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San José State University
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Awards and Honors

Top Four Faculty Awards Announced
An expert in environmental patriotism. A psychologist who works with NASA. A cultural historian and flag expert. An instructor committed to helping students master college-level writing. SJSU salutes its finest with the 2014-2015 Faculty Awards.

They will be honored at the 16th Annual Faculty Service Recognition and Awards Luncheon on March 11, 2015. Tickets are available for purchase.

Spotlight

Dr. Elizabeth Weiss and the Ryan Mound Skeletal Collection
Dr. Elizabeth Weiss is a full professor in the Anthropology Department who teaches physical anthropology courses. Her research expertise is in skeletal analyses of past populations. In fact, one of the things that drew her to SJSU is the Ryan Mound skeletal collection that contains 287 individuals, which are most likely
Anne Marie Todd: 2015 Outstanding Professor
The Outstanding Professor Award recognizes a faculty member for overall excellence in academic assignment. Anne Marie Todd, popular professor in Communication Studies, is known for her contributions to Communication and the Environment. Professor Todd comes from the College of Social Sciences. Click here for the full story.

Kevin Jordan: 2015 President’s Scholar
The Presidents Scholar Award recognizes a faculty member who has achieved widespread recognition based on the quality of scholarship, performance or creative activities. Kevin Jordan, Psychology, is no stranger to accolades. He comes from the College of Social Sciences. Click here for the full story.

Scot Guenter: 2015 Distinguished Service
The Distinguished Service Award recognizes a faculty member for exemplary service in a leadership associated with the Muwekma Ohlone tribe. Additionally, SJSU also has a small collection of two to three dozen skeletal remains of individuals from Carthage, Tunisia. According to Dr. Weiss, the Ryan Mound collection “is probably one of the largest and best preserved prehistoric skeletal collections in the world.” The collection dates from 2,500 years ago to 250 years ago with skeletons from infants, children, and adults. Click here for the full story.

Notices for Faculty and Staff

SJSU Proposes Impaction Change for Fall 2016
SJSU is considering changes to guidelines that would affect transfer students seeking admission to the university in fall 2016 and after. This change does not affect students who have already applied for admission to the university. SJSU will hold three public meetings to discuss this proposed change:

Thursday, February 26, 2015, 3-5 pm
SJSU Student Union Theater

Monday, March 2, 2015, 3-5pm
West Valley College, Fox Technology Center, Room 120
14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga
Visitor parking is available in Parking Lot 5 at a rate of $3 per day.
capacity to the university and/or community or profession that brings credit to San Jose State University. This year’s winner is a professor of American Studies from the College of Humanities and the Arts. Click here for the full story.

Cindy Baer: 2015 Outstanding Lecturer
The Outstanding Lecturer Award recognizes a lecturer for excellence in teaching effectiveness and service to the San Jose State campus community. This year’s winner comes from the Department of English and Comparative Literature in the College of Humanities and the Arts. Click here for the full story.

Other Awards and Honors

Dr. Guna Selvaduray, Biomedical Engineering Director and Materials Engineering professor, Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering, has been named the recipient of the 2015

Search Committee Updates

Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 6:30-8:30pm
SJSU Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering, Room 189

Click here for more information or to submit a comment

Spartan Connect referrals for Struggling Students
When faculty and/or staff become aware of struggling students, please refer these students to Jahmal Williams, our Spartan Connect or Early Alert Coordinator. Spartan Connect takes referrals from faculty and staff and then contacts the students with an invitation to meet with Jahmal.
To learn more about Spartan Connect, or to invite Jahmal to a department meeting, please contact him at Jahmal.Williams@sjsu.edu

On-campus interviews for the COSS Dean Search continues this week:

- Dr. Walter Jacobs, Feb. 26 - 27, Open Forum: Feb. 26 at 1:15 pm, BBC 032
Andreoli Faculty Service Award, the highest honor the California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) bestows. The Andreoli Award honors a faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to the development of biotechnology programs in the CSU system.

Jason Laker, Counselor Education & Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership, Connie Lurie College of Education, has been selected to receive the Standing Committee Advocate Award from the Overall Standing Committees of the ACPA. The ACPA Standing Committee Advocate Award is an award presented to individuals who exemplify the values and advocate on behalf of the Standing Committees of ACPA. The award is decided upon by the Chairs of the Standing Committees and is the only award given jointly by the Standing Committees. Recipients are recognized as individuals who have demonstrated a significant commitment to social justice through either involvement in Standing Committee activities or in representing and advancing Standing Committee values and concerns. We are proud.

The search committee would appreciate your feedback on the candidates. Feedback forms are available online.

CASA Dean Search:
The tentative schedule for open forums is as follows:

- Candidate 1: March 9 at 1:45pm in BBC 032
- Candidate 2: March 12, 1:45pm in BBC 032
- Candidate 3: March 16, 1:45pm in BBC 032

Please visit the CASA Dean search committee page for updates.

Deputy Provost Search:
On-campus interviews are planned for March 10 - April 2. More information available soon.

SJSU Research Foundation Executive Director Search:
On-campus interviews planned for March 30 - April 7. More information available soon.

College and Department Updates
to recognize Jason Laker’s sustained and lengthy service and advocacy! The award will be presented at the ACPA Awards Ceremony on Friday, March 6.

**Outstanding Senior Award**

Nominations are also being accepted for the 2015 Outstanding Graduating Senior Awards for recognition at this year’s SJSU Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 23. Faculty and staff are invited to **nominate deserving students** for this award, which is based on both academic excellence and service to the University and the community. Four students will be recommended to President Qayoumi, who will select two finalists to receive the award. This will be the 24th year of recognizing exceptional graduating seniors at Commencement.

**Humanities & Arts Success Center**

The Humanities & Arts Success Center is now open. Located in Clark Hall 244 this brand new center is designed for the students within the College of Humanities and the Arts. Students with any advising questions or concerns regarding graduation requirements, selecting/declaring a major and/or career goals can utilize the H & A Success Center on Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm and Fridays 9:00am - 4:00pm. Denise Hamilton is also available for drop in hours on Tuesdays from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. E-mail: ha-successcenter@sjsu.edu or call (408) 924-5095.

**College Success/Advising Centers**

- **Applied Sciences & Arts:** MH 533
- **Business:** BBC 008
- **Engineering:** ENG 344
- **Science:** DH 213
- **Social Sciences:** CH 240
- **Humanities & Arts:** CL 244  *NEW!!*

**Spartans Support**

**AT&T Pro-Am at Pebble Beach**
SJSU Salzburg Fellows and Scholars Announced

The SJSU Salzburg Program has selected 8 faculty and administrators to serve as SJSU Salzburg Fellows and 19 students to serve as SJSU Salzburg Scholars in 2015-2016. The new Fellows and Scholars will participate in a variety of orientation activities (Spring 2015) to help prepare them for their 18-month commitment and attend an intensive week-long session of the Global Citizenship Program hosted by the Salzburg Global Seminar (Summer 2015) in Salzburg, Austria.

The Scholars will be attending GCP #69 | Global Citizenship: At Home and in the World, which will be held at Schloßwirt zu Anif and Schloß Leopoldskron (5/29/15-6/5/15). Dr. Dennis Jaehne will serve as Faculty Advisor for the group. The Scholars will explore a variety of global issues and also spend a day at Dachau, examining why global citizenship is so important to improving human affairs. The Fellows will be attending GCP #70 | Education for Global Citizenship: What, Why, and How, which will be held at Schloß Leopoldskron (7/6/15-7/13/15). They will address changing global realities and their impact on higher education as well as the world at large, ranging

At the 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am tournament, 35 San José State University students put their skills to work to serve the spectators at the event and to meet and fulfill the needs of the corporate clients. These hand-selected students had to undergo an intense application and training process with managers from the beach-side resort in preparation of their week-long internship as part of the Special Event Management Team.

San José State University students from a variety of disciplines intern as managers, overseeing operations in concessions, corporate chalets and corporate skyboxes. Under the oversight of Hospitality Management professor Rich Larson the students receive course credit for the internship. The SJSU program allows students in hospitality management and kinesiology programs in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts as well as some business majors from the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business to work as interns for a week during the prestigious golf tournament, which finished up on Feb. 15. The university has maintained the partnership with Pebble Beach Company for 10 years.

See related stories:
from climate change and America's role in the world to the future of globalization, but also develop strategies to strengthen institutional commitment to global citizenship. Each session will be guided by leading experts in global affairs and will include a mix of colleagues from 6-8 other colleges and universities around the US.

After returning from their trips to Salzburg this summer, they will spend next year working on collaborative and individual projects with other Fellows and Scholars to help globalize San Jose State (Fall 2015-Spring 2016). For more information, check out the Program Website or contact salzburg-program@sjsu.edu. Click here for the list of scholars and fellows.

After Hour Elevator Contact

Cindy Marota, Director of the Accessible Education Center, wants to inform you and your students of after hour elevator contact information, in case of an elevator issue. For assistance after 5:00 PM, call the University Police Department (UPD). UPD will call the Facilities Developments & Operations (FD&O) On-Call Manager. The On-Call Manager will contact Kone, our elevator maintenance service under contract. The contract stipulates Kone has one hour to arrive on campus for a call back.

Upcoming Events

Guest Lecture
Dr. D. Soyini Madison, Professor of Performance Studies and African Studies at Northwestern University, will speak on her work in critical

SOTES

From the Office of Institutional Effectiveness & Analytics:
This semester SJSU has had its most successful administration of online teaching evaluations. The Fall 2014 online Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness Survey (SOTES) process has been the smoothest to date. Evaluations of regular scheduled classes have been successfully administered through the CMS SOTES system. Courses with

* Event management team trains at Pebble Beach
* SJSU students stay busy at week-long Pebble Beach tournament
ethnography in SJSU’s Communication Center (HGH 229) on **Wednesday, February 25 at 3:00 pm**.

Dr. Madison is widely regarded as the world’s leading scholar on critical performance ethnography. *Acts of Activism*, her most recent book, explores how local activists in Ghana, West Africa employ modes of performance, as tactical interventions, in their day-to-day struggles for women’s rights, water democracy, and economic justice. This event is free and open to the public. Please invite your students and come yourself.

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**Joint Reading by Bich Minh Nguyen & Porter Shreve**

Please join the Center for Literary Arts for a joint reading by Bich Minh Nguyen and Porter Shreve on **February 25, 2015 at 7pm**, MLK Library, Room 225/229.

*Bich Minh Nguyen* is the author of the novels *Short Girls*, which received an American Book Award, and *Pioneer Girl*; and the memoir *Stealing Buddha’s Dinner*, recipient of the PEN/Jerard Award. *Porter Shreve* is the author of *The Obituary Writer*, a *New York Times* Notable Book; *Drives Like a Dream* and *When the White House Was Ours*, both *Chicago Tribune* Books of the Year; and *The End of the Book*, a 2014 *San
Francisco Chronicle Editor’s Choice.

STEM Careers in Silicon Valley
Diversity and cultural awareness? What STEM work possibilities are there? Have these and other questions answered. Sponsored by the African-American and Chican@-Latin@ Student Success Task Forces. Organized by the Department of African-American Studies and the Humanities Honors Program at SJSU. Thursday February 26, 2015 in Clark Hall 412.

Coffee with the Chief of Staff, Stacy Gleixner
Faculty, staff, and students: Do you have questions about the university or concerns you want to talk about? Come by Tower Hall 110 to have coffee and chat with the Chief of Staff, Stacy Gleixner. She would love to meet you!

- Fri, Feb 27, 10:00 - 11:00am
- Wed, Mar 4, 9:00 - 10:00am

game changer. "While still in its infancy, we are convinced that using these digital tools allow our students to rewrite the rules of broadcast journalism."

Center for Community Learning and Leadership

Coyote Creek Cleanup Event
Following upon SJSU students mobilizing the community to successfully raise the minimum wage in San Jose, SJSU’s Center for Community Learning & Leadership is promoting “Restore Coyote Creek” as the next campus-wide, cross-disciplinary, community-engagement initiative to “make a difference” in Silicon Valley. At least ten faculty have their classes engaged in related projects involving either the ecological beautification of Coyote Creek or addressing the homeless issue of encampments along the Creek. SJSU will showcase its efforts when campus hosts a Coyote Creek Conference for Santa Clara County on April 17.

Come out to a Coyote Creek cleanup event to help us beautify our creek for
- Mon, Mar 16, 4:00 - 5:00pm
- Thur, Apr 2, 1:00 - 2:00pm
- Fri, Apr 17, 11:00 - 12:00pm
- Tues, Apr 28, 2:00 - 3:00pm
- Wed, May 13, 10:30 - 11:30am

**Black Cultural Showcase**

SJSU Black student organizations and the African American Student Success Task Force bring a variety of food, art, and dance to our campus in celebration of Black culture in its entirety. From Eritrea to our very own hidden Silicon Valley talents, this showcase will be filled with celebrations that our campus has never seen! **Friday, February 27, from 3-6pm in the University Theater.**

**Digital Media Arts Faculty Exhibition**

*(January 27 - March 20)*

The Digital Media Arts Faculty Exhibition features recent works by current faculty in the Digital Media Arts area. Some of the works involve all and for healthy fish and wildlife. This community event is open to all ages. Please wear long pants and sleeves, and be aware of poison oak. Bring a refillable and filled water bottle and a snack for a break. Great opportunity to gain community service hours.

- Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015
- Time: 9:00 am - 12 noon
- Location: Tully Ball Fields

**Coyote Creek Conference**

- Date: Friday, April 17, 2015
- Location: SJSU

**Co-sponsors:** Friends of Coyote Creek Watershed, Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities, and Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

For more information, contact Deb Kramer at 408.372.7053 or deb@sccreeks.org, or Michael Fallon, CCLL Director, at michael.fallon@sjsu.edu

RSVP at [https://RestoreCoyoteCreek.eventbrite.com](https://RestoreCoyoteCreek.eventbrite.com).

**In case you missed it**
interactive components that appeal to a variety of aesthetics. For example the Secret HandShake Project Prototype Arm & Controller involves a computer and robotic arm to perform a call and response behavior. This exhibition features a divergent group of artists who, although displaying a wide range of media, style, and technique, share an interest in new technologies and a devotion to teaching. This exhibition is both provocative and stimulating, revealing a variety of aesthetics and creative solutions to both formalistic and conceptual issues. Participants include: Andrew Blanton, Steve Durie, G. Craig Hobbs, James Morgan, and Lordy Rodriguez.

Where: Natalie and James Thompson Art Gallery
Hours: Tuesdays 10am – 4pm; 6 – 7:30pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10am – 4pm and by appointment.

Lee Shulman spoke to the Ed. D. Leadership program on Feb. 12, 2015.

* Created the vision of Carnegie Project for the Ed.D.
* Professor emeritus at Stanford Graduate School of Education
* Former President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
* Former President of the American Education al Research Association.
* Author of The Wisdom of Practice: Essays on Teaching, Learning and Learning to Teach.

Recorded remarks are available here.

Meet the New Interns!

Adam Lagos is a graduating senior in the Communication Studies department who likes to play sports such as basketball and wrestling. He
Thursday, March 5, 2015, 5:15-6:45pm in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Dead Man Walking
SJSU’s Department of Television-Radio-Film and Theatre presents “Dead Man Walking”, a stunning and touching play performed at the Hal Todd Studio Theatre. Working together with his then-partner Susan Sarandon, writer-performer Tim Robbins transformed the real-life story of death-row reformer Sister Helen Prejean into an Oscar-winning film, “Dead Man Walking”.

Dates: **March 5 - 7, 10 - 14**
Time: All performances at 7pm
Location: Hal Todd Studio Theatre, Hugh Gillis Hall #103
Tickets are available online or at the door: $10 for students; $20 General admission

Faculty Service Recognition &

enjoys kung-fu movies, listening to hip-hop music and making guacamole.

Rachael Odell is a Communication Studies scholar with a minor in Psychology. She is from Newcastle, California and transferred to San José State University two years ago to finish her undergraduate. Her anticipated graduation date is May 2015. She enjoys reading and writing and loves to be outdoors.

Sarah Souksamphanh is a senior in the Department of Communication Studies. On campus, she works as a student administrative assistant in the Department of Anthropology.

If you have a story you’d like to see in the Academic Affairs Division Newsletter, please [click here](#)!
Awards Luncheon
The 16th Annual Faculty Service Recognition and Awards Luncheon will take place on **Wednesday, March 11, 2015 in the Student Union Ballroom**. To see the list of faculty honorees, [click here](#) (PDF). Visit the [event website](#) for more information.

The Barbershop Diaries to Air on TV!
CreaTV hopes to air the Barbershop Diaries documentary in March. No specific date has been set, as yet.