5th Annual
Faculty Research and
Professional Activity Day:
A Celebration of
Scholarship and Creativity

Thursday, November 6, 2008
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11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
RESEARCH by FACULTY from MORE THAN ONE COLLEGE

REGINA SCHAEFER, JOHN BARTEL, JEANNE FLORA, ISSAM GHAZZAWI, MARGA MADHURI, JACK MEEK, and LESLIE YOUNG

"Research Project on Improving Teaching through Peer Visitation at La Verne (2008). AbstracT: This study examines a non-evaluative and voluntary peer visitation process, which can be cross-disciplinary and/or cross-college at the University of La Verne. This practice is distinguished from traditional peer observational methodologies primarily by its peer-to-peer, voluntary, non-evaluative nature. (The research team is still looking for additional, voluntary faculty participants! Information available at Faculty Research Day.)

YINGXIA CAO, AGHOP DER-KARABETIAN, JEANNE FLORA, and MARGA MADHURI

"Mission Impossible? Institution-Wide Rubric Assessment of Capstone Project—June 2008 Pilot." AbstracT: The purpose of this project was to determine if it was possible to ascertain whether the key elements of the University mission statement are represented in the capstone projects, and to what extent. A total of 62 capstone projects (21 undergraduate, 20 masters and 21 doctoral) were collected and scored by 12 volunteers from across colleges and levels. Projects were scored using 4 rubrics, measuring diversity and community, values orientation, life-long learning and writing/composition. Results suggest that the rubrics can measure elements of the mission statement in capstone projects, and the process will be repeated in June 2009. Volunteer scorers are invited to participate!

SETA WHITBY and YEHIA MORTAGY

“Student Profile as a Critical Success Factor in Online and Hybrid courses: Longitudinal Study.” AbstracT: This study identifies the type of students enrolled in a Management Information Systems class offered in face-to-face and online delivery modalities over 15 semesters. The study profiles the demographics of students including: student type, age, gender, ethnicity, Myers Briggs personality profile, religion, citizenship, marital status, academic family generation, academic major, academic standing, and GPA. Research findings include: European American (Caucasian) male and female students are equally motivated in enrolling in Face-to-face and Online classes. African American and Hispanic female students as well as Asian and American Indian male students favor taking Online courses compared to their counterparts of the opposite sex. Another interesting finding is that student of personality types INFP, INFJ, INTJ and ISFJ prefer Online classes.
COLLEGE of ARTS and SCIENCES

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT:

MONIQUE CHAMBERS* and CHRISTINE BROUSSARD
“Effects of Diethylstilbestrol on the development of CD8+ thymocytes.”

JOYCE DE LEON* and CHRISTINE BROUSSARD
“Diethylstilbestrol Inhibits Development and Promotes Apoptosis in Embryonic Thymo-cytes.”

ALMA PARADA* and CHRISTINE BROUSSARD
“An Investigation of the Effects of Methoxychlor on the Embryological Development of T cells in C57BL/6 mice.”

JAY JONES
“A Fossil Wood Flora from the Middle to Upper Eocene Wagon Bed Formation of Central Wyoming.” ABSTRACT: Collaborative field work was conducted during the summer of 2008. It allowed correlation of specimens collected by the La Verne team, with those of Richard Scott (USGS), Steven Manchester (University of Florida) and Bruce Tifney (UC Santa Barbara). Errors in field mapping resulted in redundant sampling of Scott’s original locality. This explains the diminishing returns in new wood types. The goals of this research have been to determine the composition of (1) fossil flora and (2) evolutionary trends, (3) to assess paleocli-mates, and (4) to answer questions about the taphonomy of fossil woods. Nine fossil wood types have been described and figured. Some are assignable to mod-ern families and even genera, but others are similar to species in more than one family. The woods reflect a flora that is characteristic of equable, warm temperate zones today. This is based on primarily on “nearest neighbor” analysis but also agrees with preliminary application of the statistical methods of Wiechmann et al. The evolutionary significance will be more clearly known when the work on fruits and seeds from this locality, can be included in the analysis.

KATHLEEN WEAVER
“Conservation Genetics and Biogeography of the Oreohelix surrounding the Montana Research Station.” ABSTRACT: My research has focused on land snails in the genus Oreohelix in and around the University’s Clark Fork Research Station in Drummond, Montana. Four students and I collected 105 individuals from 15 populations within 100 miles of the research station. We then isolated mitochon-drial DNA (cytochrome oxidase I and 12S) from collected individuals as well as 15 individuals from 6 outgroup populations from throughout the Western United States to examine the uniqueness of these groups and the biogeography of Oreohelix in Western Montana. Oreohelix has a large geographic distribution and low motility, so it is an excellent model to study biogeography, and our data will lead to a more complete understanding of how climate change has influenced species diversification. Our results indicate that there are two new species of Oreohelix within the Garnet Range, Montana. We also discovered several unex-pected connections between populations that were separated by large distances (up to 300 km). Further research will examine the morphological relationships and
further explore the relatedness of these distantly separated populations.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT:

IRAJ PARCHAMAZAD, J. R. ALSTON, and M. H. MILES

"Investigations of Nanoparticle Palladium/Deuterium Systems in Zeolites" (2008). Abstract: Both experimental and theoretical studies have indicated that nanoparticle palladium may facilitate the Fleischmann-Pons Effect (FPE). The possibilities of producing excess energy, in the form of heat, were investigated by observing palladium-loaded zeolite-Y under a deuterium atmosphere. This method involved loading the zeolite with an organo-palladium complex and then burning off the organic constituents of the compound in order to leave empirically pure palladium within the zeolite cavities. The presence of palladium in the zeolite was confirmed by analysis using an electron microscope and by energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy. Preliminary results showed that after the deuterium gas flow was stopped, the temperature of the nanoparticle palladium system increased to several degrees above the room temperature. This effect was observed during two runs under deuterium gas. A third control experiment run under hydrogen gas did not show this unusual rise in temperature. Further experiments are being conducted. The Zeolite-Y (Na) used in these studies has small pores with a relatively strong electrostatic charge (0.3 V/Å) and may act as a quasi-nano reactor.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT:

MIKE LAPONIS, DON POLLOCK, AND SHANE RODRIGUES

Video production for local non-profit agencies. Abstract: Professors Mike Laponis and Don Pollock and Communications Department Operations Manager and adjunct faculty member Shane Rodrigues have teamed up to produce a number of videos for the University and for local non-profit agencies over the last 15 years. The four videos featured here were all produced in the past year and have won awards in several different competitions.

James Swift Profile
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center
Leroy Haynes Center
University of La Verne Law School Gala

ELIZABETH ZWERLING

"Dangerous Masquerade." Abstract: This is a "shortened online version" of my feature in the fall issue of Ms. Magazine (completed as part of my sabbatical project as Visiting Editor for Ms.) Ms. is still primarily a print publication -- available by subscription and at major bookstores, as well as some newsstands. The tagline for the article is as follows: "On a mission to eliminate reproductive choice, so-called crisis pregnancy centers are taking in millions of government dollars—and unsuspecting college students."

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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

BILL COOK


_The Chronicles of Nefaria_ (Expathos, 2008).  **ABSTRACT:** This work uses fiction to cover some of the same themes of perception and deceit as _The Rape of Palestine_ covers in essays.

JEFFREY KAHAN


KEN SCAMBRAY

**ABSTRACT OF CURRENT RESEARCH:**  Ken Scambray has been invited to present his paper on the _Watts Towers_ at the International _Watts Towers_ Conference scheduled for Genoa, Italy, in April 2009 and Los Angeles, September, 2009.  Most recently, he published _Queen Calafia’s Paradise: California and the Italian American Novel_ (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2007).  He is currently editing a collection of essays on Italian immigrants in the West tentatively entitled, _Italian Immigration in the American West_.  Last spring his poem entitled “Piece Work” won the Editor’s Choice Award for the Allen Ginsberg Poetry Prize sponsored each year by the *Paterson Literary Review* (New Jersey).

DORENA A. WRIGHT

“In the Limelight: Courtesans, Mondaines, Actors and Authors in the Novel from _Prévost to Wharton_,” two chapters from a work-in-progress.  **ABSTRACT:** Each of the novels in this study explores the affinities between theatre and social interaction in a particular milieu and uses the theatrical figure of the courtesan or the mondaine to reflect the rewards and dangers of appearing as an author on the stage of the world.

HISTORY and POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT:

RICHARD GELM

_How American Politics Works: Philosophy, Pragmatism, Personality and Profit._  **ABSTRACT:** American politics is criticized by media critics and the public, yet the system is held out as a model for the world.  The paradox of this simultaneous cynicism and adulation is rooted in the conflict between the human motives that drive politics.  Clearly written with numerous historical examples, this book explains the America’s complex political system in a vibrant light.  Documented with recent and historical scholarship presented clearly in laymen’s terms, the work explores the multiple dimensions of politics and the source of Americans’ disillusionment with
their government through the “four Ps.”

KEN MARCUS

"Arnold Schoenberg and the Perils of Modernity." ABSTRACT: Hundreds of thousands of refugees from Nazi Germany and Austria fled to the United States during the 1930s and 1940s, and scholars estimate that between 10,000 to 15,000 refugees came to southern California between 1933 and 1941. They made deep and lasting impressions on the arts and culture of the region. My current research project involves Arnold Schoenberg and the Los Angeles émigrés and their involvement in Southern California Modernism, an arts movement that sought a conscious break with the past. Scholars argue that there was a crisis of modernism, in part because many émigrés felt they were unable to stop the horrors of racial and ethnic persecution and the descent into abomination that Nazi Germany and Austria signified. Schoenberg sought to resolve this crisis on several levels, especially in terms of making modernism more relevant to critical issues of the modern era. Based on work in archives in Vienna, Austria, Basel, Switzerland, Washington, DC and Los Angeles, as well as interviews with Schoenberg family members and students, this research project focuses on a key period in Schoenberg's career that saw a transformation in his work. It serves as a case study of the wider role of the émigrés in a significant era of the arts in southern California.

AL CLARK

“Watershed and Warming: An Environmental History of the San Gabriel River Watershed.” ABSTRACT: This work investigates the water and environment of the San Gabriel River Watershed, southern California, and their exploitation by successive invasions of human settlers from prehistoric times to the early 21st century. Specifically, this environmental history examines water development, division, importation, storage, treatment, distribution, recycling, and waste disposal. It considers droughts, floods, and toxic runoff, and looks at dam building, hydroelectric power, and flood control. It concludes by projecting past and present trends into the next quarter century of population growth, land use, water demand, and global warming.

MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, & COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT:

JOZEF GOETZ and AZMA HUSAM

“WEBCRM Application Generator,” Proceedings of the 2007 International Conference on Internet Computing, World Congress in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, and Applied Computing (WORLDCOMP’07). ABSTRACT: WebCRM is a Web-based CRM (Customer Relationship Management) application whose task is to help an enterprise manage customer relationships using Internet capabilities. We built a working prototype of WebCRM system that is based on a Dynamic Framework written in ASP.NET (Active Server Page for .NET platform) which enables the generation of GUI (Graphical User Interface) on the fly based on the logged in user's privileges. The framework renders navigation tabs, tables, and form controls in real-time without the need to compile or redeploy source code files.
JOZEF GOETZ

"Using Petri Nets to Introduce Multithreading Concepts in C#." **Abstract:** The graphical aspects of Petri net theory are used to introduce multithreading concept in C#. Multithreaded programming techniques enable a program to execute multiple tasks/requests concurrently and to improve performance. The paper illustrates how Petri nets work and how to model different multiple aspects of concurrent threads (such as lost signals and deadlocks). The system designed enables hosting of multiple enterprises in a single database. Multithreaded programs are more difficult to design, analyze and test because of the non-deterministic execution orders and synchronization among the threads.

MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT:

GABRIELA CAPRAROIU

"Restitutions of Modernism: The Romanian Connection." **Abstract:** Romanian Modernism in Its International Context deals with the cultural exchange generated by Hispanic and Romanian writers, artists, filmmakers, and playwrights living in major European urban centers during the interwar years.

CATHY IRWIN

"Twice Orphaned: Voices from the Children's Village of Manzanar." **Abstract:** This study uses oral histories to examine the lives of orphan children of Japanese ancestry who were sent to Manzanar Relocation Center, one of the ten camps that interned Japanese Issei and Japanese American citizens during World War II.

GERARD LAVATORI

"Alienation or Empowerment? Reading, Writing and Orature in God's Bits of Wood." **Abstract:** While theorists such as Frantz Fanon and Ngugi wa Thiong'o, educators such as Sonia Nieto, and critics such as Karen Smyley Wallace have identified foreign language reading and education as a potential source of cultural alienation, particularly in colonized societies, and others such as Ingrid M. Renau, see orature as a more natural connection to the collectivity and origins of an indigenous person's culture, Sembene Ousmane seeks to provide a balanced perspective on the potential productive uses of reading and oral culture and their interaction in Senegalese society.

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT:

CHRISTOPHER LIANG and JESSICA PRINCE

"Developing cross-racial self-efficacy: A longitudinal examination of the role of cross-racial mastery experiences. Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development." (2008). **Abstract:** A social-cognitive model for the development of cross-racial self-efficacy was developed and tested in a longitudinal study involving a racially and culturally diverse sample of undergraduate students (N = 879). Multiple group analyses indicated that the model fit equally well for men and women and for White students and ethnic minority students.
"Personality Variables Related to Sexual Assault and Rape Perpetration by College Men: Psychopathy and the Five-Factor Model." **ABSTRACT:** This study investigates what role psychopathy plays in rape and sexual assault perpetration by college men, and whether the Five-Factor model (FFM) of personality can explain differences between perpetrators and nonperpetrators beyond psychopathy. Participants were 521 men recruited from a research participant pool at a state university and completed the NEO-Personality Inventory Revised, the Psychopathic Personality Inventory-Revised, and an expanded version of the Sexual Experiences Survey. Men were classified as having perpetrated rape and sexual assault based on responses to the SES. Perpetrators of rape reported greater levels of global psychopathy when compared to nonperpetrators and reported higher levels of Carefree Nonplanfulness and Coldheartedness and lower levels of Stress Immunity when compared to nonperpetrators. No differences were found between sexual assault perpetrators and nonperpetrators. The FFM facets of depression, vulnerability, warmth, positive emotions, openness to feelings, openness to ideas, and competence accounted for an additional 18% of the variance in rape perpetration above psychopathy. Vulnerability, openness to feelings, and competence significantly predicted rape perpetration. However, the FFM facets collectively did not significantly predict sexual assault perpetration. Results suggest that psychopathy may play a role in rape perpetration on college campuses, but that normal personality traits may be more useful in distinguishing rape perpetrators from nonperpetrators. Interestingly, results showed that the personalities of those who perpetrate sexual assault, but not rape, may not be entirely different from those who do not commit sexual offenses.

**RELIGION and PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT:**

"Ancient Galilee: Mortality and Morbidity, Rich and Poor." **ABSTRACT:** This current research combines archaeological evidence with recent studies in demographics to examine rates of mortality, morbidity, and migration in first-century Galilee. Using evidence such as Roman census papyri from Egypt, dates of death in Rome's catacombs, osteo-archaeological evidence from Israel, as well as model life tables, this paper sketches a bleak picture of life in antiquity, especially in the heavily-populated cities to which marginal young men and elderly widows tended to migrate. The relevance of this for understanding the historical Jesus and early Christianity will be sketched.

"Companion Species: Religious and Secular Encounters in the Cosmopolitics of Animal Well-Being Movements." **ABSTRACT:** Through interviews and an analysis of recent encounters forged between animal protection/welfare/rights agencies and religious communities, this paper explores how religious and secular worldviews are "infolding" each other, making a mess out of religious-secular categories, while also constitutively "becoming with" one another. Drawing upon the work of biologist and feminist theorist Donna Haraway, this paper argues that secular and religious worldviews are best conceived as "companion species," entities...
that are inherently knotted together in such a way that they literally co-constitute one another, "become with" one another. While religious and secular worldviews are most often positioned as species-at-odds, and religion conceived as a threat to the democratic vision, this paper argues that sustainable democracies are those that learn to "see" our multispecies knots and negotiate amidst "companion species" where seriously different finite truths and competing interests do not resolve themselves in a final peace, but beckon us to respond and act in the presence of all who will bear the consequences - what Isabelle Stengers calls a "cosmopolitics." The recent alliance between animal agencies and religious communities serves as an example of the potential of "cosmopolitics."

**THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT:**

**SEAN DILLON**

*Something Blue* is a feature-length film shot in a documentary style with improvisational performances. **ABSTRACT:** *Something Blue* is the story of a young engaged couple, Susan and Terry, as seen through the camera of their good friend Zach as they approach their wedding day. Susan comes from an upper middle class white family, and Terry comes from a working class Polar-American family. Terry’s Antarctic cultural traditions and blue skin aren’t a problem for Susan, but the two families may have trouble seeing eye to eye.

**COLLEGE of BUSINESS and PUBLIC MANAGEMENT**

**APPLIED BUSINESS SCIENCE and ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT:**

**MEHDI BEHESTIAN ARDAKANI**

“The Clash of National Culture and Social Network in Digitally Enabled (Networked) Organizations.” **ABSTRACT:** As businesses and government become more dependent on networked computer information systems and social networks such as face-book, the way they do business will change. One disadvantage is cultural variances as Networked Information Technology (NIT) Infrastructure influences the innovation process in many ways. This paper focuses on the behaviors within cultures. It investigates the core effects of national culture on implementation of sophisticated digitally enabled IT in organizations. Different dimensions of Social Network capabilities can enhance or lower the effectiveness of the innovation process. This paper describes how values in the workplace are influenced and impacted by culture. It then integrates the level of culture by explicitly recognizing that individuals’ workplace behavior is a function of all different cultures simultaneously.

“Social Networks: A Fad or Reality for Business?” **ABSTRACT:** With the help of social media tools, companies have greater opportunities to promote corporate brand image by collaborating with social networking sites, such as Facebook and MySpace. Online social networks not only help companies gain a presence online but also connect a closer relationship with their consumers and their employees.
This paper addresses three major advantages of online social networks: 1) Sharing Enterprise Information, 2) Deep Customer Engagement, 3) Uncovering New Information. It also investigates where business marketers can open another door for business opportunities by continuously E-Learning via the Internet community. In other words, social network means business and is not a fad.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT and LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT:

ISSAM GHAZZAWI

“Job Satisfaction Antecedents and Consequences: A New Conceptual Framework and Research Agenda” (Business Review Journal, forthcoming). ABSTRACT: Based on prior theoretical and empirical research, these articles explore the existing cause and effect relationship between the antecedents contributing to job satisfaction or dissatisfaction and their consequences on people in the workplace. They also propose a new conceptual framework to study and further explain such relationships and to add to the literature of understanding the subject of job satisfaction.

“Mount Cedar Technologies, Inc.: A Case Study in Designing a High Performance Organization” (Journal of the International Academy for Case Studies “JIACS”; forthcoming). ABSTRACT: Organizations are faced with many challenges including motivating and rewarding employees, communicating and making effective decisions, and evaluating group and team behavior. Successful managers must learn to create functional and effective structures, processes, and understanding to manage the human side of organizations. This group case study, designed to cover multiple aspects of Organizational Behavior and Theory and Organization Design, gives students an opportunity to design an effective organization.

ISSAM GHAZZAWI and CHRISTINE JAGANNATHAN

“Reaching the Underserved: How a Summer Business Program Influences First Generation Students to Attend College” (Journal of American Academy of Business, Cambridge, 2008). ABSTRACT: This paper assesses a community outreach program that targeted underserved students. The program was developed to overcome impediments that usually restrict the college ambitions of the targeted population. Fifty junior high school students (27 women and 23 men) participated in a three-week business camp that introduced them to topics such as management and organization, marketing, finance and accounting, economics, and creating an organization website. All classes were taught by La Verne professors along with participating business and community leaders. Before the program, 78% of participants indicated their willingness to go to college, while in the post assessment survey, 96% indicated their desire to attend college.

DEBORAH OLSON

“Expanding Leadership Diversity through Formal Mentoring Programs. ABSTRACT: For those who aspire to leadership roles, the opportunity to be mentored by senior leaders is a powerful way to accelerate growth. In many organizations there are few people from diverse backgrounds in senior leadership posi-
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tribal histories. We found that both groups preferred a mentor who was older, had the same race, desired to spend a significant amount of time with them, and wanted psychological and career advancement support. It concluded that it is very important to have a mentor. To be effective, mentors need to spend a significant amount of time with their protégés; share their professional accomplishments and method of accomplishment; assist with career advancement; and provide psychological support.

PUBLIC and HEALTH ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT:

JOAN J. BRANIN

“Ethnic Differences in Caregiver Burden, Self-Efficacy, and Rewards among Working Caregivers.” ABSTRACT: This study explored differences among White, Black, and Latino working caregivers in caregiving skills, caregiver burden, caregiver self-efficacy, and caregiver rewards as well as the effects of caregiving on the quality of life, health, and well-being of working caregivers. Although there were no significant differences on average among the three ethnic subgroups for Caregiver Skills or Rewards, there was a significant difference in Caregiver Burden (F=7.35, df =2, p =.001) with Black respondents feeling greater level of
burden. Caregiver Self Efficacy was positively related to Caregiver Rewards ($r=.424$, $p<.001$) and negatively related to Caregiver Burden ($r=-.310$, $p<.001$). Blacks rated their skills in communicating with their older loved one more highly than either other group ($β=332$, $p<.001$) and were more likely than others to have taken more than 20 hours off work ($β=201$, $p<.05$). Both Blacks and Hispanics remained less confident of finding information and resources for caregivers ($β=-.175$, $p<.05$ and $β=-.183$, $p<.05$ respectively).

“Evaluation of a Promotora Educational Training Program to Promote Disability Knowledge, Referrals, and Use of Community Resources among Latino Immigrants.” **Abstract:** A “promotora” (community health worker) is a person who provides a bilingual liaison between health care providers and patients through home visits, providing patient education, making referrals to health and social services, and providing language services. Historically, promotoras received little or no training about disabilities, recognition of disabilities, and how to work with individuals with disabilities. This project evaluated the Promotor/a Disability Awareness Training Program/Training for Promotores du Salud to determine changes in the knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors (KABB) of the Promotoras. After the training, Promotoras reported improvements in their knowledge of disability and people with disabilities; in their attitudes and beliefs particularly in the use of stereotypes; and their self-ratings of their abilities to perform certain functions related to their work with people in general and specifically with people with disabilities.

**JACK W. MEEK**

“Adaptive Intermediate Structures And Local Sustainability Advances,” *Public Administration Quarterly* (2008). **Abstract:** This article reflects on the growing recognition of local interdependencies and the inadequacies of the current administrative state in responding to cross-jurisdictional issues such as environmental management. It reviews three kinds of locally derived approaches and the use of intermediate structures in their potential for both expanding participation in solution making and providing systemwide benefits or global advantages. While locally focused, these advances are viewed as “adaptive” structures that add to metropolitan system complexity with system-wide effects.

**TERRY L. COOPER, THOMAS A. BRYERS, and JACK W. MEEK** (2008)

“Outcomes Achieved Through Citizen-Centered Collaborative Public Management,” in Lisa Blomgren Bingham and Rosemary O’Leary, eds., *Big Ideas on Collaborative Public Management* (2008). **Abstract:** Collaborative public management that is citizen-centered extends beyond this definition and focuses on the role of the public in collaborative management arrangements. This chapter introduces an action research program conducted in the city of Los Angeles that has resulted in active relations between public administrators and citizens of the city.

**COLLEGE of EDUCATION and ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

ROBERT HANSEN
Getting Ready for Life After High School (Los Angeles County Office of Education, 2008).  ABSTRACT: Career and College Planning Guide for California Students and Their Families, 2008-2009. (1.1 million of these guides have been sold.)

CLEVELAND HAYES
“Critical Race Theory and Whiteness Theory as it relates to teacher education.”  ABSTRACT: I work from this statement, “the paradox of the nation’s teacher preparation programs is that everything is about diversity and social justice in the preparation of teachers and, simultaneously, nothing is about diversity and social justice in the preparation of teachers.”

MARGA MADHURI
“I changed the font and got a better score”: Middle school teachers and students reflect on automated writing evaluation software.”  ABSTRACT: This study examines student and teacher responses to the use of MyAccess, an automated writing evaluation program to which students submit papers, and within seconds receive a rubric score based on 5 writing components: focus and meaning, content and development, organization, language use and style, and mechanics. Students and teachers agree that the feedback is helpful, but is not reliable, and should not replace a teacher’s reading and scoring of student papers.

JAN PILGREEN and AMBER RODRIGUEZ
“Motivational Elements within a Literacy Center Context: Impact on Reading Comprehension.”  ABSTRACT: Presenters will describe Phase I of a study carried out in the University of La Verne Literacy Center in which experimental children made one full year of growth as compared to control children who made two months of growth during the same time period. They will then describe the steps currently underway to receive IRB approval for Phase II of the study and begin implementation in the winter of 2009. In addition, a component has been added to the research study which focuses on the impact of motivational elements on reading comprehension. Using a two-part survey approach, presenters will share new research questions and describe a model for answering them during the next calendar year. The new question related to motivational influences has emerged from Phase I results in which the experimental group made statistically significant gains in motivation as compared to the control group.

LYNN STANTON-RIGGS and LAURIE SCHROEDER
“Moving Toward a ‘Safe College’: Chronicling CEOL’s Process of Exploring Social Justice Issues.”  ABSTRACT: Supporting the University’s mission, the College of Education and Organizational Leadership is exploring social justice issues within the college, the University, and the communities we serve. A first step is CEOL’s desire to move toward becoming a “Safe College”—an open and
supportive environment for all. This move will be chronicled through narrative accounts, focus groups, and other qualitative methods.

YINGXIA CAO
"Private Higher Education and the Labor Market in China: Institutional Management Efforts and Initial Employment Outcomes." ABSTRACT: Private Higher Education and the Labor Market in China focuses on institutional efforts managed by Chinese private colleges and universities. It firstly describes and analyzes how these demand-absorbing private colleges and universities include elements on meeting labor market demands in their mission statements, and how they improve student employability and bridge graduates and employers through job-oriented fields of study provision, educational delivery, career services, as well as networking and partnerships. Exploring the possible relationships between institutional efforts and labor market outcomes, it then analyzes graduate self-reported survey data on initial employment status, starting salary, job and education match, as well as job satisfaction. Finally, it builds a conceptual model with both effort and outcome dimensions, to indicate the variations in and possible relationships between institutional efforts and initial graduate employment outcomes.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT:

TOM HARVEY and ELIZABETH BROYLES
The Positive Side of Resistance (publication date, 2009)

COLLEGE of LAW

The College of Law announces Faculty Scholarship, 2006 to present, University of La Verne College of Law (Vol. 1, No. 1, Fall 2008), detailing scholarship by the following faculty and providing excerpts of their work in the following journals:

JUANDA LOWDER DANIEL and KEVIN MARSHALL

CHARLES DOSKOW
Quinnipiac Law Review

SUSAN NAUSS EXON

VICTORIA J. HANEMAN
"The Ethical Exploitation of the Unrepresented Consumer," Missouri Law Review.

DIANE J. KLEIN
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KEVIN MARSHALL and JUANDA LOWDER DANIEL

DIANE UCHIMIYA
Penn State International Law Review.

JOHN LINARELLI

WILSON LIBRARY

DONNA BENTLEY
“Keeping up with the Changes: Web 2.0 and Information Literacy in Universities.” Abstract: Information literate students know how to evaluate resources to select those resources most appropriate for their academic need. Web 2.0 is all about social networking and allowing the end user to create or manipulate the content that they seek. How are university libraries and faculty exploiting Web 2.0 resources to engage students in critically evaluating information they gather to use in academic projects?

DARRYL SWARM
“Examining Physiological Response to Environmental Factors during the Medical Oncology Treatment Process.” Abstract: Cancer patients who experience constant anxiety/fear, and a feeling of hopelessness are less likely to enjoy recurrence-free survival than those who adopt a more optimistic/fighting attitude (Gordon, 2000). Although natural environments have been shown to reduce anxiety and improve mood in other contexts (Ulrich, 1991; Kaplan, 1991), the potential for environment and viewshed to mitigate stress and anxiety in oncology treat-
ment settings has not been adequately examined. This study analyzed patient stress within the context of a medical oncology treatment facility that offers treatment rooms with and without natural views. Patients were randomly assigned to one of the two room types and then alternated to the other settings on subsequent visits. Over the period of one hour, time scan observations were conducted every 15-minutes to document patient activity and, where possible, viewshed preference. Physiological stress indicators (blood pressure and heart rate) were also obtained at 15-minute intervals. Additional instruments were used to ascertain patient preferences and perceptions in the given treatment environment. The results indicate that natural views have a profound effect on lowering anxiety levels and improving overall patient outlook. This study suggests that medical administrators and environmental design professionals should work together to incorporate natural views into new construction projects and existing facilities in order to provide the patients with the highest standard of patient care.

*Participants (with page number in this brochure):*

John Bartelt (1) • Mehdi Behestian Ardakani (8) • Donna Bentley (14)
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Juanda Lowder Daniel (13) • Aghop Der-Karabetian (1) • Sean Dillon (8)
Chuck Doskow (13) • Kathy Duncan (10) • Susan Nauss Exon (13)
Jeanne Flora (1) • Richard Gelmi (5) • Issam Ghazzawi (1,9) • Jozef Goetz (5)
Victoria J. Haneman (13) • Robert Hansen (12) • Tom Harvey (13)
Cleveland Hayes (12) • Cathy Irwin (6) • Christine Jagannathan (9)
Jay Jones (2) • Jeffrey Kahan (4) • Diane Klein (13) • Mike Laponis (3)
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