

CoAS News & Tidbits



September 2008

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CoAS First Tuesday Gig — September 2 — TODAY!

Join us TODAY for the first 1st Tuesday Gig of the 2008-2009 Academic Year. Take this opportunity to touch bases with colleagues you have not seen for awhile, to meet and greet our fabulous new faculty, and to share your ideas or frustrations with the Dean's Office.

Wine and refreshments provided by Café Catering. We look forward to seeing you there! **1st Tuesday Gig**—TODAY!, September 2, 2008, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Kellogg Library 2413.



Alumni Month — October 2008

This October, University Advancement will host its 2nd Annual "Alumni Month." The College will host all Alumni at a **Special 1st Tuesday Reception** — *Tuesday, October 7, 2008* from 4:00—6:00 p.m., Clarke Field House, Grand Salon. Several Departments and Programs will host their own Alumni Receptions immediately thereafter. You can learn more at – <http://www.csusmalumni.org/htmlincludes/CoAS.Event.08.html> or at <http://www.csusmalumni.org/htmlincludes/08AlumniMonth.php>.

Other October Alumni Events include the following

- 10/11 – 2nd Annual Crush Party (more info coming soon)
- 10/13 – Graduate & Professional Studies Job Expo
- 10/25 – 2nd Annual Alumni Affair
- 10/31 – Alumni Faculty/Staff Lunch

Please RSVP for the College event so we can be sure to have plenty of our traditional light refreshments, provided by Café Caterers. Look for an invitation soon! RSVPs will be collected by Leo Melena, lmelena@csusm.edu in the Dean's Office.

Did you know...

...the College has a college-wide calendar on its home-page to keep you informed of upcoming events, workshops and deadlines. To get your Department announcements listed, email orami-rez@csusm.edu

Calendar Available:

<http://www.csusm.edu/coas/>

CONGRATULATIONS Chad Huggins! September's Employee of the Month

Our heartiest congratulations to Chad Huggins for earning honors as CSUSM's September Employee of the Month! Chad has supported the Visual & Performing Arts Department since 1999 as an Instructional Support Technician. He was recently promoted to Information Technology Consultant. In this role, he works effectively and efficiently to ensure that classrooms, computer labs, and performance areas are ready for use when needed by faculty, staff, students, and community members. He also makes sure equipment is always in tip-top shape, ready for check-out, and accounted for.

Chad is a graduate of CSUSM and son to ASC Catalina Huggins, who supports Biological Sciences, Biotechnology, and Economics. We thank him for his extraordinary service to CSUSM, the College, and the Community!

To nominate your favorite Employee of the Month, go to <http://www.csusm.edu/communications/articles/EOM.html>.



Congratulations to Melinda Newsome!

Ms. Melinda Newsome, whom the College hired in December 2006 to be our very own Director of Outreach and Development, was promoted this summer to be the Associate Vice President for Advancement. Although we will miss her presence on the 6th floor of Craven Hall, she is still available to all College faculty for support in finding sources of funding and in crafting successful proposals.

Congratulations to CoAS's Newly Tenured & Promoted Faculty!

Be sure to come join in the campus-wide celebration of faculty, who earned tenure and promotion to Associate Professor and who earned promotion to Full Professor starting this fall 2008.

Wednesday afternoon, **September 10**, we will gather together in the **Clarke Field House at 3:30** to honor the hard work and stellar accomplishments of our colleagues.

Our enthusiastic congratulations to our College of Arts & Sciences faculty, who were so honored this last year:

Tenured & Promoted to Associate Professor

- Todd Astorino, Kinesiology
- Scott Greenwood, Political Science
- Judit Hersko, Visual & Performing Arts
- Deborah Kristan, Biological Sciences
- Anne Lombard, History
- Cyrus Masroori, Political Science
- Radhika Ramamurthi, Mathematics
- Pamela Stricker, Political Science
- Jill Weigt, Sociology
- Xiaoyu Zhang, Computer Science & Information Systems

Promoted to Full Professor

- Dreama Moon, Communication
- Fernando Soriano, Human Development



College-Level Strategic Planning

AY 2008-09 will be a big year for the College of Arts & Sciences as we enter our own strategic planning efforts. The Faculty Governance Leadership team has agreed to serve as an *Ad Hoc* Strategic Planning Steering Committee for this purpose this year, with HAPC serving as the key planning group.

As you know, HAPC has served for several years now as the group charged with long-term planning responsibilities: Surveying departments and programs about their resource needs, evaluating degree and minor program ideas, and recommending action to the Dean's Office and beyond. This responsibility remains with them. To enhance their work as *strategic* planners, the Committee plans to elect a staff member from the College to serve in an *ex officio* status.

The Ad Hoc Steering Committee will help us stay in touch with the entire College community and to think about overall guiding themes, as well as visionary projects and programs we want to host. Some ideas that have been floated so far include the following:

- Hosting the CSU Summer Arts program as a means to enhance CSUSM participation in this fabulous program and its visibility in the community;
- Hosting AAUW's Tech Trek – a summer science camp for middle school girls.

So, dream big, and send your ideas to the Dean's Office, or any of the following folks:

- Kristin Bates, Chair of the Faculty, @ x , or kbates@csusm.edu;
- Marisol Clark-Ibáñez, Secretary of the Faculty, @ x, or @csusm.edu;
- Steve Welch, Chair, Budget Committee, @ x, or swelch@csusm.edu;
- Darlene Piña, Chair, Curriculum & Academic Policy Committee, @ x, or @csusm.edu;
- Ann Lombard, Chair, Faculty Development Committee, @ x, or @csusm.edu; or
- Kara Witzke, Chair, Hiring & Academic Priorities Committee, @ x, or kwitzke@csusm.edu.



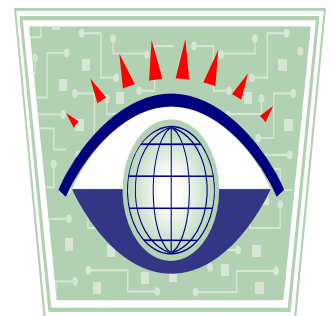
Dream BIG!
And remember...
"Whatever you can do,
or dream you can, begin
it. Boldness has genius,
power, and magic in it."

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College Advisory Council

An Advisory Council for the College of Arts and Sciences is here. The Advisory Council is a group of community leaders, knowledgeable in their respective areas of arts and sciences. Both individually and collectively, council members help us strengthen our connections in our regional communities, provide feedback about how well we prepare our graduates for the world of work that awaits them, and assist us in our efforts to supplement State funding so that we can continue to deliver the high quality education for which we are well known.

You can learn more about the members of this group by going to [WEB PAGE](#). Also, should you know anyone in the community, who might be interested in joining our efforts, please let us know!



Academic Affairs Town Hall Schedule for Fall 2008

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Facilitator
Thurs., 9/11	12 noon – 12:50 p.m.	MARK 125	08/09 Goals for Academic Affairs	Provost Emily Cutrer
Thurs., 9/18	12 noon – 12:50 p.m.	MARK 125	Undergraduate Research Initiative	Dean Gerardo González
Tues., 9/30	12 noon – 12:50 p.m.	MARK 125	WASC	AVP Jennifer Jeffries
Tues., 10/21	12 noon – 12:50 p.m.	MARK 125	WASC	AVP Jennifer Jeffries
Thurs, 10/30	12 noon – 12:50 p.m.	MARK 125	WASC	AVP Jennifer Jeffries
Thurs., 11/6	12 noon – 12:50 p.m.	MARK 125	Globalizing Our Academic Programs	Dr. Peter Zwick
Wed., 11/12	2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	COM 206	Foundations of Excellence	AVP David Barsky
Tues., 11/18	12noon – 12:50 p.m.	MARK 125	Scholarly Communication	Dean Marion Reid

College of Arts & Sciences Convocation — Fall 2008



*Theater Professor, Judy Bauerlein talks with
CoAS Dean, Vicki Golich, at fall '08 Convocation*

The College hosted its annual Convocation on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to noon in ARTS 240. With well over 100 in attendance, it was a great success! It is no surprise to learn that the “State of the College” is stressed with the current budget situation. Nevertheless, once again, CoAS faculty and staff demonstrated their commitment to academic excellence in a variety of ways. If you were unable to attend, and want to learn more — or if you just want to be reminded of our many successes — visit the CoAS website at www.csusm.edu/coas to see the PowerPoint presentation and the Dean’s speech .



To Dr. Dawn Formo — Our New Associate Dean

We welcome Dr. Dawn Formo to her new position as Associate Dean of Instruction and Academic Planning! Dawn joined CSUSM and the College in 1995 as a member of the Literature & Writing Studies faculty. With research interests in Feminist Rhetoric, Rhetoric and Composition – Theory and Practice, she has published a variety of works, including a very popular text offering advice for academic job searches.

Dawn’s excellence as a teacher has been evident since her arrival on campus, and was acknowledged with the honor of earning the Harry Brakebill Distinguished Professor Award.

The list of Dawn’s service contributions is extraordinary and encompasses every CoAS Governance Committee, several Academic Senate Committees, both the Peer Coaching and the Faculty Mentoring Programs, and a number of regional contributions as well.

Dawn has huge shoes to fill, as we will miss Dr. Michael McDuffie’s institutional memory and commitment to excellence in all aspects of his work. He continues to serve the College as he mentors Dawn through the work involved in the deep and broad portfolio that accompanies this position. We thank Michael for his many contributions and welcome Dawn to the Dean’s Office!

College of Arts & Sciences Mission Statement

The College of Arts & Sciences is a scholarly community committed to providing comprehensive, high quality education for students in a rapidly changing world. We provide a supportive teaching and learning environment where diversity is fundamental to the achievement of excellence. Integral to the college instructional mission is the generation of new knowledge through research and creative activity. We value disciplinary and interdisciplinary instruction that employs new technologies and integrates ideas across intellectual boundaries. The college is committed to mutually beneficial partnerships with local and global communities.

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CoAS Important Dates & Events

SEPTEMBER 2008

Tuesday, September 2

1st Tuesday Gig — 4:00 -6:00 p.m. — KELL 2413

Wednesday, September 3

2nd Year Performance
WPAFs Due to Provost's Office! — CRA 5210

Wednesday, September 10

Tenure & Promotion
Celebration — 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Clarke Field House

Thursday, September 11

Academic Affairs Town
Hall → 08-09 Goals for Academic Affairs, by Provost E. Cutrer — 12 noon – 12:50 p.m. — MARK 125

Thursday, September 18

Academic Affairs Town
Hall → Undergraduate Research Initiative: CUGR, by Dean G. González — 12 noon – 12:50 p.m. — MARK 125

Friday, September 19

Dean/DC Meeting — 12:00 - 2:30 pm. — KELL 3010

Thursday, September 25

RTP Workshop — 11:30 -1:30 p.m. — KELL 2413

Tuesday, September 30

Academic Affairs Town
Hall → WASC, by AVP J. Jeffries — 12 noon – 12:50 p.m. — MARK 125

OCTOBER 2008

Tuesday, October 7

Special 1st Tuesday Alumni Reception — 4:00 -6:00 p.m. — Field House, Grand Salon — RSVP— lmelena@csusm.edu

Thursday, October 20

RTP Workshop — 11:30 -1:30 p.m. — KELL 2413

Thursday, October 30

Academic Affairs Town Hall
→ WASC, by AVP J. Jeffries — 12 noon – 12:50 p.m. — MARK 125



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and home to a wide variety of
core disciplines.