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Academic Affairs Division Newsletter



Powering Academic Success

On September 24, Ferdinand Rivera presented *Emergence of multiplicative thinking structures in children and adults: Building a solid foundation for successful learning in mathematics*.



Dr. Rivera's research focuses on understanding the emergence of structures among children and adults that involve patterns. His findings are synthesized in his book, *Teaching and Learning Patterns in School Mathematics: Psychological and Pedagogical Perspectives*. He is a full professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and Chair of the Department of Elementary Education.

Join your colleagues for the two remaining presentations of the University Scholars Series sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the University Library, the Spartan Bookstore, Faculty Affairs and Graduate Studies & Research.

On October 29 from 12:00 - 1:00pm, we will hear from our own Grammy Award-winning saxophonist, composer and professor Aaron Lington in MLK 225. He is SJSU's coordinator of Jazz Studies and was named the 2011 "Jazz Educator of the Year" by the California Music Educators Association. Professor Lington is part of the 19-piece big band, the Pacific Mambo Orchestra. He has been recognized multiple times in the both the Downbeat Magazine Critic's Poll and Reader's Poll.





On November 19, the series will present President's Scholar, award-winning author, curator, photographer, and professor, Jo Farb Hernandez. A Recognized scholar in her field, she will present her recent survey of art environments created by self-taught artists from Spain. Her latest book is *Singular Spaces: From the Eccentric to the Extraordinary in Spanish Art Environments*. Jo is also the director of the Thompson

Gallery and SJSU's Art Collection. The event will be from 12-1 in MLK 255/257

See you on campus,



Andy
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Upcoming Events

Opportunities



Textbook Alternatives Project Grant Application

At SJSU, 1 out of 3 students report not buying a required textbook because they can't afford it—a problem that continues to grow. Now is the chance



Silicon Valley Leadership Symposium

The [Silicon Valley Leadership Symposium](#) hosted by the Charles W. Davison College of Engineering College is back! The Symposium brings in industry and technology leaders to discuss about business and technology. All SVLS are held in the **Engineering 189** every **Thursday** afternoon from **12:00 - 1:00pm**. These events will be held through the fall semester until December 4th, 2014. The upcoming speakers for October are:

- October 2 - Tracy Keogh (Vice President of HR at Hewlett-Packard)
- October 9 - Thomas Mendoza, (Vice Chairman, NetApp)
- October 23 - Telle Whitney (CEO and President, Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology)
- October 30 - Regis McKenna (Marketing Entrepreneur, Regis McKenna, Inc.)

to become part of the solution. Receive a \$1,000 stipend from Affordable Learning Solutions to develop a Textbook Alternatives Project (TAP).

TAP encourages faculty to replace their high-cost commercial textbooks with free or low-cost alternatives, such as custom course packs from AcademicPub, library resources, digital textbooks, open educational resources (OER) or self-authored materials. TAP aims to lower the cost of classroom materials while maintaining or improving the quality of student learning. All instructional faculty (lecturers as well as tenured/tenure-track faculty) are eligible to apply. The deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, November 25**. For details, go to the [TAP website](#).



Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program

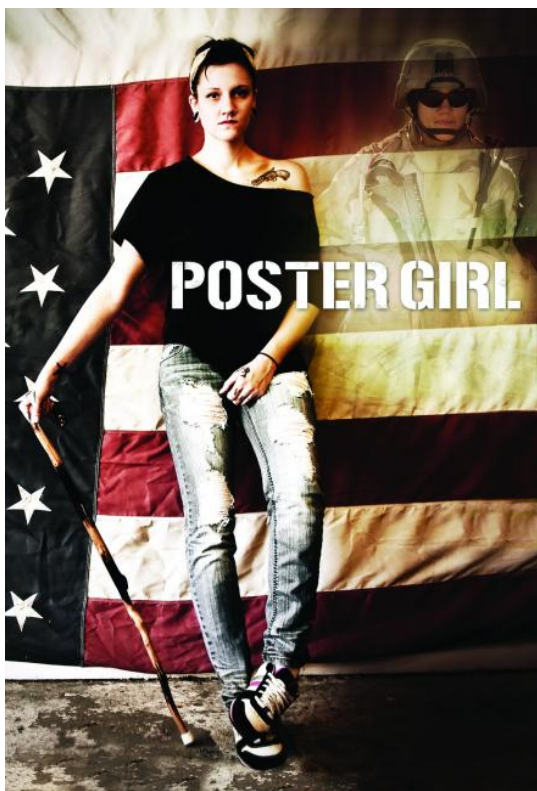
The vice chancellor of Human Resources is pleased to provide information about the 2015/2016 CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP). Nominations are due to the Chancellor's Office by **March 13, 2015**.

This is an excellent opportunity to encourage and support students and faculty who are interesting in pursuing a doctoral degree and teaching in the



Annual Author Awards

The Annual Author Awards, sponsored by the Office of the Provost, University Library and Spartan Bookstore, is a campus event designed to recognize faculty, staff, and administrators who have authored, co-authored, or edited a published book. The event will take place on **Monday, October 27, 2014**, from **3:00 - 5:00pm** in **MLK 225/229**. We invite all book authors and editors to submit their information by **October 3, 2014**. For more information, [click here](#) (PDF).



War Comes Home: "Poster Girl"

Join us on **October 3**, at **1:00pm** in **MLK 225/229** for a screening of the

CSU.

For complete program information, please refer to [HR 2014-11](#) (PDF).

Questions about the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program should be directed to Margaret Merryfield, Senior Director, Academic Human Resources at (562) 951-4503 or [Chi-Ah Chun](#), Director, Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program.

Recognizing Excellence



SJSU Engineering Program Ranked Third Nationally

The Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering tied for third nationwide in new rankings released by the 2015 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges. The college's Computer

film *Poster Girl*, followed by a panel discussion. This is part of the California Reads [War Comes Home: Panel Discussion](#) series.



Humanities Honors 60th Anniversary Celebration

The Humanities Honors Program celebrates 60 years of helping students thrive with a party and reunion. Dr. Marianina Olcott will be honored for her many years of leadership in the program as well as being one of its greatly valued professors. There will be lots of food, music and other entertainment, including a student art show. Be there and bring your friends! **Friday, October 3, 4:00 - 7:00pm, Clark Hall fourth floor.**



Wuthering Heights

The Department of Television, Radio, Film and Theatre presents Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*, a new

Engineering program was ranked first among public engineering programs offering bachelor's and master's degrees, and second nationally among all public and private colleges who do not offer doctorate degrees. "Reaching number two nationally this year reflects our faculty and students' strong commitment to achieving excellence," said Xiao Su, chair of the Computer Engineering Department. [Click here](#) for the full story.

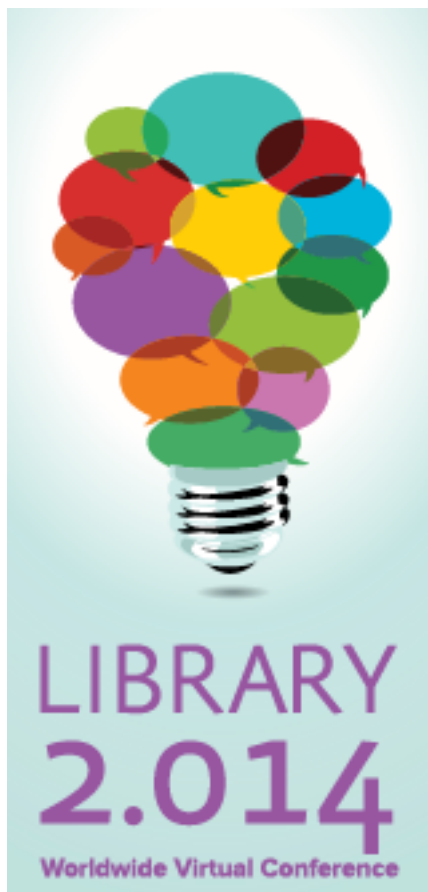


Environmental Studies' Program Wins Award

Environmental Studies' [Center for Development of Recycling](#), won the Outstanding Waste Prevention Award, and MS alumna Michelle Young with the City of San José won the Dave Hardy Leadership in Organics Award at the CRRA's 38th Annual Conference and Tradeshow in San José on August 5, 2014. Many Environmental Studies/CDR graduates were in attendance, displaying great achievements as session speakers and organizers at the four-day event.

adaptation for the stage by Kirsten Brandt. **October 3, at 7:00pm** in the **Hal Todd Theatre (HGH 103)**.

Admission is free. View the [event flyer](#) (PDF) for more information.



Library 2.014, World Wide Virtual Conference

The fourth annual global conversation about the future of libraries is scheduled for **October 8-9, 2014**. The conference will once again be held entirely online around the clock in multiple languages and time zones. Everyone is invited to participate in this FREE forum designed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among information professionals worldwide. Visit the [event website](#) for more information. We are looking forward to the fourth year of this momentous event!



EOP Celebrating 45 Years!

EOP (Educational Opportunity Program) is proud to welcome 675 new frosh and transfers this fall bringing the EOP student population to just over 1,900 students. The five-week EOP Summer Bridge program was completed by 57 frosh. With support services in place, EOP students are succeeding with 632 students having a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.



SJSU Helps Save the Burrowing Owls

San José State students, Chair of Environmental Studies and Acting Associate Dean Lynn Trulio, and ENVS alumni Josh McCluskey and Phil Higgins are instrumental in the saving of Burrowing Owls in the Bay Area. [Click here](#) for the full story.



Humanities & Arts Showcase

Come to the third annual Humanities & Arts Showcase. This event will feature live performances, films, and displays from all the departments in the College of Humanities & the Arts.

October 10, from **1:00 - 4:00pm** in the **Student Union Ballroom**. Visit the [event website](#) for more information.



Tech Tuesdays

Join the College of Education for snappy and informal demos of "neat" ideas/tools on a drop-in basis. Presenters will be faculty, staff, students, administrators, or vendor reps/engineers. Presenters will describe/demo a tech tool or two that they use to teach, learn, or perform other work here at SJSU. The Fall



"22 Joes Every Day" by Mark Pinto

"Joes Come Home" and "22 Joes Every Day" will be on display at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Main Library, fourth floor, throughout the month of September. Mark Pinto, a Master's graduate in Fine Art, hopes these exhibits will raise awareness of the difficulties encountered by veterans returning from duty. Every day participants suspend 22 more "Joes" from the ceiling to commemorate those veterans who end their lives on a daily basis. In the exhibit "Joes Come Home," large-print photographs of G.I. Joe dolls are displayed in situations relating to the various struggles veterans face when returning to society, such as alcoholism or homelessness. Mark and several others also participated in a panel session discussing veterans' affairs on September 16th. [Click here](#) for more information on Mark Pinto's exhibits.

Campus Updates

2014 Tech Talks will take place in
SSH 331 from **12:00 - 12:22pm**:

- October 14, "Browzine" & "TodaysMeet"
- November 4, "Explain Everything"



Interested in Online Teaching?

If you are interested in exploring online teaching (a single course, or a certificate or degree program) there are some resources to help: workshops and one-one help from Bethany Shifflett (CIES faculty fellow for online teaching). Workshops will be held in **IS 134A** on the following dates:

- October 15, 12:00 - 1:30pm
- December 2, 10:30am - 12:00pm
- December 3, 12:00 - 1:30pm

Send RSVP or request for individual help to [Bethany](#).

For additional web-based resources, check out:

- [General information and grant money](#)
- [Information pertaining to online teaching](#)
- [Proposing online certificate or](#)



Martin Luther King Jr. Library Extended hours for students

The library will once again be open to students for extended study **until 1:00am, Sunday - Thursday**. Library Hours (including extended study hours) will be Sunday, 1:00pm-1:00am; Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 1:00am; Friday 8:00am - 6:00pm; Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm.

New Database

The library has added a new database, Early English Books Online (EEBO). This database contains digital facsimile page images of virtually every work printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and British North America and works in English printed elsewhere from 1473-1700; from the first book printed in English by William Caxton, through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare and the tumult of the English Civil War. An NEH Challenge Grant supports this subscription.

Because it includes every book published, there are works of literature, works on science, letters of Henry VIII and his desires to marry Anne Boleyn, musical scores from all the periods; cooking recipes, and mathematical works. What a wonderful resource for all faculty interested in not only in literature but the history of their discipline.



Sonia Sotomayor to Speak at SJSU

Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor will visit SJSU and share her thoughts and experiences in an interview with UC Berkeley Law Professor Melissa Murray. **October 20**, in the **Student Union Ballroom**. Read the [SJSU Today article](#) for more information.



University Scholar Series

The next speaker in the series is Grammy Award-winning baritone saxophonist and composer Aaron Joseph Lington of the big band, Pacific Mambo Orchestra. Join us on **October 29**, from **12:00 - 1:00pm** in **MLK 225**. Visit the [event website](#) for more information.



College of Applied Sciences and Arts

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing

Come Join Us! We are hosting [monthly information sessions](#) to highlight our unique online DNP program. All potential applicants are welcome.

Learn About Us & Celebrate! We are hosting a special reception and recruiting showcase on **October 15th** in San José. History was made as the Inaugural DNP Class of 2014 crossed the stage to be hooded and conferred with their Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Come meet our guests of honor as we recognize their accomplishments and highlight their program experiences. [RSVP required](#). All potential applicants and interested project chairs are welcome.

Class of 2015 began their [fourth semester](#) of the NorCal DNP Program! Their coursework is in *Curriculum Development* and *Finance* as well as pursuing their own original research on their doctoral projects. We look forward to their [project research](#) and defenses to be held next semester! The impressive cohort successfully passed their Qualifying Assessments and have applied for candidacy.

School of Information

SJSU iSchool and Hewlett Packard



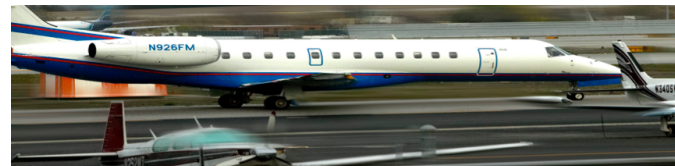
Grateful Dead Academic Conference

A ground-breaking four-day international conference and symposium exploring the meaning and impact of the Grateful Dead phenomenon. Co-sponsored by SJSU, the Grateful Dead Archive at UC Santa Cruz, Rhino Entertainment, grateful Dead Productions and Ice Nine Publishing. Michael Parrish, Dean of the College of Science and music journalist, is a co-organizer. **Reduced registration available through October 6. November 5-8, in the Student Union Ballroom.** [Click here](#) to read about SJSU and the Dead's shared history.



COSS Dean's Symposium

Collaborate in Assessment of Educational Materials. This summer, the SJSU School of Information (formerly SLIS) partnered with Hewlett Packard to pilot a personalized hybrid book tool in two courses offered within the exclusively online master's degree programs. "We are trying to learn what students prefer when it comes to working with print materials and digital versions of the materials. Faculty members can use what we learn about the best formats to support student learning when they select types of reading materials and formats they will use in their classes," said Debbie Faires, the Director of online learning in the school. [Click here](#) for the full story.



Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering

New Professional Flight Program

The Department of Aviation and Technology, within the College of Engineering, has introduced a new degree option for Aviation students: Professional Flight. Since 1962, Flight Operation students had to pursue flight ratings outside of their university activities. With the introduction of the new program, students now can earn university approved credits while taking lessons from FAA approved instructors to apply toward their Private Pilot certificate.

This new program is tailored to students seeking careers as professional pilots. SJSU continues to

Save the Date! The College of Social Science's Dean's Symposium will be held on **November 12**, at **1:15pm** at **Flames Restaurant**, across from the MLK Library at 88 S. 4th. We will be hearing from our Salzburg Scholars, CommUniverCity activists, and Study-Abroad students about how we can build cross-cultural conversations on our campus.



Celebration of Research to Honor Early Career Investigators

Come join the campus community to honor Early Career Investigator Award Winners Scott Hamilton, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, College of Science and Matthew Holian, Department of Economics, College of Social Sciences.

November 17, from **4:00 - 6:00pm** in the **Student Union Ballroom**. [Click here](#) to learn more about the award winners.

be the only public university in California to offer a degree in Aviation.

STAGING INTERCULTURAL IRELAND

NEW PLAYS AND PRACTITIONER PERSPECTIVES
Edited by Charlotte McIvor and Matthew Spangler



College of Social Sciences

Congratulations to Dr. Matthew Spangler on the publication of his book *Staging Intercultural Ireland: New Plays and Practitioner Perspectives* (co-edited with Charlotte McIvor of NUI Galway). The book is a collection of plays, essays, and interviews with theatre and performance artists working at the intersection of inward migration and interculturalism in Ireland.

Kudos to Acting Associate Dean Lynne Trulio, Associate Professor Julia Curry, Assistant Professor Joshua Troncoso, Professor Melinda Jackson and Judge Phillip Lyman, on their very successful Constitution Day conversation on at the MLK library on September 17. With over one hundred and twenty students and faculty attending, the panel engaged in lively discourse on immigration and the path to citizenship.



Academic Affairs Division Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Save the Date! The Academic Affairs Division is hosting its fourth Annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast to celebrate and recognize the academic staff. Department chairs, directors and managers are also invited to come show their support and appreciation for the staff. The event consists of a breakfast, activities, entertainment, food drive, remarks by the Provost, Deans, and AVPs, and wonderful raffle prizes. The event will be held on **Thursday, November 20, 2014**, from 8:00 - 10:30am in the new Student Union Ballroom. Visit the [event website](#) to RSVP.

Profile

In Jeanine Pfeiffer's sections of AMS/ENVS/HUM 159, Nature & World Cultures, students complete a group project together with a Native Californian tribe, resulting in a micro-documentary, a published article, or a Wikipedia entry. She recently co-authored an article about this in the international journal [Langscape](#) (Volume 3, Issue 1). Visit [Dr. Pfeiffer's website](#) for more information.



Early Career Investigator Awardees

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Scott Hamilton** from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, College of Science and **Dr. Matthew Holian** from the Department of Economics, College of Social Sciences have been chosen to receive the San José State University Research Foundation Early Career Investigator Award for 2014. Their selection has been made at the recommendation of the Early Career Investigator Subcommittee of the Research Foundation Board of Directors.



Charlene Archibeque: Conductor and Donor

Dr. Charlene Archibeque was SJSU's leading choral conductor.

"Conducting is an all-consuming occupation." She conducted in major concert venues like Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, the Berlin Philharmonic, and Royal Albert Hall in London and served as a director of choral activities for more than thirty years. She has also completed sixteen concert tours and took part in choir clinics and conductor workshops all around the world.

"I was the first woman to get a DMA (doctor of musical arts) in choral conducting in 1969. Back then there were very few women choral conductors at the college level." Her childhood passion was to become a music teacher; her education took her beyond her initial goal when she realized how much she enjoyed conducting.

The SJSU Research Foundation Early Career Investigator Award recognizes tenure-track SJSU faculty who have excelled in areas of research, scholarship or creative activity as evidenced by their success in securing funds for research, publishing in peer-reviewed journals, and carrying out other important scholarly and creative activities at an early or beginning point in their careers at SJSU. Our two recipients are excellent examples of individuals who have achieved this level of success.

[Click here](#) for the full story!

Retirement



Distinguished Professor Dr. Judith Weedman Retires

In May 2014, the School of Information bid a fond farewell to [Dr. Judith Weedman](#), wishing her well in her retirement. Weedman started teaching at SJSU in 1995, and since that time she made many noteworthy contributions. Dr. Sandra Hirsh, director of the School of Information, describes Weedman's scholarly work as impressive, crossing disciplinary boundaries. Weedman's work was published in academic journals in

Charlene helped put San José State University on the map by winning seven international choral competitions and taking her choir on tour to good choral programs. Knowing the struggle involved in being a student and working to support a family and pay bills, Charlene is lending a hand to the Choraliers by endowing a scholarship in her name..

She has retired from SJSU, but her three and a half decades as a Spartan have brightened the College of Humanities and Arts for the better.

[Click here](#) for the full story.

various disciplines, including information science, communication, and computer science. Looking back on her time as a faculty member, Weedman said, “It’s the learning and the teaching that stand out. Doing original research is one way of learning new things, and teaching is another way. Our students are wonderful, intelligent, highly motivated people, and I have learned both from them and from preparing classes for them.” [Click here](#) for the full story.

If you have a story you'd like to see in the Academic Affairs Division Newsletter, please [click here](#)!

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