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Carlos Gutiérrez
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Why participate in research?

Michael Waldon
Graduate student, biology
Research turns what you’ve been studying in books into real living color. It’s a great experience, even if your hypothesis turns out not to be true.

Charissa Silva
Senior, psychology
When you conduct research you have to think about its practical applications in society. It also helps you develop a better sense of your field and a strong sense of what career you want to pursue.

Javier Cordón
Graduate student, art history
Research opens windows of understanding. It helps create self-confidence and makes you more comfortable in an academic environment.

Lucy Liu
Graduate student, chemistry
Research gives students hands-on training that builds a foundation for the future. It also allows us to learn theories from various disciplines. I hope to apply what I’ve learned in a Ph.D. program.

Ivy Donaldson
Senior, psychology
Research brings a new awareness of your subject matter. You go through the steps yourself and get a better grasp of what you’re studying. I think it’s very helpful in the learning process.

Khetha Khalasi
Senior, biochemistry
Through research you learn things that cannot be learned in class – you see how theories are applied. Research also prepares you for work and helps you get into graduate school.

Danny Chagolla
Graduate student, chemistry
Undergraduates interested in going into advanced-degree programs need research experience to be competitive. Involvement in research is also a good way to get to know professors and other students.

Alejandra Ramirez
Junior, biology
Research is all about asking questions, and it gives us the chance to answer them. It can benefit health, improve agriculture, and much more.
Challenging traditional notions

Lois Andre-Bechely, assistant professor of education, looks at education policies from both a scholar’s and a parent’s perspective. Her dual roles as public school parent and educator inspired her to closely examine how parents experience their children’s schooling. Over the past seven years, she has interviewed parents with school-age children to analyze how schools and districts communicate with parents. “Documents such as enrollment forms, report cards and school choice applications are mostly taken for granted in our studies of the home/school relationship,” she says. She maintains that these standard modes of information exchanges must be better understood to improve communication and develop policies that are more equitable and inclusive for parents of all racial/ethnic, class, linguistic, and gender identities.

Notes

- Author of Could It Be Otherwise? Parents and the Inequalities of Public School Choice, examining how a group of parents become complicit in the historical inequities and inequalities of schooling when they participate in school choice.
- Investigates how cultural, economic and language barriers may affect parents’ ability to actively participate in their children’s education.
- Findings show how some magnet schools’ choice/enrollment processes may give advantages to some families over others.
- Teaches students (many of whom may become school administrators) to critically examine how education policies and reform will affect parents, and to make school-to-home communication more equitable and effective.

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Fulbright Scholar analyzes migration in Korea

Timothy C. Lim, associate professor of political science, was awarded a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship grant to teach at Korea University in Seoul, Korea this academic year, lecturing on U.S. foreign policy and international relations.

Lim, a third-generation Korean-American, looks forward to furthering his research on the topic, “Korea and Global Migration: A Comparative Perspective,” which examines labor rights and human rights of those migrating to Korea on a short-term basis for work.

Lim explains, “Often migrant workers are one of society’s most marginalized, least powerful groups. I’m looking at how migrant workers are mobilizing and coming together to create links with social organizations in Korea to focus on their rights.”

Notes
- Specialist in South Korean and Japanese political economies and Asian international migration/immigration.
- His book, Doing Comparative Politics: An Introduction to Approaches and Issues, was published this year.
- Goal: to cultivate strong relationships with Korean scholars and bring their expertise back to Cal State L.A.
A unique Jewish community

Israeli graduate student Efrat Sadras is finding out how the Jewish community defines itself in modern Cuba, and how it characterizes its identity. “There are around 1,500 Jews in Cuba now,” says the anthropology major. “They almost disappeared during the 1953 revolution, but with the fall of the Eastern bloc there has been greater freedom of religious expression and a resurgence of the Cuban-Jewish community.” To learn how the community identifies itself and the traditions that make it unique, in 2004 she traveled to Cuba to celebrate Rosh Hashanah — the Jewish New Year, returning to conduct further research in January.

Notes

• Sadras found that the Cuban-Jewish identity is a complex mix of Jewish and Cuban characteristics that combine the history and social development of these two communities.
• She discovered that Cuban Jews accept more latitude in personal expression than might be possible with a more orthodox identity.
• Goal: to complete her thesis in fall 2006, contributing to the field of Cuban social science research.
• Her findings were presented at the November Pacific Coast Council for Latin American Studies.
Three-dimensional molecular analysis

A powerful new research capability is enhancing science learning and research across multiple disciplines. The 600-megahertz NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) spectrometer is the most powerful machine of its kind within the CSU, enabling researchers to analyze the three-dimensional structure of molecules and image small animals in vivo.

“As chemists, we must understand structures at the molecular level so we’ll know how they’re made up,” says Yong Ba, associate professor of chemistry and director of the NMR lab. “The NMR allows us to see what’s inside a molecule and living tissue without destroying anything in a way that no other instrument can. It’s the single most important instrument in chemistry and biological science, and it will enable us to educate our students so they will become better researchers.”

Notes:

- NMR spectroscopy is one of the primary techniques used to obtain structural information about a molecule. It is the only technique that can provide detailed information on the exact three-dimensional structure of biological molecules in solution.
- Funded jointly by the W.M. Keck Foundation, National Institutes of Health and Cal State L.A., the NMR aligns magnetic nuclei with a very powerful external magnetic field.
- The NMR is used in research across several departments including chemistry, biology, kinesiology and nutritional science.
Comprehending climate change

The race to understand global climate change is on, and Cal State L.A. professors are helping to lead the way. Biology professor John Gamon has set up shop in Barrow, Alaska — an ideal place to study climate change because its effects are most evident in northern latitudes. U.S. policy makers visit Barrow for scientific briefings. Last summer’s visitors included Senators John McCain and Hillary Clinton.

“We’re studying the effect of warming and altered water availability on the ‘breathing’ of the tundra — basically the ecosystem-atmosphere gas exchange comprised of photosynthesis, respiration and evapotranspiration,” says Gamon. “With colleagues from other universities, we’ve designed a large-scale study that allows us to monitor the tundra’s response to hydrological changes.”

Notes

- Gamon and students from many science and engineering disciplines built and installed a tram system in Barrow, made up of a track and robotic cart containing instruments that monitor tundra optical and thermal properties.
- Cal State L.A. is part of the Barrow Arctic Science Consortium, created by local authorities to encourage basic ecological research.
- Studies have found that warming melts permafrost, causes severe coastal erosion and alters the delicate balance between photosynthesis and respiration that sustains life and regulates our atmosphere.

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—John Gamon
Eye of the storm

Associate professor of geography Steve LaDochy also studies climate — how it varies over time and how the Pacific Ocean affects weather along the West Coast. “By looking at ocean temperatures, you can predict weather pretty well three to six months in advance,” says LaDochy. “If the ocean temperature is warmer, you’ll get warmer, wetter weather.”

LaDochy disputes common notions that there isn’t much weather in L.A. “We actually have a lot of weather here,” he says. “Flash floods, lightning storms, even tornadoes. We’re the tornado capitol of the west, but people don’t realize it because they often happen during the winter when it’s raining and they’re hard to see with the naked eye.”

Notes

• Published a study with William Patzert (NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory) and Jeff Brown, graduate student in geography at Cal State L.A., about factors responsible for the variability in coastal temperatures and fog frequencies along the southern California coast from 1948 to 2001.
• Found that downtown Los Angeles temperatures have increased by approximately four degrees fahrenheit since 1948.
• An expert on the West Coast climatic phenomenon known as “June gloom,” LaDochy published a paper on this topic, “The Disappearance of Dense Fog in Los Angeles—Another Urban Impact?”
I’ve got the almost perfect job,” says Carlos G. Gutiérrez, professor of chemistry. “I know it sounds cliché to say I love working with students, but it’s true.”

This comes as no surprise to anyone familiar with the good-natured, talented professor. In the classroom and the laboratory, students gravitate to him, caught up in his enthusiasm for the wonders of chemistry. “Chemistry is a kick in the butt!”

laughs Gutiérrez. “But I realize it’s not for everyone. There has to be a passion for it. I want students to find things that will make them happy and fulfilled, no matter what they are.”

—One of only four CASE/Carnegie U.S. Professors of the Year—

In recognition of his outstanding teaching abilities, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education recently honored Gutiérrez with the highly prestigious 2005 U.S. Professor of the Year Award in the Master’s University and College Category. He was one of only four professors in the nation to receive such an honor. Gutiérrez is quick to point out that he could not have done it alone. “The work being honored is the work of many people and the institution,” he says. “I’m extremely lucky to work with such talented students and faculty in an environment that supports excellence.”

Not your typical chemist, Gutiérrez often teaches decked out in a Hawaiian shirt and Birkenstock sandals. He discovered his passion for chemistry from an unlikely source — an art book he encountered as an undergraduate art student. “I was given a copy of The Artist’s Handbook by Ralph Mayer,” he recalls. “He knew about paints and how to create different colors and effects on the chemical level. I realized I needed to learn about chemistry in order to paint well.”

Deciding to take a chemistry class, he discovered his new calling. He changed his major from art to chemistry, and the rest, as they say, is history.

During his 30-year career at Cal State L.A., Gutiérrez has mentored more than 200 students through National Institute of Health-funded pro-
grams and as a faculty participant in Bridges to
the Doctorate program. Acutely aware of the dearth
of minority students pursuing careers in the
sciences, he directs Cal State L.A.’s Minority Access
to Research Careers (MARC) and Minority Bio-
medical Research Support (MBRS) programs.

His teaching and mentoring have attracted
some attention: he was one of the first to receive
the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science,
Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring, conferred
at a White House ceremony in 1996. He also
received the 1998 Scholar-Fellow award from the
Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation; and the
2001 American Chemical Society Award for
Encouraging Disadvantaged Students into
Careers in the Chemical Sciences. He was one of
four CSU faculty members selected for system-
wide CSU Wang Family Excellence Award in
2000. And this is just a partial list.

Students who have worked in Gutiérrez’s lab
offer their input: “He gives you the freedom to
explore your possibilities,” volunteers Asmik
Oganesyan, Gutiérrez’s research lab manager
of six years and former master’s student. “He
respects your opinion and his students feel
encouraged to bring in new ideas. He’s a great
chemist and a wonderful mentor to all of us.”

Even students who have not worked directly with
Gutiérrez feel comfortable around him. “Even if
he’s not your professor, he’ll end up knowing you,”
says Herbe Pech, senior chemistry major. “He
connects well with everyone.” Gutiérrez has
published numerous articles, all with student
coauthors.

Gutiérrez’s research straddles organic, inorganic
and biological chemistries and focuses on study-
ing the molecular processes of iron acquisition
and transport in bacteria. “Being able to sculpt at
the molecular level is a real kick,” he says, revealing
his artistic sensibilities. “I like the fact that know-
ledge is so tentative, and that we’re constantly
revising it,” Gutiérrez adds.

“Carlos Gutiérrez has opened the world of
advanced science to students from diverse
backgrounds,” says Cal State L.A. President
James M. Rosser. “His graduates overwhelmingly
become super achievers, whose successes
make the entire University proud.”
Spiritual poetry

Associate professor of English Lauri Ramey’s enthusiastic support for African American literature and poetry has fueled numerous groundbreaking projects. She was the founding curator for the nation’s first African American Poetry Archive. Her research, funded in part by the Joseph A. Bailey II, M.D. endowed fellowship, examines African American spirituals as poetry.

“Spirituals are some of the most lasting and significant of American poetry . . . .” —Lauri Ramey

“Spirituals are some of the most lasting and significant of American poetry, but they are not studied as such,” she says. “I hope these important works will enter into the academic curriculum and become part of the poetry canon.” Ramey’s book, Slave Songs and the Birth of African American Poetry, is set to be published next year.

Notes

• Co-edited with Aldon Lynn Nielsen Every Goodbye Ain’t Gone: An Anthology of Innovative Poetry by African Americans, published this year and nominated for the Pen-Oakland Josephine Miles Award.
• Coordinates British Council Poet-in-Residence Program, which brings a prominent British poet to CSULA for one month each year.
• Established creative writing mentorship program with Los Angeles County High School for the Arts.
• Arranged for Rita Dove, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the first African-American Poet Laureate of the United States, to be the guest reader at the 2006 Jean Burden Poetry Reading, and for Linton Kwesi Johnson, called the world’s first “reggae poet,” to read in 2005.
Preserving liquid assets

Without the work of researchers such as geological sciences associate professor Barry Hibbs, safe drinking water would be a scarce commodity. Hibbs and two Cal State L.A. hydrogeology students, Mercedes Merino and Alejandra Lopez, are working to identify potable waters in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico — regions that have experienced tremendous population growth, putting a strain on water supplies. “The desert aquifers in this region are being depleted because they are pumped at a rate that exceeds their natural replenishment rate,” says Hibbs. Over-pumping of water wells has also resulted in encroachment of saline groundwater into potable aquifers. “We’ve identified how this happens and we’re working to provide data for the cities to improve their planning models and help them better understand issues of water availability and quality.”

Notes

- The project is a partnership among Cal State L.A.’s Center for Environmental Analysis-Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CEA-CREST), the University of Arizona Science and Technology Center, and Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez.
- Integrates Carbon-14 and tritium (a radioactive isotope of hydrogen) to determine age of groundwater and learn the rate at which underground water moves, facilitating the improvement of aquifer planning models.
- The project has contributed to the ability to effectively manage water resources in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico.
Fishy business

Dale Sweetnam ('86) has a job many only dream about. He has traveled the world to study and help preserve marine life, and his office overlooks La Jolla's sunny shores. After completing an M.S. in biology at Cal State L.A., Sweetnam began working as a marine biologist for the California Department of Fish and Game. He has done research on a diverse suite of aquatic species, currently focusing on coastal pelagic fish such as sardines, mackerel and anchovies. His charge of helping sustain fish and marine mammal populations along the California coast may have been daunting for some, but the research he conducted as a graduate student helped prepare him for the task. "Cal State L.A. put me on a good career path," Sweetnam says. "It wound up being an avenue that allowed me to do what I always wanted to do — become a marine biologist."

Sweetnam, whose father, Kenneth, is an emeritus professor of industrial studies, remains active in his alma mater and keeps in touch with former professors. One such professor, marine biologist Carlos Robles, says of his former student: "When doing research in Canada, Dale would come kayaking in with an espresso maker, so it was always fun working with him."

Notes:
- Sweetnam oversees a team of marine biologists who protect, maintain, enhance and restore California's marine ecosystems.
- The team works with local fisheries to ensure they comply with state regulations, assessing size and age of fish stock to determine the number of fish that can safely be taken from the ocean without jeopardizing the species' survival.
- As a member of CEA-CREST's external advisory committee, Sweetnam aids in the development of curriculum for CSULA's new environmental science graduate program.
Good reason to find fault

With a California flag flying high off the stern of his boat, geology assistant professor Nate Onderdonk explored the Arctic over the past two summers to study how changes in rock properties in the Earth's lower crust can result in the collapse of large mountain chains, the formation of deep oil-bearing basins, and the breakup of continents. “I've always been curious about the topography around me — wondering how mountains were formed and why the continents are moving around us,” he says. “This collaborative project with other American and European universities seemed like a great opportunity to explore these phenomena.” Onderdonk has also been studying faults closer to home, such as the San Andreas in California, looking at history, movement, and ways to decrease damage from earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Notes
- Onderdonk explored Arctic mountains, islands, glaciers, icebergs and oceans by foot, helicopter and boat.
- His team discovered palm tree fossils on the Arctic Spitsbergen Islands, proof that they once were situated closer to the equator.
- Found that a large basin in Greenland may have been formed by metamorphic reactions in the Earth’s lower crust, rather than by faults.
The CSULA Alumni Association needs you!

The CSULA Alumni Association is a membership-based organization dedicated to strengthening the connections among the University and its students, alumni, faculty and friends. Since its inception in 1955, the Alumni Association has become a recognized leader within the CSU system and has received numerous awards. As a volunteer-driven organization, we appreciate the dedication and commitment of our members who work hard to advance the welfare of Cal State L.A. by providing leadership and service to the University.

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- Free “call ahead” campus parking (twice a quarter)
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- Student loan consolidation program
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Alumni Association Scholarships Awarded to Deserving Students

Alumni scholarships support students on their paths to graduation. This year, the CSULA Alumni Association awarded 15 $850 undergraduate scholarships and two $1,000 graduate scholarships. Recipients were honored at the Alumni Scholarship Luncheon, February 26, 2006.

To support Alumni Association scholarships, contact Randi Moore, executive director of the Alumni Association, at (323) 343-ALUM or e-mail her at: rmoore@cslanet.calstatela.edu

Volunteer Corner

As a volunteer serving on the CSULA Alumni Association Advocacy Committee, I feel privileged to maintain an ongoing relationship with the University. Thanks to the Alumni Association, I am able to stay informed about current issues affecting Cal State L.A. and the CSU system.

It has given me the opportunity to grow professionally and personally. While attending CSULA, I learned a great deal from faculty, staff and fellow students.

I owe so much to this campus community, and volunteering is one way to give back to this wonderful institution.

—Bryan Ha ’00

Save the Date

Alumni Awards Gala
Thursday, October 12, 2006

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For information, call (323) 343-4980
1950s
Charles Borman (‘53 BA, ’59 MA) closed his Village Square Gallery in Montrose after 10 years of exhibiting works of local artists.

1960s
George Anderson (‘65 BA), a psychotherapist-entrepreneur who specializes in anger management, was recently featured on the cover of Los Angeles Times Magazine.

Martin G. Brodwin (‘69 MS) was named President’s Distinguished Professor at Cal State L.A.’s 32nd annual Alumni Awards in October. Brodwin has served as coordinator for the University’s undergraduate program in rehabilitation services and graduate program in rehabilitation counseling since 1988.

Bob Burt (‘63 BA), athletic director at two Lake Elsinore high schools, was named The Press Enterprise’s (‘67 BA) art for children at Cal State San Marcos. Teitelbaum co-created syndicated comic strips “Bottom Liners” and “Pink Panther.”

Victoria Winter (‘78 BS) was recognized by NurseWeek magazine at the annual “Nursing Excellence Awards” in August in Pasadena.

1970s
William Christie (‘79 BA) is dean of business and applied technology at Rio Hondo College. He served six years as instructional dean of business at Cerritos College.

Bernadine D. Cruz (‘78 BS), a veterinarian at Laguna Hills Animal Hospital, published her first book, The Secret Sex Life of Dogs and Cats.

Diane O. Cuneo (‘74 MA) is director of Intellectual Research for Cal State L.A.

Jeffrey McGraa (‘72 BS) is chief credit officer at Mellon 1st Business Bank. McGraa, who also is executive vice president, joined the bank in February 1981 as vice president of commercial lending.

Rich Norwood (‘70 BA) joined the McMillion-Fox Team at Prudential California Realty’s Three Arch Bay branch.

Eric Teitelbaum (’73 MA) teaches workshops in cartooning and fine art for children at Cal State San Marcos. Teitelbaum co-created syndicated comic strips “Bottom Liners” and “Pink Panther.”

John Imai (‘86 BS) is a partner at audit, tax and advisory firm KPMG LLP in Los Angeles.

Gary Isaacs (‘85 BS) is interim police chief of the San Marino Police Department.

Federico Vargas (‘88 BA) is equity and diversity specialist for Cal State L.A. He ensures compliance with regulations related to equity and diversity.

Jeffery W. Yabuki (‘89 BS) is president/CEO and member of board of directors at Fiserv, Inc.

1990s
James A. Bell (‘97 BS) returned to his position as Boeing Co.’s chief financial officer after serving as the aerospace company’s interim executive and chief.


John Scott Hodge (‘93 BS) recently graduated from Ross University Medical School in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Charles L. Sawyer-Jackson (‘98 BA) earned a certification in health care leadership and management at Barry University in Florida, and a certificate of professional excellence from Jackson Health Systems, where he is a clinical social worker.

Jim Marquez (‘90 BA), instructor of ESL at East Los Angeles College, has self-published five books, most recently East L.A. Collage, and contributes to numerous publications including Hispanic Magazine and L.A. Weekly.

1980s
Elna Sue (Swanson) Johanson (‘89 BS) is president of the Ontario Office of Grubb & Ellis Co., a provider of integrated real estate services, as senior vice president with the Multi Housing Investment Group. Rao is a certified Commercial Investment Member candidate and holds a Certified Public Accountant license.

Laura Massino Smith (‘95 MA) started the tour company Architecture Tours L.A. She has published six books on the architecture of Los Angeles.

Dwayne Winstead (‘95 BS) is a member of The Ways Brothers and “The Smart Guy.” He recently ran in the AIDS Marathon in Honolulu, Hawaii.

1970s
Patricia A. Benefield (‘63 BA) joined the McMillion-Fox Team at Prudential California Realty’s Three Arch Bay branch.

Alice Hartsuyker (‘67 BA) published My Mother’s Daughter, a memoir of her early life on the Lower East Side of New York in the 1930s.

Dave McHutt’s (‘67 BA, ’76 MA) art was featured in the exhibit “Small Images VIII” at Charles Borman’s Village Square Gallery in Montrose. Retired as Cal State L.A.’s director of Public Affairs, his artwork is sold in museum shops across the country.

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Dan Bridges named athletics director

Dan Bridges has been named director of Intercollegiate Athletics. “I am delighted to assume the leadership of such a fine intercollegiate athletics program,” says Bridges. “Carol Dunn has done a wonderful job with this program and I am extremely fortunate to follow in her footsteps. My primary goal is to create an environment that provides our student-athletes with outstanding academic, athletic, and developmental experiences during their years with us.”

A Southern California native, Bridges has been a collegiate athletic director in the region for the past 16 years.

“I am pleased to welcome Dan Bridges to the Cal State L.A. community,” says President James M. Rosser. “Dan brings with him a depth of knowledge and leadership experience that will continue to enhance the University’s athletics program.”

Women’s volleyball makes final four

Golden Eagles Women’s Volleyball just ended one of its most successful seasons ever, making the NCAA Division II Final Four for the first time since 1992. With a 27-2 overall record, the powerhouse team dominated their division. Coach Bill Lawler was named Division II Pacific Region Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association for his outstanding leadership and coaching abilities.

Women’s basketball earns first-ever NCAA tournament berth

Golden Eagles Women’s basketball had its winningest season in school history, placing sixth in the West Region and fourth in the CCAA. With an overall record of 20-7, the team earned a coveted spot in the team NCAA championships known as “March Madness” for the first time. “Every college basketball player dreams of being a part of March Madness,” said head coach Marcia Murota, who was named regional coach of the year. “Now our players are part of that elite company.”
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Cal State L.A. unveils Golden Eagle Sculpture

On February 8, Cal State L.A. unveiled a bronze sculpture of its mascot, the Golden Eagle, created by renowned artist Kenneth Bjorge. Perched in the center of campus, the sculpture represents the University’s competitive spirit and serves as a reminder that Cal State L.A. students can soar to great heights. You can celebrate Cal State L.A. pride and be a Golden Eagle Sculpture supporter. For a gift of $4,000 or more, your name will be added to the commemorative plaque beneath the sculpture.

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