



L-r: Vince Lopez, Kimberly Clapp, Monica Jazzabi, and Rebecca Hopkins.

Student Affairs introduces leadership team

Kimberly Clapp was appointed director of the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), effective March 24, 2010. Clapp provides leadership and direction for a comprehensive offering of academic support services and accommodations mandated by state and federal law and designed to assure the retention and graduation of disabled students. Clapp comes from the Art Institute of California where she served as the disability services coordinator. A CSULA alumna, she is also a certified rehabilitation counselor.

Rebecca Hopkins was appointed director of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), effective Aug. 1, 2009. Hopkins provides overall leadership and direction for the strategic implementation of programs and services designed to significantly improve the retention and graduation of first generation, economically or educationally disadvantaged students. Hopkins was associate director of EOP for almost 10 years and was formerly an EOP counselor.

Monica Jazzabi, M.D., was appointed director of the Student Health Center, effective Feb. 2, 2010. Dr. Jazzabi provides medical and administrative leadership to the Student Health Center operation, including coordination of the Center's medical, pharmaceutical, mental health and health education units as a part of comprehensive student health care program. Previously, Dr. Jazzabi served as a primary care physician for student health care needs, providing leadership in the development of important preventative health care initiatives.

Vince Lopez was appointed director of Admissions and Recruitment, effective May 3, 2010. In this capacity, Lopez is responsible for all aspects of the University's admissions, outreach, recruitment and orientation programs, providing the gateway to the University for the majority of students. He also oversees several core components of the University's enrollment management structure. Prior to this appointment, Lopez served as director of Outreach and Recruitment and as a recruiter with more than 20 years in university outreach and student recruitment.

SA bolsters resources

In a concerted effort to increase efficiency, the Division of Student Affairs (SA) has combined the offices of Admissions, Outreach and Recruitment, and Orientation, folding them into the Office of Admissions and Recruitment. This new unit is responsible for all facets of recruitment, undergraduate admissions and graduate applicant evaluations and for familiarizing incoming students with the University and its resources. It is aimed at strategically aligning enrollment management efforts and enhancing the student experience through improved collaboration among the critical student service delivery systems that comprise recruitment, admissions and orientation.

"The merger has enabled us to develop some creative partnerships between the offices," said Vincent Lopez, director of the new unit, "which translates to a more efficient and smoother transition for new students entering Cal State L.A."

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Campus to 'sow' the seeds of reading

Cal State L.A.'s 2010-11 "One Campus, One Book" featured novel is Octavia Estelle Butler's science fiction thriller *Parable of the Sower*, which was nominated for the 1994 Nebula Award for Best Novel.

Set in Southern California in the year 2024, the book centers on a young woman who possesses the ability to feel the perceived pain and pleasures of others. When the society is near collapse, she survives by developing "a religious community or a new social order."

A CSULA alumna, Butler was recognized as "the first African-American woman to gain popularity and critical acclaim as a major science fiction writer." Butler garnered several awards for her writing, including a 1984 Hugo Award for her short story, "Speech Sounds," and a 1985 Hugo for her novella *Bloodchild*, which also won the 1984 Nebula Award. In 1995, she received a five-year \$295,000 MacArthur Foundation Genius Grant. Butler passed away in 2006.

For more details, visit calstatela.libguides.com/OCOB.

Billie Jean King Sports Complex named



Cal State L.A.'s 11+ acres of athletic facilities were recently named the Billie Jean King Sports Complex, in honor of King's legacy as an alumna and University ambassador, and as a champion—in tennis, social equity, and support of student athletes. The sports complex—which was approved by the CSU Board of Trustees Sept. 21—encompasses the Eagles Nest Gymnasium, the University Stadium, Jesse Owens Track and Field, Reeder Field (baseball), the swimming pool, and tennis and basketball courts. For details: www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/spotlight/archive/2010/BJKSportsComplex.php.

Funding sources for campus construction

With deep slashes to the CSU budget, many within the campus community have questions as to how construction projects are funded.

The following projects are not funded by student fees or the same source as salaries and benefits, and the funds must be used exactly as originally designated.

Wing B, Wallis Annenberg Integrated Sciences Complex: The 94,000-square-foot building, featuring wet laboratories, a lecture hall and offices, is nearing completion. *Funding:* State Revenue Bond, supplemented with private fundraising.

Public Safety: Interior and exterior finishes are being completed and furnishings installed, with occupancy targeted for Jan. 2011. *Funding:* State Revenue Bonds and parking reserve funds.

Television, Film and Media Studies Center: The campus acquired two parcels

of land from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. With signage installed, the two-story building and parking structure are undergoing seismic and accessibility upgrades. *Funding:* University Auxiliary Services –arranged financing.

Sustainable Hydrogen Production and Dispensing Facility: The station, located across from Lot 10 on Circle Drive, has broken ground with construction in progress. *Funding:* donor support – www.calstatela.edu/faculty/vseaman/Hydrogen_Station.php.

Los Angeles County High School for the Arts: Located north of the Music building between Parking Structure C and Housing, the school building is to be a shared facility with Cal State L.A. Groundbreaking is set for Jan. 2011. *Funding:* L.A. County Office of Education.

Centeno honored as outstanding staff

Gonzalo Centeno, disability management specialist for the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), was recently presented with Cal State L.A.'s 2010 Outstanding Staff Award.



Described as the "heart" of the OSD, Centeno has been a staff member for more than 15 years. A colleague said, "[Gonzalo] has contributed significantly to the success of countless students with physical and visual impairments as well as other functional disabilities."

Despite having to use a wheelchair since suffering a broken neck and a spinal cord injury from a pool accident in 1979, Centeno—with his "sunny personality" and "optimistic outlook on life"—became actively involved with the disability rights movement.

Centeno explained, "I hope that by sharing my experience with our students that they can learn to advocate for themselves and to be empowered to become contributing members of society."

For a more detailed article, including a list of employees recognized for 10 to 40 years of service, go to www.calstatela.edu/UniversityReports.

Disability resources

Alternative Media Production Center:
www.calstatela.edu/univ/osd/ampc.php

TRIO Student Support Program:
www.calstatela.edu/univ/osd/dss.php

WAIV Employment Program:
www.calstatela.edu/univ/osd/waiv.php

Accessible Technology & Learning Center:
www.calstatela.edu/univ/osd/atlc.php



Campus welcomes Vaidya back as Provost

Ashish Vaidya, professor of economics and dean of the faculty at CSU Channel Islands, was named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective Oct. 1.



Vaidya had roots on campus in the College of Business and Economics prior to joining CSUCI. During his tenure at Cal State L.A., he served as a professor of economics. He began assuming administrative responsibilities first as the director of the MBA program from 1997 to 2001 and, subsequently, as the associate chair of the Department of Economics and Statistics.

Vaidya began his faculty career in 1991 at Cal State L.A. after completing his doctorate at UC Davis. His fields of specialization are international trade, applied microeconomics and development economics.

"Dr. Vaidya has a reputation for sound judgment and professionalism, as well as administrative and economic expertise that will serve Cal State L.A. well, especially as we all work to move forward in these unpredictable budgetary times," said President **James M. Rosser**.

The announcement of his appointment was featured in the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *India West*.

Briefly...

Steps to affordable learning

Due to the impact of the state budget, faculty are encouraged to consider the costs of textbooks when making decisions as to which books to adopt for their courses, without compromising the quality of the education CSULA students receive.

Here are easy steps to help hold down costs for students:

1. Submit your textbook orders to the University Bookstore on time. Under Academic Senate guidelines, the deadline for submitting textbook orders is seven weeks prior to the start of each quarter.
2. Consider e-textbooks or the textbook rental program for less costly instructional materials when possible. For details about e-textbook selections or the textbook rental program, go to www.calstate-la.bncollege.com.
3. Consult the CSU's "Affordable Learning Solutions" site for no-cost or low-cost content for courses in many disciplines at als.csuprojects.org/home.
4. Avoid adopting texts that are "bundled" with supplementary products, unless all of the components are required for your course.

International opportunities abound

For faculty members interested in an international learning experience: The CSU International Programs office is now accepting applications for paid resident directors to work and live in China, France, Italy, Japan or Spain for one academic year. Also, there are four Wang faculty stipends designated for research or teaching at four universities in Taiwan and China. Application deadline is Dec. 1. For details and application forms, go to www.calstate.edu/ip.

Forms, tips for off-campus events

Campus personnel planning any campus-related field trips or off-campus University-sponsored events are advised to complete general release forms. These new forms can be found at www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/rm_travel.php. University travel guidelines and "risk areas" warning are also listed.

Outstanding faculty honored



Pictured: (front row, l-r) CSULA faculty honorees Sheila Price, David Connors, Diane Haager, Robert Desharnais, Ping Yao and Crist Khachikian; and (back row, l-r) CSULA President James M. Rosser, Academic Senate Chair Nancy Hunt, Academic Affairs VP Cheryl Ney, and Outstanding Professors Selection Committee Chair Lia Kamhi-Stein.

As part of the annual Fall Faculty Day tradition, four CSULA faculty were presented the annual Outstanding Professor Awards and one named the President's Distinguished Professor. This year, an inaugural Outstanding Lecturer Award was also presented.

President's Distinguished Professor

Robert Desharnais (*Biological Sciences*) brings an incredible record of achievement as a teacher and mentor, a researcher, and a leader in faculty governance on campus. He has garnered more than \$7 million in federal grants to support research, education and student training.



He is also a leader in integrating technology into the classroom to enhance teaching and learning. He is the founder and director of a Virtual Courseware Project, an award-winning website with several science education simulations designed for students and teachers.

To view Desharnais' video interview: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fx4BW9mVF0.

Outstanding Professors

Presented with Outstanding Professor Awards were **David N. Connors** (*Music/Theatre Arts and Dance*), an exemplary educator who co-authored content standards for music education; **Diane S. Haager** (*Special Education and Counseling*), a nationally-recognized expert in learning disabilities and reading instruction in education; **Crist Khachikian** (*Civil Engineering*), a specialist in environmental engineering committed to involving students in research projects with global impact; and **Ping Yao** (*History*), an esteemed Chinese historian acknowledged for her research on women's lives and religious experiences.

Outstanding Lecturer

This year, Cal State L.A. established the Outstanding Lecturer Award. The first recipient is **Sheila Price** (*Philosophy*), who began teaching at Cal State L.A. in fall 1964 and retired in June 2008, though she has continued to teach on a part-time basis.

For detailed profiles of these professors, go to www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/OPA2010.htm.

Doctoral student garners CSU Razi award

Robert (David) Black, a student in the educational leadership doctoral program, has been honored as one of two 2010 CSU Trustee Ali C. Razi Scholars. The award, which included a \$10,000 scholarship, was presented at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting.



Black came to California several years ago with a bachelor's degree from Georgia State University. While considering graduate programs, Black's eyesight began to fail, and after six operations, the end result was blindness. Undaunted, Black was determined

to pursue his career in counseling and education.

"David is a role model for all of us in the program; both his fellow students and faculty. He helps us learn how best to assist him so that he can be an equal participant in class and in the doctoral program," said **Lois Andre-Bechely** (*Applied and Advanced Studies in Education*).

For Black's story, go to www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/RaziHearst-dblack.htm or www.sgvtribune.com/news/ci_16291356.

Federal funding supports STEM projects

Cal State L.A. has recently received more than \$3.5 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 to support 14 science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) projects.

"ARRA funding helps our talented faculty generate new knowledge, supports student success through their participation in research and prepares future scientists and teachers," said Director **Philip LaPolt** (*Research and Development*).

There is also one grant from the Department of Education of \$213,372 for student-based work-study programs, and another \$11,268 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to support nursing scholarships.

For details on the 14 grants awarded by the National Science Foundation and the Department of Health and Human Services, go to www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/ARRA_funding-CSULA.htm.

Honors...

CEaS granted core facility

A three-year, \$1.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) has been awarded to the Center for Energy and Sustainability (CEaS) to create a core facility to boost research activities. Directed by **Crist Khachikian** (*Civil Engineering*), this multidisciplinary science and technology research center was established in fall 2009 through a five-year, \$5 million NSF Centers for Research Experience in Science and Technology (CREST) grant. Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, approximately 9,500 square feet of research space in the University's Engineering and Technology building are set to be reconfigured.

HFA gift for student fellowships

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFA) has awarded a \$50,000 gift for the Television and Media Studies Program.

The HFA grant will support the recruitment and retention of CSULA students pursuing graduate degrees in the fields of television and media studies, with fellowships of \$1,000-\$5,000 to be designated for direct educational expenses.

This fall, the program was granted department status, in order to better prepare students for the contemporary creative realities of artistic production. Under the auspices of the University's College of Arts and Letters, it has been officially named the Department of Television, Film and Media Studies.

CIMEC explores ecosystem, climate

Cal State L.A. has been named a partner of a new research institute established by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) called the Cooperative Institute on Marine Ecosystems and Climate (CIMEC).

The Cal State L.A. team—**Carlos Robles** (*Biological Sciences*), **Patrick Krug** (*Biological Sciences*) and **Hengchun Ye** (*Geological Sciences*)—will conduct projects exploring how predicted changes in sea surface salinity might affect latitudinal species distributions and alter the behavior of key predators in coastal communities. The work will be one component of a comprehensive investigation of climate and its impacts on Pacific Ocean communities undertaken by the new NOAA consortium. The five-year, \$55 million federally-funded CIMEC is based at UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Professor honored for SAT program

Kern K. Kwong (*Management*) was recently honored at the annual Asian Youth Center (AYC) awards gala for his collaborative work in establishing The Shared Achievement Team Program, a free math tutoring program for kids in the San Gabriel Valley community. For details: www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/kkwong-aycaward.htm.

Packard initiates science learning

Through a collaborative initiative with the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Charter College of Education is working to engage future teachers with elementary children in active, hands-on science activities in an afterschool program. The project will involve Cal State L.A. and nine other campuses working within the state to provide rich science-learning opportunities that incorporate reading and literacy development. This is in response to a recent study completed by the California Council on Science and Technology and the CSU Center for Teacher Equality.

For a listing of campus events:
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