Welcome Back Retired Faculty! Social Work Professors Manuel Fimbres and John Brown came to visit San José State University for the CASA Emeriti and Retired Faculty Luncheon. Among their many activities John is currently writing about social work practice and Manuel serves as the Board President for Jeanne D’Arc Manor, one of our local social service agencies.

Emily Bruce is the second author with colleague and former lecturer, Dr. Toni Nacarrato (SUNY, Albany) on an edited chapter titled "What works in preparation for independent living?" to be published January 2012 in CWLA’s updated What Works in Child Welfare.

Ed Cohen has a peer reviewed article accepted: Berrick, J., Cohen, E., & Anthony, E. "Partnering with parents: promising approaches to improve reunification outcomes for children in foster care" in the Journal of Family Strengths. Ed also will participate in the new National Institutes of Health Early Career Reviewer Program run by the Center for Scientific Review (CSR). This involves assignments to review NIH proposals as part of the peer review process.

Kathy Lemon Osterling and Meekyung Han presented their findings about their CalSWEC-funded study entitled "Family reunification among Mexican and Vietnamese immigrant children in the child welfare system: Toward an understanding of promising practices to improve service availability and effectiveness" before the CalSWEC Board on September 23rd, 2011.

Kathy Lemon Osterling, Laurie Drabble, Amy D’Andrade, Ed Cohen, and Meekyung Han have been awarded a $250,000 grant from CalSWEC for their 3-year Child Welfare Partnership for Research and Training (CW-PART) involving the development of an overall model for collaborative research and concurrent implementation of research projects in partnership with two bay area counties: Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz. We also thank our Title IV-E Program, Field Education Program, and our faculty and county colleagues for their support in this grant.

Sang Lee is a co-author in a peer reviewed article in press: Lee, H. Y., Lee, S. E., Yoon, H.S., & Im, H. "Definition of financial abuse: A culture-centered construct among Korean elders" in the Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma.


Congratulations to Social Workers in the Library, a project supported by Peter Allen Lee and School of Social Work faculty, students, and alums, and colleagues from the School of Library and Information Sciences, NASW, and the San Jose Public Library. SWITL celebrated its 2nd anniversary at a special reception recognizing volunteers and staff who helped provide free professional social work referrals and information to those in the community seeking social services. In addition to sessions hosted at the King Library, SWITL has expanded to the Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Library where services are offered in Spanish for the neighborhood Latino population. CASA also supported the research component of SWITL through a research incentive grant.


Thank you Dean Charles Bullock! In addition to the on-going support Dr. Bullock has extended to our School of Social Work and the rest of CASA, our faculty and staff are benefiting from the $60,000 in extra support funds he has granted this semester. We are now able to purchase needed equipment and supplies, and participate in more conferences and scholarly activities because of his leadership and direction.