BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Leah Larkin, Biology, was awarded a grant of $12,000 to subsidize child-care for graduate students and postdocs at the annual Evolution conference, which is a joint meeting of three scientific societies. The money will also be used to establish an e-mail based mentoring system between senior mentors and early-career protégés through MentorNet.

September 2008

Joan and Geoff Lin-Cereghino, Biological Sciences, recently published the research article “Direct Selection of Pichia pastoris Expression Strains Using New G418 Resistance Vectors” in the journal Yeast. The article featured eight undergraduate and one Masters student co-authors.

June 2008

Uta Hellmann-Blumberg, Chemistry, Lisa Wrischnik, Biological Sciences, and Smita Matkar ‘08, Chemistry/Pharmaceutical Sciences had a research article titled “Production of hydrogen peroxide and redox cycling can explain how sanguinarine and chelerythrine induce rapid apoptosis” accepted for publication in the journal Archives of Biochemistry and Biophysics.

Smita Matkar ‘08, received her Ph.D. this semester for her work on the mechanism of action of anticancer drugs under the guidance of Uta Hellmann-Blumberg and Lisa Wrischnik and accepted a postdoctoral fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania’s Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute in Philadelphia.

January 2008

CHEMISTRY

October 2008

Xin Guo, Pharmacy, and Vyacheslav Samoshin, Chemistry, and former Pacific graduate students Barbora Brazdova ’06 and Ningrong Zhang ’08 published an article “trans-2-Aminocyclohexanol as a pH-sensitive conformational switch in lipid amphiphiles” in the journal Chemical Communications.

Jerry Tsai, Chemistry, had research elucidating the "Conservation of Unfavorable Sequence Motifs that Contribute to the Chemokine Quaternary State" published in the journal Biochemistry.

September 2008

Mike McCallum, Chemistry, and recent Biochemistry graduate Logan Ahlstrom had an article published in the Summer 2008 issue of the Journal of Undergraduate Chemistry Research titled "Replica Exchange Simulations of Helical Stabilization in the YAP1 Protein.” Logan is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Biochemistry/Biophysics at the University of Arizona, where he was awarded one of two research scholarships, allowing him to study without teaching responsibilities.

O. David Sparkman, Chemistry, received the Analytical Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society 2008 Award for Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Analytical Chemistry. This prestigious award, given once a year by the 20,000 member Analytical Division, was in recognition of David’s significant contributions to teaching and research in mass spectrometry. His acceptance talk described research he carried out at the Pacific Mass Spectrometry Facility in the Chemistry Department. His wife Joan, three of their daughters and their husbands, joined David in Philadelphia at the 236th National Chemistry Society in Philadelphia in August when he received the award—a good time was had by all.

Faculty and students in Chemistry and Pharmacy presented the following posters at the Ninth International Tetrahedron Symposium “Challenges in Organic and Bioorganic Chemistry” held in Berkeley, California:

Andreas H. Franz, Nandkishor Chindarkar ’08, “Small-molecule oligosaccharide tags for derivatization of glycan libraries.”

Andreas Franz, Xin Guo, Vyacheslav V. Samoshin, Barbora Brazdova ’06, Yuen Shan Wong ’07, Andrey Samoshin ’08, Ningrong Zhang ’07, “trans-2-Aminocyclohexanols as pH-triggered molecular switches.”
Andreas H. Franz, Vyacheslav V. Samoshin, Andrey V. Samoshin ’08, “Green photochemistry: sun-induced aromatic nucleophilic substitution of alkoxy groups by alkylamines. Transformation of benzocrown ethers into aza-analogs.”


Vyacheslav V. Samoshin, Xin Guo, Barbora Brazdova ’06, Ningrong Zhang ’07, “trans-2-Aminocyclohexanol as a pH-Sensitive conformational switch in lipid amphiphiles.”

Nataliya M. Samoshina, Vyacheslav V. Samoshin “Comparative study of colorimetric methods for analysis of water-soluble and immobilized proteins and peptides.”

Andreas Franz and Vyacheslav Samoshin, Chemistry, attended the International Conference on Colloid Chemistry and Physicochemical Mechanics held in Moscow, Russia on June 3rd, and presented an oral report “Design of biocompatible pH-sensitive liposomes for drug and gene delivery” and two posters. The presentations were co-authored by Prof. Xin Guo (Pharmacy), Prof. Francis C. Szoka (UC San Francisco), and former Pacific graduate students Barbora Brazdova ‘06, Haigang Chen ’06, Ningrong Zhang ’07 and Huizhen Zhang ’08.

August 2008

Chemistry Faculty, postdoctoral fellow and graduate students presented eight posters at the 56th ASMS Conference on Mass Spectrometry and Allied Topics held in Denver, Colo.

1) Matt Curtis ’07 (graduate student) presented “Utility of Reaction in the Source of a Helium Metastable-Beam Open-Air-Ion-Source Mass Spectrometer,” coauthors: Patrick Jones (Research advisor) and David Sparkman (Research advisor).


3) Kiran Kumar Morishetti (postdoctoral fellow) presented “Gas-Phase Acidities determination of the Cysteine-Polyglycine Peptides using the Kinetic Method,” coauthors: John Tan ’07, Betty Huang ’10 and Jianhua Ren (Research advisor).

4) Zhiguo Li (graduate student) presented "Structural Elucidation of the MBP (Maltose Binding Protein) C-termini from Fusion Proteins in Pichia pastoris Expression System", coauthors: Wilson Leung ’08 (Biology), Joan Lin-Cereghino (Biology), Geoff Lin-Cereghino (Biology), Andreas Franz (Research advisor).

6) Jianhua Ren presented “Comparison of the Proton Affinities of Peptides Containing Lysine and (L)-2, 3-Diaminopropionic Acid,” coauthors: Robert Harper ’05 (Master’s degree’07), Betty Huang ’10 and Eddie Isaac ’10.


8) Xiaoning Zhao (graduate student) presented "Investigations of the Gas-Phase Binding Properties of LDV and RGD," coauthor: Jianhua Ren (Research advisor).

July 2008

Faculty and students in Chemistry presented the following posters at the 20th Annual Northern California Undergraduate Research Symposium of the American Chemical Society held in Santa Clara University, California: Eddie Isaac ’10 presented “Synthesis of Diaminopropionic Acid-Polyalanine Peptides” (Research Advisor: Dr. Jianhua Ren). Wilson Fung Fung ’11, Matthew Curtis ’07, Wanbo Liu ’12, and Priyanka Chitranshi ’12 presented “Detection of Nucleotides and Nucleosides Using DART Mass Spectrometry” (Research Advisor: Dr. Liang Xue). Andrey V. Samoshin ’08 and Leyna Huynh ’10 presented “Novel Molecular Switches Based on Hydroxypiperidines” (Research Advisor: Dr. Vyacheslav V. Samoshin). Andrey V. Samoshin ’08 and Nikmala S. Tan ’08 presented “Green Photochemistry: Sun-Induced Aromatic Nucleophilic Substitution of Alkoxy Groups by Alkylamines” (Research Advisor: Dr. Vyacheslav V. Samoshin). Nikmala S. Tan ’08 presented “Novel Inhibitors for Fungal Glycosidases” (Research Advisors: Drs. Vyacheslav V. Samoshin, Nataliya M. Samoshin). An oral presentation was given by Betty Huang ’10: “Synthesis and Molecular Modeling of the Cysteine-Polyglycine Peptides” (Research Advisor: Dr. Jianhua Ren).

May 2008

Vyacheslav Samoshin, Chemistry, published a chapter titled, “Five-membered rings with three oxygen or sulfur atoms in 1, 2, 3-positions,” in the new 3rd edition of Comprehensive Heterocyclic Chemistry (edited by A. Katritzky). This 15-volume set provides cutting-edge coverage of the advances in those areas of organic chemistry that are most relevant to pharmaceuticals and biochemistry. The previous editions were published in 1984 and 1997, and became the standard work, indispensable to all researchers in the many and varied areas where heterocycles are employed.

March 2008

**C. Michael McCallum**, Chemistry and **Logan Ahlstrom, ’08** Chemistry and Biochemistry (and Spanish Language and Literature) are attending the biennial American Chemical Society Meeting April 6-10 in New Orleans. The two will present Logan’s work with the poster "Replica exchange simulations of helical stabilization in the yap1 protein" twice during the week. In the Fall of 2008 Logan will begin attending the Ph.D. program in Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Arizona.

February 2008

**Mike McCallum** and **Jianhua Ren**, Chemistry, and former graduate student Silvia Oomachen had the article "Stabilizing Helical Polyalanine Peptides With Negative Polarity or Charge: Capping with Cysteine," accepted for publication in *The Journal of Physical Chemistry B*.

January 2008

**Vyacheslav Samoshin, Nataliya Samoshin** and **Andreas Franz**, Chemistry professors, and Chemistry undergraduate students **Yuen-Shan Wong, Nikmala Tan, Sombo Koo** and **Andrey Samoshin**, published two research articles titled “Novel inhibitors for fungal glycosidases,” and “pH-Triggered molecular switches,” in *Journal of Undergraduate Chemistry Research*.


**COMMUNICATION**

**Mark Urista**, former Communication graduate student, along with **Ken Day** and **Qingwen Dong**, Communication, presented a paper on "Explaining why young adults use MySpace and Facebook through uses and gratification theory," at the November meeting of the National Communication Association in San Diego.
Qingwen Dong, Communication, served as a respondent to a panel on the "Impact of emotional intelligence and social competence on communication apprehension," at the November meeting of the National Communication Association in San Diego.

Mariela Vera, Communication graduate student, presented "Emotional intelligence and communication apprehension in intercultural relationships," at the November meeting of the National Communication Association in San Diego.

Danny Nuss, Communication graduate student, presented "Emotional intelligence and communication apprehension among university students with disabilities," at the November meeting of the National Communication Association in San Diego.

Christine Collaco, Communication graduate student, presented "Social intelligence relationship with communication apprehension and its relationship predictability towards communication competence," at the November meeting of the National Communication Association in San Diego.

Qingwen Dong, Communication, and Christine Collaco, graduate student in Communication, presented "An In-Depth Understanding of Ethnocentrism and Its Impact on Intercultural Communication," at the Congress of the Americas II in Mexico City, October 10th, 2008.


Kathaleen Reed, former Communication graduate student now working on her doctoral degree in Education, presented "Social intelligence and communication apprehension among at-risk community college students," at the November meeting of the National Communication Association in San Diego.

September 2008

Carol Ann Hackley, Communication, is speaking on "International Partnering" at the Navy League of the U.S. Regional International meeting in St. Maarten, N.A. on Sept. 25th.

Marlin Bates, IV, Communication, has recently published an edited book, “Monsters 5: Monsters and the Monstrous: Myths and Metaphors of Enduring Evil,” in addition to
having a chapter in the same volume. He has had two conference papers accepted for presentation recently, "ur-Real Rhetoric and Identity Construction: Stylistic tokens in MMOs." His paper is to be presented at the National Communication Association's pre-conference seminar Leveling-up Game Studies: Thinking Beyond Conventional Wisdom," November 2008 and, co-authored with Communication Graduate student, Kathleen Bruce, "Monstrous in Miniature: The Use of Machinima to Defeat Real and ur-Real Monsters" a paper presented at the 6th Global Conference of Monsters and the Monstrous: Myths and Metaphors of Enduring Evil, Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom, September 22-25, 2008.

June 2008

Paul Turpin, Communication, presented his paper "Ethos-centered Rhetoric as Critical Social Theory" at the bi-annual meeting of the Rhetoric Society of America in Seattle, WA.

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Qingwen Dong, Communication, and two Communication graduate students, Mark Urista '08 and Duane A. Gundrum '08, had their research paper accepted for publication in Cyber Psychology and Behavior. “The Impact of Emotional Intelligence, Self-esteem, and Self-Image on Romantic Communication over MySpace” will appear in the summer issue.

Johanna Mendribil '08, Kathryn McMahon '08 and Katie Thompson '08, Communication, will each present their research papers at the Western States Communication Association Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference on February 16th in Denver/Boulder, Colorado. The following are their papers, respectively: “The Effects of Argumentation on Romantic Relationships of College students. “Self-Esteem and Interpersonal Communication Competence,” and “Reality Television and Self-Esteem.”
Qingwen Dong, Kenneth Day, Marlin Bates, Teresa Bergman, and Paul Turpin, Communication, will be presenting at the Western States Communication Association Conference in Denver, CO, over President’s Day weekend. The professors will present their work at a panel of their design titled "Ethos as Strategic Persuasion, Ethos as the Constitution of Identity: A Roundtable.”

January 2008

Dari Sylvester, Political Science, Qingwen Dong, Communication and Robert Benedetti, Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership, were recently awarded a $43,000 in research funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts through the Pew Center on the States’ Make Voting Work initiative. This grant will enable the researchers to investigate empirically the impact of a large-scale vote-by-mail and a voter education program they conducted in San Joaquin County in 2008. The Pew Center on the States’ Make Voting Work initiative seeks to build an American election system that is accurate, convenient, efficient and secure and has been a leader in supporting research that helps states identify what’s working and what’s not. In addition to funding for further study of vote-by-mail and voter error, the awardees are invited to attend conferences on voting studies organized by the Make Voting Work. Dari Sylvester participated in such a conference in Washington, DC during December, 2008. The Pew Center award follows the receipt of a contract from the County of San Joaquin for a year long study of voting in cooperation with the Registrar of Voters, Austin Erdman. This contract was funded by a federal program, the Help America Vote Act. The contract has been serviced by a team of Pacific faculty from four College departments: Visual Arts, Communication, Political Science, and Theatre Arts. The team is currently completing its final report which will be prepared for publication this summer.

EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

October 2008

Lydia Fox, Earth & Environmental Sciences Chair, gave a presentation "Learning the Tools of the Trade in Petrology: Developing a Research Proposal as a Semester-long Project" at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America meeting in Houston on Oct. 7. She also led a workshop at the meeting on Oct. 4: "Starting out in Undergraduate Research and Education: a Professional Development Workshop for Young Faculty."

Kurtis C. Burmeister, Earth & Environmental Sciences, delivered an invited lecture on his innovative teaching methods at the 2008 National Science Foundation Cutting Edge Workshop on Teaching Petrology & Structural Geology in the 21st Century. He also presented two papers at the 2008 annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Houston, titled “Modified Busk-Kink method for constructing quick admissible cross sections of parallel folds” and “Structural geology of the Nankai accretionary prism;
Tenryu Submarine Canyon, Japan." Burmeister is a co-author on the paper "Subduction-related gravitational collapse through exhumation and seismogenic turbidites in the Nankai accretionary prism" presented at the 2008 Geological Society of London (Burlington House) Conference on Gravitational Collapse at Continental Margins.

September 2008

Lydia Fox, Earth & Environmental Sciences, was awarded a grant of $49,000 from the National Science Foundation for support of "Faculty Development Workshops to Support Engagement in Undergraduate Research." This project is supporting expansion and continuation of a successful series of faculty development workshops run by the Geosciences Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research. These workshops are held in conjunction with meetings of geosciences professional societies and are designed to help new and future faculty develop and sustain undergraduate research programs. Lydia Fox has been facilitating these workshops for several years. This project will make the workshops available to a wider audience within the geosciences community.

Laura Rademacher and Kurtis Burmeister, Earth and Environmental Sciences, and Steve Jacobson, Housing and Greek Life, were awarded a $149,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to develop the Residence for Earth and Environmental Living and Learning (REELL) program at the University of the Pacific. This program resides in Grace Covell residence hall and involves approximately 17 students who will learn about global environmental change, reducing their carbon footprint and responsible oversight of our natural resources. The investigators will evaluate to see if interest and participation in earth and environmental sciences can be increased with involvement in the program.

July 2008

Lydia Fox, Chair of the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences, was co-chair of the Planning Committee for the 12th National Conference of the Council on Undergraduate Research held at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota June 31-24. The successful conference "Frontiers and Challenges in Undergraduate Research" was attended by 630 faculty and administrators from across the country and included plenary sessions, interactive sessions and workshops devoted to various aspects of establishing, sustaining, and assessing undergraduate research programs.

April 2008

Kurtis C. Burmeister and Laura Rademacher, Earth & Environmental Sciences, coordinated the successful installation of the new Eta Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, the national honor society for the Earth Sciences, at Pacific. Burmeister will serve as the Chapter's faculty advisor.
ECONOMICS

October 2008

Benjamin N. Dennis, Economics, has been appointed a Senior Economist at the Council of Economic Advisors in the White House. He is one of two senior economists responsible for international economic policy. His regional focus will be the Middle East and Africa. Dennis is on leave while working at the CEA. He plans to return to Pacific during the year to present a talk on his work at the CEA and the current economic situation.


January 2008

Sharmila King, Economics, has had an article titled "Bank Efficiency and Monetary Policy" accepted for publication in *Contemporary Economic Policy*.

Bill Herrin, Economics, and John Knight, Eberhardt School of Business had their paper “Migration and Wealth Accumulation in Uganda,” coauthored with Arsene Balihuta, Uganda’s ambassador to Switzerland and the WTO, accepted for publication in the Journal of *Real Estate Finance and Economics*.

ENGLISH

January 2009

Zhou Xiaojing, English and Ethnic Studies, presented two papers, "Medical Racialization of San Francisco's Chinatown and Sui Sin Far's 'Woman about Town','" and "'I Want to Go Where the Hysteric Resides': Kimiko Hahn's Rearticulation of the Feminine," at the 124th MLA Annual Convention.

November 2008


October 2008

Diane M. Borden, English and Film Studies, was a discussant for a program on "Image and Politics," for the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California, a conversation that included a specialist on propaganda, a journalist from salon.com, and two psychoanalysts. Dr. Borden spoke on the constructions of masculinities in the imagery
of the current presidential campaign. The program took place at the Mechanics Institute in San Francisco.

September 2008


**Andreea Boboc**, English, will have her essay, "Lay Performances of Work and Salvation in the York Cycle" published in the journal, *Comparative Drama*. She also gave a paper, "Moral Gower? Criminalizing Seduction in the Confessio Amantis," at the 1st International Gower Congress in London, this summer, as well as organizing a panel on Gower and law.

**Courtney Lehmann**, English and Director of the Humanities Center, has recently signed her sixth book contract. For this particular book, part of a 14-volume series called *Great Shakespeareans*, she will be writing about the Shakespeare adaptations of Soviet filmmaker Grigori Kozintsev.


**Camille Norton**, English, was commissioned to write an Oratorio as part of the "Intervene! Interrupt! Rethinking Art as Social Practice" Conference held at UC Santa Cruz in May 2008. She appears on the cover of the July/August *ART PAPERS*. She also worked collaboratively with composer Jaroslaw Kapuscsinski to produce the libretto for "Oli's Dream," which was performed this summer at the Animator/2008 Festival in Poznan, Poland and at the Time of Music Festival in Viitasaari, Finland.


**Diane M. Borden**, English and Film Studies, presented a paper on filmmaker Antonioni at a conference in Sicily and gave lectures on "From Kabbala to Klesmer: Woody Allen and David Mamet" in Rome in May. She also conducted a workshop on "Troubled and Troubling Faculty" at the Association of Departments of English summer seminars in Santa Fe in June. Borden, also presented “Lacan, Myth, and Stucture” at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California in June.


April 2008

Cynthia Dobbs, English and College Dean's Office, will present the paper "International Warfare and the 'Unhomely' Home in Toni Morrison's *Paradise*" at the American Literature Association's annual conference in May.

March 2008

Amy E. Smith, English, delivered a paper titled "Jane Austen in Latin America" at an international conference on translation at the University of Reims, Champagne-Ardenne, France, on March 14th.

Diane M. Borden, English and Film Studies, presented the paper "Take the Money and Run, Lola or the Psychic Costs of Patrimony" and participated in the panel discussion of Tom Tykver's film RUN, LOLA, RUN for the Lutecium School of Lacanian Studies in San Francisco at the Alliance Francaise.

February 2008

John Lessard, English, presented "The Battle of the Bonds: James Bond and the Problem of Medium Specificity" at the 2008 SW/TX Popular Culture and American Culture Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

Nicolle Matthews ‘08, English and Self-Design in Film, has been selected to present her paper, "Mob Mentality in Scorcese's Gangster Trilogy, *Mean Streets, Goodfellas, and The Departed,*" at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research in Salisbury, MD, in April.

January 2008

Andreea Boboc, Assistant Professor in English, presented a paper at the Modern Language Association's annual convention in Chicago in Dec. 2007, titled: “Narratives of Law: Criminal Intent and Interiority in *The Tale of Beryn.*”

January 2009

Ken Albala, History, delivered the following lectures this past month: "Fasting in an Age of Anxiety" at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and Boston University; "Pancakes" for the Kansas City Public Library and at the National Arts Club in New York City; "Beans Through History" for the Culinary Historians of Southern California and "Tillie Lewis, The Tomato Queen of San Joaquin" for the Culinary Historians of New York.

November 2008

Marisela Ramos, History, was invited to participate in a conference at Texas A&M titled, “The African Presence in Mexico,” sponsored by Callaloo Journal & The Center for Africana Studies, Johns Hopkins University, October 2008. The conference gathered scholars in the field of Afromexican studies from the United States and Mexico.

October 2008

Gesine Gerhard, History, presented the paper “Confronting the Past: Living with the memory of their father, Nazi perpetrator Herbert Backe” at the conference of the German Studies Association in Minneapolis.

Ken Albala, History, was recently elected co-editor of the journal Food, Culture and Society: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Research, and officially began editorial duties on October 1. Albala has been book reviews editor of the journal for the past six years.

Pancake: A Global History by Ken Albala, History, received a brief but glowing review in the Chronicle of Higher Education Books and Arts section on September 5th.

September 2008

Greg Rohlf, College of the Pacific, Department of History, presented “Introduction to the Chinese Past” at the San Mateo County Summer Institute, San Mateo County Department of Education, on June 23, 2008.

Fehmida Ali, History & Religious Studies Pacific Alum of 2008, will be honored at the A+ of San Joaquin Gala on September 18, 2008. Ms. Ali will receive the Tutor of the Year Award in recognition of her tutoring, mentoring and leadership contributions to our community. Congratulations to Ms. Ali for her achievement!
Greg Rohlf, History, presented “Socialist Leisure and City Planning: Movie Theaters, Bookstores and City Parks in China’s Small Cities in the Twentieth Century” at the Historical Society for Twentieth Century China conference, June 16-17, 2008 at the East-West Center in Honolulu.

Greg Rohlf, History, presented “Imperial China and Modern China” at the 2008 National Consortium for Teaching About Asia seminar at CSU Monterrey Bay on June 19, 2008.

Marisela Ramos, History, was invited to lead a workshop titled “Gender at the Border” for the San Joaquin Global Education Summer Institute: U.S.-Mexico Relations, July 2008

Caroline Cox, History, presented "Drew Faust's 'Republic of Suffering' and the 19th Century Culture of Death" at the Coe Humanities Institute, Stanford University, on July 17, 2008. She also spoke in August on the experiences of American Revolutionary War soldiers to the Mount Vernon Teacher's Institute at Mount Vernon, Virginia, and on the causes of the American Revolution to teachers in the UC Berkeley History-Social Science Institute.

July 2008

Caroline Cox, History, made a presentation to K-12 teachers gathered at California State University, Fresno on the theme "Teaching American Constitutional Documents: Continuity and Change."

Human Cuisine, coedited by Ken Albala, History, and Gary Allen has just been published. It is a collection of short stories and essays about cannibalism, including recipes (untested). It includes a story by alumna Suzanne Rindell, who is pursuing a graduate degree in writing at Rice University. This August Albala's 9th book will be published by Reaktion Press, titled Pancake, A Global History.

May 2008

Caroline Cox, History, commented on the panel "Imperial Frontiers: Insurgency, Counterinsurgency and Projecting Power in the Atlantic World" at the Society for Military History conference in Ogden, Utah.

Gesine Gerhard, History, presented a paper at the UCLA Center for Society and Genetics. She was an invited participant at a workshop on “Fascism and Genetics.”

Ken Albala, History, has heard that his book Beans: A History was given the International Association of Culinary Professionals Jane Grigson Award, which recognizes the year’s best book in food writing.

February 2008

Ken Albala, History, recently had four articles published: “Food as Propaganda in Late Renaissance Italy” in Dining on Turtles: Food and Feasts in History, ed. Diane Kirkby, “The Use and Abuse of Chocolate in 17th Century Medical Theory” in Food and Foodways, “Poliphilo’s Dream of Divine Feeding” in The College English Association Critic, and, “La première defense scientifique du diète végétale” in Revue CORPS, written in French. A fifth article on "Ludovicus Nonnus and the Elegance of Fish" is scheduled to appear this month in La Noblesse à Table, des ducs de Bourgogne aux rois de belges, Siger Zieschka, ed.

Paul Fraidenburgh ’08, History, has been selected to present his paper, "Swinging for the Fences: Sports and Identity in Japanese American Internment Camps" at the National Council for Undergraduate Research in Salisbury, MD, in April.

John Ahlers ’08, History, has been selected to present his paper, "Highbinders and Hatchet Men: The Tongs of San Francisco 1870-1900," at the National Council for Undergraduate Research in Salisbury, MD, in April.

January 2008

Ken Albala, Professor in History, co-edited The Business of Food: Encyclopedia of the Food and Drink Industries, which was recently published by Greenwood Press.

JACOBY CENTER

October 2008

The Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership Advisory Board has elected former State Senator Patrick Johnston as Chair and David Frederickson, Pacific
Alumnus, former federal administrator, and Director of the Grassroots Global Institute, as Vice Chair. President DeRosa has recently appointed retired Superior Court Justice James Darrah to the Jacoby Advisory Board. San Joaquin A+ has recognized Fehmida Ali ’08, a student tutor in the Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership as its 2008 Outstanding College Tutor. Ms. Ali has been part of the team of students and Jacoby staff providing after school programs to schools in the Midtown Magnolia district of Stockton.

September 2008

George Condon, Political Science and Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership, announces the largest group of Pacific students ever to participate in the Washington Semester Program sponsored jointly by the University and American University in Washington, D.C. This fall’s students and the programs in which they are specializing are: Nicholas Grainger ’09 (Justice), Maia Maszara ’09 (International Law and Organizations), John Orofino ’09 (Journalism), Michael Uhlhorn ’10 (American National Politics), and Megan VanDenburgh ’09 (Justice). The students have internships in federal agencies or other public affairs organizations, participate in a seminar with Washington notables, and pursue research or take an elective course at American University.

Marcia Hernandez, Sociology and the Jacoby Center, gave an invited presentation, "Engaging the Sociological Imagination Through Service-Learning" at the Summer Institute for the California Campus Compact-Carnegie Foundation Faculty Fellows: Service Learning for Political Engagement Program at Stanford University. The CACC-Carnegie Fellowship is funded in part by Learn and Serve America. The goal of the two-year fellowship is to bring together faculty across disciplines and institutions to design and implement a service-learning course geared towards increasing students’ understanding, skills, and motivation for political engagement.

May 2008


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George Condon, Director of the Sacramento Experience program in the Jacoby Center, announces the following internship assignments for students participating in this sixth year of the program: Shaun Callahan – California Health Care Foundation; Priscilla Del Toro – Assemblywoman Cathleen Galgiani; Katie Fixsen – California School Boards Association; Adam Ellison – Senator Dave Cogdill; Meagan Hamby – California Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Maia Maszera – Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; Scott Panerio – California Attorneys for Criminal Justice.

MATHEMATICS

February 2008

Sarah Merz, Mathematics, presented “A Combinatorial Approach to the Distinguishing Number of a Tournament and Other Digraphs” at the American Mathematical Society (AMS) 2008 Joint Meetings in San Diego in January.


Dennis Parker, Mathematics, is the higher ed Co-Principal Investigator for three California Math & Science Partnership grants - for the Stockton, Lodi, and Lincoln Unified School Districts. These three partnerships, with awards totaling $5.2 million, are dedicated to increasing student achievement in mathematics and science in the school districts of San Joaquin County. Other partners include the San Joaquin County Office of Education, the Business Education Alliance of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, San Joaquin Delta College, and West Ed.

January 2008

Christopher Goff, Mathematics, organized and helped moderate a panel discussion titled “Mathematics and Hollywood: A Conversation with Mathematical Hollywood Writers and Mathematics Faculty” at the joint meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America in San Diego in January. The panel brought together writers from The Simpsons and Futurama with mathematicians who have consulted on the TV show Numb3rs.

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE
November 2008

**Martín Camps**, Modern Language and Literature, presented the paper “La esperanza del desesperado: *Poemas humanos* de César Vallejo” [The hope of the despaired in Vallejo’s poetry] at the International Poetry Symposium at Hofstra University.

**Traci Roberts-Camps**, Modern Language and Literature, gave an invited lecture on “De noche vienes” by Mexican writer Elena Poniatowska at Boise State University (October 2008).

September 2008


April 2008

Students of Spanish 23 will be presenting a murder/mystery comedy on 22nd April 2008, at 7pm, Bechtel Center: “*Crimen Omitido en un tren Parado.*” Play adapted from José Lopez Rubio “*Las manos son inocentes.*”

February 2008

**Kathy Richman**, Modern Language & Literature, presented a paper, "Caritas, Eros, Amitié: Qualities of Love in George Sand's *François le Champi,*” at the Modern Language Association annual convention in Chicago in December. She is also president of the Discussion Group on Romance Literary Relations of the MLA.

January 2008

**Katie Golsan**, Modern Languages and Literature, published the article "The 'Seen' of the Crime: Murder and Merrymaking in Renoir's 1930s Films" in *Film Criticism* (Winter 2007-8).

**PACIFIC LEGAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**PHILOSOPHY**

January 2009

**Ty Raterman**, Philosophy, had his article “An Environmentalist’s Lament on Predation” published in the journal *Environmental Ethics.*
Ray Rennard, Philosophy, presented "What the Viewer Can't Know about Memento" at the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association in Philadelphia. July 2008

Ty Raterman, Philosophy, presented his paper, "An Environmentalist's Lament of Predation," at two recent conferences. The first, the fifth annual meeting of the International Society for Environmental Ethics, was held in Allenspark, Colorado in late May. The second, titled "Thinking Through Nature: Philosophy for an Endangered World," was held in June in Eugene, Oregon under the auspices of the University of Oregon and the International Association for Environmental Philosophy.

PHYSICS

September 2008

Kieran Holland, Physics, recently gave three presentations: an invited presentation "Walking technicolor on the lattice" at the Extreme QCD 2008 workshop at North Carolina State University, a presentation "Probing technicolor theories with staggered fermions" at the Lattice 2008 conference at the College of William and Mary, and an invited presentation "Dirac spectra in nearly conformal gauge theories" at the Dynamical Electroweak Symmetry Breaking workshop in Odense, Denmark. He also participated in the Strong and Electroweak Matter 2008 conference in Amsterdam, Holland.

February 2008

Kieran Holland, Physics, recently published an article "Revisiting the deconfinement phase transition in SU(4) Yang-Mills theory in 2+1 dimensions" in the Journal of High Energy Physics. His collaborators and the co-authors of the article are Michele Pepe at INFN, Milan, Italy, and Uwe-Jens Wiese at Bern University, Switzerland.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

January 2009

Dari Sylvester, Political Science, Qingwen Dong, Communication and Robert Benedetti, Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership, were recently awarded a $43,000 in research funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts through the Pew Center on the States’ Make Voting Work initiative. This grant will enable the researchers to investigate empirically the impact of a large-scale vote-by-mail and a voter education program they conducted in San Joaquin County in 2008. The Pew Center on the States’ Make Voting Work initiative seeks to build an American election system that is accurate, convenient, efficient and secure and has been a leader in supporting research that helps
states identify what’s working and what’s not. In addition to funding for further study of vote-by-mail and voter error, the awardees are invited to attend conferences on voting studies organized by the Make Voting Work. Dari Sylvester participated in such a conference in Washington, DC during December, 2008. The Pew Center award follows the receipt of a contract from the County of San Joaquin for a year long study of voting in cooperation with the Registrar of Voters, Austin Erdman. This contract was funded by a federal program, the Help America Vote Act. The contract has been serviced by a team of Pacific faculty from four College departments: Visual Arts, Communication, Political Science, and Theatre Arts. The team is currently completing its final report which will be prepared for publication this summer.

September 2008

George Condon, Political Science and Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership, announces the largest group of Pacific students ever to participate in the Washington Semester Program sponsored jointly by the University and American University in Washington, D.C. This fall’s students and the programs in which they are specializing are: Nicholas Grainger ’09 (Justice), Maia Maszara ’09 (International Law and Organizations), John Orofino ’09 (Journalism), Michael Uhlhorn ’10 (American National Politics), and Megan VanDenburgh ’09 (Justice). The students have internships in federal agencies or other public affairs organizations, participate in a seminar with Washington notables, and pursue research or take an elective course at American University.

Lou Matz, Associate Dean of the College, and Brian E. Klunk, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, presented a workshop on Pacific Seminar 3 titled “Ethics and Narrative” at the Association of American Colleges and Universities Core Commitments Summer Institute on July 25, 2008 at Portland State University.

July 2008

Dari Sylvester, Political Science, was awarded the Hoefer Prize for Leadership in Experiential Learning for internship supervision and implementation of her service learning course titled "Government in Action: Public Policy." Sylvester will be recognized at the fall meeting of the American Political Science Association for her teaching award.

May 2008

Dari E. Sylvester, Political Science, along with her co-author Adam J. McGlynn, presented their paper, "Assessing the Effects of Municipal Terms Limits on Economic Policy in U.S. Cities," at the Southwest Political Science Conference in Las Vegas.

March 2008
**Dari E. Sylvester**, Political Science, presented her paper "Fostering Student Leadership in Tackling Community-Based Problems" at the American Political Science Association's Teaching and Learning Conference in San Jose.

February 2008

**Dari E. Sylvester**, Political Science, will have her review of *W Stands For Women: How the George W. Bush Presidency Shaped a New Politics of Gender* published in the upcoming edition of *Politics and Gender*.

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**Dari E. Sylvester**, Political Science, had her brief report "Fostering Student Leadership in Tackling Community-Based Problems" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Cognitive Affective Learning*.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

November 2008

**John C. Borrero**, former faculty member, Psychology, and two former graduate students, **Monica Francisco** and **Jolene Sy** had their recent publication released in the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*. Vol 41(2), Sum 2008, pp. 189-202, titled, “Evaluation of Absolute and Relative Reinforcer Value Using Progressive-Ratio Schedules.”

**Matthew Normand**, Psychology, had the article "Much ado about nothing? Some comments about B.F. Skinner's definition of verbal behavior" accepted for publication in the journal *The Behavior Analyst*.

October 2008

**Matthew Normand**, Psychology, was recently named a member of the editorial board for the journal *Behavior Analysis in Practice* (published by the Association for Behavior Analysis, International).
Matthew Normand, Psychology, conducted a workshop titled "Treatment Integrity: Methods for Effective Behavioral Intervention" at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis in Bonita Springs, FL. At the same conference, he also co-authored a presented paper titled "Increasing calorie expenditure through task clarification, goal-setting, self-monitoring, and feedback." This paper was presented as part of a symposium on the application of basic learning principles to improve health and fitness.

September 2008

Matthew Normand, Psychology, had the paper "Evaluation of the high-probability instruction sequence with and without programmed reinforcement" published in the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis. The paper reports a study examining the critical components of a commonly reported intervention to increase child compliance. Normand also had the paper "Increasing physical activity through self-monitoring, goal-setting, and feedback" accepted for publication in the journal Behavioral Interventions. The paper reports a study evaluating the effectiveness of a clinical intervention designed to increase the amount of walking adults do on a daily basis by utilizing performance feedback provided by waist-worn pedometers.

Deborah Schooler, Psychology, was selected to serve on the First 5 San Joaquin Advisory Committee. The advisory board provides guidance to the First 5 Commission on policy and funding priorities related to the health and well-being of children ages 0-5.

May 2008

Psychology Department faculty and students presented the following posters at the Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association in Irvine, CA in April 2008:

Debbie Schooler, Scott Jensen, Lisa Grimes ('08), Ana Connell ('10), Vanessa Calavano ('10), & Saumirah McWoodson ('09) presented Validation of an observational measure to assess social and emotional competency.

Debbie Schooler, Lisa Grimes ('08), & Derek Szafranski ('09) presented Religious and parental sexual values: Conflicting values and risky sexual behavior.

Debbie Schooler, Derek Szafranski ('09), & Lisa Grimes ('08) presented Religiosity and Sexual anxiety: The mediating role of body image.

Scott Jensen, Nancy Sirker ('09), George Brais ('09), Heather Breen ('09), Vanessa Calavano ('10), David Wells ('08) & Dino Zanini ('08) presented Anticipation of parenting in college students: Efficacy and parenting knowledge.
Scott Jensen & Lisa Grimes ('08) presented Social skills training in conjunction with parent training: Its effects.

Scott Jensen, Lisa Grimes ('08), Matthew Van Donsel ('08), Sarah Trinh ('08), Stacy Gomez ('09), & David Wells ('08) presented Religious affiliation and involvement and the associated parenting characteristics.

Scott Jensen, Lisa Grimes ('08), & Matthew Van Donsel ('08) presented Religious leaders, parenting, and marital satisfaction: Silent struggles or perfect people?

Scott Jensen & April Pyle ('08) presented ADHD focused homework intervention.

Debbie Schooler, Scott Jensen, Lisa Grimes ('08), Ana Connell ('09), Saumirah McWoodson ('09), & Vanessa Calavano ('10) presented Social Emotional Observational Measure: Creation and Validation.

Carolynn Kohn, Scott Jensen, & Derek Szafranski ('09) presented Teaching emotional intelligence in a university setting: A replication and extension.

Kenneth Beauchamp, Holly White, Carolynn Kohn, & Brittney Dodson ('08) presented Comparison of three instructional methods for increasing psychiatric medication knowledge.

Carolynn Kohn, Steven Sayers, Sarah Trinh ('08), Lisa Grimes ('08), & Derek Szafranski ('09) presented Interracial/Interfaith couples’ reports of support from family, friends, and partners.

Stacy Rilea, Matthew Van Donsel ('08), Sarah Trinh ('08) presented Strategy use during video game play, gender, and spatial performance.

Stacy Rilea, Dan Cliburn, Matthew Van Donsel ('08), & Tess Winlock ('09) presented Gender differences in navigation in virtual environments.

Carolynn Kohn, Matthew Van Donsel ('08), & Kenny Yamamoto ('07) presented Interpersonal communication skills group in individuals with chronic mental illnesses.

Gary Howells, Sue Hobbs ('09), Sheryl Redoblado ('07), Andrea Carrara ('09), Amy Yocum ('08), Latanya Daniels ('09) & Jennifer Sanocki ('09) presented Terror management theory: Does death-rebirth meditation ameliorate mortality salience?

Gary Howells, Sue Hobbs ('09), Deanna Hess ('08), Jessie Choi ('08) Amy Hawryluk ('08), Sheryl Redoblado ('07) & Andrea Carrara ('09) presented: Police showups: Can we make them less suggestible?
March 2008

Stacy Rilea, Psychology, recently had a journal article titled "A lateralization of function approach to sex differences in spatial ability: a reexamination" accepted for publication in the journal Brain and Cognition.

Matthew Normand, Psychology, gave an invited address titled “Science, pseudoscience, and autism” at the 26th Annual Western Regional Conference of the California Association for Behavior Analysis. He also presented the paper “Verbal behavior, functional independence, and rule-governed behavior” at the same conference.

Deborah Schooler, Psychology, was awarded a grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The $100,000 grant will support a two-year project titled The Influence of Body Image on Adolescent Girls’ Risk and Protection Behaviors.

Carolynn Kohn, Stephany Crisolo (08), Kaleena Weltz (11), Audrey Tam (11), Psychology, presented a poster titled "Effectiveness of Using Frequent Brief Preference Assessments for Evaluating Choice" at the 26th Annual Regional Conference of the California Association of Behavior Analysis, February 2008 in Garden Grove, CA.

Jori Andrus (08), Paul Curtis (11), April Luman (10), & Nhi Tran (10), Psychology, presented a poster titled "Recreational Outings with Adults Diagnosed with Schizophrenia" at the 26th Annual Regional Conference of the California Association of Behavior Analysis, February 2008 in Garden Grove, CA.

Carolynn Kohn, Nirupa Fenn (08), Peter Valencia (10), Margarita Amine (11), & Judith Rocha (10), Psychology, presented a poster titled "Teaching Job Interview Skills to Adults with Mental Illness: A Comparison of Group and Individual Training Procedures" at the 26th Annual Regional Conference of the California Association of Behavior Analysis, February 2008 in Garden Grove, CA.

April Pyle (08) & Joey Nevarez (10), Psychology, presented a poster titled "Brief Errorless Compliance Training with Preschoolers: Using Teacher Requests" at the 26th Annual Regional Conference of the California Association of Behavior Analysis, February 2008 in Garden Grove, CA.

John Borrero, Ken Beauchamp, Floyd O’Brien, Sandy Sran (07), & David Wells (08), Psychology, presented a poster titled "Quantity vs Quality: The Opportunity to Choose Back-Up Reinforcers in a Token Economy" at the 26th Annual Regional Conference of the California Association of Behavior Analysis, February 2008 in Garden Grove, CA.

Cris Clay and Jori Andrus (08), Psychology, presented a poster titled "Three Year Plan to Improve Applied Behavior Analytic Services Across Three Special Classroom Settings:
Year One and Year Two" at the 26th Annual Regional Conference of the California Association of Behavior Analysis, February 2008 in Garden Grove, CA.

February 2008

**Deborah Schooler**, Psychology, published the article “Real women have curves: A longitudinal investigation of TV and the body image development of Latina adolescents” in the March issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Research*.

January 2008

**Matthew Normand**, Psychology, recently had two papers accepted for publication. The first is a research report of a study on the emerging speech of a young child with autism, titled "A Functional Analysis of Non-Vocal Verbal Behavior of a Young Child With Autism," to be published in *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*.

The second is a paper on the relationship of skepticism, the philosophy of science, and behavior analysis, titled "Science, Skepticism, and Applied Behavior Analysis," to be published in the inaugural issue of *Behavior Analysis in Practice*.

**RELIGIOUS & CLASSICAL STUDIES**

October 2008

**Caroline Schroeder**, Religious and Classical Studies, has been awarded a $4400 individual research grant from the American Academy of Religion, the professional society for the field of Religious Studies. The grant will support a research project titled, "From Ascetic Ingenue to Jephthah's Daughter: Children and the Representations of Children in Early Christian Monasticism."

September 2008

**Fehmida Ali**, History & Religious Studies Pacific Alum of 2008, will be honored at the A+ of San Joaquin Gala on September 18, 2008. Ms. Ali will receive the Tutor of the Year Award in recognition of her tutoring, mentoring and leadership contributions to our community.

**Caroline Schroeder**, Religious & Classical Studies, will be presenting a paper in Cairo, Egypt at the Congress for the International Association of Coptic Studies. The paper is titled, "Child Sacrifice in Early Egyptian Monastic Art and Literature."

The **Department of Religious and Classical Studies** has been awarded a grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion for a faculty development program on Teaching College Introductory Religion Courses.
Alan Lenzi, Religious & Classical Studies, had his article "The Uruk List of Kings and Sages and Late Mesopotamian Scholarship" accepted for publication in the Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions, forthcoming in early 2009.

May 2008

Tanya Storch, Religious & Classical Studies, had the second book of her Buddhist poetry in English, Russian and Japanese languages come out in Philadelphia through the Coast Publishing Ltd.

April 2008

Alan Lenzi, Religious & Classical Studies, recently presented "The Position of the Torah Psalms in the MT Psalter" at the annual conference of the Western Commission for the Study of Religion.


February 2008

Caroline Schroeder, Religious and Classical Studies, has recently had her book, Monastic Bodies: Discipline and Salvation in Shenoute of Atripe, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

January 2008


SOCIOLGY

November 2008
Alison Hope Alkon, Sociology, will have her article, “From Value to Values: Sustainable Consumption at Farmers Markets” appear in the December issue of Agriculture and Human Values, a leading interdisciplinary journal devoted to the study of food and agriculture.

Ethel Nicdao, Sociology, recently published her article “Social Support and the Use of Mental Health Services among Asian Americans” in the journal Research in the Sociology of Health Care

George Lewis, Sociology, was contacted by Transaction Books, with plans to reprint his 1972 “Side-Saddle on the Golden Calf: Social Structure and Popular Culture in America” as part of their “Classic Reprint Series.” Lewis' title is one of the earliest book length works in Sociology to focus on popular culture, including consideration of topics such as roller derby, religious right wing radio, tattooing, underground comix and the music of Bob Dylan.

October 2008

Ethel Nicdao, Sociology, was selected to participate in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Research and Coaching Clinic, October 25-26 in San Diego, CA.

Dolores Delgado ‘84, Sociology, a graduate of the Community Involvement Program, will receive the Mayor's Award of Distinction on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6 pm in Lathrop's City Hall. Delgado has served as Lathrop's Chief of Police since 2005, has been in law enforcement for 24 years and is the highest ranking Latina in law enforcement in the state who is not a political appointee.

Ethel Nicdao, Sociology, was one of 30 selected to participate in the 2008 Leadership Training Institute on Career Advancement for Diverse Researchers.

September 2008

Ethel Nicdao, Sociology, presented “Negotiating Self and Identity: A Case Study of Adults Court-Ordered for Mental Health Counseling” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction in Boston.

Alison Hope Alkon, Sociology, published an article titled "Place Matters, But How? Rural Identity, Environmental Decision Making, and the Social Construction of Place" in the journal City & Community. She also gave a paper at the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Boston titled "But Yet, We're Victims of It: Lack of Frame Resonance Among Central Valley Environmental Justice Activists.” Lastly, she helped to facilitate a session at the American Sociology Association on increasing the Association's green practices.
Marcia Hernandez, Sociology and the Jacoby Center, gave an invited presentation, "Engaging the Sociological Imagination Through Service-Learning" at the Summer Institute for the California Campus Compact-Carnegie Foundation Faculty Fellows: Service Learning for Political Engagement Program at Stanford University. The CACC-Carnegie Fellowship is funded in part by Learn and Serve America. The goal of the two-year fellowship is to bring together faculty across disciplines and institutions to design and implement a service-learning course geared towards increasing students' understanding, skills, and motivation for political engagement.

May 2008

Chanda Chhin ’09, Sociology, has been awarded a Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) Undergraduate Scholarship for the study of Khmer at SEASSI 2008 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This award will provide a full payment of Chanda’s SEASSI tuition, and a living stipend of $1800.


January 2008

Marcia Hernandez, Assistant Professor is Sociology, has a chapter “Sisterhood beyond the Ivory Tower: An Exploration of Black Sorority Alumnae Membership” in the forthcoming anthology Black Greek-Letter Organizations in the Twenty First Century: Our Fight Has Just Begun edited by Gregory S. Parks and published by The University of Kentucky Press.

Ethel Nicdao, Assistant Professor of Sociology, recently published an article titled "Prevalence and Correlates of Eating Disorders among Asian Americans" in the September 2007 issue of the International Journal of Eating Disorders.

SPORT SCIENCES

July 2008

Peg Ciccolella and Mark Van Ness recently published a peer reviewed article in Professionalization of Exercise Physiology (July 2008, Vol 11:7) titled "A Public at Risk: Personal Fitness Trainers without a Standard of Care."

Peg Ciccolella, Linda Sharp (Faculty at Northern Colorado University) and Kerry Krueger (former director of Student Judicial Affairs – left Pacific last year to practice law in the

February 2008

**Peg Ciccolella,** Sport Sciences, along with colleagues *Staci Stevens,* *Chris Snell* and *Mark VanNess,* recently published a research article titled “Legal and Scientific Considerations of the Exercise Stress Test” in the *Journal of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome* (Vol. 14, 2007).

**THEATRE ARTS**

October 2008

**Lisa Tromovitch,** Theatre Arts, is being honored by the Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women as their "Woman of the Year" for her work as "Producing Artistic Director of Livermore Shakespeare Festival and full-time professor in Theatre Arts at the University of the Pacific." There is a luncheon at Garre Café at the Garre Winery on October 28th in her honor.

September 2008

**Cathie McClellan,** Associate Faculty and Chair of Theatre Arts, participated in “From Ritual to Theatre: Asian Ritual Festival Workshop” in Taipei, Taiwan in August. Sponsored by OISTAT, the Organisation Internationale des Scenographes Techniciens et Architectes des Theatre, this workshop was the first in a planned series in which artists from around the world gather together to observe regional grass-roots festivals and then work with local theatre artists and students to celebrate the uniqueness of the ritual and to transform their observations into theatrical ideas through intercultural collaborations. The subject of this workshop was the Ghost Festival in Taiwan, a month long event with overtones very similar to Halloween in the United States.

The Department of Theatre Arts co-produced with Livermore Shakespeare Festival this summer. *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare, directed by Assistant Professor *Lisa Tromovitch,* in rotating repertory with The Complete Works of Wm. Shkspr (abridged) (revised) directed by Leslie Martinson of TheatreWorks. Associate Professor *Randall Enlow* designed sets and lights for both. Former staff member *Jonathan Singer* designed costumes. Majors *Chris Dewey ‘09* and *Danielle Stevens ‘10,* and non-majors *Alex Ruano ‘11* and *Linda Lopez ‘09,* interned with the company. LSF ‘08 increased ticket sales over last summer of 60% and received positive critical revues and audience raves.

**Randall Enlow,** Theatre Arts, had four shows running simultaneously for which he designed the scenery: “The Full Monty” at Stockton Civic Theatre, “South Pacific” at Sierra Repertory Theatre, “Complete Works of Shakespeare” for Livermore Shakespeare
Festival, and “Twelfth Night” for Livermore Shakespeare Festival. Enlow also designed the lighting for the two Shakespeare productions, as well as receiving the Outstanding Scenic Design Award for “The Full Monty”.

July 2008

Pacific Staff and Students Involved in Livermore Shakespeare Festival. The Livermore Shakespeare Festival (LSF) has many Pacific staff and students involved this year. Professor Lisa A. Tromovitch, Producing Artistic Director for Shakespeare’s Associates (the company hosting LSF) works hard every year to keep those she works closely with at the university involved in LSF. This year, she has help from Staff/Faculty members Brad Enlow (Technical Director), Rand Enlow (Scenic/Lighting Designer) and Jonathan Singer (Costume Designer). Students involved are Chris Dewey ’09, Theatre Arts, who is Assistant Stage Manager and Valentine in Twelfth Night, Alex Ruano ’11, English, who is Marketing Assistant, Assistant Stage Manager and Curio in Twelfth Night, Danielle Stephens ’10, Theatre Arts/Spanish, who is Assistant Stage Manager and Olivia’s Attendant in Twelfth Night and Linda Lopez ’09, English/Film, who is Assistant to the Costume Designer. The Livermore Shakespeare Festival runs July 10 through August 2. For tickets and more information go to www.LivermoreShakes.org or call (925) 443-BARD.

February 2008

At the recent Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Region VIII Conference, the Theatre Arts Department was honored with the following achievements:

1. Theatre Arts Department’s production of A Tale of Tam and Cam (Fall 2007) received Awards of Merit for the following: Staff members: Gary Scheiding (Sound Design) and Jonathan Singer (Costume Design), and students Krista Perkins ’08 (Stage Management), Emily Heller ’09 and Johanna Covell ’09 (Property Design), Tuong-Vi Tran ’08 (Scenic Design). Faculty member, Rand Enlow wrote the play from a translation of a Vietnamese children’s book, as well as directed it.

2. Valerie Niles’ ‘08 presentation of Props Design and Construction for the Theatre Arts production of Pericles (Spring 2007) was designated as a Finalist in the competition. Pam Campi ’08 (Stage Management for Macbeth), Angela Enos ’08 (Costume Design for Macbeth) and Ryan Shull ’08 (Lighting Design for Macbeth) also gave presentations at the festival.

3. Faculty member Cathie McClellan and staff member Jonathan Singer presented two workshops during the week-long event: a) “Yippie Kai Ao Dai” -- Western Visions of Historic Vietnamese Dress in a Theatre for Young Audiences production of A Tale of Tam and Cam and b) “Costume Cannibals” -- Hats and Crafts from found materials.
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**VISUAL ARTS**

November 2008

**Ivan Rocha, Jr.,** Graphic Design major, Visual Arts, received a $500 scholarship from Central Methodist Church, plus a show at the church in January. The scholarship was administered by Helen Betz and Lowell James of the Central Methodist Church. Last year’s recipient was Art major Lauren Carter.

September 2008

**Stephen Eakin,** Visual Arts, recently showed artwork as part of the exhibition “Home and Away: Contemporary Video Art” at Jay Jay Gallery in Sacramento this past July. The exhibition was featured on the front page of the *Sacramento Bee*’s July 25th Weekend Ticket, which included a two-page written review of the entire show. It was curated by Rachel Clarke, Associate Professor of New Media at Sacramento State, and included many local video artists as well as artists from New York and Kentucky. Professor Eakin also received a “Best Local Short Film” nomination for his film “The Sidewalk” as part of the San Joaquin International Film Festival last June. The festival was the first of its kind in Stockton and the central valley, and included 54 films from 18 nations, screened at a variety of venues across a 5-day period.

**Trent Burkett,** Visual Arts, will be included in three invitational exhibitions in September and October. The first is a Bay Area Potters exhibition at Trax Gallery in Berkeley. Trax is a nationally recognized gallery that focuses exclusively on functional ceramics. The second is a wood fire exhibition at CSU Sacramento. The third is a ten-year reunion exhibition of artists who worked at one time or another at the Richard Carter Studio in Napa, California. Richard Carter is a nationally recognized artist who continues to run an artist-in-residency program. The exhibition will be sponsored by the Quicksilver Mine Co. in Forestville, CA.

May 2008
The following students will have works exhibiting at the State capitol in the Historic West Wing from April 16 to May 16. Ivan Rocha '09 (Oil Painting), Leila Andrews '07 (Discourse Digital Typography), Minh Ho '09 (Shell Etching), Lyna Nguyen '08 (Dual ID with the Feminine Sphere - series of 4 Digital Photography), Jessica Herrera '09 (Hand of interest Aquatint print), Jessica Herrera '09 (Layers of a Man's Land Lino Print), Kellyn Loehr '08 (Conversation Digital Typography), Samantha Greenfield '10 (Parrott Lino Print), Andrea Gutierrez '08 (Afro Sister Hair Wood cut print), and Verence Paredes '11 (Face Woodcut).

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January 2008

Lucinda Kasser, Associate Professor in Visual Arts, was interviewed and her painting, "At Water's Edge," was featured in the December issue of American Art Collector. The painting is one of two of Kasser's paintings included in "Figure in the Landscape," an exhibition at the Knowlton Gallery, which opened December 7.

Trent Burkett, Associate Professor in Visual Arts was accepted through a competitive process from a pool of chosen artists to do a series of outdoor sculptures for the new Kaiser Hospital in Modesto. He was selected by a reputable gallery in Sacramento (JayJay gallery) to be part of their art consulting services for all kinds of art patrons, corporations, etc. His project was selected from among several proposals. He will be working in large scale steel and installing the work in two of Kaiser's outdoor garden/courtyards. The project will be constructed this Spring and he will be working with local steel fabricators to complete the first stage to start this month. He was also invited to exhibit the results of his research while on sabbatical this last semester. The exhibition will represent his collaborative efforts making and firing ceramic works in a traditional style, Japanese wood-fired kiln. The exhibit will take place in the Robert Else Gallery located in the Department of Art at CSUS in the fall.