PACIFIC PROFESSOR CREATES PLATEWARE FOR SAN FRANCISCO RESTAURANT

Michael Mina wanted to create an organic feel for his San Francisco restaurant, and part of that vision included having unique hand-made plates, serving platters and other dishes. In an effort to create an elegant, contemporary dining experience with a natural and relaxed feel, every detail was taken into consideration.

Frost Tsuji Architects (FTA) approached Pacific Visual Arts Professor Trent Burkett, Jered Nelson and California State University at Sacramento Professor Scott Parady in May about making all of the dishes for the restaurant. Wendy Tsuji from FTA came up with designs for the plates with input from the chefs from which Burkett created prototypes. His first order was for 350 pieces of dinnerware, with subsequent orders increasing the number to around 450 pieces. Burkett continues to work with Mina on concepts for new tableware as the restaurant’s chef develops new dishes.

Burkett has worked for the last 10 years teaching students the art of ceramics and sculpture while working on his own mixed-media pieces. By incorporating techniques used in his artwork in his classes, he has used this project as an experiential learning opportunity for his students. He has also taken on Jessica Fong ’13, Shilo Gastello ’11, Lauren Carter ’09 and Brooke Cashion ’10, as apprentices. This project gave them a unique opportunity to learn about all the aspects of designing and creating work for a client, as well as the challenge of creating functional art with a purpose beyond display.

“In a sense for us, the work for MICHAEL MINA restaurant is like having a continuous exhibition,” Burkett said. “The combination of the atmosphere, the plating of the food, and of course the dishes, is artwork in itself that I am proud to be a part of.”

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY

Pacific’s Community Service Committee would like to thank all staff, faculty and students for your donations to Catholic Charities and The Greater Stockton San Joaquin County Emergency Food Bank. Through your generous giving Pacific’s Community Service Committee was able to deliver over $1,300 in cash and turkey donations. Canned foods will still be accepted at the University Library’s Food for Fines drive through December 17. New or gently used coats may still be donated to the News10 Coats for Kids drive. Call the Education Resource Center at 209.946.2789 for drop box locations or information.

EVENTS:

“The Nutcracker”
December 10–11 • 7:30 pm
December 12 • 2:30 pm
Faye Spanos Concert Hall
Ballet San Joaquin presents Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker.” General admission $18; seniors and children under 12, $10. Tickets are available at go.Pacific.edu/MusicTickets.

Don’t Miss It!
Pacific Tigers vs. UConn Huskies
December 28 • 7 pm
Alex G. Spanos Center
The Pacific women’s basketball team hosts the University of Connecticut Huskies in a historic match up during winter break. The Huskies are two-time defending NCAA champions, including a 78-game winning streak during the 2009-2010 season. Come out and support your Tigers for this exciting game. Tickets available at the Pacific Box office or at the door. Reserved seats are $8, $6 general admission and $4 for groups of ten or more. Seniors and children under 12 come free courtesy of Wells Fargo.

Zeiter Piano Competition
January 15 • 9 am
Recital Hall
Piano performance competition for California high school students grades 9-12 sponsored by the Henry and Carol Zeiter Foundation. The general public is invited to enjoy the audition recitals by selected finalists from 9 am – noon and 1–3 pm; a presentation on musical careers and college admission at 4 pm; and master classes for competitors at 4:30 followed by presentation of awards. Admission is $5; children under six are free. For more information contact Professor Frank Wiens 209.946.2495 or fwiens@pacific.edu.

“Foreclosure USA”
Exhibition • January 18 – February 16
Artist’s Reception • January 21
Reynolds Art Gallery
San Francisco based photographer, Kirk Crippens’ photographic project chronicles the home foreclosure crisis of 2008–2009, with a particular focus on Stockton. Gallery hours Mon.–Fri. 9 am to 4:30 pm. Free.

Find out more at events.pacific.edu
Jeffrey Becker, Political Science, served on the panel “Arbitrary Power, Justice and Democracy” at the 2010 Association of Political Theory Conference in Portland, Ore.


Emily Chan and Marina Torres Aiello, University Library, presented their poster “Assessing Constructivist Learning and Wiki Technology in Reference Services Training” at the California Library Association Conference in Sacramento.

Todd Davenport, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, participated in a podcasted panel discussion regarding the integration of the World Health Organization’s International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health into clinical documentation for physical therapists, which was hosted and distributed by the international journal Physical Therapy.

Ryan Day, Chemistry Post-Doctoral Fellow and Jerry Tsai, Chemistry, had their article “Characterizing the regularity of tetrahedral packing motifs in protein tertiary structure” published in the journal Bioinformatics.

Qingwen Dong and Dayne Menardo '11, Communication, presented their paper “Understanding Southeast Asian Refugees and Increasing Intercultural Sensitivity” at the National Communication Association annual meeting in San Francisco.


Arturo Giraldez, School of International Studies, presented his paper “The State, Trade and Economy in 17th century Mexico and Manila” at the seminar Asia, Europe and Spanish America: Global Connections in the Early Modern World at the University of Warwick and the London School of Economics Graduate Seminar in Global History.

Michael Hatch, Political Science, had his chapter “The Politics of Global Warming in Germany” included in “The International Politics of Climate Change.”

Keith Hatschek, Conservatory of Music, presented the paper, “Who Killed the Real Ambassador: Challenging Racism through Iola and Dave Brubeck’s Jazz Musical” at the Jazz and Race — Past and Present Conference held at The Open University in Milton Keynes, England.

Marcia Hernandez, Sociology, had her chapter “Negotiating Student Expectations and Interpretations of Service-Learning” accepted for inclusion in “Democratic Dilemmas of Teaching Service Learning: Curricular Strategies for Success.”

Scott Larwood, School of Engineering and Computer Science, has been designated as an expert on wind turbine light effects for the European Wind Energy Association’s Environmental Impact Information Tool.


Minh Ngo '10, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, had her review article on “Oral aloe vera for treatment of diabetes mellitus and dyslipidemia” co-authored with Nancy Nguyen and Sachin Shah, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, published in the American Journal of Health System-Pharmacy.


Sachin Shah, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, had her clinical study assessing the “Effects of oral aloe vera on electrocardiographic and blood pressure measurements,” co-authored with Patrick DiTullio ’09, published in the American Journal of Health System-Pharmacy.

Amy Smith, English, presented her paper “Catherine Morland, Vampire Hunter” at the annual general meeting of the Jane Austen Society of North America in Portland, Ore.

Said Shakerin, School of Engineering and Computer Science, presented two posters at the Gallery of Fluid Motion at the 63rd Annual Meeting of APS Division of Fluid Dynamics in Long Beach, Calif. The posters were coauthored by Robyn Nariyoshi ’10 and Camilla Saviz, School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Dari E. Sylvester, Political Science, had her article “Who Converts to Vote-By-Mail? Evidence From a Field Experiment” chosen for publication in the forthcoming issue of Election Law Journal. The article is co-authored with Nathan Monroe, U.C. Merced.


Dan Wadwhani, Eberhardt School of Business, had his article “Historical Reasoning and the Development of Entrepreneurship Theory” published in Historical Foundations of Entrepreneurship Research.

Shauna Young, Residential Life, and Sandy Mahoney, Assessment and Student Development Services, presented “Applying Action Research to Resident Assistant Training” to the Assessment, Evaluation and Research knowledge community at the NASPA regional conference in Portland, Ore.

NOTABLE CHANGES

Ann Gillen has been appointed to the position of registrar effective December 1. Gillen was hired by Pacific in 2005 as associate registrar and was named acting director this past summer. Prior to coming to Pacific, she was associate registrar at Seattle University in Washington, where she earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees. With more than 17 years of enrollment services experience, Gillen has been active in leadership roles with the national and regional associations of college and university registrars and admission officers. During the past five years at Pacific, Gillen has played an active role in the development of campus systems and technology, implemented new degree audit and transfer articulation systems, revamped the schedule of production of classes, and streamlined the degree posting process from months to days.
**MATH DEPARTMENT HOSTS MATHEMAGICIAN**

The Mathematics Department hosted over 250 guests from Pacific and the local community for a lecture series by “Mathemagician” Dr. Art Benjamin. Benjamin visited Pacific on November 17 from Harvey Mudd College to demonstrate feats of mental mathematics and answered audience questions, explaining them in terms of algebra and patterns.

The event was sponsored by the Pacific Speaker Series, College of the Pacific, Phi Beta Kappa, the Department of Mathematics and the Pacific Math Club, with the support of ASuop, and organized by Math Club officers: Mike Abram ’11, Alicia Still ’13, Lauren Elward ’13 and Andria Barraza ’12, and faculty advisor Chris Goff.

**HONORABLE MENTION**

The Pacific Speech and Debate Team hosted 38 schools from around the country for a tournament November 5–7. Over 400 students and 100 coaches participated in the intense competition. Rachera Swan ’11 won more points for Pacific than some entire schools earned. Five of six finalists in the final round of Impromptu Speaking were Pacific students. Pacific’s Novice team of Angela Chang ’13 and Cody Rommel ’13 took second place in the tournament. Pacific placed third overall for the weekend.

Caroline Schroeder, Religious and Classical Studies, received the United Methodist Scholar/Teacher Award for Pacific for 2010, which recognizes outstanding faculty members for their dedication and contributions to the learning arts and their institutions.

T.J. Bordeaux ’11, was named National Player of the Week by Golf Week for his record after earning his first tournament championship of the 2010–2011 season.

David Nielsen ’86, Ralan Wong ’92 ’93, and Debra Woo ’86, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, were honored as fellows at the annual International College of Dentists Convocation held in Orlando, Fla.

Michael Leonard, Visual Arts, created a series of medical illustrations in conjunction with surgeons from the Congenital Heart Center, University of Florida and the Stanford University Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery that won an Award of Merit at the 2010 Association of Medical Illustrators annual meeting in Portland, Ore. These illustrations were first unveiled May 2010 in Toronto at the annual meeting of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery and appear in an article published in the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. Leonard was selected to judge several professional and student categories at the Association of Medical Illustrators meeting.

Students from Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry and UCSF School of Dentistry joined forces on the morning of October 24 to walk across the Golden Gate Bridge in support of type 1 diabetes research. More than 20 students from the two schools braved the chilly autumn weather to participate in the 2010 Walk to Cure Diabetes, an annual event hosted by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The dental school’s team raised more than $1,600. The walk was in cooperation with the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and was organized by Armin Vahidnia ’12 and the ASDA Northern California community outreach coordinator.

**LIBRARY ADDS NEW FILM AND VIDEO DATABASES**

The University Library has announced two new teaching and learning databases that bring streaming videos to your desktop. “Films On Demand” and “Theatre in Video” allow staff and students to stream videos for class use or independent study. Faculty can easily link to videos in their Sakai course pages with Windows Media or QuickTime. “Films on Demand” offers over 6,000 streaming educational and documentary videos relevant to most academic disciplines. Theatre in Video contains the live original productions of more than 250 of the world’s leading plays and more than 100 film documentaries, representing hundreds of leading playwrights, actors and directors. The collection begins in the 1930s and represents productions from each decade of the 20th century.

Both databases are accessible under Journals, Articles and Databases on the Library homepage at Library.Pacific.edu.

Mohammad Faizan Ali ’11 (left) and Kunal Karan ’11 (right). Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, were awarded the 5th Annual Dr. F. Gene and Rosemary Dixon Scholarship Award during a ceremony held in November. Ali and Karan were recognized for demonstrated leadership qualities and academic achievement during their first year in the International Dental Studies program. Each will receive a check for $3,000 during graduation ceremonies.

Kylee Ah Choy ’11, Brittni Beeman ’14, Jill Medigovich ’11, Alex Topp ’10 and Kristina Wavomba ’10, were named to Big West Women’s Soccer All-Conference Teams. Ah Choy earned her second straight first team honor, Beeman was named Big West freshman of the year, Medigovich was named Honorable Mention, Topp and Wavomba earned second team.

**Articles and Databases on the Library homepage at Library.Pacific.edu.**
WELCOME TO PACIFIC

Marc Ballon has been appointed to a new position of executive director of Development Marketing and Communications. Ballon worked as an award-winning journalist for 17 years with the Los Angeles Times, Forbes in New York City, Inc. Magazine in Boston, and the Prague Post in the Czech Republic. Work has appeared in publications such as the International Herald Tribune, U.S. News & World Report and the Christian Science Monitor. He earned a bachelor’s degree in history from UC Berkeley, where he graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and holds a master’s degree with highest honors from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Most recently, Ballon served at UC Irvine where he wrote development concept papers, fundraising proposals, newsletters, case statements and executive speeches for academic leaders in support of the university’s fundraising efforts. Ballon, who begins the new position on January 3, will lead the development marketing and communications efforts as Pacific prepares for its upcoming campaign. His office will be on the third floor of Hand Hall.

Joel Blum, Heidi Maddux and Rui Vieira are new groundskeepers in Support Services.

Gabriel Vater is an assistant athletics equipment and operations lead in Athletics.

Kim Langley is a project support specialist in Business and Finance.

WINTER BREAK 2010

December 24 – January 3

Administrative offices at all three campuses will be closed except for emergency and other essential services.

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

- **STOCKTON UNDERGRADUATE FINALS:**
  December 6–10
  Classes resume January 10.

- **PHARMACY FINALS:**
  November 29 – December 3
  Classes resume January 3.

- **ARTHUR A. DUGONI SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY FINALS:**
  December 16–18
  Classes resume January 3.

- **PACIFIC McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW FINALS:**
  December 3–16
  Classes resume January 10.

DINING SERVICES

- **MARKETPLACE AND CALAVERAS COFFEE HOUSE**
  December 10 • 7:30 am – 2:30 pm
  December 11–12 • Closed
  December 13–23
  Monday – Friday • 7:30 am – 4 pm
  December 24 – January 2 • Closed

- **MARKETPLACE**
  January 3–7 • 7:30 am – 2:30 pm
  January 8 • 10:30 am – 7:30 pm

- **CALAVERAS COFFEE HOUSE**
  January 3–7 • 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
  January 8 • 7:30 am – 7:30 pm
  January 9 • 7:30 am – 10:00 pm

- **RIVER ROOM AND DAVEY CAFÉ**
  December 11 – January 9 • Closed

- **LAIR**
  December 10 • 11 am – 7:30 pm
  December 11 – January 8 • Closed

- **THE GROVE**
  December 13–17 • 7:30 am – 4 pm
  December 18 – January 2 • Closed
  January 3–7 • 7:30 am – 10:30 pm

- **HEALTH SCIENCES CAFÉ**
  December 4 – January 2 • Closed

- **BAUN FITNESS CENTER**
  December 6 – 9 • 6 am – 9 pm
  December 10 • 6 am – 6 pm
  December 11 – 23:
  Monday – Friday • 6–9 am;
  noon – 2 pm; 5–7 pm
  Saturday • 9 am – 3 pm
  Sunday • Closed
  December 23 – January 2 • Closed

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