Faculty Member Recruited As Expert Consultant

Nian-Sheng Huang, associate professor and chair of the history program, has been invited to become an expert consultant to the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary (1706-2006) Consortium headquartered in Philadelphia. Professor Huang is the author of *Benjamin Franklin in American Thought and Culture, 1790-1990* and *Franklin's Father Josiah: Life of a Colonial Boston Tallow Chandler, 1657-1745*. Other consultants to the Consortium include J. A. Leo Lemay, Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Professor, University of Delaware; Jack P. Greene, Andrew W. Mellon Professor, Johns Hopkins University; Gordon S. Wood, Alva O. Way University Professor, Brown University; and Edmund S. Morgan, Sterling Professor, Yale University.

*For more information, contact Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, x8548.*

Tom Dase Becomes New Superintendent of Pleasant Valley School District

Dr. Tom Dase, husband of CSUCI Chief Information Officer MaryAnn Dase, is the new Superintendent of the Pleasant Valley School District in Camarillo. He left his position with the Culver City Unified School District in Los Angeles and began his new role on January 20. The University would like to congratulate him on his new appointment, and looks forward to working with him to support the students of Ventura County.

*For more information, contact MaryAnn Dase, chief information officer, x8559.*

Opening Spring Semester Faculty Meeting

To welcome faculty to the spring semester, there will be an opening faculty meeting on Tuesday, January 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. Among those providing campus updates will be President Rush, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Ted Lucas, and Renny Christopher, associate professor of English and chair of the academic senate. The meeting will be a chance to review division priorities with returning full-time faculty and new and returning part-time faculty.

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Classroom Assessment Workshop
Dr. Renee Curry from CSU Monterey Bay will be conducting a workshop on Tuesday, January 27 for faculty and others interested in improving student learning. During the workshop, entitled “Classroom Assessment Techniques: Involving Students in Assessing Their Own Learning,” participants will develop ungraded, quick methods to help students ascertain what they have learned (and what they need to learn) while a class is in progress. The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Professional Building.

For more information, contact Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, x8548.

Grant Writing Workshop
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will be hosting a grant writing workshop on Thursday, January 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An overview of planning, grant research, and application processes, the workshop will cover topics such as project planning, public and private grant sources, outcomes, networking and relationship building, proposal writing, and budget development. Enrollment is limited to twenty-five. The workshop will take place in room 263 of the Professional Building.

For more information, contact Jane Wanberg, ORSP/Extended Education administrative support assistant, x8495.

Town Center Groundbreaking Ceremony
The campus community is invited to join the Site Authority, community members, and the residents of University Glen for a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Town Center, a mixed-use space located just behind the future John Spoor Broome Library that will provide vital commercial services such as restaurants and a convenience store. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, February 9. Open to the public.

For more information, contact Mitchel Sloan, events coordinator, x8916.

Around Campus
Jon Brooks, groundsworker, and Lynette Long, administrative assistant for Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Development keep the beat during an informal lunchtime drum circle. Brooks and Long say there are usually 5 or 6 people who gather to play and they invite anyone who is interested to bring something to drum Thursdays during lunch in the courtyard south of the Center for Excellence.