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Academic Affairs Division Newsletter



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of the Spring Semester. I hope you had a chance to rest and renew over the holiday break. I know you all join me in wishing Ellen Junn the very best in her new appointment as Provost at CSU Dominguez Hills.

I will be filling in as interim provost until a search has been completed. The Academic Senate has issued a new call for nominations for members of the search committee. The deadline for self-nominations for the provost search committee has been extended until February 5th and the meeting schedule has been modified to encourage faculty participation. For more information and to complete the self-nominating form, please [click here](#).

The past six months have been very busy. However, I have made time to visit classes and meet with various groups. I am very impressed with the commitment and passion of staff and faculty to support our academic mission. I have met many wonderful people who care about our students. I have also come to know that our students are enthusiastic, eager, smart, and committed to civic responsibilities.

I spent last week presenting at several college spring semester welcomes. We had very lively discussions on a variety of topics, one of which is very clear: We should not ignore events from last semester that have challenged our assumptions about values and practices regarding inclusion and diversity.



Looking ahead, I will be working with Acting Deputy Provost Dennis Jaehne, the deans, and AVPs on four primary areas:

1. Budget and enrollment planning
2. Self-support programs
3. SSETF
4. Strategic Planning

I welcome the chance to visit with you. I also look forward to visiting more classes. Please contact me or [Melanie Schlitzkus](#) to make an appointment or extend an invitation.

Sincerely,

Andy

Upcoming Events



Center for Faculty Development Workshops

Throughout the year, CFD offers a wide variety of workshops and events. Check their [Events page](#) for the full calendar. The next workshop is "Creating Accessible PowerPoint Slides" and will take place **Monday, February 3**, from **9:00 - 10:00am** in **IRC 210**.

Retirement



Steve Zlotolow

After 42 years in Education and 10 years as Associate Dean of the [College of International and Extended Studies](#), Steve Zlotolow retired from SJSU on December 22, 2013. "Dr. Z" , worked



Special Free Preview of Madama Butterfly

Opera San José continues its 30th Anniversary Season with Giacomo Puccini's Madama Butterfly. View the [event website](#) for more information.

The event will take place on **Tuesday, February 4**, from **12:00 - 1:00pm** in **MLK 550**.



Get to Know Your Fabulous Colleagues and their Research

This lecture series is held by the [Fellowship for SJSU Faculty Women](#) and hosted by the [Center for Faculty Development](#). Please join us for this opportunity to listen to women faculty on campus share their research interests & achievements, and to create much-needed conversation about faculty interests on campus. Don't miss the upcoming presentation by **Dr. Tanya Bakhru** entitled "Movement, Consumption, and Choice in Neoliberal Reproductive Health Discourses: An Irish Case Study" to

with former Dean and AVP Mark Novak and many faculty and staff to build CIES into one of the CSU's leading extended studies and international recruitment programs. Last year CIES brought in about \$30 million to San José State University. He began his career in 1971 with the Teacher Corps Program at the University of Oklahoma teaching middle school. In 1989 he received his PhD in Educational Technology from the University of Oklahoma. He was an instructional developer at Central Michigan University and an adjunct faculty member in the College of Education teaching instructional development and using technology for learning for over 13 years. During this period he worked with Ron Havelock writing the second edition of *Change Agent's Guide*.

In 1997 he and his wife, Rebecca, moved to San José to work with Mark Novak in developing an online degree program in Occupational Therapy. During his tenure at San José State he helped develop the [eCampus](#). He managed Special Session, Open University, and the Summer and Winter Intersessions.

We wish Steve a happy and productive retirement.

Department Updates

be held on **Wednesday, February 5,**
from **12:00 - 1:30pm** in **IRC 101.**



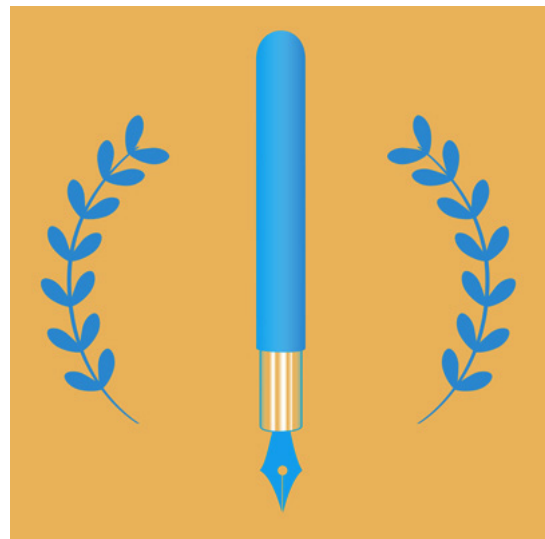
Saluting an Educator, Activist & Cultural Icon

In honor of Dr. Ethel Pitts Walker's 24 years of service at SJSU, please join the [Cultural Heritage Center](#) in a Black History Month salute to this tireless Educator, Activist and Cultural Shero. An exhibition of some of Dr. Walker's work that spanned four decades will be on display in the Cultural Heritage Center, located on the 5th floor of the King Library. A light refreshment reception and short program kicks-off on **Saturday, February 8,** from **2:00 - 4:00pm** in **MLK 225/229.** [RSVP to Professor Cheers.](#)



Academic Technology Lunch Byte Series

Academic Technology will be offering the Lunch Byte series again this



Faculty Affairs Newsletter

Read the Office of Faculty Affairs Winter Newsletter by [clicking here.](#)



Student Academic Success Services Newsletter

Read the SASS Spring 2014, Volume 1 Newsletter by [clicking here](#) (PDF).



Update on SJSU Plus Courses

To read the update on SJSU Plus courses written by Cathy Cheal, AVP

spring. It is an informal discussion for all faculty to talk about teaching with technology. These will be at **12:00 pm** in **IRC 308**. The first two dates and topics are:

- **Monday, February 10:** SJSU Plus courses "Where are the MOOCs now?" given by Sean Laraway and Susan Snyckerski
- **Tuesday, March 11:** Gamification and Online Teaching and Advising given by James Morgan, Stephanie Coopman, and Ted Coopman.

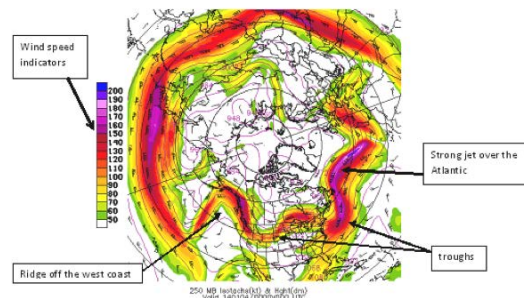
Academic Technology is offering workshops for all faculty on teaching technology, such as the Learning Management System, Canvas, and the Next Gen Rooms for lecture capture and video conferencing. There are also workshops on Qualtrics, Criterion, WebEx, Smartboards, and Collaborate. [Click here to enroll!](#)



Research Foundation Spring Workshops

Be sure to check out the [Spring 2014 Workshops](#) from the SJSU Research Foundation Office of Sponsored

of Academic Technology, [click here](#) (PDF).



Department of Meteorology & Climate Science News Blog

Learn the science behind the "Polar Vortex," the current extreme weather in the northern hemisphere, and much more at the [Department of Meteorology & Climate Science's News Blog](#).



Academic Senate

Want to know what is happening in the [Academic Senate](#)? The Academic Senate is comprised of faculty, students and administrators. Check the senate [home page](#) for information on upcoming meetings, etc.

Check the list of [senators by college](#) to locate and communicate with your elected representatives. You will also find links to policies, resolutions and other helpful information. Stay up-to-date with campus governance!

[Programs](#). Lunch is provided for those who RSVP to Carmina Som. For more information, visit the [Research Foundation Workshops website](#) or contact Carmina Som (408-924-1437) or Jeanne Dittman (408 924-1434). The next workshop is scheduled for **Thursday, February 20**, from **11:00am - 12:30pm**. All workshops are offered in **MLK 255/257**.



**MENTAL
HEALTH
FIRST AID**

Mental Health First Aid at SJSU

Mental Health First Aid training is available for faculty, staff, and students of SJSU throughout the Spring semester. The next training session is on **Friday, February 21**, from **8:30am - 5:00pm** in **SSC 601**. View the [flyer](#) (PDF) or [visit the counseling service website](#) for more information.

King Library Extends Study Hours



In the fall of 2013, Library Dean Ruth Kifer, Library Associate Dean Mary Nino and Asst. to the Dean for Digital Futures, Rae Ann Stahl were approached by students on two separate occasions to discuss extending library hours. The students presented very compelling arguments for their requests. In response, the University Library will pilot extended hours this spring beginning **April 1st** by remaining **open until 1:00 am, Monday through Thursday**. Additionally, the library will be open 24/7 for 10 days during finals study, which doubles the amount of time available to students to access the library during finals from previous semesters. Library security will be in the building during all open hours.

Kudos



Faculty Service Recognition & Awards Luncheon

Save the date! The 15th Annual Faculty Service Recognition & Awards Luncheon will take place on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014**. Ticket sales will begin on Wednesday, February 5. Check the [event website](#) for the latest updates.



Professor Aaron Lington wins Grammy

Aaron Lington, professor in the Department of Music & Dance, and his Pacific Mambo Orchestra just won a Grammy in a Latin jazz genre. Read the SJSU Today news story [here](#).

Appointments



Sigurd Meldal Appointed Director of the Cyber Security and Big Data Initiative

Sigurd Meldal has been appointed as the Director of the Cyber Security and Big Data Initiative for a term of 2 years.



Daniel Goldston awarded Frank Nelson Cole prize in Number Theory

Congratulations to Mathematics Professor Daniel Goldston who, along with two other researchers, was awarded the 2014 [American Mathematical Society Frank Nelson Cole prize in Number Theory](#)! The research group studied the gaps between prime numbers related to the Twin Prime Conjecture. [Click here](#) to read more about the award and Dr. Goldston's research.

Dr. Meldal received his doctorate from the University of Oslo where his research was guided by Prof. Ole-Johan Dahl, winner of the A.M. Turing Award and the John von Neumann Medal. Dr. Meldal has served at the University of Bergen, Stanford University (visiting professor) and Cal Poly, and arrived at San José State University in 2002, to serve as Chair of the recently established [Computer Engineering Department](#).

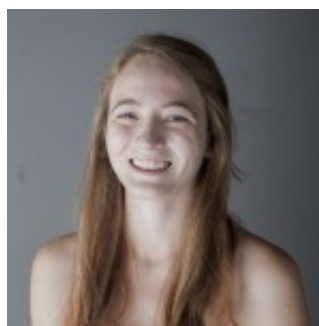
His research interests are the many aspects of concurrent processing, with an emphasis on its formalization by means of programming, prototyping and specification formalisms with supporting tools such as language frameworks for prototyping of distributed architectures and the abstraction mechanisms necessary for large-scale conformance checking. He took an early interest in the interplay of security and computing, contributing to the design of support systems for the surveillance of nuclear arms treaty compliance. He is in particular interested in the security aspects of ubiquitous computing and mobile devices, as well as the interplay of security with privacy and public policy.

Beside his position as Chair, he currently serves as a co-director at the [National Science and Technology Center for Ubiquitous Secure Technology](#) at UC Berkeley. He is a strong proponent of interdisciplinary collaboration – he established an interdisciplinary research center in



Humanities Honors Student wins Norton Poetry Recitation Contest

Humanities Honors student Jacky Mai was one of only four winners in the third annual [Norton Poetry Recitation contest](#)! He won a \$200.00 Barnes & Noble gift card and will have his name featured in a Norton Anthology. Jacky recited Sonnet 130 ("My mistress' eyes") by William Shakespeare. Jacky is currently in HUM 2A, and was one of two students from SJSU who made it to the finals. No institution other than SJSU had more than one student represented among the finalists. [Click here](#) to watch his winning poetry recitation.



Jennifer Bennett is named Managing Editor of the Spartan Daily

You may remember reading profiles in past AAD Newsletters written by our student reporter, [Jennifer](#)

bioinformatics at the University of Bergen and is currently bringing together an interdisciplinary team in [Cyber Security](#) and [Big Data](#) at San José State University.



Ruth Duran Huard Appointed Interim Associate Dean of CIES

Dr. Ruth Huard began her position as Interim Associate Dean of the College of International & Extended Studies on December 1. She has over 10 years of academic and professional experience in the areas of learning sciences and technology design. Through her former role with SJSU's [eCampus](#) and as the current Director of [Spartans Online](#), she has facilitated the growth of online teaching and learning opportunities for the San José State University community. Dr. Huard is a former faculty member and enjoyed teaching courses such as emerging technologies, research methods, and applied organizational communication.

At CIES, Dr. Huard has been a core member of the College's administration

[Bennett](#). We are happy to announce that Jennifer is now the managing editor of the [Spartan Daily](#). We will miss working with her, but are delighted that her numerous skills are being put to good use.



Congratulations to our Fabulous Faculty in SLIS

The [School of Library and Information Science](#) (SLIS) received a 2013 Sloan-C Effective Practice Award. This prestigious award honors innovation in online education. The award was officially presented during the Sloan-C Conference in Florida on November 21.

Although the award recognizes the work of all SLIS faculty and staff to create an outstanding online learning environment, special thanks go to [Debbie Faires](#), [Sue Alman](#), and [Linda Main](#) for their work regarding the Sloan-C Quality Scorecard, as well as efforts to develop the award application.

[Click here to read the official news announcement.](#)

council with responsibility for setting direction and goals for extended education activities such as the development and growth of professional and degree programs to serve Silicon Valley, as well as global communities.

She also brings six years of commercial experience as a former research and user design executive in Silicon Valley companies. Before coming to SJSU, she was a faculty member for six years at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She was a Salzburg Fellow in 2013. She received her PhD from Stanford University where she conducted research on human-computer interaction and learning systems in the School of Education and in the Computer Science Department–Knowledge Systems AI Lab. While Dr. Huard is excited by emerging technologies, her interest and focus continue to be on the people that engage with the technology.

New Administration Building Mailbox

From the Health Science and Recreation Department

On Saturday, November 2, MPH student Sharan Johal presented in opening plenary session at the [Undergraduate Public Health Summit](#) in Boston, the annual gathering sponsored by the Association of Accredited Public Health Schools and Programs. Sharan presented the results of a study with [Kathleen Roe](#) entitled *"That's when the light bulb went on!" Undergraduates' Perspectives on the Moment they "got" Public Health*. The Summit draws hundreds of faculty from public health programs around the world. Sharan's travel was supported by the department's Living Legacy donor fund.

The SJSU delegation also included:

- Professor [Miranda Worthen](#), presented *"Bringing Epidemiology to Life": Reinvigorating an Undergraduate Epidemiology Curriculum to Meet Today's Student*
- [Kathleen Roe](#) presented *Fusion! Incorporating Principles of Public Health and Recreation for Sentient and Educated Citizens*



FD&O has installed a new and more efficient mailbox in the first floor lobby of the Administration Building. The box includes mail slots for the following offices:

- Academic Planning & Budgets
- Academic Senate
- Accessible Education Center
- Career Center
- Counseling Services
- Faculty Affairs
- Graduate Studies & Research
- Institutional Effectiveness & Analytics
- Office of the Provost
- Student Affairs
- Undergraduate Studies

There are also mail slots for:

- Research Foundation
- UPS/FedEx Outgoing Parcels
- Intercampus and Outgoing Mail



Mary Conroy Serving as Fellow with SHREI

Mary Conroy (2011 SJSU Salzburg Fellow & 2007 SJCC Salzburg Fellow) is serving as a Fellow with the [Stanford Human Rights Education Initiative](#) (SHREI) during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Founded in 2010, SHREI brings California Community College faculty together with three units at Stanford University – the [Division of International, Comparative and Area Studies](#), the [Program on Human Rights](#), and the [Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education](#) – to exchange ideas, develop new curricula, and advance the teaching of Human Rights at the community college level. The Program's goal is to promote the internationalization of community college curricula through Human Rights education, in California and nationally, and to serve as a model of how faculty from various disciplines and institutions can work together to create pedagogic resources for one another.



Meet the College of H&A's Student Assistant

Gabrielle Calabretta has been a student assistant in the [College of Humanities & the Arts](#) Dean's Office since she began at SJSU in August of 2012. As a Kinesiology major with an emphasis in Athletic Training, Gabrielle serves as an officer in [Kinesiology Ambassadors](#) and is in the [Humanities Honors Program](#). Outside of school, Gabrielle likes music, superheroes ("especially Batman"), and altering outdated clothing into fashionable pieces. "It makes me proud when people comment on my clothes and I can say that I made it," she says. She also enjoys painting and recently had a piece of artwork shown at the [College of Humanities & the Arts Student Showcase](#).

Gabrielle says her favorite part of working in the H&A Dean's Office is her bosses: "They make every day wonderful with their silliness and their



SJSU Student to intern with Congressman Honda

[Kanza Naqvi](#) (2012 Salzburg Scholar; Senior, Political Science) has been selected for a Congressional Internship in the San José office of [Congressman Michael Honda](#), who has represented the 17th Congressional District of California since 2001. Her responsibilities include creating correspondence, working with constituents, creating caseworks to resolve issues with federal agencies, and representing the Congressman at various events.



Center for Cyber Security and Big

kindness! Also it is an awesome opportunity to see what is going on with the arts at SJSU. I get to see lots of student artwork and student performances, which is awesome." Academic Resource Manager Brenda Wilhelm describes Gabrielle as "generous with her time and thoughtful with all the students and guests to our office. We greatly appreciate her contribution."

If your office has student assistants who would like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter, please contact [Alma Livingston](#).

Successful Events



Muwekma Ohlone of the SF Bay Area and American Indian Veterans Exhibit

On November 21st a special Native American Heritage Night was held starting with a Welcoming Ceremony with native drummers and dancers on the Caret Plaza of the MLK

Data Studies

Through its annual [U.S. Cyber Challenge Competitions](#), annual [CDSIA conference](#), the [Oates Symposium](#), its work on user interfaces for mission critical systems, the hosting of periodic hackathons, and the many graduates from the engineering and science programs, SJSU has established itself as a premier supplier of professional competency in [cyber security](#) and, more generally, software engineering to Silicon Valley. Building on this platform of academic excellence, and recognizing the close relationship between big data and cyber security, President Qayoumi authorized the hiring of nine new faculty members tasked with the interdisciplinary challenge of developing and delivering curricula and research results that will enable industry and other partners to design, build, and operate trustworthy information systems for the region's and the nation's critical infrastructure. This cohort of new faculty members will join their colleagues in five colleges to establish a new Center for Cyber Security and Big Data Studies

Update for STAR Act (SB 1440)

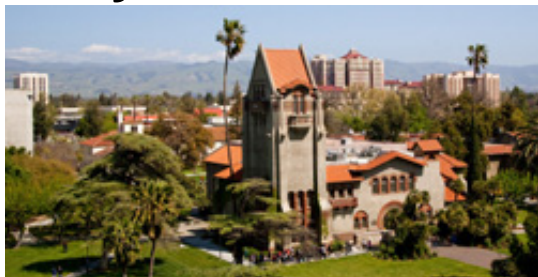
Library followed by a panel of guest speakers who spoke about the history of the [Muwekma Ohlone Tribe](#), Native American spirituality, survival, and the impacts to tribal communities as a result of the Termination and Relocations policies enacted against tribes after WWII. The [NASO](#) officers and community would like to thank the efforts of the Cultural Heritage Center staff that helped facilitate and enhance the display honoring the Native American community. View the [event flyer](#) (PDF) for more information.



Preparing Future Professors Dinner

The Preparing Future Professors dinner that took place on December 12 was a great success! To see more information on this year's participants, [click here](#) (PDF).

Did you know?



- The Lucas College of



SJSU has added the most recent finalized TMC in Economics to the list of approved AA-T or AS-T degrees under the STAR Act (SB 1440). SJSU faculty have deemed 25 of the 26 Transfer Associate Degrees as similar to 42 of our degree programs at SJSU. To view the most recent list of all similar programs under the STAR Act, [click here](#) (PDF). Please visit the [Undergraduate Studies website](#) for more information on the STAR Act (SB 1440). The website displays the 60 unit road maps for the approved programs and the department Advisor contact information.

The following TMCs or Model Curriculum are currently being reviewed by the CCCs/CSUs or in the queue for discussion under the STAR Act:

TMCs:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Environmental Science/Studies
- Exercise Science
- Graphic Arts/Graphic Design
- Health Science
- Hospitality/Hotel Management
- Information Systems
- Information and Communication

Business and Graduate School has international partnerships with 68 universities in 21 countries.

- The MLK Joint Library Materials Budget Expenditures for Electronic resources went from \$1, 644,695 in 2008/2009 to \$2,187, 178 in 2012/2013.

Technologies

- Nutrition/Food Science/Dietetics
- Social Work

Model Curricula:

- Engineering - EE/Comp
- Engineering - Mech/Civil/Aero/Manu
- Nursing

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