PACIFIC KICKS OFF COMMUNITY FORUMS:

On Thursday, December 3, University of the Pacific announced a major new series of community-university forums, called “Beyond Our Gates… Into the Community.” President Pam Eibeck, Stockton Mayor Ann Johnston, and a number of community leaders representing government, businesses and non-profits met at 10 am in front of the Pacific gates at Pacific Avenue and Dave Brubeck Way, to make the announcement.

Organized by Pacific’s Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership, the forums will be half-day meetings in which community leaders will discuss critical issues affecting the greater Stockton area and explore how the University can work with the surrounding community to tackle those problems. Topics of discussion are healthcare; the economy and the social safety net; energy and the environment; education and how to train and retain future citizens; and arts and culture. The five forums will start in January 2010, with a meeting held every month until May. They will be open to the public.

“The futures of Stockton and Pacific are intertwined: Stockton’s successes help the University, and Pacific’s strengths benefit the community,” said Eibeck. “These forums will focus on some of the tough challenges that have dominated dialogue here for decades. Hopefully, such discussions will help us create a road map to tackle our priority issues with long-term, meaningful partnerships and initiatives. As universities all across America are demonstrating, such a commitment to community service is an essential enterprise in today’s highly complex, richly diverse society,” Eibeck added.

THE TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE COMMUNITY MEETINGS ARE:

January 13 • Assisting with Community Solutions for Healthcare Issues
February 10 • Partnering to Rebuild the Area’s Economy: Supporting the Safety Net
March 3 • Exploring a Sustainable Future for Energy and the Environment
April 28 • Educating our Region’s Future Citizens: Laying the K-16 Pipeline
May 19 • Nourishing our Spirits: Central Valley Arts and Culture

Feedback from each meeting will be compiled into a report and presented to the community in fall 2010. That report will recommend specific actions where the University and the Community can effectively work together.

Check the “Beyond Our Gates… Into the Community” website often at www.BeyondOurGates.org for more information and updates.
Ken Albala, History, had the article “History on the Plate: The Current State of Food History” published in Historically Speaking and was also interviewed in the same issue.

Laura Bathurst, School of International Studies, delivered the paper “Were These Students Really in the Same Class??: The Implications of Bennett’s Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity for the Teaching of Anthropology” at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Philadelphia as part of an invited session “We Love It When You…: Educational Techniques for Undergraduate Teaching from Award-Winning Faculty.”


Eileen Kogi Camfield, Pacific Seminars, has published “The Need for (Em)powerful Teaching” in the Association of American Colleges and Universities journal Liberal Education about her experiences teaching Pacific Seminar II.

Jerry Caplan, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, had his article “Legal Autopsies: Assessing the Performance of Judges and Lawyers Through the Window of Leading Contract Cases” accepted for publication as the lead article in an upcoming volume of the Albany Law Review.

Leanne Coyne, Jennifer C. Harr ’07, Ryoko Hirakawa ’09, Parto S. Khansari ’08 and Robert F. Halliwell, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, presented the poster “Stilbenes and flavonoids are modulators of neuronal ion channels” at the recent Society for Neuroscience meeting in Chicago, Ill.


K. Jimmy Juge, Physics, gave a talk on quantum chromodynamics (QCD) lattice simulation algorithms at the International Lattice Symposium in Beijing, China, at the Hadron Excitation Workshop in Vancouver, B.C., and at the NorCal Lattice Meeting held at Pacific.

Matt Normand, Psychology, was appointed an associate editor of the journal Behavior Analysis in Practice, published by the Association for Behavior Analysis, International. He also was elected to the editorial board of the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, published by the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior.

Robin Imhof, University Library, was selected as a "special guest librarian" by the International Relations section of the American Library Association to attend the Guadalajara Book Fair this year. The Feria Internacional del Libro is the most important exhibit of Spanish-language books worldwide and the second largest international book fair across the globe.

Scott Jensen, Psychology, published a paper with several colleagues in the Journal of Attention Disorders titled “College students’ Attitudes Towards Their ADHD Peers.” He also presented a poster at the annual convention of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapists (ABCT) titled “Therapeutic Alliance, Group Climate, and Attraction in Behavioral Parent Training.”

Ahmed Kanna, School of International Studies, presented the paper “Sheikhs, Starchitects, and the Production of Space in the United Arab Emirates: An Anthropological Critique” at the annual meetings of the Middle East Studies Association in Boston and the American Anthropological Association in Philadelphia. His article “Flexible Citizenship in Dubai: Corporate Subjectivity in the Emerging City-Corporation” was accepted for publication in the journal Cultural Anthropology.

Bruce La Brack, Emeritus, School of International Studies, has joined the Editorial Task Force to revise the Forum on Education Abroad’s Education Abroad Glossary. He has also joined the Advisory Board of Student Success, an online, new media education company developing programs for international exchange and study abroad.

Alan Lenz, Religious and Classical Studies, presented his paper “A New Edition of Ludlul Bel Nemeqi” in New Orleans at the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. His article “A Six Column Babylonian Tablet of Ludlul Bel Nemeqi and the Reconstruction of Tablet IV” co-authored with Amir Annus of Tartu University in Estonia was recently accepted for publication in the University of Chicago’s Journal of Near Eastern Studies.


Courtney Lehmann, English, was named one of the six “most prominent” Shakespeare and Screen scholars in the world in “Shakespeare at the Cineplex” by Samuel Crowl of Ohio University.

Matt Normand, Psychology, and graduate students Kristin Hustyl ‘13 and Tracy Larson ’11 presented a symposium titled “Battling the Bulge: Behavioral Approaches to Promoting Physical Activity” at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy, in Amherst, Mass. Several posters also were presented with faculty and student co-authors, including Scott Jensen, Mychal Machado, and Shanun Kunnavatana.

Christine Strain ’10, Visual Arts, is exhibiting two beautiful monotypes of birds created in Printmaking III in the current exhibition at the Knowlton Gallery in Lodi through January 30, 2010.

William Stringfellow, School of Engineering and Computer Science, published “Disinfection byproduct formation potentials of wetlands, agricultural drains, and rivers and the effect of biodegradation on trihalomethane precursors” in the Journal of Environmental Quality. The paper was co-authored with Samantha Engelage and Tracy Letain, visiting scientists at the Ecological Engineering Research Program in the summer of 2008.

Lisa Muhl ’10 closed out her career as a Pacific field hockey defender by earning a place on the Longstreth National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division I West All-Region Second Team. She was one of two NorPac Conference players to make the second team. The 2009 NorPac West Defensive Player of the Year finished her career as Pacifics all-time career leader in defensive saves. She started every game of the 2009 season and leads the nation in the star after setting a personal single season record with nine.

Gesine Gerhard, History, presented her paper “Change in the European Countryside: Peasants and Democracy in Germany, 1935–1955” at a conference at the University of Leuven, Belgium.
OPENING THE DOOR TO POSSIBILITIES

On November 18, 57 students from Bidwell Elementary School in Sacramento, accompanied by their teachers, parents and the school’s principal, Charlotte Chadwick, spent a day at University of the Pacific. For these boys and girls, higher education was at most a vague concept before their visit to the Stockton campus.

The visit included a presentation by students from the School of Engineering and Computer Science about becoming a college student and college life; a visit to the Stockton campus dental clinic; and visits to the Reynolds Art Gallery, the Benerd School of Education, the Eberhardt School of Business and the Conservatory of Music. The highlight of the day came when the students were invited to go on stage during a practice performance by the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Bidwell Elementary School’s visit to University of the Pacific was co-sponsored by the Ethnic Studies program and the Pacific Alumni Association, and coordinated by the Black Alumni Pacific Club, the Multicultural Engineering Program, the Reynolds Art Gallery, the Latino Community Outreach and two student organizations — the Ethnic Studies Club and the 1st Generation Club, whose members hosted the visit together with Pacific Ambassadors.

Their teacher, Tara McDonald, whose daughter Gabby McDonald ’13 helped initiate the visit, says that being on a college campus makes it real for her students, who will begin to believe in the possibility of attending college in the future.

DENTAL SCHOOL PRESENTS CAVANAUGH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Teresa Kuhlman, the manager of the integrated clinical sciences curriculum at Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, was honored with the second-annual Cavanaugh Distinguished Service Award during a reception at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry on December 4.

The award recognizes staff members from Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco campuses for exceptional accomplishments, leadership, innovation and service to the university community. Dental school faculty and staff nominated colleagues who have contributed to the school’s vision, mission and values.

Teresa Kuhlman has been a part of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry family for over 15 years. In her current position, she is responsible for managing the Integrated Clinical Sciences Curriculum which runs throughout the 36-month doctoral program. Previously, Kuhlman served as manager in the clinical sciences academic department, a position she held for over 12 years.

DEAN ENSIGN CO-AUTHORS BOOK ON RWANDA’S PROGRESS

Genocide ravaged Rwanda in 1994 and resulted in the death of close to a million Rwandans. Fifteen years later, Rwanda has risen from the ashes and is becoming a model nation politically, socially and economically.

This major transformation is documented in “Rwanda: History and Hope,” a new book by Margee Ensign, dean of the School of International Studies, and associate provost for International Initiatives, and William E. Bertrand, a Tulane University professor who has worked in Africa for three decades. Published by University Press of America, the 174-page book will become available December 28. It also is being reviewed by PBS for a documentary.

In the book, Ensign and Bertrand focus on the innovative approaches Rwanda has taken towards governance, reconciliation, gender equity, education, health and economic growth. Rwanda’s leaders have created a new model of governance based on old Rwandan customs to make the Rwandan government more inclusive and transparent, to empower the poor and hold government leaders more accountable for improving living conditions.
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M.O.V.E. PROGRAM GARNERS NATIONAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR PACIFIC

Pacific was notified that it’s Mountains, Oceans, Valley Experience (M.O.V.E) will be awarded the Gold Award for Excellence by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) at the association’s national conference in March 2010. It is NASPA’s highest award for an outstanding program. M.O.V.E. is a two-year old program that seeks to introduce and integrate entering students to the University through overnight outdoor service and leadership learning experiences.

The M.O.V.E. program was conceived and implemented with participation from the entire division of Student Life and key faculty partners with leadership oversight from Assistant Vice President Dan Shipp and Director of Recreation Wendy Stratton. There will be great excitement in receiving this award as it will be given at the conference where Vice President Elizabeth Griego assumes the presidency of NASPA. Last year, President Don DeRosa was recognized with NASPA’s National President’s Award and last November, Dean of Students Joanna Royce Davis received the regional award for outstanding performance as a dean and Area Coordinator Shauna Sobers Young received the regional for outstanding young professional. The number of accolades to Pacific has been frequently remarked on as being unprecedented.

Read more about M.O.V.E at www.PacificMove.org.

President Eibeck and Bill Jeffery work with first-year students to help eradicate non-native Himalayan blackberries in Yosemite National Park during M.O.V.E. 2009.