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News

Jody Nelsen to keynote Women of Influence awards on Tuesday

You are cordially invited to the sixth annual Women of Influence program from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, in the University Union, Redwood Room. This program celebrates the contributions of inspiring women on the Sacramento State campus.

The planning committee is excited to announce that Jody Nelsen is this year's keynote speaker. She is on the board of the Sacramento Family Justice Center Foundation while also serving on the advisory board for the Associated Students Inc. (ASI) Food Pantry. Previously, she was executive vice president for finance and administration at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The program also includes exciting performances from Sacramento State students, followed by inspirational closing remarks from Lisa Cardoza, President Robert S. Nelsen's chief of staff.

The Women of Influence program is sponsored by Housing and Residential Life, ASI, Student Organizations and Leadership, the Residence Hall Association, the Women's Resource Center, and Student Affairs. Contact Aja C. Holmes, Ph.D., with your questions at aja.holmes@csus.edu or 278-6655.

Submitted by Housing and Residential Life

2015-16 Outstanding Faculty Awards

The Faculty Senate congratulates the 2015-16 Outstanding Faculty Awards recipients, recognized for Outstanding Teaching, University Service, Scholarly and Creative Activity, and Community Service. The complete list of this year's recipients is at www.csus.edu/acse/Lecture-and-Awards/15-16OutstandingFacultyAwards/OFAweb.pdf.

Recipients 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 award ceremony and a reception to honor the recipients will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in the University Union, Redwood Room.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Nikolaos Lazaridis wins Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity award

Congratulations are in order as Dr. Nikolaos Lazaridis, associate professor of history, is the 2015-16 recipient of the University Award for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity for Early-Career Faculty.

In addition to receiving his award, he will give a lecture, titled "Daring the Desert: Ancient Travelers and Their Graffiti in Kharga Oasis, Egypt." The lecture, scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, in the University Union, Forest Suite, will highlight his research on the routes connecting Kharga Oasis to Dakhla Oasis and Libya, and the discovery of numerous lonely rock sites that in antiquity were used as camping spots and stopovers for travelers.

The campus community is invited to attend both the lecture and the award reception, which will immediately follow the lecture.

Submitted by the Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee

March Madness: Mentor Awareness Month

March is Mentor Awareness Month! The DEGREES Project invites you to sign up to become a mentor through "U" Mentor. "U" Mentor is designed to mobilize efforts to better support students throughout their academic tenure at Sacramento State.

Mentorship helps to build connection and community, and creates an atmosphere of belonging and self-directedness through the resources that the mentoring relationship provides. Sign up today at www.csus.edu/sacstateumentor/mentorapp.

Submitted by the DEGREES Project

Sac State's Our Promise campaign raises a CSU-best \$60,000

Thank you to the campus community for your participation in the 2015 Our Promise campaign. Sacramento State continues to lead all CSU campuses, with donations of \$60,037, up from \$50,958 in 2014. The full results can be found at www.ourpromiseca.org/results. The top 10 organizations supported by Sacramento State in 2015 are as follows:

- United Way
- Faith Fellowship Community Church
- Sacramento Loaves & Fishes
- Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services
- WEAVE Inc.
- Children's Hospital and Research Center
- Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary
- Capital Public Radio Inc.
- American Cancer Society California
- La Familia Counseling Center Inc.

Submitted by the College of Arts and Letters

Alternative Break welcomes faculty, staff; focuses on voter registration

The Sacramento State Community Engagement Center is partnering with Sacramento ACT (Area Congregations Together) for a weeklong voter canvassing campaign in south Sacramento during Alternative Spring Break from Monday, March 21, to Friday, March 25.

Since 2016 is an election year, CEC is providing students, faculty, staff, and alumni an opportunity to make sure every voice is heard by participating in a "week of action." Volunteers will be trained to meet with neighborhood residents to encourage them to register to vote. Students can choose to work two shifts every day during the week – the morning shift from 9 a.m. to noon and the afternoon shift from 1 to 4 p.m. Sacramento ACT will provide the orientation and training during the first hour of each shift. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. to accommodate both shifts and is being sponsored by ASI A-Team. All participants will be given a volunteer T-shirt, and the first 100 volunteers to register will receive a water bottle.

All participants must register at csus.edu/cec/Engaging%20Students/altbrklist.html.
Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Presenting: The *Made at Sac State* Blog

Keep up with all things Sac State with the brand-new *Made at Sac State* Blog. Stay up to date on the exciting stories, innovative ideas, and inspirational individuals who make up your capital university and its proud alumni community. Visit www.csus.edu/made/blog.html and be sure to follow for updates and the latest news.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Gerald Helland of Office of Institutional Research is retiring

We are proud to announce that Gerald Helland, programmer for the Office of Institutional Research, is retiring from Sacramento State after 35-plus years. Jerry's last day is Tuesday, March 15.

Jerry played a major role in creating departmental fact books, the University Fact Book, and numerous reports for our office and OIR's website. He also provided data reports to support WASC accreditation, the University Strategic Plan, Graduation Initiatives, and the accreditations of many of the programs and colleges within the University. Our office will hold a private luncheon to commemorate his retirement. Please join us in congratulating Jerry on his well-deserved retirement, and feel free to email him or stop by our office (Sac Hall 250) to show your appreciation for his many years of service and dedication to this University.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

Academic Program Assessment plans assessment and program review workshops

The Office of Academic Program Assessment has three upcoming workshops this spring to help department chairs, program directors, program review chairs, graduate coordinators, and/or assessment coordinators with assessment plans, program reviews, and the 2015-16 annual assessment report. The workshops are on Wednesday, March 16; Tuesday, April 12; and Wednesday, May 4. All are from 1 to 3 p.m. in Library 11.

The March 16 workshop will address assessment plans and program reviews. The April and May workshops will help you use SharePoint and work on the 2015-16 annual assessment report. The May workshop will be a repeat of the April workshop, so you need to attend only one. Please bring a computer with you. RSVP by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, to oapa.02@gmail.com to let us know which workshop you plan to attend, so we can better prepare for you.

If faculty and staff need any help with annual assessment or program review, please contact one of the following: Dr. Amy Liu, liuqa@csus.edu or 278-2497; Dr. Chia-Jung Chung, cchung@csus.edu or 278-3587; Dr. Judi Kusnick, kusnickj@csus.edu or 278-4692; Dr. Michael Wright, wrightm@csus.edu or 278-5689; or the OAPA office at oapa.02@gmail.com or 278-2497.

Submitted by the Office of Academic Program Assessment

State Department official to visit March 28, discuss Trans-Pacific Partnership

The College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies' Dean's Office and the Asian Studies Program are proud to sponsor a lecture by Matthew Matthews, deputy assistant secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, as part of this year's Al Qazzaz Dean's Lecture Series. The lecture, titled "The Trans-Pacific Partnership

and U.S. Relations with East Asia and the Pacific," will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday, March 28, in The WELL's Terrace Suite.

Matthews will be in Sacramento from March 28-30 for outreach activities promoting the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a 21st century trade agreement involving the United States and 11 other countries. His travel is part of the White House's effort to speak with business organizations, universities, and other civic and community groups. A reception will follow the lecture from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

March for Babies' inaugural Kickoff for Life fundraiser is April 3

The March for Babies Club at Sacramento State is very proud to announce the first Kickoff for Life fundraiser. The event will be hosted from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 3, at Southside Park in Sacramento. This event raises funds for the March of Dimes, and all proceeds will be donated toward fighting the No. 1 killer of babies: premature birth. Sign up and make donations at www.csus.edu/facs/forms1/March4Babies3.pdf. We will have a kid zone, DJ UNIQUE (live music), a food truck, info booths, games, raffles, a kickball game, and much more. To participate in the kickball game, a donation and jersey are required. Shirts also can be purchased separately. Registration ends Wednesday, March 16, so sign up fast! The event is open to the public.

For more information, contact Natalie Daugherty at daugherty@csus.edu.

Submitted by Family and Consumer Sciences

Spring semester's Advising Seminar is April 8

Are you interested in learning more about Sacramento State's general education/graduation requirements and remediation? Have a burning question you've wanted to ask? The Academic Advising Center is hosting its semester campus-wide Advising Seminar to assist and empower you when advising.

The seminar is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 8, in the University Union, Summit Room. RSVP at www.csus.edu/acad/rsvpgeneral.html no later than Wednesday, April 6. The professional development objective is to learn about remediation and the general perspectives of the general education/graduation requirement. Please contact My Sayamnath, assistant director for Student Services and Training, at msayamnath@csus.edu with any questions. Hope to see you there! Please note: If you have attended this workshop in the past, it is the same one every semester.

Submitted by Academic Advising

Sac State to host climate change conference April 10-11

"Water and Fire: Impacts of Climate Change" is a free, invitation-only conference convened at Sacramento State on April 10-11 that will connect science, policy, and local climate change. On Day 1, three internationally recognized scientists will debate 40 representatives from academia, science, industry, advocacy, and government about water, wildfire, and fish policies in light of changing climate. On Day 2, audience members and debaters will gather in moderated caucuses to identify areas of consensus and actionable next steps. Conference conclusions will be published.

Convened by the Institute on Science for Global Policy (www.scienceforglobalpolicy.org) in partnership with Sacramento State faculty and students, the conference does not lobby for any position. Attendance is required on both days. Go to www.waterandfire2016.com to

register, view the agenda, and learn about the three scientists who will debate their policy recommendations: Dr. Roger Bales, Dr. Jon E. Keeley, and Dr. Christina Swanson.
Submitted by the Institute on Science for Global Policy

Survey seeks answers to library's impact on research, teaching, publishing

The University Library is pleased to roll out the Ithaka S+R Local Faculty Survey at Sacramento State. This survey, running through Friday, April 1, is designed to examine the impact of library collections and services on research, teaching, and publishing. The survey includes questions on:

- How you "discover" and access information for your research
- How you engage in scholarly communication
- Your research practices, including data curation
- Your students' research skills
- The role of the library in your experience at Sacramento State

The library will use the data to assess faculty needs and practices related to research and teaching support. Your responses will help to shape the University Library's direction in providing information resources and services.

Submitted by the University Library

Results of the Listening to Students Study available online

To learn more about the needs of students from a variety of backgrounds and educational paths, including this week's section, "Listening to Student-Parents," please visit www.csus.edu/saseep/listeningtostudents.

Submitted by the Department of Communication Studies

McNair Scholars Research Symposium is April 18

The effort and creativity of this year's McNair Scholars will be showcased in an afternoon of academic enrichment and scholarly exchange at the 2016 McNair Scholars Research Symposium from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, April 18, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium and Ballroom III. The scholars will introduce their research projects through oral presentations and posters. The campus community and the general public are invited to support the scholars' research efforts and celebrate their academic achievements. For more information, please visit www.csus.edu/mcnair/symposium.html or email mcnair@csus.edu.

Submitted by the McNair Scholars Program

Educator Recruitment Expo is April 19

The Career Center's Educator Recruitment Expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, in the University Union Ballroom. Employers include local and regional school districts and educational organizations recruiting for full-time, part-time, internship and volunteer positions in the education field. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with professionals working in the education field, including school principals and district superintendents. Employers will conduct on-site interviews. Résumés and professional dress are highly recommended.

More than 118 school districts and private/public educational organizations are expected to attend. Please visit www.csus.edu/careercenter/index.html to view a list of participating districts and educational organizations.

Submitted by the Career Center

Accounts Payable, Accounting, and Procurement moving to Modoc Hall

Accounts Payable and Travel, Accounting Services, and Procurement and Contract Services are moving to Modoc Hall 3005 from Sequoia Hall the week of Monday, March 21. Offices will remain open for business March 21-22, but will be closed March 23-25 during the physical move. All three offices should again be open for business at the new location Monday, March 28. If you have questions, please contact Priscilla Llamas-McKaughan in Financial Services at llamaspl@csus.edu or 278-5992.

Submitted by Accounting Services

Get help with FAQs and more at IRT's Knowledge Base

The Knowledge Base (KB) is a searchable source of articles with frequently asked questions, user guides, news, and updates for IT services. And it is "guaranteed fresh." Articles will retire themselves once past their "best if used by" date and will be cleaned up and republished or put out to pasture. The KB also is your knowledge: We track how much articles are used, and we get feedback from our customers who spot mistakes with their eagle eyes. We also want to hear from you about what information you would like added to the KnowledgeBase, so visit us at servicenow.csus.edu and click the "Knowledge Base" button.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

UNIQUE Programs and The WELL to offer free evening of yoga Thursday

UNIQUE Programs and The WELL are pleased to announce an evening of relaxing yoga with fitness instructions from The WELL at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in the University Union Ballroom. The event is free for Sacramento State students and the general public.

The first half-hour will be an introduction to yoga for beginners. Immediately following will be yoga appropriate for all fitness levels. Yoga develops inner and outer strength, increases stamina and flexibility, and helps you get centered through a blend of yoga traditions. This class links body, breath, and mind with a focus on alignment.

Submitted by UNIQUE Programs

Chill out at Hornet Bookstore's Midterm Madness

Take a break at the Hornet Bookstore during Midterm Madness, today through Friday, March 18. Watch the First Four of the NCAA Tournament, shop our clearance event for great savings, and look to our supply department for study aids, flash cards, and last-minute test supplies. Enjoy a refreshing beverage from our café. See you there!

Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

Bookstore anti-stress coloring event coming April 7

Join the 2016 Keep Calm and Color Event at the Hornet Bookstore from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 7. This event will highlight a recent trend among adults that focuses on relieving stress via intricate and inspirational coloring-book designs sold at our store. Enjoy music and snacks while you color. This is a free event, and all materials are provided.

Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

Building coordinator/floor marshal training

Annual two-hour training sessions will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, and Tuesday, May 10, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium, covering the following:

- Program overview and history
- Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan/Building Emergency Action Plan

- ICS/interaction with first responders
- Pandemic/infectious disease threat
- Responsibilities of building coordinators, floor marshals, and faculty
- Evacuation procedures/rally areas and evacuation chairs
- Active shooter preparedness
- IFAN
- ENS

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 the Sacramento State Police Department

Faculty professional activities

The latest faculty professional activities are available at

www.csus.edu/news/articles/2016/1/4/Professional-activities,-January-March-2016.shtml.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule

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

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Security tip: Tax season and protecting your privacy

A growing phenomenon has taken root in America: preparing and submitting your taxes on your home computer. While this has helped many of us, it also creates a risk to our personal information. Tax-preparing applications retain our Social Security numbers (SSNs), dates of birth, and names and address of our closest family members, all in one place. This makes the application and any saved PDF of your tax return a target for data theft. To protect yourself, you should remove SSNs and dates of birth from the application after you confirm your e-file or print out your filed tax return. This may require you to overwrite the data with bogus data. Also, do not save unencrypted PDF versions of your tax return on your computer. If you are unable to encrypt the PDF, move it to a USB memory device or print it out and secure it with your other sensitive paperwork.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

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:

- Brendan Lindsay, History
- Martin Biskowski, Anthropology
- Marcelino Coelho, Facilities Services

- Noreen James, Center for Collaborative Policy