.” But the Filipino-American has done plenty of work for “big people” too, including projects for General Mills, Clorox, Del Monte, Intel and Charles Schwab. One of the essential skills Estioko says he relays to his students is the importance of incorporating motion into their design work. “Movement is an element of design that creative people need to be fluent in right now,” Estioko says.

The world of graphics has become more than just paper and pen, Estioko says. Today, there are graphics on DVD, CD-ROM and the World Wide Web. “We have a whole new medium to play in,” the Rocklin resident says. “Almost everybody can do Web pages right now, but the people who are going to be left standing are the people who can do it well.”

The new director of international programs has the “international” part of his job down pat. Before arriving at CSUS this fall, Jack Godwin’s career took him to Honolulu; Sofia, Bulgaria; Cologne, Germany; Burundi, East Africa; and Gabon, West Africa.

In his new role Godwin manages a University-wide initiative to promote global education. His office also coordinates student services for the University’s international students, oversees faculty exchange programs and supervises study abroad programs. “I saw the job and I couldn’t not apply. It seemed so perfect,” Godwin says.

The global education initiative is a new direction for the Office of International Programs. “It’s a critical issue for the next generation of students,” Godwin says.

He compares it to computer literacy. Just as today’s students can’t graduate without a computer education, he says students shouldn’t be able to graduate without an international education. “Because of increasing global interdependence, advanced information technology and advanced transportation, more and more people are traveling both physically and electronically,” Godwin says.

And, he points out, there is increasing diversity within California’s borders as well. “Even if you don’t travel, you need intercultural skills,” Godwin says.

“It’s not just about job markets. We need to think what the world will be like 20 years from now.”

Godwin’s post at CSUS marks his return to California higher education. After earning a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Berkeley, Godwin earned a master’s degree in international business at San Francisco State University. “I’m a product of the system,” he says. “The time I spent at Pierce Community College in Los Angeles contributed directly to my success as an undergraduate in the UC system and as a graduate student in the CSU system.”

Following positions with the U.S. Peace Corps, the U.S. Agency for International Development and a multinational manufacturing corporation, he earned his doctorate degree in political science and international relations at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He went on to manage at university’s Pacific Asian Management Institute, a post he held until coming to CSUS.
Ostertag’s Lessons Reach Far Beyond Classroom

Bruce Ostertag was just 16, working as a camp counselor, when his life’s work began.

With no special training and barely any warning, young Ostertag was given responsibility for a group of campers with special physical needs. One woman was nearly blind and a number of them had other severe physical difficulties. They ranged in age from six to 19.

Instead of complaining, he made adjustments to the traditional camp activities. The group went on two-day overnight hikes instead of longer outings, they made other variations on familiar camping skills. Ostertag had never enjoyed a job so much.

“It was very rewarding to me, it just felt right,” Ostertag says.

The experience led him into teaching K-12 special education classes and eventually to the faculty of the CSUS special education, rehabilitation and school psychology department. Last year, he was the outstanding teacher in the College of Education.

“As a schoolteacher, I used real-life material, technology, humor – virtually anything I could use to grab the kids’ interests and help them learn,” Ostertag says. “In many ways, I use these same basic approaches today in teaching my graduate courses.

“I’ve been very fortunate,” Ostertag adds. “This work has provided me with great personal fulfillment.”

Ostertag brings to his position an almost religious zeal. He sees himself as both a university faculty member and as a community advocate for people with unique needs.

He volunteers often in area classrooms, helping special education teachers overcome obstacles or offering them new strategies. He arms current credential students with how-to manuals and tip-sheets he has created. And as he has since his experience as a camp counselor, he stresses that teaching children with special needs is usually the same as teaching a typical child – they simply need a bit of extra sometimes.

Bruce Ostertag

Scholarships Help Couple Pursue College Dreams

The student couple share their commute, notes, books and study time.

“We proof each other’s homework and projects, and we provide feedback for each other when rehearsing presentations for class,” Howard says.

When they aren’t cramming for an exam or debating the latest business article, the Solvins often spend time out away from their studies.

Howard and Angela say they specifically chose the University from a number of choices, and encourage others considering going back to school to do the same.

“Sacramento is a wonderful school for re-entry students,” Howard says. “We looked at a lot of other schools, but we chose Sacramento. There are a lot of re-entry students at this university so we feel completely comfortable.”

They will graduate together with their bachelor’s degrees in fall 2000.

“We’ll both be the first ones in our families to get our college degrees,” Howard says.

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News Digest

Retirement Planning Class

The California Public Employees’ Retirement System will hold a Retirement Planning Workshop Friday, Nov. 19. The workshop will be in Room 11 of the library, in the lower level of the South Wing, from 9 to 11 a.m. This is a repeat of the workshops held Oct. 14 and 19. It is designed for faculty and staff members who are considering retirement within the next five years.

To register, call the Benefits Office at 278-6213. It is not necessary to reserve a space if your name has already been placed on the waiting list.

Take a Vacation

CSUS employees must use any vacation hours in excess of the carry-

over maximum before Jan. 1 or forfeit them. The maximum allowable hours of vacation carry-over within the collective bargaining units are:

- Groups RO1, RO2, RO5, RO6, RO7, RO8 and RO9: up to 10 years of employment – 272 hours; more than 10 years – 384 hours.
- Groups RO3 and RO4: up to 10 years of employment – 320 hours; more than 10 years – 440 hours.
- Groups M80 (MPPs): up to 10 years of employment – 384 hours; more than 10 years – 440 hours.
- Continental Group: 384 maximum hours.

In addition, employees may take their personal holidays before Dec. 31 of each year.

Exceptions to the CSUS vacation carry-over policy must be approved by the President. A memorandum of justification for presidential review must be submitted to Faculty and Staff Affairs no later than Wednesday, Dec. 1. Details: Payroll Services, 278-6211.

Meet Director Candidate

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, members of the campus community are invited to meet with Katherine Morris, a candidate for the position of director of the Psychological Counseling Services and Employee Assistance Program.

The meeting will be in Lassen 3010 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Individuals who attend the meeting will be able to provide written input to Shirley Upinger, vice president for Student Affairs. Comments should be delivered to Lassen 3008 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 18.

Attention Faculty Authors

The CSUS Bulletin will be running a story on faculty members who have recently published books. We will use the Bookstore’s list of faculty authors. However, if you have not yet notified the Bookstore of a recent or upcoming book, please let us know at 278-6156 or whitlatch@csus.edu. Thank you.

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MACBETH – A courageous warrior, in pursuit of power, struggles with his fear of both the physical and moral consequences of murder in the department of theatre arts’ performance of William Shakespeare’s ‘Macbeth.’ The tragic tale of betrayal and witches’ predictions will be performed by the University’s theatre arts department Saturday, Nov. 18 through Sunday, Nov. 21 and from Thursday, Dec. 2 through Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Playwrights Theatre in Shasta Hall. Tickets are $10/general and $7 for CSUS students and are available at the Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS. Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. University drama professor Bob Smart left, will direct drama students Hans Wihardt and Nicole Hayes as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.

Consumers

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A campus tribute is being planned for Joe Serna Jr., longtime CSUS government and ethnic studies professor and mayor of the city of Sacramento. Serna died Sunday, Nov. 7.

The son of farm workers, Serna earned his bachelor’s degree at CSUS and joined the faculty here in 1970. He was serving his second term as mayor.

Serna requested that donations in his name be made to the United Farm Workers. The effort to collect donations on campus is being organized by the United States Information Agency and is designed “to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.” While in Georgia, Hurley will work under the USD State Department and have access to the U.S. embassy.

Hurley is an old hand at foreign travel. He’s been to both the U.S. State Department and has access to the U.S. embassy.

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