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VP Appointed for Student Affairs



Anthony R. Ross has been appointed Vice President for Student Affairs, effective June 12, 2000.

Ross has served as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Associate to the President at Wichita State University, KS.

An expert in dispute resolution and affirmative action, Ross received his B.A. and M.Ed. from St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, and his Ed.D. from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ. He earned certificates from the Harvard Institute for Educational Management and the Wichita Leadership Program.

Ross has received the NAACP Image Award, Arizona Alliance Black School Educators' Distinguished Service Award, and Northern Arizona University's Distinguished Alumni Award. He is listed in *Who's Who Among Black Americans* (1985, 1990, 1992) and *Outstanding Young Man of America* (1980, 1983). He was listed among "America's Best and Brightest Young Business and Professional Men" in *Dollars and Sense* magazine.

In addition to his academic and professional experience, Ross has served on the personnel budget committee for Wichita Public Schools, on the foundation board of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, and as a board member for NationsBank Community Reinvestment Act. He is a member of the Northeast Optimist Club. ■

New Pasadena Training Center

The Office of Continuing Education opened its new **Training Center** on May 24 with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony. More than a hundred Cal State L.A. friends and supporters, as well as neighbors from the San Gabriel Valley came to the colorful opening festivities.

University officials in attendance included President James M. Rosser, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Margaret Hartman, Dean Tom O'Neil, Continuing Education, and Dean James Kelly, School of Health and Human Services, among others. Helping to cut the ribbon was Jim Ellis, chair of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

The center, located at 3500 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 200, in Pasadena, will be home to the **Center on Child Welfare**—established in 1999 by the University's School of Health and Human Services. In addition, the center will provide business and professional training to residents of Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley during evenings and Saturdays.

The spacious new facility offers state-of-the-art equipment and furnishings, including modern computer labs,



classrooms equipped with audio/visual resources, administrative offices, and conference rooms. Conveniently located near Rosemead Boulevard, the center is easy to access from the 10, 210, or 110 freeways. Cal State L.A. students and those enrolled in the Training Center programs may park free in the adjacent parking lot.

Proposed training courses include a variety of computer workshops (e.g., Visual Basic, Oracle, and Web design), an M.B.A. program, and accounting and tax seminars. For more information about the Pasadena Training Center, call (323) 343-4911, or visit the Web site at <www.calstatela.edu/cont_ed/ptc.htm>. ■

Professor is Teacher of the Year

Domnita Dumitrescu (*Modern Languages and Literatures*) was recently selected to receive the 2000 AATSP (American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese) Teacher of the Year Award for the college/university level. She will receive a plaque and a \$500 check at the Annual AATSP Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in August 2000.

Dumitrescu, who received her Ph.D. from USC, is an expert in Spanish language and linguistics; contrastive analyses of Spanish, English and French; and Romanian language.

Active in several professional organizations, she has been listed in the most

recent editions of *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in American Education*, *Who's Who of American Women*, and *2000 Outstanding Scholars of the 20th Century*. She is a frequent contributor to scholarly journals in the U.S., Mexico, Argentina and Europe.

Dumitrescu served as president of the Southern California Chapter of the AATSP (1992-94), and has been an associate editor of *Hispania*, the association's scholarly journal, since 1996. She is also serving a second term as vice-president of the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society *Sigma Delta Pi*. She was a Fulbright Scholar to Argentina, Fall 1993. ■

NEW EMERITI

The following recently retired faculty were recommended by their academic departments or divisions for emeritus status. With approval from the School Dean, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the President, their emeritus status have been awarded:

Barbara Clark (Professor of Education, 1968-Winter 2000)

Sidney Soclof (Professor of Electrical Engineering, 1960-Spring 2000)

Gary S. Watson (Professor of Business Law, 1974-Summer 1999)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Adnan Abdeen (Accounting) presented a paper, "The Popularity of Economic Value Added as a Performance Metric: An Empirical Study of the Fortune 500 Corporations," at the International Applied Business Research Conference, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Mar. 16, 2000.

Bryant Keith Alexander (Communication Studies) performed "Standing at the Crossroads" at the WAC Performance Club, a part of the UCLA Department of World Arts and Cultures, Apr. 24, 2000. The narrative selection investigates the intersections of memory, place, time and the implications of identity, family and friends coping with the loss of a loved one from AIDS. The written text appears in an earlier issue of *Callaloo: A Journal of African and African American Arts and Letters*. The text has also been recently chosen to appear in Beacon Press's volume of *The Best Writing of 1999*.

Lily Baba (Pat Brown Institute) worked with the non-profit Pacific Film Currents, on a documentary, *Mothers, Daughters, Sisters*, about how breast cancer has affected the lives of Asian Pacific women. The documentary was screened on campus as part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month activities, May 11, 2000.

Daniel Crecelius (History) was invited to an international conference of specialists on "The Mamluks in Egyptian and Syrian Politics and Society," sponsored by Haifa University and Tel Aviv University, Israel, May 14-17. He was a panel chairperson and, at another session, delivered a paper on "Problems of Abd al-Rahman Katkhuda's Leadership of the Mamluk Beylicate."

William Frea (Special Education) presented the research paper, "Evaluating Contextual Variables when Planning Interventions for Young Children with Autism," at the national Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention, San Diego, May 2000, and presented the paper, "Designing Educational Programs for Students with Autism," at the annual conference of the Autism Society of Los Angeles, Apr. 2000.

Steven A. Hawkins (Kinesiology and Physical Education) presented a paper, "Serum Estrogen and Testosterone Concentrations are Related to Change in Bone and Lean Mass with Resistance Exercise in Older Women," at the national meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine, Indianapolis, IN, June 3, 2000.

Martin Huld (English) presented a paper, "Beowulf: the Canon and the Critics," at the Kalamazoo Medieval Conference, May 5, 2000, and chaired a panel on poetics at the 11th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference, May 27, 2000.

Daphne Liu (Mathematics and Computer Science) presented a paper, "Circular Distance Two Labelings," at the Second CTS Workshop on Combinatorics and Algorithms, Taiwan, May 12, 2000.

Ali Modarres (Pat Brown Institute) participated in a roundtable discussion on "Culture and Identity" at the International Geographic Union Conference on Cultural Approaches to Geography, held in Iran, May 2000. At the same conference, he also presented a paper, "Trading Places for Spaces: Urban Development and the Emerging Social Ecology."

The **Pat Brown Institute**, on behalf of Cal State L.A., was host to the 30th Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, May 4-6, 2000, at the Wilshire Grand Hotel, Los Angeles, which drew a record national and international attendance of 400 urban scholars and practitioners. **Ali Modarres** (PBI) served as local arrangements chair for the conference, assisted by PBI's operations manager, **Lily Baba**. The conference featured a gala reception on May 4 at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex, co-hosted by Cal State L.A., PBI and the Fannie Mae Foundation (Western Region). Approximately 300 conference participants attended and



were welcomed by President **James M. Rosser**, who delivered greetings and keynote remarks. **Jaime Regalado** and **Ali Modarres** (PBI) served as moderators of sessions on "California Research Center Directors' Colloquy" and "Gangs in Los Angeles: History, Research and Policy Panel," respectively. **Craig Flanery** (PBI) presented a paper on "Mass Media Denial of Urban Social Resistance: Reporting the 1992 Rebellion," and **Gilbert Sanchez** (Gang Violence Bridging Project) was a colloquy presenter on the subject "Gangs in Los Angeles: History, Research, Policy and Community Response." **Stewart Kwoh** (PBI Advisory Board) served as session presenter for the Plenary Colloquy on "Race, Ethnicity and Social Exclusion."

Gilbert Sanchez (Pat Brown Institute) met with the director of the Division of Educational Personnel of the Israeli Ministry of Education, Shimon Harel, to discuss violence prevention programs for youth and schools, as developed by the PBI Gang Violence Bridging Project. The meeting was under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Program. He also delivered keynote remarks, "Trends in Providing Opportunities for At-Risk Youth," at an ARTS, Inc. "Issues and Opportunities Forum" co-presented with The Cathartic Art Center, and co-sponsored by the Pat Brown Institute, Cal State L.A., May 18, 2000.



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Kaveri Subrahmanyam (*Child and Family Studies*) was an invited participant in the 8th Science Advocacy Workshop titled "Interactive Media and Children," organized by the American Psychological Organization, Washington, DC, Mar. 2000, and presented a workshop titled, "Brain Development During Infancy and the Preschool Years: What You Can Do as a Parent or Caregiver," at the Annual Headstart conference, Carson, CA, May 12, 2000.

Andrew Shin (*English*) presented "The Ethnic as Ethnographer: The Paradox of Authority in Sui Sin Far's *The Inferior Woman*," at the Association for Asian American Studies conference, Scottsdale, AZ, May 25, 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

Stuart Fischhoff's (*Psychology*) recommendations about theatrical motion picture videos that could help middle and high school students develop better writing and journal skills appeared in the recently published book, *Using Journals With Reluctant Writers*, by Scott Abrams, Corwin Press, 2000.

William Frea (*Special Education*), with D. Moes, published "Using an Assessment of Family Context to Inform Intervention Planning for the Treatment of Challenging Behavior in A Child with Autism," in the *Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions*, vol. 2, 2000.



Carlos Gutiérrez (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*) published the article, "Science in the Twenty-first Century Must Include All of Us: Appreciating the Value of Intellectual Diversity to the Sciences," in the *Journal of College Science Teaching*, May 2000.

David Horvath (*Physics and Astronomy*) published the article, "The Lithium-Metal Battery Charger," in *Radio Control Modeler Magazine*, vol. 37, no. 5, May 2000.

Martin E. Huld (*English*) published a paper, "Reinventing the Wheel," for the proceedings of the 11th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference, *IIES Monograph Series*, Washington, DC, May 27, 2000.

Daphne Liu (*Mathematics and Computer Science*), with R. Yeh, published "On Minimum Spans of No-Hole T-

coloring," in the journal *Congressus Numerantium*, vol. 138, Winnipeg, Canada, Dec. 1999, and with K. Lih and X. Zhu, published "Star Extremal Circulant Graphs," in the *SIAM (Society for Industrial and Applied Math) Journal on Discrete Mathematics*, vol. 12, no. 4, Dec. 1999.

Paul H. Rosenthal (*Information Systems*) published "Business Continuity Planning 201: Exercising Your Contingency Teams," in *Contingency Planning Management*, vol. 5, no. 3, May/June 2000.

HONORS AND APPOINTMENTS

Joseph Casanova (*emeritus, Chemistry and Biochemistry*) has accepted a second year appointment as a Visiting Scientist at the California Institute of Technology, effective 2000-2001. Collaborating with John Roberts and Ahmed Zewail (Nobel Laureate, Chemistry, 1999), he has been studying chemical reactions on the femtosecond time scale.

IN THE NEWS

• **John M. Allswang** (*emeritus, History*) was interviewed for an article, "The Initiative and Referendum in California" (in Japanese), by Masaaki Miyakawa, *Asahi Shimbun*, Tokyo, Japan, Apr. 21, 2000.

• **Walter Askin** (*emeritus, Art*) was featured in the article, "Pasadena Artist Isn't Afraid of Fun," in the *Pasadena Star-News*, May 12, 2000. The article described Askin's exhibition, "Delights from the Flipside, Works on Paper and Sculpture," at The Folk Tree Collection in Pasadena.

• **Wayne Bishop** (*Mathematics and Computer Science*) was featured in an article, "Weird Science," by Theresa Moreau, in the *Pasadena Weekly*, May 25, 2000. On Jan. 2, 2000, Bishop appeared on CNN as a part of a two-day, turn-of-the-century special on various developments of the 20th century. He discussed mathematics education reforms that had occurred, particularly the New Math of the '50s and '60s, and their relationship to the reforms of the last decades, sometimes referred to as the "New-New Math." On Apr. 12, 2000, a clip of Bishop appeared on the



ABC Nightly News with Peter Jennings. On that day, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics released the rewrite of its 1989 NCTM Standards. Professor Bishop was asked to discuss the importance of arithmetic competence and knowledge of standard algorithms as one of the keys to eventual mathematics competence and applications.

• **Cal State L.A.** was featured in the following articles: "Cal State L.A. Students Receive Edison International Scholarships" and "Cal State L.A. is Rated One of the Top 25 U.S. Colleges for Hispanics," both in the *California Crusader News*, Apr. 27, 2000. A three-page article about Cal State L.A. was featured in the *Educational Pathways*, vol. 2, issue 7, Sept.-Dec. 1999. Cal State L.A.'s Alumni Awards Gala was featured in the *California Crusader News*, May 11, 2000. The new Training Center in Pasadena was featured in the article, "Business Training Facility Will Open: Development Courses Set for County Workers, Public," by Nicole M. Campbell, *Pasadena Star-News*, Business section, May 24, 2000.

• The **Cross Cultural Center's** conference on hip-hop was featured in a front-page Metro section article, "Conference Looks Into the Violent Heart of Hip-Hop: Rapper, other panelists at Cal State L.A. debate the roots of the hate-saturated lyrics," by Carla Hall, *Los Angeles Times*, May 21, 2000.

• An interview with **Stuart Fischhoff** (*Psychology*) on French actress/pop singer Vanessa Paradis appeared in the June 2000 premier issue of the new British magazine, *Nova*. The interview explored the psychology of celebrity and Paradis' relationship with actor Johnny Depp, the father of her child. Fischhoff's comments on new "reality" television shows like "Survivor" and "Big Brother" appeared in a *Boston Globe*, May 28, 2000 article, "We like to watch: welcome to TV's brave new world, where exhibitionism meets voyeurism." Fischhoff's comments on women's attraction to professional ice hockey, and its violence, appeared in an article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 25, 2000. His comments about infusing sex into ads to sell subscriptions to symphony orchestra concerts in Fort Worth, TX, appeared in an article in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, May 14, 2000. Fischhoff was interviewed by John Duprey, Fox Network, May 18, 2000, on why religious conservatives are outraged by the TV show "South Park."

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• **Carlos Gutiérrez** (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*) was featured in the article, "If You Can't Communicate the Science, Is It Worth Doing," by Tatiana Butko, *The Star*, Apr. 26, 2000, and in the article, "Cal State L.A. Professor Receives Year 2000 MSE Giants in Science Award," in the *California Crusader News*, Apr. 13, 2000.

• **Deborah Holland** (*Music*) had her latest album, "The Book of Survival," reviewed by R.Deitz in *Sing Out!*, vol. 44, no. 2, Winter 2000.

• **Jorge Lambrinos** (*Roybal Institute*) was pictured with Assistant Secretary of Aging Jeanette C. Takamura in a brief article, "Caregiving Roundtable at Cal State-L.A.," in the *Hispanic Outlook*, vol. 10, no. 16, May 5, 2000.

• **Arthur Niehoff** (*emeritus, Anthropology*) was featured in an article, "Professor Pedals Through His Senior Years," in the *North County Times*, May 21, 2000.

• **Gilbert Sanchez** (*Pat Brown Institute*) was interviewed about the PBI Gang Violence Bridging Project and youth violence prevention programs for the national Japanese TV talk show "Today's News," which was aired nationally on May 28 over the Nippon Television Corporation network.

• The Channel 13 news aired footage of the **Solar Eagle III** solar car and a presentation on solar energy by **Cleo Rojas** (Engineering and Technology), Solar Eagle III outreach educator, at Nightingale Middle School, Los Angeles, May 25, 2000.

QUOTABLE

"We're responsible not only for what we do...we're also responsible for what we don't do," said J. Paul Getty Trust President and CEO Barry Munitz to the Class of 2000 on June 10.

"[A] few people can make a major difference. A small group can change the world," he told graduates.

Munitz was presented the CSU Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at the 53rd Commencement exercises.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Career Opportunities

Career opportunity announcements are available for review in the Human Resource Management reception area, Administration 605. You may also visit the HRM web site at <<http://www.calstatela.edu>>. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Emergency Phones

Fourteen new emergency phones will be fully operational throughout the Cal State L.A. campus by the end of summer quarter 2000. Topped with signature blue lights, the bright yellow emergency phones are highly visible and easy to locate.

Pushing the "big red button" activates an emergency speakerphone and connects you directly to the University Police dispatcher.

Pinkerton, an experienced security systems company, is handling the installation of the "Code Blue" phones in the following strategic locations:

- * Parking Structure I, B and C levels
- * Main Walkway, near the Health Center and the Library
- * Lot F, at two light posts
- * Phase I Housing, west and east of dorms

- * Lot G, near pay phones and housing, and at the Emergency Operations Center
- * Lot J, entrance

* Jesse Owens Stadium, near scoreboard

The placement of these new emergency phones on campus is in line with the goal of the University's Department of Public Safety to improve campus emergency and security operations. Questions? Call Robert Horch at ext. 3-3700.

Emergency Operations Center

The Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the addition of a new **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**. The EOC is located in Parking Lot G, near the Housing Complex. The new EOC will facilitate the management of Campus Evacuation Planning Meetings, Evacuation Drills, and campus emergencies. The EOC will also be used as a Training Center for Public Safety personnel, administrators, and the campus Disaster Response Team. The area surrounding the EOC will soon be fenced and will function as a staging area for equipment and staff. Adjacent to the EOC is a storage building that houses emergency supplies.

Annual Pat Brown Awards Dinner



L-r: Paul Conrad; Antonia Hernandez; Jaime Regalado, executive director, Pat Brown Institute; George I. Minter; and Otis Chandler.

The Pat Brown Institute held a very successful **19th Annual Awards Dinner** on April 13 at the Regal Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Chaired by George I. Minter on behalf of the Southern California Gas Company, the dinner set both attendance and revenue records. Approximately 500 people were on hand to witness a lively evening in celebration of **Paul Conrad**, Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate (Lifetime Public Service Award), **Antonia Hernandez**, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (Community Service Award), and **Otis Chandler**, former publisher of the *Los Angeles Times*, 1960-1980, (Pat Brown Legacy Award). **Lena Chao** (*Communication Studies*) served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. ■

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Dance Kaleidoscope. Fri., July 14-Sat., July 15. Luckman Theatre. For tickets, call (323) 343-MOVE (6683).

Puppet Mania 2000. Thu., July 20-Sun., July 23, 2000. Luckman Fine Arts Complex. This once-in-a-millennium celebration features an international list of puppeteers. For tickets, call 1 (800) 965-4827 or go to <www.ticketweb.com>.

BalletFest2000. Aug. 17-19, 8p.m., Luckman Theatre. Six ballet companies will perform in this first-time summer ballet festival of Southern California companies. (Aug. 14-19: week-long seminars.) Luckman, ext. 3-6600 or Don Hewitt, ext. 3-5124.