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Welcome New Faculty Members!

Classes begin on August 25, and eight new faculty members join the University.

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Front row, left to right: Laura Newton, Jose Alamillo, Ellie Tayag
Middle row, left to right: Ruben Alarcon, Jim Meriwether, Claudio Paiva
Back row, left to right: Jun Zhao, Minder Chen

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Submissions sought for the Fall Festival of Short Performances

This year the fifth annual Fall Festival of Short Performances has expanded to include not only short plays, but also short works that employ one or more of the performing arts—dance, music, and theatre.

In conjunction with the Art Program, this year's theme is *August Rodin and Camille Claudel*. Submissions must consist of a script or proposal for a performance that will run no longer than 20 minutes and incorporate, allude to, parody, dramatize, or embody one or more of the artworks of August Rodin and/or Camille Claudel, and/or the artists' relationship. The deadline for submission is Monday, Sept. 15. Performance proposals must be emailed to Dr. Catherine Burriss, Assistant Professor of Performing Arts, at catherine.burriss@csuci.edu. Short scripts must be emailed to Dr. Bob Mayberry, Associate Professor of English, at bob.mayberry@csuci.edu.

Performances will take place Thursday, Nov. 13 through Saturday, Nov. 15 in the John Spoor Broome Library Exhibition Hall. Please note that site-specific performances are welcome.

Welcome new faculty members!

The University welcomes eight new full-time faculty members to campus for the 2008-09 academic year. These instructors have been hired to fill roles in the following academic programs:

Dr. Minder Chen, Associate Professor, Management Information Systems, Martin V. Smith School of Business and Economics; previously employed by George Mason University

Dr. Jun Zhao, Associate Professor, Management, Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics; previously employed by Governors State University

Dr. Claudio Paiva, Associate Professor, Economics, Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics; previously employed by International Monetary Fund

Dr. Jose Alamillo, Associate Professor, Chicana/o Studies; previously employed by Washington State University

Dr. Laura Newton, Assistant Professor, Nursing-Pediatrics; previously employed by the Commissioned Corps of Public Health

Ms. Elnora Tayag, Assistant Librarian, Librarian-User Services; previously employed by California State University Channel Islands

Dr. Ruben Alarcon, Assistant Professor, Biology-Behavioral Ecology; employed as a Postdoctoral Research Entomologist with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service and a Research Associate at the University of Arizona. (Alarcon will arrive in fall 2009.)

Dr. James Meriwether, Professor, History; previously employed by California State University Bakersfield (Meriwether was appointed in 2007-2008 and is returning after a leave for a Fulbright Scholar year in Africa.)

Alumni & Friends membership competition continues

The CSUCI Alumni & Friends Association Campus Competition has been extended to Thursday, Sept. 18. Those who participate have an opportunity to win one of the following: an iPhone, dinner with President Rush, a spa day for two, or a \$100 Cove Bookstore gift certificate. Register your friends and family now by visiting the CSUCI home page and clicking on the Alumni Membership Competition button.

“I’m really proud of the CSUCI campus for taking on this membership drive. As an alumna of this campus, it means a lot to know the whole campus community is helping us beyond graduation,” said Manijeh Motaghy ‘05 Psychology.

For more information on the Campus Competition contact Tania Garcia, Director of Alumni Relations and Development, at ext. 8952 or tania.garcia@csuci.edu.

CSUCI to field cycling team for MS ride Sept. 20-21

Ten alumni, staff, faculty, and friends of CSUCI—the Cycling Dolphins—will be participating in the Southern California Start to Finish MS Bike Tour to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society on the weekend of Sept. 20. MS Rides are one of the largest organized charity events in the world and the Southern California ride draws from the largest overall population. Come out and cheer the Dolphins as they cycle past on Lewis Road on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon on their way to and from Santa Barbara.

The team also needs financial support. The Cycling Dolphins can, with your help, be the top school-based fundraising team with the goal of raising \$10,000. To support the Cycling Dolphins in their efforts to create a world free of multiple sclerosis and provide tangible evidence that we are indeed living our CSUCI mission, tax-deductible donations can be made online at:

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=8910&team_id=109843

Members of the Cycling Dolphins also will be able to pick up donations made payable to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

For more information about this event or the Cycling Dolphins contact Dr. J. Andrew Morris, Associate Professor of Management, at ext. 2771 or andrew.morris@csuci.edu.

CSUCI, OLLI, community organizations collaborate in outreach

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Center for Community Engagement have organized several evening sessions in Camarillo and Thousand Oaks this fall. CSUCI and OLLI faculty and some of their students will meet with community members ages 55 and older for coffee and desserts to discuss topics within their expertise. This program brings together University faculty and senior members of the community to strengthen town-gown ties. Programs are co-sponsored by the Camarillo Council on Aging, the Conejo Recreation and Park District, and the Goebel Senior Center.

Faculty interested in leading a discussion group in the spring semester, or on the open date in the fall (Nov. 5, Thousand Oaks) should contact Dr. Andrea Grove, Associate Professor of Political Science, at andrea.grove@csuci.edu for information or inclusion.

Camarillo: Town Meets Gown programs

Each Town Meets Gown program is held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Camarillo Senior Center, 1605 Burnley St.

- **Sept 2:** Levee-ing Fate: The Recovery of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, Dr. Sean Anderson
- **Sept. 16:** Leadership and Foreign Policy, Dr. Andrea Grove
- **Oct. 7:** Stars, Energy, and Black Holes, Dr. Robert Piccioni
- **Oct. 21:** The Biology of Aging, Dr. Charles Sackerson
- **Nov. 4:** Developing Countries and our Future, Dr. Chris Scholl
- **Nov. 18:** The Presidential Election and its Aftermath, Dr. Sean Kelly
- **Dec. 2:** Is There Really an Energy Crisis? Dr. Jerry Clifford
- **Dec. 16:** Talking with an Accent: We All Do It, Pamela Price Klebaum, M.A. (History), M.A. (Linguistics), J.D.

Thousand Oaks: Professors and Pastries programs

Each Professors and Pastries program is held from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Goebel Senior Center, 1385 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks

- **Sept. 3:** Popular Film and Society: Does Hollywood Simply Reflect, or Does it Change America? Dr. Martin Kaplan
- **Sept. 17:** Talking with an Accent: We All Do It, Pamela Price Klebaum, M.A. (History), M.A. (Linguistics), J.D
- **Oct. 1:** Unto Others: More Ethical than Traditional Economic Theory Gives Us Credit For, Dr. J. Andrew Morris
- **Oct. 15:** Aging Positively, Dr. Christy Teranishi
- **Nov. 5:** OPEN for a topic
- **Nov. 19:** Is There Really an Energy Crisis? Dr. Jerry Clifford.
- **Dec. 3:** Stars, Energy, and Black Holes, Dr. Robert Piccioni
- **Dec. 17:** How Internet and iPhones are Changing our Lives, Dr. Maria Ballesteros-Sola

Student Affairs announces RAs for the 2008-09 year

The following students have been appointed as Resident Assistants for the 2008-09 year. There are eight RAs assigned to Anacapa Village and 11 assigned to Santa Cruz Village. All RAs can be reached by calling Housing and Residential Education at ext. 2733.

Anacapa Village

Ian Abramson, Tessa Crane, Skye Davis, Kartheek Dokka, Laura Dolan, Tyderyon Neal, Adelaide Simmons, and Georgina Valadez

Santa Cruz Village

Betty Arias, Anthony Bernardo, Michelle Black, Jeremy Booker, April Burger, Kaitlyn Carey, Jamian Faso, Jonny Lopez, Maria Macaluso, Britney McCarthy, and Jenna Shearer

Toastmasters International comes to CSUCI

If speaking in public or to groups leaves you tongue-tied, or if meetings you try to chair end up in shambles, there is a group on campus with a solution: CSU Channel Islands Toastmasters. CSU Channel Islands Toastmasters is part of an international organization with more than one-quarter million members dedicated to making effective oral communication a worldwide reality. Toastmasters can help you become a better prepared speaker, a better impromptu speaker, a more effective listener, and a clearheaded critical thinker. The CSU Channel Islands Toastmasters group meet meets every Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the University Hall Training Room

For more information contact Al Brown at 805-482-2632 or popsx2@aol.com.

Welcome Celebration Aug. 24

The campus community is invited to the seventh annual Welcome Celebration (formerly the Welcome BBQ) from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24. Food will be served at 11:30 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information contact New Student, Orientation and Transition Programs at ext. 3160.

‘Cross Currents’ exhibition closing reception Aug. 28

CSUCI Exhibitions gallery in Camarillo will host a closing reception for the “Cross Currents” photography exhibition featuring work by students from CSUCI, Ventura College, Oxnard College, and Moorpark College. The show began in May and in lieu of the usual opening reception a closing reception will be held at the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28. The reception is open to the public.

CSUCI Exhibitions Gallery is located at 92 Palm Drive in “Old Town” Camarillo, Calif., 93010. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information contact the CSUCI Art Department at ext. 8570, art@csuci.edu, or visit the Web site <http://art.csuci.edu/gallery>.

New OLLI classroom to be dedicated Sept. 10

There will be a dedication ceremony for the new Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classroom at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The classroom will be named the Richard Merkin Room and is room 2325 in the John Spoor Broome Library. A reception will follow in room 2320. The room is a gift from the Merkin Family Foundation and OLLI donors. The campus community is invited to attend. RSVPs are requested and can be made by calling ext. 8598 or by emailing amber.weir@csuci.edu. RSVPs must be made by Friday, Sept. 5.

University Advancement announces events

The campus community is invited to attend the Bell Tower East Courtyard Dedication at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The event will take place in the courtyard and those who donated to the effort will be recognized and the courtyard will be dedicated for use.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, the CSUCI Foundation will hold its annual Fall Foundation Breakfast at 9 a.m. in Malibu Hall 100. A hot breakfast will be served and the CSUCI Foundation will present its projects for the year. There will be prizes with the top prize being two tickets to the Oct. 4 President’s Dinner.

For more information contact Marti DeLaO, Director of Advancement and Foundation Operations, at ext. 8919 or marti.delao@csuci.edu.

Author Paul Loeb on campus Sept. 17

Author Paul Rogat Loeb will visit campus and give a talk at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17, in Malibu Hall 100. His presentation is free of charge and is open to the campus community and the public.

Loeb is the author of *The Impossible Will Take a Little While: A Citizen's Guide to Hope in a Time of Fear* (Basic Books, 2004, and named the no. 3 political book of that year by the History Channel and the American Book Association); *Soul of a Citizen: Living With Conviction in a Cynical Time* (St Martin's Press 1999, with more than 95,000 copies in print); *Generation at the Crossroads: Apathy and Action on the American Campus* (Rutgers University Press, 1994); *Nuclear Culture*, and *Hope in Hard Times*. He has written on social involvement for several publications including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, and the *International Herald Tribune*. His January 2002 talk at the annual provost's conference of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities inspired what is now a 200-campus American Democracy Project.

For more information contact Pilar Pacheco, Assistant Director for the Center of Community Engagement, at ext. 8851 or pilar.pacheco@csuci.edu.

Dodger Night tickets available

The fifth annual Alumni & Friends Dodger Night will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20. CSUCI Alumni & Friends Association will provide transportation for alumni, faculty, staff, and students to Dodger Stadium to watch the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the San Francisco Giants. A limited number of tickets are available for a discounted rate of \$50 for preferred field box seats, the \$20 for infield reserve seats have already sold out. Those interested in attending the game must be a member of the association to receive the discount ticket rate. Tickets can be ordered by calling Alumni Relations at ext. 8952 or emailing tania.garcia@csuci.edu.

Update on current construction related activities

Operations, Planning & Construction has provided the following update on construction activities related to ongoing campus improvements.

Planned activities are as follows for the week of 8/25/08:

Data Center: The power supply and cooling capacity for the Data Center is being upgraded to meet increasing IT capacity demands. The UPS system is also being upgraded and a stand-by electric generator is being added to ensure reliable power supply. The upgrades are also required for the new Supercomputer. Limited noise impact expected from activities inside Ojai Hall.

Smith Decision Center: The Martin V. Smith Center for Integrative Decision-Making is a 4,148-square foot facility that will provide a 60-station state-of-the-art case study classroom and breakout rooms. The facility will be primarily for the Martin V. Smith School of Business and Economics. CMU Wall construction is in progress. Possible dust from masonry work and delivery trucks.

Solano Hall: Solano Hall will include 12 faculty offices, two 24-station classrooms and surge office space for tenants of University Hall and Bell Tower use while these buildings are renovated to provide new HVAC cooling and heating. Potential high noise from water blasting, framing and site work.

Student Union: In 2006, the students passed a referendum to fund the design, construction and operation of a new student center, located in the interim Library building on the Campus Green. The 23,000-square foot building will include a large programmable area for student gathering, food service, lounges, game room and student organization offices. It also includes renovating the “tree house” courtyard for outdoor events and gathering for the entire campus community. Demolition is expected to start this week. Potential high noise and some dust are expected from the demolition activities. The steam line relocation work in the Mall has been completed and the fence will be moved back closer to the building. The entire Mall will be opened shortly. No road closure or parking lot closures anticipated. No utility shutdowns scheduled.

For more information or questions contact Jim Walsh, Manager of Construction Services, at ext. 8903 or james.walsh@csuci.edu.

Update on upcoming construction projects

Operations, Planning & Construction has provided the following update on construction projects.

North Hall: The project includes the renovation of 44,000-square feet of the two-story building at the south end of the North Quad and construction of a new 26,000-square-foot three-story building in front of it. The existing building will be renovated to house offices for 115 faculty, faculty support offices, Dean of the Faculty office suite, conference rooms, and other faculty support spaces. The new structure will include a 120-seat lecture hall with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, seven classrooms, three computer labs and support spaces on the lower levels. The new third floor will house the office suite for the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Budget, Procurement and Support Services, and Accounting Services. It is anticipated that the groundbreaking for the \$32 million project will be spring 2009 and it will be ready for occupancy in fall 2011.

Entrance Road: The campus is designing a new entrance road that will connect Lewis Road with the campus core on Santa Barbara Avenue. Located on the recently acquired 153 acres of farmland north of the campus, the new four-lane road will become the major entrance to the University and will enter the campus core at the North Quad. The \$24 million project will include a new vehicular bridge crossing over Long Grade Creek and a new pedestrian bridge that will connect future parking off the new road to the campus. Construction is expected to start in June 2009 and be completed a year later.

Nursing Simulation Lab: The new 3,300-square foot Nursing Simulation Lab has been completed on schedule and ready for use beginning with the fall semester.

Infrastructure: Excavation work has begun at the Central Plant.

For more information contact John H. Gormley, Manager of Design Services, at ext. 3241 or email john.gormley@csuci.edu.

CSUCI receives family-friendly award

CSU Channel Islands was selected by the Advisory Board of the Business Work-Life Alliance of Ventura County as the recipient of the “2008 Ventura County Family-friendly Employer.” The event honoring family-friendly employers in the County was held in June at Spanish Hills Country Club.

Also in June, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors presented a special commendation for the commitment employers are making to strengthen work/life balance in the workplace and for families in our community. All Ventura County Family-friendly Employers were recognized and a special resolution was adopted on their behalf.



Around Campus

CSUCI at the 2008 Ventura County Fair Parade



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