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## Outstanding professors honored



Pictured: (front row, l-r) CSULA outstanding professors Carol Blaszczynski, Lia Kamhi-Stein, J. Theodore Anagnoson, Domnita Dumitrescu, and Enrique Ochoa; (back row, l-r) Academic Senate chair Raymond Garcia, Provost Herman D. Lujan, OPA Selection Committee Chair Carole Srole, and CSULA President James M. Rosser.

On Fall Faculty Day, the recipients of the 2003-2004 Outstanding Professor Awards (OPA) were announced. They were: **Carol Blaszczynski** (*Information Systems*); **Domnita Dumitrescu** (*Spanish*); **Lia Kamhi-Stein** (*Education*); and **Enrique Ochoa** (*History*). These awards are made primarily for excellence in teaching, but significant achievements are expected in scholarly inquiry or creativity, professional activities, and service to the campus and community.

**J. Theodore Anagnoson** (*Political Science*) was selected for the 2004-2005 President's Distinguished Professor Award, which recognizes superlative teaching and exceptional commitment as well as professional accomplishment and service. Only those professors who have previously been selected as Outstanding Professors are eligible for this honor.

### President's Distinguished Professor

**J. Theodore Anagnoson**, Political Science department chair for nine years and chair of the Academic Senate for two terms, has taught 22 different courses at Cal State L.A. His superior teaching skills and passion for educating have earned him an outstanding reputation among his students. One student wrote: "...this instructor—clone him!"

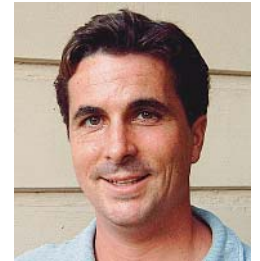
Since joining Cal State L.A. in 1983, Anagnoson has taught computer applications, information management and data analysis/statistics courses in the Master of Science in Public Administration program, as well as American politics and public policy for the Political Science undergraduate program. He developed 14 new courses and has authored or coauthored four books and over 20 articles, book chapters and monographs. He has received 20 grants—four of which were from the National Science Foundation. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester.

From 1995-1997, Anagnoson held positions in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where he helped develop the President's plan for what became the State Children's Health Insurance Program in 1997. In praising his work, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala cited Anagnoson's analyses as instrumental in creating legislation that included the largest increase in funding for children's health

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## Orientation, mobility expert assists TV series

When **Vince Fazzi, Jr.** received his master's degree and credential as an Orientation and Mobility Specialist at CSULA, teaching for a "reality" television show was the farthest thing from his mind! Though the Orientation & Mobility Specialist Training Program does prepare specialists to teach blind or visually impaired individuals how to travel independently, most of his trainees aren't reality TV series participants!



After Sinae, a legally-blind young woman, was selected for the *Starting Over* daytime series, executives knew they needed an expert to ensure that she could move about safely in her home environment and travel within her new community in routine and in emergency situations. *Starting Over* called Cal State L.A.'s widely-recognized Orientation & Mobility program to provide such an expert.

Fazzi, who has worked for the LAUSD for several years (and also has a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Cal State L.A.), was recommended for this task. Fazzi is the son of **Diane Fazzi** (*Special Education*), coordinator of the Orientation & Mobility Specialist Training Program.

The second season of *Starting Over* premiered on Sept. 13. This Bunim-Murray Productions reality TV series airs in Los Angeles Monday through Friday at noon on KNBC (channel 4).

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in 20 years. In a letter to Anagnoson, she wrote: "You brought both expertise and a fresh perspective to our deliberations."

Anagnoson has been a member of the CSU Social Science Research and Instructional Council from the moment he arrived on campus. As chair of the Council, he helped preserve systemwide memberships in the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research and the Field Institute—valuable sources of social scientific data for teaching and research.

### Outstanding Professors

**Carol Blaszczyński** (*Information Systems*) began her career at Cal State L.A. in 1988 as a lecturer. After completing a Ph.D. in 1997, she joined the faculty, received tenure in four years, and in two short years was a full professor. A CSULA alumna whose bachelor's and master's degrees are in business education, Blaszczyński earned her doctorate from the Claremont Graduate University.

Blaszczyński is esteemed for her scholarship and teaching in the areas of business communications, leadership and professional skills for accountants, and principles of accounting. Her support for undergraduates led her to assume the role of College of Business and Economics faculty coordinator for a peer mentoring program for new students.

Blaszczyński has delivered more than 60 conference presentations, and has published more than 50 articles in top-ranked journals, proceedings of conferences, and book chapters. A prolific researcher, Blaszczyński's coauthored paper on statistical literacy won best paper award in 2003.

Blaszczyński has served on several editorial review boards and in numerous editorial capacities including that of associate editor, editor, and consulting editor for *The Delta Pi Epsilon Journal*, the premier journal in business education. She is an associate editor for the *2005 National Business Education Association Yearbook* and a director of the Delta Pi Epsilon Research Foundation.

**Domnita Dumitrescu** (*Modern Languages and Literatures*) is the Linguistic Association of the Southwest national president, and the Language Division delegate of the Modern Language Association of America. She has been associate editor of the *Southwest Journal of Linguistics* since 2001. This year, she was appointed to the Spanish Standard Setting panel to assist in the development of the

California Subject Examinations for teachers (CSET).

She is in her fourth term as vice-president of the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society Sigma Delta Pi. As faculty advisor of this honor society for 12 years, Dumitrescu helped the CSULA chapter win national recognition for almost 10 years running. She received three national awards from its Executive Committee: outstanding chapter leadership, outstanding teaching, and outstanding scholar.

She served as president of the Southern California Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, and was an associate editor of *Hispania*, the association's scholarly journal.

Dumitrescu has authored two books, translated several Spanish novels, published 43 book chapters and 45 articles in scholarly journals, and delivered 106 addresses at professional meetings in the U.S. and internationally. Dumitrescu received her Ph.D. from USC.

She represented the U.S. as a Fulbright Scholar to Argentina in 1993. In 2000, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese honored her with its Teacher of the Year Award. In 2002, she was honored as a CSULA Distinguished Woman.

**Lía D. Kamhi-Stein** (*Educational Foundations and Interdivisional Studies*) received an M.A. from Cal State L.A. and her Ph.D. at USC. She is an associate professor in the Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Program in the Charter College of Education. Primarily responsible for teaching the practicum in English as a Second Language, her courses cover theories and methods, computers in the language classroom, the reading-writing connection, and sociolinguistics.

Kamhi-Stein has published articles in *TESOL Quarterly*, *TESOL Journal*, *The Journal of Adult and Adolescent Literacy*, *College ESL*, *Lectura y Vida*, as well as in other peer-edited journals and edited books. Her article on teaching information competency was named one of the top 20 library instruction articles for 1999 by the American Library Association.

Under her mentorship, 56 students presented papers at professional conferences, 52 assisted in organizing professional conferences, and 14 authored and coauthored articles.

She is the editor of *Learning and Teaching from Experience: Perspectives on*

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## Professor at China forum

**ChorSwang Ngin** (*Anthropology*) was among 19 scholars from the Americas invited to participate in the First World Forum




on China Studies in Shanghai, China, Aug. 19-22, 2004. At the conference, she presented a paper, "Multiculturalism and the Public Sphere," that explored the idea of creating a human relations organization in China as the framework for dealing with community conflicts and controversies.

Hosted by the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, the First World Forum on China Studies was the first platform for exchange and dialogue among scholars engaged in China Studies around the world.

She has received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study Chinese diaspora in Southern California for rethinking Asian American Studies and from the Ford Foundation for re-revisioning Asian and Asian American studies.

Ngin is founder and director of Asian and Asian American Studies. The CSULA program has recently been approved to offer a bachelor's degree combining the study of Asia with Asian American studies—unique in the nation.



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## Full house for Social Work's Mendez Lecture

Earlier this year, more than 400 students, faculty, staff and community members packed the Golden Eagle Ballroom to hear Jacki Lyden (pictured), author and award-winning correspondent for National Public Radio, present the School of Social Work's 2nd annual Margarita Mendez Lecture.



Lyden read from her memoir, *Daughter of the Queen of Sheba*, chronicling her mother's struggles with mental illness. She spoke about the challenges experienced by affected families, and responded to numerous questions.

The half-day event was supported by radio station KPCC 89.3, and organized

by **Rita Ledesma** (*Social Work*) and staff member **Leticia Ocana**, MSW.

Community Partnership Awards were presented to Kathy Bridgeland, director of the Southern California Indian Center, Indian Child and Family Services program, and to the All People's Christian Center. A scholarship in the name of the late

Margarita Mendez was announced.

The School of Social Work faculty established the Margarita Mendez Lecture in Social Work in 2002 to acknowledge her many contributions to the community and to the development of the Master of Social Work program. LA

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*Nonnative English-speaking Professionals* (University of Michigan Press) and co-editor of *Designing a New Course for Adults* (forthcoming, TESOL). She served as president of California TESOL (2002-2003). She was a co-founding member and chair of the Nonnative English Speakers in TESOL (NNEST) Caucus. She serves on the TESOL Board of Directors as director-at-large (2004-2007). She is a frequent presenter at the TESOL annual conferences and the California TESOL.

**Enrique Ochoa** (*History*) has served as associate chair of the History Department, associate coordinator of Latin American Studies, and has been active in establishing a minor degree program in Labor and Working Class Studies. He has guided a number of students to doctorate programs and has served as faculty advisor for MEChA and Latin American Society student groups.

Ochoa is the author and editor of five books, four special issues of journals, and several articles. His prize-winning book, *Feeding Mexico: The Political Uses of Food Since 1910* (2000), examined the evolution of Mexico's social welfare policies and their link to national politics and the Mexican Revolution. He is coeditor of the forthcoming book, *Latina/o Los Angeles: Global Transformations, Communities, and Political Activism*, and is associate editor of *The Encyclopedia of Social Welfare History of North America*. He is currently researching the history of the tortilla industry in Los Angeles.

Ochoa has served on the board of the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies and the Southwest Labor Studies Association, where he was the vice president. He also serves on the editorial boards of the journals, *Latin American Perspectives* and the *Radical History Review*. Ochoa earned his Ph.D. from UCLA. He is frequently called on to give presentations on globalization and free trade in the Americas.

Ochoa was the principal investigator of three grants totaling \$500,000 from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation that created the Latin American Responses to Globalization Project at Cal State L.A. LA

## Engineering offers lab classes in DSP

What is DSP (Digital Signal Processing)? It is a critical component in the applications of communications such as cellular phones, GPS (global positioning systems), HD TVs and satellite communications.

Three innovative courses, offered by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, along with a recently-established DSP Lab—the first and the only hands-on laboratory nationwide in the area of DSP—are now funded through a \$104,650 Academic Partner Program from National Instruments.

The DSP Lab plays a critical role in developing new courses and course software at the University, explains **Jeffrey Beyon**

(*Electrical and Computer Engineering*), the grant's principal investigator. "The Lab provides balanced-learning experience between theory and experiments in DSP to Cal State L.A.'s engineering undergraduate and graduate students."



Beyon adds, "The lab will generate students with knowledge of one of the most demanding programming languages in the industry—a tremendous advantage for a student looking to secure a job in the field after graduation." LA

## Internet2 makes screenwriting class possible

CSULA students in *Introduction to Scriptwriting* have classmates in Peoria! Over the past three years, Cal State L.A. has established itself as a high-power conduit of film industry expertise for its own students and those at Bradley University in Peoria, IL, who are interested in writing screenplays and getting them produced in the tough Hollywood market.

How do students at each campus critique each others' work and discuss critical screenwriting issues with professors and classmates? The magic is provided through the real-time technology of Internet2—a 206-university consortium partnering with industry and government to develop and use advanced network

applications, accelerating the creation of tomorrow's Internet.

"Thanks to the advanced technology infrastructure at each institution, students really can meet 'face-to-face,' see visuals, and speak directly to each other," says Dean **Carl Selkin** (*Arts and Letters*). "The images are transmitted on large screens in smart classrooms at each campus—the students feel like they're all in the same room."

This fall, the course, taught by **Kristiina Hackel** (*Communication Studies*) with guest lecturers Nicholas Thurkettle, Davis Filmworks, and Ryan Saul, Metropolitan Talent Agency, introduces a new group of 20 students to a Bradley class of 16. For more details, call ext. 3-4200. LA

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## Chemistry professor/faculty trustee retires

**Harold Goldwhite** (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*), a CSU faculty trustee from 1998-2003, retired this October after a 42-year distinguished career at Cal State L.A.

As a faculty trustee, Goldwhite served as the sole representative of the 20,000 faculty of the CSU and as a member of the CSULA's Board of Trustees. Recognized for his excellent teaching and expertise in his field, Goldwhite was honored as CSULA Outstanding Professor in 1967 and as CSU Trustees' Outstanding Professor in 1978.

A chemistry faculty member since 1962, Goldwhite received his B.A. and Ph.D. from Cambridge University, and was previously a research associate at Cornell University



and a lecturer in chemistry at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. His honors include visiting professorships at the University of Strasbourg, France; the National University of the Andes, Merida, Venezuela; and at other universities in England and Mexico.

Goldwhite is the author of seven books, more than 80 chemical research articles, and numerous articles on the history of chemistry and on chemical education. He is a former editor of *SCALACS*, and was director of the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning, a systemwide resource for faculty. He has been an active participant in academic governance and in professional organizations.

## Cal State L.A.'s Olympic history

The Olympic Games returned to its place of birth when Athens hosted the XXVIII Olympiad (first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896). This summer, **Jeff Alzina** (*Athletics*), assistant men's volleyball coach, participated in the Athens Games as coach for American beach volleyball players, Dax Holdren and Stein Metzger. Attending events as fans were **Bill** and **Eleni Pitsiou-Darrough** (*Emeriti, Sociology*).

**Cal State L.A. also has its own fascinating Olympic history.**

- ★ The University boasts 25 Olympian alumni—1 bronze, 8 silver, and 10 gold medalists!
- ★ In 1984, Cal State L.A. was the site of XXXIII (33rd) Olympiad judo events.
- ★ That same year, the Olympic mural, "Olympic Fantasy," a mosaic tile work by muralist William Granizo, was installed on the west side of the Physical Education building.
- ★ **Sin Fong Han** (*Emeritus, Geography and Urban Analysis*) is a former Olympic track star for Malaysia. His son, Jason (age 24)—who trained at the Olympic Training Center—is a five-time national team member of the U.S. Tae Kwan-Do featherweight division.
- ★ In 1996, former track coach **Ron Morris** (*Emeritus, Physical Education*)—a U.S. Olympic silver medalist in pole-vaulting—carried the flame in the relay leading to the Atlanta Olympic Summer Games.
- ★ In 1984, lab technician **Catalina Hernandez** (*Biological Sciences*), an avid jogger, was an Olympic torch relay runner for the Los Angeles Olympic Games. She says, "To this day, that run was the most memorable day of my life."
- ★ Taking part in another world-class sporting event was **Steve LaDochy** (*Geography and Urban Analysis*) who carried the 1978 Commonwealth Games torch across part of the Canadian Prairies on its way to Edmonton.



## Around campus...



The **campus busway station**, expected to be completed by winter 2005, will expand the existing bus hub with added bus bays, lighting and substantially improved safety and pedestrian access. The project, funded by the City of L.A., will serve as a transit center for Metrolink, the El Monte Busway, MTA lines 65, 71, 170 and 256, as well as neighborhood shuttles. For more information, call Commuter Services, ext. 3-5277.



For the first time, Cal State L.A. hosted the **Los Angeles Latino Book & Family Festival** in September. Presented by Edward James Olmos (att. '66-'67) and Latino Literacy Now, this two-day event featured book events, celebrity guests, musical and folklórico performances, and booths from a variety of campus and community organizations, book publishers, artists, vendors and more.



On Oct. 21, the 31st Annual Cal State L.A. Alumni Awards Gala honored: (*back row, l-r*) **David McCoy '70**, **Albert J. Jicha**, **Charles H. "Chuck" Smith '67**, **Harry P. Pachon '67, '68**, **Thomas C. Frascchetti '72**, (*front row, l-r*) **David Funk '70**, **Richie Neil Hao** (M.A., Communication Studies), **Vivian Chima Onwukeme** (B.S., Nursing), **Tina B. Karwasky '74, '78**, and **Rowena T. Lagrosa '77, '86**. (Not pictured: **Leroy D. Baca '71**.)

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