

World History Expert Featured at November 22 Lecture

The CSUCI history program announces the inauguration of its new "Global Histories and Their Futures" lecture series, which will feature prominent world historians from universities around the state who will bring innovative teaching and research approaches to world history. The first speaker, Ken Curtis, California State University Long Beach professor of history, will present a talk on "Voyages in World History: Historical Narratives and Global Themes" **from 2:30 – 4 p.m. on Monday, November 22**, in Conference Hall 1. A question-and answer-session will follow. The talk, free and open to the public, is cosponsored by the Instructionally Related Activities Board and the Historians' League. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Rainer Buschmann, assistant professor of history, at ext. 8995 or rainer.buschmann@csuci.edu.

CSUCI History Professor to Make December 9 Faculty Presentation

Frank Barajas, assistant professor of history, will present a talk titled "The Evolution of the Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee – a Fight for Legal Justice" at a Faculty Presentation series on Thursday, December 9, at 2:30 p.m. in Conference Hall 3. Members of the campus community are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Bill Cordeiro, professor of management and chair of the business and economics program, at ext. 8860 or william.cordeiro@csuci.edu.

December 2 CalPERS Session to Provide Latest Information on Home Loans

A CalPERS home loans information session will be held **Thursday, December 2, from 2 – 3:30 p.m.**, in the Training Room of the Administration Building. The session will be conducted by Steve Carrigan, a CalPERS home loan certified agent for the Irwin Mortgage Company. The speaker will address the latest home loan developments, including the use of the CalPERS mortgage benefit in conjunction with CalHFA down payment assistance to buy a first home with a zero down payment. Attendees will also learn how to take advantage of the new CalPERS program for significant mortgage savings since it allows a five-year fixed option to build equity at a faster rate. The presentation is open to staff, faculty, and their family members.

RSVP to Colleen Bennett, HR administrator, at ext. 8846, or colleen.bennett@csuci.edu.

Conflict Mediation Seminar Scheduled for December 14

Because of strong interest, two more sessions of the "Mediating Employee Conflict" seminar have been scheduled, one on Tuesday, December 14, on the campus of CSU Long Beach and the other on Monday, January 10, at Sonoma State University. Interested individuals are encouraged to register early at http://thesource.calstate.edu/active_seminars.shtml. Additional seminars are also being planned, including sessions on "Critical Legal Issues for Managers"; "Assertive Supervision"; "How to Manage Unacceptable Behavior and Other Tough Performance Problems"; "Shortcuts to creating and Organizing Files, Records, and Information"; "Conducting Meaningful Performance Evaluations"; "Strengthening Your People Skills in the Workplace"; and "Essential Communication Skills for Managers."

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Deadline for Fee Waiver Program Is December 17

Eligible employees who wish to enroll in CSUCI classes in spring 2005 must apply for a fee waiver each semester, preferably prior to registering for classes, at any of the CSU campuses for themselves or their dependents, according to Human Resources. The fee waiver application forms are available online at http://www.csuci.edu/hr/training.htm. New applicants for undergraduate or post-baccalaureate programs (whichever is applicable) must fill out an application form or enter one electronically at http://www.csumentor.edu/ and submit it to Admissions and Records by Friday, December 17. CSUCI employees who are taking classes toward a degree must provide official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended to Admissions and Records, and submit a Career Development Plan to the fee waiver coordinator. Participants who have completed classes in the Fee-Waiver Program during spring 2004 or fall 2004 do not need to file a University application. Employees who are interested in taking courses at other CSU campuses should check their deadline dates. CSUCI employees who meet requirements are eligible to receive reasonable release time off during work hours.

Kudos

► The University's Business and Economics Program, with support from the CSUCI provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, is the new sponsor of the *Journal of International Business Strategy*, one of four under the auspices of the International Academy of Business & Economics (IABE). The publication, which is published twice a year, will feature C.B. Claiborne, CSUCI professor of marketing, as managing editor and William P. Cordeiro, CSUCI professor of management, as a member of the editorial board. The University will be identified by name and logo on the front cover and the CSUCI logo will be appear on the IABE Web site with a link to the CSUCI Web site.

► The research presentations of eight CSUCI mathematics seniors were accepted and delivered at the recent Mathematical Association of America (MAA) conference. The University had the strongest presence with 19 students and three faculty members attending. The eight students are: Chris Sanchez, Rosa Monroy (with Jorge Garcia, CSUCI assistant professor of mathematics), Linda Kreider, Tyler Hart, Mike Misel, Juan Mendoza, Juan Zuniga, and Victor Moreno. According to Ivona Grzegorczyk, CSUCI professor of mathematics and chair of the

program, the quality of the CSUCI students' projects received high praise. In addition, the MAA invited CSUCI to host the next fall meeting of the organization.

► Manijeh Kuchikali, a CSUCI senior psychology major, co-produced a film titled "Most High," which won the best feature film award at the Hamptons International Film Festival recently.

Good Deal. Save 30 Percent at Book Store Sale

To acknowledge the support of the campus community, the University's Student Store, The Cove, in the Bell Tower Building, is offering its "Holiday 2004 Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event" on Wednesday, December 8, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The store will feature a special 30 percent discount on selected regular and sale-priced merchandise. Refreshments will be served. The book store reminds campus community members as they shop for the holidays that faculty and staff **always** receive a twenty percent discount with proper University identification.



Faculty Grants

The Martin V. Smith Faculty Innovation and Excellence Grants for 2004 were awarded at a recent luncheon with the daughters of the late Martin V. Smith present to recognize and meet the recipients. From left, Stuart Daley; Cindi Daley; Richard R. Rush; Nian-Sheng Huang, associate professor of history; Bruno Pozzi; Geoff Dougherty, professor of physics; Jill Leafstedt, assistant professor of special education; Marjorie Tegland; William Wolfe, professor of computer science; Toni Gardiner; Paul Rivera, assistant professor of economics; Mary Adler, assistant professor of English; Vickie Pozzi; Irina Costache, associate professor of art history; Maria Denney, assistant professor of special education; Joan Peters, assistant professor of English; Ashish Vaidya, professor of economics; Simone Aloisio, assistant professor of chemistry; and Matthew Furmanski, assistant professor of art.

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Volleyball, Anyone?

Members of the faculty volleyball team pose with student team Bow Down for a group photo after being defeated in the recent second annual students vs. faculty challenge volleyball game. In spirited matches the students



managed to win the first two games and the title for the second straight year. In the Thursday night 6-on-6 student volleyball league championship, Team Sweet defeated Team Dude in two straight games. Next Tuesday, Bow Down and Team C vie for the championship of the Tuesday night 3-on-3 title.

Foundation Scholarships

Many of the 2004-05 CSUCI Foundation scholarships winners were present at a recent reception on campus. Mark Lisagor, chair of the foundation, and President Richard R. Rush made introductory remarks, acknowledging the importance of the scholarships as well as the hard work of students. All



scholarships, except for one from Studio Channel Islands Art Center, were funded by the foundation. The thirtyone scholarships winners are: Thomas Barker, Jessica Bennett, Scott Boczek, Cristina Brooks, Kristen Calvin, Kelly Castillo, Dev Chahil, Jennifer Christman, Kelly Cross, Suzanne Diaz, Caitlin Elmquist, Kristen Farnham, Richelle Fullilove, Arrate Garcia, Kelsey Griese, Sam Hunter (Studio Channel Islands Art Center), Rachael Jordan, Maya Karta, Emily Mazzucchi, Robin Perry, Hiram Reyes, Carly Rosso, Debra-Lee Sawyer, Hannah Silverman, Amy Spandrio, Alvessa Sullivan, Adriana Szetela, Megan Tigert, Cassandra Weir, Angela Wirsching, and Anelieze Zurcher.

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