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Alison Alkon, Sociology, presented the paper “The Taste of Place: Local History and Local Food,” at the Tasting Histories Conference at UC Davis.

Greg Anderson, Biology, received a $30,400 grant from the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment for the “Arundo donax Eradication Project” headed by Biological Sciences Master’s Student Tony Owomiyi ’09 as part of the larger “Calaveras River Restoration Demonstration Project.”


John P. Carvana and Kaye Mooney, Career Resource Center, presented, “Make a Difference: Leveraging Community Partnerships with Non-Profit Organizations” at the California Internship and Work Experience Association conference in San Diego.

Peg Ciccolella, Sport Sciences, presented the paper, “A Public at Risk: Personal Fitness Trainers Without a Standard of Care,” coauthored with Mark VanNess and Kerry Krueger ’06, at the annual meeting of the Sport and Recreation Law Association last month in San Antonio.


Lydia Fox, Earth and Environmental Science, received the Faye and Alex G. Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award. The award is presented annually for excellence in teaching and commitment to student achievement by the President of the University upon recommendations of the students and faculty of College of the Pacific.

James Hetrick, Physics, and François Rose, Conservatory, co-authored “Enhancing Orchestration Technique via Spectrally Based Linear Algebra Methods,” published in Computer Music Journal.


Dean Tom Krise, College of the Pacific, served as President of the Society of Early Americanists (SEA) during the 07–08 and 08–09 academic years and directed the society’s 6th biennial conference in Bermuda in March. Marking the 400th anniversary of the founding of Bermuda, the conference was the largest in SEA history.

Bruce La Brack, School of International Studies, Emeritus, delivered an address on “The International Lab: Where Science and Culture Intersect” for the National Science Foundations’ East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S. Graduate Students (EAPSI) in Washington D.C. to prepare graduate students in science, technology, and engineering fields to work in national laboratories in Australia, China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore or Taiwan.

Stefanie Naumann, Eberhardt School of Business, presented the paper “Moderators of the Relationship between Helping Norms and Individual Helping” at the national conference of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology in New Orleans.

Jay Leach and Cary Bricker, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, were the principal organizers of the Fourth Annual National Ethics Trial Competition at the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse.

Lou Matz, Philosophy and associate dean of the College of the Pacific, was the editor of the first annotated edition of John Stuart Mill’s “Three Essays on Religion” published by Broadview Press. Matz also discussed the Pacific Seminars program in a preconference workshop at AAC&U’s April Academic Renewal conference in San Diego where the program was honored as an exemplary Liberal Education and America’s Promise (LEAP) program.


Matt Normand, Psychology, had his article, “Using Goal-Setting, Self-Monitoring, and Feedback to Increase Calorie Expenditure in Obese Adults,” published in the journal Behavioral Interventions. Normand was appointed Chair of the Public Relations Committee for the Association for Behavior Analysis, International (ABAII).

Amy Smith, English, had her article, “The Lie Students Tell Abroad,” published in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Dari E. Sylvester, Political Science, and Nathan Monroe of UC Merced, presented their paper, “Cutting Costs: An Assessment of Vote by Mail,” at the 2009 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.
IT OFFERING INCENTIVES FOR SURVEY

The Technology Service Providers at Pacific encourage students, faculty and staff members to take the technology survey for the Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco campuses. By completing the Pacific IT Survey you will be entered to win a 4G Apple iPod Shuffle.

The survey information is used to direct IT projects and priorities. The University-wide wireless project, the Microsoft Exchange e-mail environment and additional services on inside-Pacific are just a few of the projects shaped by the results of past surveys.

Follow the link under the News section for the 2009 Pacific Three campus IT Survey at www.Pacific.edu/OIT to take the survey. Base your response on IT services received since spring 2008. The survey must be completed by midnight on May 4. For more information, contact the Customer Support Center at 209.946.7400, or ask your local Technical Support Provider.

TIGERS SOFTBALL TRIPLE PLAY

Don’t miss the fun and excitement of the Tigers Triple Play event on Saturday, May 9 starting at noon. The Pacific Tigers softball team will take on Long Beach State in their final home game of the season.

Continue the fun on Knoles Field at 2:20 pm for a BBQ, face painting and performances by the Advocates, TRIP-Alan Short Center Band and Musical Fusion of Pacific. There will also be a home run hitting contest, a Beep Ball demonstration, chances to win great raffle prizes and more! The action continues at Klein Family Field as the Tigers baseball team takes on UC Irvine starting at 5:35 pm.

Admission is $5 and includes both Pacific games. Proceeds benefit programs for people with disabilities. For more information call 209.403.8878 or 209.946.2879.

RENEWED POET TO RECITE WORKS FOR ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

Internationally renowned poet Li-Young Lee will perform a reading of his works at Pacific on Tuesday, April 28 highlighting the University’s Asian Pacific Islander Month celebration. The event, titled “Li-Young Lee: The Soul of Poetry,” will be at 7 pm in Morris Chapel. It is free and open to the public.

Lee has been praised for his innovative language and the emotional depth of his work, which delves into his family’s history and childhood experiences. Born in Indonesia to Chinese parents, Lee was two-years-old when his family fled the country after Lee’s father escaped from prison after being held as a political prisoner by President Sukarno’s regime.

“Lee’s poetry speaks to a wide audience about eternal human conditions of love, loss, mortality and memories through personal and immigrant experiences in a deceptively simple language that is full of surprise and delight,” said Zhou Xiaojing, English and Ethnic Studies.

Lee has published four books of poetry, a prose-poem memoir and a book of interviews he gave at various points of his career. His most recent book of poetry is “Behind My Eyes.” Other award-winning books include “Book of My Nights,” “The City in Which I Love You” and “Rose.” His many awards and honors include three Pushcart Prizes, the PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles Award, and the Lannan Literary Award.

Pacific’s Asian Pacific Islander Month celebration also includes an Asian Pacific Islander Youth Summit from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on Sunday, April 26 in Raymond Great Hall. The all-day event will include workshops on empowerment, self-assessment, college/university admissions and financial aid as well as opportunities for networking and mentoring with peers, college students, business professionals and community leaders.

The event is free and geared toward Stockton high school, middle school and local college students. Register at the door. For more information contact Minhchau Dinh at 209.406.0863.

PACIFIC RESEARCH DAY AT THE DENTAL SCHOOL

The 11th Annual Pacific Research Day at Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry will take place from 1–5 pm on Wednesday, May 20. All Pacific faculty and students who would like to present their research in the biomedical sciences, including biology, chemistry, pharmacy and bioengineering are encouraged to participate in this event. Participants are encouraged to submit a one-page abstract and present a poster.

The abstracts are due on Monday, May 4. For categories, format guidelines or other questions contact Eric Bertumen at ebertumen@pacific.edu. The abstracts will be available as a booklet on May 20.

PACIFIC OPERA STUDENTS PERFORM FOR HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

Pacific’s Opera Theatre will collaborate with Temple Israel to perform “I Never Saw Another Butterfly” for Yom HaShoah. The performance will be at 8 pm April 24 at Temple Israel, 5105 N El Dorado St., Stockton. The event is free and open to the public.

Yom HaShoah, also known as “Holocaust Commemoration Day,” is a day of reflection to remember family and loved ones who died because of the Nazi-organized Holocaust. “I Never Saw Another Butterfly” is a play that features poems written by children of the Holocaust. The Stockton performance will have texts added by local Holocaust survivors.

For more information about the performance, contact Renna Beinoris with Pacific’s Conservatory of Music at 209.423.6894.
Deborah Schoolet, Psychology, presented the paper “I Am Not a Skinny Toothpick and Proud of It': Latina Adolescents’ Ethnic Identity and Responses to Mainstream Media Images,” co-authored by graduate student Lynda Lowry ’10, at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development.


Marie Tolarova, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry and executive director of Pacific’s Craniofacial Team and Cleft Prevention Program, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation (ICPF), a multidisciplinary humanitarian foundation established in 1997 devoted to cleft lip and palate patients. Tolarova was one of the keynote speakers at the organization’s October 2008 congress in Dallas, where she presented an overview of recent research into cleft causes and prevention, including the results of work in the dental school’s Craniofacial Genetics Laboratory. She was recently asked by the ICPF to organize the first international workshop on prevention of cleft lip and palate, which will be held in San Francisco later this year.

Camille Norton, English, was awarded a four-week artist’s residency at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She was a featured reader at The Sacramento Poetry Center Poetry Conference and taught a workshop called “Confession as Conceit” about poets Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell. Norton has work forthcoming this spring that will be published in Field: Contemporary Poetry and Poetics; The Greensboro Review; and Feminist Studies.

Traci Roberts-Camps, Modern Languages and Literature, presented “Children of Saturn: The Work of Argentine Director and Novelist Lucía Puenzo” at the Popular Culture Association/ American Culture Association National Conference in New Orleans. Her review of the Chilean film “Estadio Nacional” [National Stadium] was accepted for publication in the journal Chasqui. Her poetry translations were accepted for publication in the journal The Bitter Oleander.

Alana Schulman ’11 and Heather Silva ’11 with advisor Harriett Arnold, Benerd School of Education, attended the 64th Annual Conference of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) in Orlando, Fla. where they gave a presentation on the professional development activities sponsored by Pacific’s chapter of ASCD and participated in a building project with Habitat for Humanity. Schulman serves as the president of Pacific’s ASCD and Silva is the treasurer.

PACIFIC TO HOST INAUGURAL BIG WEST CONFERENCE WOMEN’S WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

The Pacific Tigers will play host the inaugural Big West Conference Women’s Water Polo Tournament this weekend, April 24–26, at the Chris Kjeldsen Pool on the Stockton campus. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for seniors and youth for an all day session. For more tournament information visit PacificTigers.com.

The New Pacific Trio, the Conservatory’s resident faculty trio consisting of Sonia Leong, violinist Ann Miller and Nina Flyer, launched its first international campaign with its Mexican debut at the Auditorio de la Riberax in Mexico in March. The concert was presented by the Music Appreciation Society of Ajjic, a concert series that has been bringing noteworthy groups to the greater Guadalajara and Lake Chalapa area for over 20 years. The trio’s travel was made possible through a Scholarly Artistic Activity Grant.