Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchú of Guatemala will speak on Tuesday, October 21 at 7 pm in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Menchú will discuss her work in raising awareness of the challenges facing indigenous people and her work toward reconciliation and peace.

Rigoberta Menchú was born in 1959 and raised in the Quiché ethnic group of the Mayan culture. As a teenager she became involved in the social reform movement in the Catholic Church and later gained prominence in the women’s rights movement. In 1979 her father and brother were arrested and killed by security forces for being politically active, and her mother died in captivity a short time later. Menchú was forced into hiding in 1981 and fled to Mexico where she started her life in exile as an organizer of resistance to oppression in Guatemala and the struggle for indigenous peoples’ rights.

Menchú has returned to Guatemala periodically to plead the cause of the indigenous peasants, and in 1987 formed the political party Encuentro por Guatemala, serving as its first presidential candidate. Menchú received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 for her work on behalf of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Morgan Spurlock, the man who took on the fast food industry with his documentary “Supersize Me,” will speak Saturday, October 18 at 7:30 pm in the Don and Karen DeRosa University Center Grand Ballroom. Spurlock also has been producing the television show “30 Days” for the FX Channel. Earlier this year, he completed a new documentary: “Where in the World is Osama Bin Laden?” After his speech, Spurlock will sign copies of his book and DVDs. The event is sponsored by ASUOP and is free and open to the public.

“Here has been a tremendous interest from our students in hearing more speakers who can talk about environmentalism, modern health concerns and the social issues facing our times,” said Jason Velo, director of ASUOP.

“Morgan Spurlock’s work, from his hit film to his recent television show, touches on all of those issues and resonates well with our student body.”

In “Super Size Me,” Spurlock challenged the assertion by fast food companies that it was possible to eat a healthy diet through their restaurants. He ate McDonald’s meals for 30 days straight while he crossed the country, talking to people who were connected to the industry. The film was nominated for an Oscar for best documentary feature.
Kathy Bechtold, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, was a co-investigator on the study “An exploration of Maitland’s construct of low back pain irritability” presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the California Physical Therapy Association.

Andreea Boboc, English, will have her essay, “Lay Performances of Work and Salvation in the York Cycle” published in the journal Comparative Drama.


Todd Davenport, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, co-authored “A hypothesis-oriented algorithm for symptom-based diagnosis by physical therapists: Description and case series on a manuscript” published in Orthopedic Physical Therapy Practice. It received the 2008 Clinician Publication Award from the California Physical Therapy Association.

Stephen Eakin, Visual Arts, showed his artwork as part of the exhibition “Home and Away: Contemporary Video Art” at Jay Jay Gallery in Sacramento. Eakin also received a “Best Local Short Film” nomination for his film “The Sidewalk” as part of the San Joaquin International Film Festival. 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.

Arturo Giraldez, Modern Languages and Literature and School of International Studies, presented the paper “The Philippines during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in a Spanish Empire map of time” at a plenary session of “Languages and Colonial Cultures” First International Colloquium in Mexico at the National & Autonomous University of Mexico. He is a member of the proceedings’ editorial committee.

Carol Ann Hackley, Communication, spoke on “International Partnering” at the Navy League of the U.S. Regional International meeting in St. Maarten, N.A.

Kieran Holland, Physics, gave three presentations: “Walking technicolor on the lattice” at the Extreme QCD 2008 workshop at North Carolina State University; “Probing technicolor theories with staggered fermions” at the Lattice 2008 conference at the College of William and Mary; and “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, Netherlands.

Tamara Little, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, received the 2008 California Physical Therapy Association’s Faculty Publication Award for her manuscript “A model for standardizing manipulation terminology in physical therapy practice,” published in the Journal of Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy.

Mike McCallum, Chemistry, and Logan Ahlstrom ’08 had the article “Replica Exchange Simulations of Helical Stabilization in the YAP1 Protein” published in the Summer 2008 issue of the Journal of Undergraduate Chemistry Research. Ahlstrom is a PhD candidate in Biochemistry/ Biophysics at the University of Arizona, where he was awarded one a research scholarship.

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. Normand also had the paper “Increasing physical activity through self-monitoring, goal-setting, and feedback” accepted for publication in the journal Behavioral Interventions.

Greg Rohlf, History, presented “Introduction to the Chinese Past” at the San Mateo County Summer Institute at the San Mateo County Department of Education.

Mandy Welch ’09, Alexis Anderson ’09 and Emily Louie ’09 presented the poster “Functional Anatomy of Craniovertebral Ligament Testing in a Human Cadaver Model.”

Zhao Xiaojing, English and Ethnic Studies, had her article “Chinatown Vernacular Verses: A Popular Genre in the (Trans) Formation of A Chinese American Community” published in the journal Genre: Forms of Discourse and Culture.

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry has been named as a subcontractor for a three-year, $156,749 grant to develop new ways to deliver antibiotics that treat tuberculosis. Nejat Düzgüneş, professor and director of the school’s microbiology laboratory, will serve as the co-investigator on the project, which is part of a Small Business Innovation Research grant from the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases made to Maryland-based biopharmaceutical company Sequella, Inc. The grant will fund the development of liposome formulations of novel anti-TB drugs used to treat tuberculosis. One of these antibiotics can kill 90 percent of Mycobacterium tuberculosis organisms within a 48-hour period, while one of the most potent anti-TB drugs currently in use kills only about 10 percent.

Lydia Fox, Earth and 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 expands and continues a successful series of faculty development workshops run by the Geosciences Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research designed to help new and future faculty members develop and sustain undergraduate research programs. Fox has been facilitating these workshops for several years. This grant will make the workshops available to a wider audience within the geosciences community.

O. David Sparkman, Chemistry, was recognized by the American Chemical Society, one of the world’s largest scientific organizations, with the Award for Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Analytical Chemistry for 2008. Sparkman was one of six analytical chemists to receive the award at the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Philadelphia in August. The award is given to those who have enhanced the perception of analytical chemistry in the public eye; fostered analytical chemistry research in academia, government or the private industry; or advanced the careers of analytical chemists in any area of employment. Sparkman is a mass spectrometry consultant to the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and manager of Pacific’s mass spectrometry facility.
SPRING BREAK TRIP SPARKS
EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH IN STOCKTON

Conservatory of Music students will travel to local elementary schools in mid-October to perform a children’s opera that was once performed by Jewish orphans in a Nazi concentration camp. The opera, “Brundibar,” composed by Hans Kraska, will be performed at Don Riggio, Hoover and Elmwood schools in Stockton. There will also be a public performance Thursday, October 23 at 8 pm in Long Theatre. General admission is $10, $7 for seniors.

The opera first premiered at a Jewish boys’ orphanage in Prague in 1942. Just before it premiered, Kraska was arrested and sent to Theresienstadt, a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. Soon after, the opera’s conductor, Rudolph Freudenfeld, and the boys in the orphanage were also sent to Theresienstadt. Freudenfeld took the score with him to the concentration camp and the opera was performed there 55 times. Kraska, nearly all of his collaborators and the children who performed in the opera eventually were killed at Auschwitz.

Conservatory students visited the concentration camp on the Berlin-Prague Music Tour during spring break 2008. The idea to perform the opera for local students was born out of the impact of their experience. “This is an amazing opportunity to teach our youth a little about the world’s history from an insider perspective,” said James Haffner, associate professor of opera. “Our performance will play directly off of Hans Kraska’s original manuscript, and will teach us more about oppression, tolerance and equality.”

NOTEWORTHY CONTINUED

Graduate students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program in Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences presented the following research at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the California Physical Therapy Association:

Alexis Anderson ’09, Emily Louie ’09 and Mandy Welch ’09 presented the poster “Functional Anatomical Analysis of the Relationship between Forward Head Posture and the Tempromandibular Joint Position in a Human Cadaver Model.”

Nanette Farley ’09, Brandon Nan ’09 and Alissa Perrill ’09 presented the poster “Functional Anatomy of the Anterior Drawer Test of Ankle Ligament Stability in a Human Cadaveric Model.”

Erin Newell ’09, Jennifer Matsuoka ’09, Nicole Broekema ’09 and Stephanie Stewart ’09 presented the poster “Anthropometric Measurements of the Proximal Femur and Acetabulum in a Human Cadaver Model.”

WELCOME TO PACIFIC

Brandon Dreher is a mail clerk in Support Services.

Tyler Herrin is a groundskeeper in Support Services.

Shellie Lima is a training and recruiting coordinator in CPCE.

Marylou Bagus is an administrative assistant in Multicultural Affairs.

Melissa Morin is an administrative assistant in the Registrar’s Office.

Beth Scarloss is an instructional specialist in the School of International Studies.

“REDISCOVERING JOHN MUIR”

Author Bonnie Gisel, a respected authority on the life and works of John Muir, will discuss her newest book “Nature’s Beloved Son: Rediscovering John Muir’s Botanical Legacy,” on Wednesday, October 8 at 6 pm in the DeRosa University Center Grand Ballroom. The book explores Muir’s life as a botanist. Gisel argues that Muir’s fascination with plants is the foundation of his environmental work.

Gisel’s speech will be accompanied by presentations from Pacific’s Director of Special Collections, Shan Sutton, and John Muir Center Director Bill Swagert. The event is part of the grand opening week events for the opening and naming of the Don and Karen DeRosa University Center. It is free and open to the public.

NOTABLE CHANGES

Mike Dalgety ’97 has been promoted to assistant athletic director for Internal Affairs in Athletics. He will retain oversight of athletic financial aid and will assume finance and budget responsibilities. Dalgety previously served as assistant director of media relations and as director of compliance for Athletics.

Kristy Schroeder ’97 has been appointed as interim head coach for Men’s Tennis. Schroeder served as head softball coach at UC Santa Barbara for six years and previously served as assistant softball coach for the Tigers and helped to develop a mental training program for Pacific athletes.

Alisha Valavanis has been appointed as associate head coach for Women’s Basketball. She is in her third year at Pacific.
**PHARMACIST MONTH ACTIVITIES PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH**

Pacific Pharmacy Students will be hosting a full calendar of events to promote good health in October for American Pharmacist Month.

**Women’s Health Week**, October 12–17, will feature diabetes screenings at Green Brothers Pharmacy from 2 to 5 pm on October 15 and a Women’s Health Symposium at Pacific in the Rotunda Room 103 on October 16 from noon to 1 pm. Local gynecologist Dr. Pankaj Thaker will speak on cervical cancer.

**Family Health Week**, October 18–26, will include Family Health Day screenings from 1 to 3 pm on October 18 at the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Activities include blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol screenings and flu vaccinations. There will also be a Hepatitis Symposium on the hepatitis vaccine from 5 to 6 pm on October 22 at the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. The week is capped off with the popular **Children’s Awareness Carnival** from 9 am to 4 pm on October 25 at Montezuma Elementary School.

There will be a VN Cares Health Fair in Oakland on Sunday, October 26 and **Family Affair Health Day** on Thursday, October 30 from 3 to 7 pm at Weberstown Mall in Stockton. For more information about any Pharmacist Month events, contact Pacific pharmacy student Brigette Lofholm at 415.845.6163.

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**UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN 2008 LAUNCHES**

**United Way**

San Joaquin County

Once again the United Way is in full swing on the main campus. This year’s goal is to raise $105,000 with a campuswide participation rate of 33%. The following people are providing the leadership for their various units: Carol Brodie, Damon Fugett, Dan Campbell, Darlene Hall, Gary Martin, Herb Reinelt, Holly Trexler, Jim Berry, Joseph Woelfel, Judith Chambers, Kitty Gilbert, Leslie Dietz, Linda Dempsy, Lynelle Wiens, Melanie Raterman, Michael Belcher, Michael Wurtz, Nicole Gersztyn, Rachelle Hackett, Ray Sylvester, Sean McNally, Suzy Martegani and Trish Richards.

Faculty and Staff who turn in their pledge forms by November 15 will be eligible for the Early Bird drawing for a $250 Visa gift card. There will also be a drawing for a $75 gift card for first-time givers and a final drawing for a $50 gift certificate for all who have pledged. Leadership gifts of $500 or more qualify for membership in the Keel Club. Questions about the campaign should be directed to the United Way leaders or to Judith Chambers in Advancement at 209.946.2425, chair of the University’s campaign.

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**PACIFIC STUDENTS TO ATTEND FORUM FOR DIVERSITY IN GRADUATE EDUCATION**

The California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education, which will be held at University of California, Berkeley, is designed to reach college students from underrepresented backgrounds to attend graduate school. Students will have the opportunity to meet with representative from over 100 of the nation’s leading schools. There will be workshops on various topics including: how to fund graduate school, how to write a winning statement of purpose and how to prepare for the GRE.

The event is open to sophomores, juniors, seniors or candidates for the master’s degree from groups underrepresented in higher education with a GPA of 2.8 or higher.

Students can register on the first floor of Bannister Hall until October 24. The $10 refundable registration fee includes lunch and transportation. For more information, contact Vicki Lucey, 209.946.3186 e-mail vlucey@pacific.edu.

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