STAFF HONORED FOR SERVICE AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Annual Years of Service Luncheon sponsored by Human Resources on May 18 in the DeRosa University Center recognized 133 Stockton staff members celebrating incremental anniversaries of service to Pacific from five to 40 years. Attendees enjoyed the music of Conservatory professor Patrick Langham and company and a delicious luncheon prepared by Bon Appetit.

In addition, two staff members received the Cavanaugh Distinguished Service Award for their exceptional service to Pacific. The award, funded by Vice President for Business and Finance Patrick Cavanaugh and his wife Janita, recognizes staff members from the Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco campuses for exceptional accomplishments, leadership, innovation and service to the University community. Stockton honorees for 2011 were Audrey George ’00, interim controller in Business and Finance, and Katherine Harper ’05, coordinator of student services in the Conservatory of Music.

George has been associate controller since 2008 and has been the interim controller since 2010. She came to Pacific in 1999 and earned her MBA from the Eberhardt School of Business in 2000. She also served as interim controller from October 2007 to May 2008. George’s excellent leadership in two stints as interim controller, her availability and support for other staff in and out of the department, and her efforts to improve processes and functions to better serve the University were cited among other examples of her exceptional service to Pacific.

Harper is the Conservatory of Music’s coordinator for student services and has been in her position since 2006. She began working for Pacific as a student. She was hired as a records coordinator in the Registrar’s office in 2005, transferring to the Conservatory as office coordinator in 2006. As an alumna of the Conservatory, Harper brings an added level of understanding to her position and is able to connect with students in a significant way. Her dedication to enrollment management and advising at the Conservatory, including her successful coordination of Audition Days, were cited as examples of ways she demonstrates leadership and innovation.

Twenty-five staff members celebrated 20 years or more of service. Those marking the most years of service were Associate Vice President of Business and Finance and Chief Investment Officer Larry Brehm and Darlene Hall, assistant supervisor in the Office of Admission, both recognized for 40 years of service.

Raquel Aldana, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, was a panelist on “Engaging Students in Experiential Learning in International Law,” at the American Society of International Law’s Teaching Interest Group at Pace Law School in White Plains, N.Y.

Julie Davies, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, gave a talk on Animal Law to the Northern Nevada Women Lawyers group in Reno, Nev. Davies and Michele Finerty had their article “Teaching the Lessons of Proposition 2 — A Legal Commentary,” appear in Sacramento Lawyer.

Glenn Fait, Jeanne Benvenuti, Mary Swanson, Vince Pastorino, Kathleen Benton, Joy Redmond, Skye Foster and Andrew Walker, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, conducted an eight-day training session for 25 Social Security Administration disability hearing officers.

Lynette McPherson and Sandi Griffith-Reed, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, joined them to participate in a three-day training seminar for 18 SSA administrator-managers.

Ahmed Kanna, School of International Studies, lectured on “Two Moments of Contemporary Urbanism in the Arab Region: Modernist and Biopolitical Domination in/of Iraq and the United Arab Emirates” at UC Santa Cruz. His essay “‘The Arab World’s Forgotten Rebellions: Foreign Workers and Biopolitics in the Gulf” was published in the South Asian Magazine for Action and Reflection and the Middle East culture and politics journal Jadaliyya.

Dennis O. Flynn, Economics, presented two papers at a workshop on “Empires and Networks: New Perspectives on Global History,” at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Beppu, Japan: “Link-Unit-of-Account versus Ratio-Unit-of-Account Moneys: Seventeenth-Century Dutch Mint Policy” and “Simple Visualization of Complex Trade Patterns: 18th-Century Indian Ocean Textiles and the Hydraulic Metaphor.” Marie Anna Lee, Visual Arts, co-authored the latter essay. Both essays will be initially published in the Asia Pacific University Working Paper series prior to publication in forthcoming Brill volumes.

Frank Gevurtz, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, spoke at a workshop on “Single Economic Parcels: Assessing Unity of Ownership,” sponsored by the California Coastal Commission, in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Alan H. Gluskin, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, was elected to the American Association of Endodontists Board of Directors.

Bruce La Brack, Emeritus, School of International Studies, delivered a pre-reentry workshop for Saudi Arabian students completing American and Canadian undergraduate degrees who were returning home from their time studying in North America. The program was sponsored by Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation.

Amy Landers, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, was a panelist on the topic of “Determining, Demonstrating and Defending Patent Damages: Developments, Do’s and Don’ts” at a meeting of the American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association in San Francisco.

Michael Malloy, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his article “Encountering Antigone: Personal and Civic Duties and the Art of the Advocate published in “Legal Theory, Practice and Education.” Malloy delivered a lecture on the subject at the seventh Annual International Conference on Law in Athens, Greece.


Ethel Nicdao, Sociology, received a $1000 travel stipend from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s New Connections Programming to attend the AcademyHealth Annual Meeting in Seattle, Wash.

Rajul Patel, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, along with coauthors T. Cutler, M.R. Stebbins, A.R. Smith, and H.L. Lipton of UC San Francisco, had his article “Promoting access and reducing expected out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for vulnerable Medicare beneficiaries: A pharmacist-directed model” published in Medical Care.

Rajul Patel, Mark Walberg and Joseph Woelfel, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Min Jeung Kim ’12, presented the poster “Evaluating Drug Cost and Restriction Process of Commonly Used Prescription Drugs Under Each 2011 California Stand-Along Medicare Part D Plan” at the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 16th Annual International Meeting in Baltimore, Md.

Rajul Patel, Mark Walberg, Joseph Woelfel, Suzanne Galal, Sian Carr-Lopez and Emily Chan, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, along with Julie Na ’11, Desiree Hsiou ’12 and Vinay Panchal ’12 gave the podium presentation “Evaluating the Willingness-To-Pay of Medicare Beneficiaries for Part D Plan Assistance” at the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 16th Annual International Meeting in Baltimore, Md.

Paul Paton, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, spoke on “Teaching Ethics and Promoting Professionalism: What Canadians and Americans Can Learn from Each Other” and chaired the panel “Teaching Ethics Using Comparative Materials” at the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism in Minneapolis, Minn. Paton presented on the work of the ABA Ethics 20/20 Commission and its Issues Paper on Alternative Business Structures at a meeting of ABA Young Lawyers Division Council in Las Vegas, Nev. He was a panelist on the same topic at the ABA General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division Spring Meeting in St. Louis, Mo.

Mark Walberg, James Uchizono, Rajul Patel, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Nick Baker ’10, had their article “Choosing the Lowest Cost Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plan: How Can Beneficiaries Decide?” published in California Pharmacist.
COMMUNITY HONORS BOB COX
1937–2011

Bob Cox, emeritus professor of English at Pacific, passed away on May 6 while vacationing in Monaciiano, Italy. Family and friends honored his memory at a memorial service in Morris Chapel on Sunday, May 22.

“Bob was a giant of Pacific — a talented English professor, a wise department chair, an effective interim dean of the College, a gifted pioneer of the Teaching and Learning Center, and a continuing leader among the emeriti faculty,” said former provost Phil Gilbertson. “He gave most of his career to Pacific and loved it dearly. We will all miss him very much.”

Cox accepted a teaching position in the English Department at Pacific in 1971. In 1984 he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and spent a year teaching at the University of Tromso, Norway. During his career, he received both the Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award and the Eberhardt Teacher/Scholar Award. He was also active in faculty and University governance. At his retirement in 2005, he was awarded the Order of Pacific. Serving the University even beyond retirement, he was appointed the founding director of the University’s Center for Teaching Excellence, and as interim dean of College of the Pacific from June 2006 to February 2008.

He was an avid hiker and runner, completing the 100-mile Western States Endurance Run in 1984 in less than 24 hours. Also active in the community, Cox served on the Stockton Arts Commission and the board of the San Joaquin Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is survived by his wife Pat, four children and eleven grandchildren.

WELCOME TO PACIFIC

Steffanie Cabrera is the new student health insurance specialist in Pacific Health Services.

Chris Lynn has been hired as assistant director of Athletics for annual giving beginning June 15. He will oversee the Pacific Tigers Athletics Association and athletics special events, and assist with annual giving initiatives for Pacific’s 16 intercollegiate athletics teams. Lynn previously served three years as the assistant director for Athletic Development for the Miner Athletic Club at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Ken Mullen has been hired as the University’s next assistant vice president and controller following a national search. He will begin at Pacific on July 25. Currently, Mullen is the assistant vice president of Business and Finance at Elon University in Elon, N.C. Thanks to Assistant Controller Audrey George who served as interim controller during the search.

NOTABLE CHANGES

Rebekah Grodsky ’10 is the new student services counselor in the Dean of Students Office at Pacific McGeorge School of Law. After graduation, Grodsky worked as a recruiter for the law school and served as interim student services counselor following the departure of Gilda Mossadegh.

Jace Hargis, assistant provost and director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, has resigned to begin a new opportunity as college director at the Higher Colleges of Technology in the United Arab Emirates beginning August 1, 2011. Hargis was appointed director of the Center for Teaching Excellence in 2007 by then-Provost Phil Gilbertson. Since then, Hargis has incorporated a number of faculty development initiatives based on the goals outlined in the Pacific Rising, the University’s strategic planning document. Under his direction, the center has created a centralized website for faculty development resources and event information, established an annual Center for Teaching Excellence symposium involving faculty from all three campuses, and instituted workshops on effective teaching methods and creative ways to use technology to engage students.

PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS TO STAFF

President Eibeck and the Staff Advisory Council invite all Pacific staff members to the President’s first annual Address to the Staff at 2 pm on June 23 in Grace Covell Hall. A reception at the President’s Residence will follow at 3 pm. The address will also be webcast live to Sacramento and San Francisco. An RSVP is requested for the reception by June 17 to presidentsvp3@pacific.edu.

WOMEN’S CAUCUS EVENT

On March 31, the Pacific McGeorge Women’s Caucus presented a check for more than $12,000 to the St. John’s Shelter from funds collected at its 33rd Annual Live and Silent Auction last fall. The event, formerly known as the Women’s Caucus Wine-Tasting, is the oldest annual student social function at Pacific McGeorge. Each year, the Women’s Caucus members choose a Sacramento area charity to benefit from its proceeds. Their efforts over the years have raised more than $300,000 for nonprofits.

Approximately 350–400 people, including students, alumni, professors and legal professionals from the community attended the event on October 1, 2010, at the California Museum in downtown Sacramento. Many members of the Women’s Caucus worked long hours to make it a success including Marilee Breternitz ’11, Stacey Shelly ’12, Krystal Collins ’11 and April Matsinger ’11. St. John’s Shelter provides emergency shelter for homeless women with children. Since 1985, it has provided a safe and supportive haven to more than 23,000 displaced individuals.
Ove A. Peters, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, has been selected to receive the 2012 Louis I. Grossman Award from the American Association of Endodontists. The award recognizes one author for cumulative publication of significant research studies that have made an extraordinary contribution to endodontology.

Rand Enlow, Theatre Arts, was selected as a Regional Faculty/Staff of the Month winner by the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) for the Month of March. The recognition is the organization’s way of recognizing individuals and programs on college or university campuses. He was nominated by Kristen Bloom ’11. NRHH is a network of the top one percent of student leaders, and is considered the recognition branch of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls Inc.

Pacific McGeorge
Wins Award for Workplace Excellence
The Sacramento Area Human Resource Association, in partnership with The Sacramento Bee, honored outstanding employers during its 9th Annual Sacramento Workplace Excellence Leader (SWEL) Awards on April 28 at the Radisson Hotel Sacramento. Pacific McGeorge took home the honors as the 2011 Sacramento Workplace Excellence Leader Award in the category of medium not-for-profit. The annual SWEL Awards recognize employers nominated by their employees for innovative and extraordinary human resources efforts to provide exceptional benefits, programs, training and workplace practices that promote employee health, safety, advancement, diversity and security.

Zachary Spurlin, Housing and Greek Life, received the Outstanding MBA student award for 2010–11 from the College of Business Administration at CSU Stanislaus.

Pacific softball players
take home end-of-season honors
After winning their first ever Big West championship, the Tigers took home three major All-Big West honors with head coach Brian Kolze earning Coach of the Year honors. Guiding the Tigers to their first-ever Big West, Kolze was named the conference’s top coach for the fourth time in his career and first time since the 2002 season. Nikki Armagost ’13 was named the Field Player of the Year and Kelsey Rodriguez ’14 took home Freshman Field Player of the Year honors. In addition to her player of the year honors, Armagost was named both a first team all-conference pitcher and utility player while Rodriguez took home first team designated player honors. Joining the duo on the first team was Amy Moore ’13 (catcher), Nicole Matson ’12 (first base), Megan Hom ’13 (outfield) and Lindsey Pierce ’11 (outfield). Tori Shepard ’14 earned second team pitcher honors to round out the Tigers’ eight selections. Pacific’s seven selections to the All-Big West First Team were the most ever in conference history for a single team. For the first time since the 2007 season, the Pacific softball team placed three members on the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Pacific Region teams, as selected by NFCA member coaches in the region. Armagost, Hom and Rodriguez each earned second team honors.

NOTEWORTHY CONTINUED

The following posters were presented by psychology students and faculty at the annual Western Psychological Association meeting in Los Angeles:

Lynda Lowry ’11, Michael Quan ’11, Carolynn Steiner ’12, Diana Lujano ’13, Bertha Muro ’13 and Scott Jensen presented “Evaluating parental beliefs and behavior among college students enrolled in a parenting course.”

Scott Jensen, Lynda Lowry ’11, Rebecca Kutcher ’13 and Judith Biesen ’12 presented “Perceptions and use of accommodations among students with disabilities.”

Stacy Rilea, Rutvi Patel ’12 and Justin Schultz ’10 presented “Physiological feedback and its influence on unrealistic optimism in coronary heart disease.”

Stacy Rilea, Rutvi Patel ’12, Alisa Gordon ’13, Gregory Hufffman ’13 and David Morin ’13 presented “Emotional attachment to victim as a motivator for eyewitness identification.”

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