



# Faculty Center Newsletter

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## Faculty Center Director Announced

Dr. **Radhika Ramamurthi** (Mathematics) has been selected as the in-coming Director of the Faculty Center. The Faculty Center Advisory Council advised AVP Jennifer Jeffries in the selection process. In her recent announcement to the Academic Senate, Jeffries noted that Ramamurthi demonstrated high regard for the work to date in the Faculty Center and that she is dedicated to meeting the professional development needs for all faculty, including all stages of a faculty member's career. Jeffries also praised Ramamurthi's plans to expand outreach to CSUSM faculty, encourage interdisciplinary faculty development approaches to maximize resources, and cultivate faculty confidence and skills in the use of instructional technology and assessment. Radhika was congratulated in person by the Faculty Center Advisory Council at their meeting last week, and said that she is looking forward collaborating with the council and the Academic Senate.



Since its founding in 1995, the Faculty Center has been directed by a tenured faculty member who has retained their faculty affiliation. The founding director, Vicki Golich (Dean, CoAS), served for seven years. Radhika will succeed **Carmen Nava** (History), who will complete five years of service as the Faculty Center Director in May 2009.

## 12<sup>th</sup> CSU Regional Symposium on University Teaching

### Proposals are due February 1, 2009

In May 2009, the Center for Teaching and Learning at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo will host the 12<sup>th</sup> CSU Regional Symposium on University Teaching. This is an outstanding opportunity for CSUSM faculty to interact with colleagues who are also committed to excellence in teaching in the CSU. Faculty who attend will find that the presenters "speak the same language" because we are all dealing with the same student population. CSUSM faculty should actively consider proposing a paper or poster on teaching and learning at this peer-reviewed conference.

Be sure to inform yourself about the call for proposals for the Faculty Center Professional Development Grant, which is described elsewhere in this newsletter. A proposal to travel to the symposium to present a paper or poster would certainly meet the grant's eligibility standards. And consider collaborating with a disciplinary or interdisciplinary colleague to organize a

## Fall 2008 Hours Faculty Center

Monday – Friday  
9:00-4:30

## Library

Monday – Thursday  
7:00 AM -9:00 PM

Friday  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday – Sunday  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

complete panel. Further information available at  
<http://ctl.calpoly.edu/symposium/index.html>.

# Calendar

A complete calendar listing is available on our website: <http://www.csusm.edu/fc/calendar.htm>

## Finals

Monday-Saturday, December 8-13, 2008

## Fall 2008 Grades Due

Thursday, December 18, 2008

## CAMPUS CLOSED: Winter Break

December 25, 2008 through January 2, 2009

## Faculty Report for Spring 2009

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

## CAMPUS CLOSED: Martin Luther King

Monday, January 19, 2009

## First Day of Classes

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

## Save the Date: Faculty Research Colloquium

### Wednesday, April 15, 2009

The Faculty Center Research Colloquium for Spring 2009 will feature **Dr. Ranjeeta Basu** (Economics) presentation tentatively entitled “Exploration of Women’s Daily Lives in the Informal Labor Market in Mumbai.” The Faculty Center Research Colloquium continues to serve a valuable role in building a culture of intellectual interchange and supporting faculty professional development. Please plan to attend. Invitations will be sent out at the beginning of the spring semester.



## Technology Brown Bag: 5 Steps to Creating an Accessible Syllabus

Academic Technology Services has posted useful resources on the campus Accessibility Website (link to <http://www.csusm.edu/accessibility>) where you will find an accessible syllabus template based on the syllabus guideline approved by the Academic Senate. There are step sheets that show you exactly how to add styles, label your images and create accessible tables and lists. For personal assistance attend one of the December Open Labs visit the following website (<https://lynx.csusm.edu/courses/workshops/index.asp>) or email [ids@csusm.edu](mailto:ids@csusm.edu) to request a consultation with an instructional developer.



# Academic Technology

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# Grant Information, Opportunities & Successes

<http://www.csusm.edu/fc/FacultyGrantPage.htm>

## Humanities Grants Workshop

**Friday, January 16, 2009 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM in Kellogg 2413**

**Peter Arnade** (History) will be hosting a workshop for faculty interested in submitting grants in the Humanities area. The Provost, Office of Graduate Studies and Foundation will also participate. RSVP by Wednesday, December 17, 2008. Please contact Peter Arnade for more information ([parnade@csusm.edu](mailto:parnade@csusm.edu)).

## 2009 MERLOT International Conference

**August 13-17, 2009 in San Jose, California 2009**

The MERLOT International Conference seeks proposal submission for the ninth MERLOT International Conference (MIC09). Devoted to faculty development in the design, creation, utilization and evaluation of online teaching and learning materials this conference provides numerous opportunities to share, learn, and participate in conversations about teaching and learning with technology. The call for **proposals deadline is Monday, February 16, 2009**. For additional information: <http://confence.merlot.org/2009/>

## External Funding Resources for Research or Special Projects

The University Auxiliary and Research Services Corporation (UARSC) Office of Grants and Contracts staff (OGC) provide support to faculty seeking external funding sources for research and special projects. The Grants Resource Center database which contains over a 1,000 funders including state and federal agencies as well as private and corporate foundations is available through a link at the UARSC website: <http://www2.csusm.edu/foundation/>. Please direct questions to Jan Cushman at 750.4722 or [jcushman@csusm.edu](mailto:jcushman@csusm.edu).

## Campus Grant Proposal Seed Money Available

The Office of Graduate Studies & Research sponsors the Grant Proposal Seed Money (GPSM) program. GPSM funds are available to assist you in making you more competitive for external grants. If you are contemplating an external grant proposal, this is an excellent opportunity to request funds. The typical range for funding is \$1,000-\$3,000 based on merit and justification. Requests for funds may include supplies, equipment, travel, student assistants, grant writing assistance, stipends (to hire assistance), or other needs **associated with external grant and fellowship proposal development**. There is no hard deadline but apply as soon as you are certain that you will pursue an extramural proposal. You can find the GPSM policy at: [http://lynx.csusm.edu/policies/procedure\\_online.asp?ID=128](http://lynx.csusm.edu/policies/procedure_online.asp?ID=128)

## Grant Writing Seed Money from the CSU!

This is an exciting new research support opportunity recently announced by the Chancellor's Office: COAST – which stands for “Council on Ocean Affairs, Science and Technology.” COAST hopes to focus system-wide resources to

### Faculty Center Advisory Council

08-09 elected  
members

Melanie Chu,  
Library 08-10

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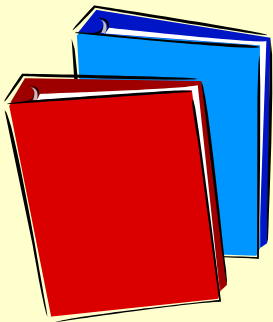
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Wayne Neu,  
CoBA 08-10

Amber Puha,  
CoAS M&S 08-10

Silvia Rolle-Rissetto,  
CoAS - Hum/FA 08-10

**New Edition!  
RTP Handbook**



<http://www.csusm.edu/fc/facultyhandbook.htm>

provide vision, leadership and support throughout the CSU for education, research and policy related to California's marine, estuarine and coastal regions. COAST seeks to promote the dissemination of knowledge gained to the greater public, thereby promoting stewardship and ensuring future sustainable use of California's coast. <http://www.calstate.edu/coast/>

Anyone with interest in environmental concerns should consider this opportunity. The funding is \*seed\* funding to prepare external grant proposals and are quite generous! The key requirement is to collaborate with at least one other faculty member from another CSU campus.

### **National Science Foundation Funding Opportunity**

**January 22, 2009 Proposal submission deadline**

The Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) serves to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training in our Nation's institutions of higher education, museums and science centers, and non-profit organizations. This program especially seeks to improve the quality and expand the scope of research and research training in science and engineering, by providing shared instrumentation that fosters the integration of research and education in research-intensive learning environments. Further information is available by calling Jan Cushman Office of Grants & Contracts, UARSC at x4722.

### **Global Health & Development Conference**

**April 18-19, 2009 at Yale University**

Unite For Sight 6th Annual Global Health & Development Conference: "Achieving Global Goals Through Innovation" Who should attend? Anyone interested in international health, public health, international development, medicine, nonprofits, eye care, philanthropy, microfinance, social entrepreneurship, bioethics, economics, anthropology, health policy, advocacy, environmental health, service-learning, medical education, and public service. Register and/or submit an abstract. Registration rate increases monthly. Please see website for complete list of featured speakers and topics. <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>

### **AAUP International Conference: *Globalization, Shared Governance, and Academic Freedom***

**June 12-13, 2009 in Washington, D.C.**

Conference topics include a wide range of issues related to globalization, academic freedom, governance, faculty work life, public policy, contingent faculty, and faculty rights and responsibilities. The goal of the conference is to provide a faculty perspective on critical issues in higher education presented in a format accessible to the general public. <http://www.aup.org/AAUP/about/events/conf/>

### ***The Teaching Professor Conference***

**June 5-7, 2009 in Washington D.C.**

*The Teaching Professor* Conference joins the best minds from the best schools. Attend sessions on a wide range of topics offered by an impressive array of presenters. Learn about aspects of instruction that are important to your success in the classroom. Discover new instructional resources offered by vendors

### *Chronicle of Higher Education*

The Faculty Center's copy is available to all faculty in the Faculty Center Library. Additionally, the Faculty Center has online access to articles including archives. Contact Lisa Bandong for more information, x4019 or [lbandong@csusm.edu](mailto:lbandong@csusm.edu).

attending the conference. This is an opportunity to interact with teaching and learning experts with national reputations. Visit [www.teachingprofessor.com](http://www.teachingprofessor.com) for a full list of presenters and topics.

## **NCHEA Seeks Student Board Member**

Faculty, NCHEA needs your help and expertise. The North County Higher Education Alliance (NCHEA) is seeking a transfer student serve as a NCHEA Board Member. Do you know of any students who might be interested? This would be an opportunity to work with faculty and administrators from Cal State San Marcos, MiraCosta and Palomar (a great addition to the résumé). Responsibilities include monthly NCHEA meetings (the third Thursday of each month, 4:30 - 6:00 pm at MiraCosta College Student Center). Compensation: Student Board Member will receive \$250.00 per semester. Send resume and a letter of interest to Sue Simpson at [ssimpson@miracosta.edu](mailto:ssimpson@miracosta.edu). For more information about NCHEA go to [www.csusm.edu/nchea](http://www.csusm.edu/nchea).

## **Faculty Supporting Student Success**

### **Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Success**



The 2008-2009 Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive was awarded to **Ana Hernandez** (pictured in blue at left). After thoroughly enjoying her teaching appointment as a Distinguished Teacher in Residence from 2006-2008, Ana decided to pursue her doctorate in Education and was accepted in the joint EdD program here at CSUSM.

Ana was introduced to the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program through her participation in the Faculty Center's New Faculty Institute and Faculty Mentoring Program. According to the CDIP campus coordinator Lisa Bandong, "Her application was the best I had ever come across and I use her format to aid future applicants."

Ana obtained two faculty advisors for her application, a practice not unheard of but rarely used. **Annette Doaud** (CoE) and **Janet McDaniel** (CoE) were a "natural fit" to be her advisors, according to Ana, and her advisors were as eager to aid in her success.

"It is a joy to aid the next line of permanent faculty," states McDaniel. "This mentoring opportunity gives positive action to assure quality folks will enter the professorate." Doaud wholeheartedly agreed, "It is an investment of time that pays off. The CSU is a teaching institution that needs quality faculty."

After Ana finishes her doctorate, she looks forward to working at the CSU to have a "broader impact on students who will be the next generation of educators."

The Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program is a competitive award geared to provide financial assistance to doctoral students who are interested in applying and competing for CSU instructional faculty positions after completion of the doctoral degree. Contact the campus coordinator for more information at <http://www2.csusm.edu/fc/loans.htm>.

# Breaking News

## **University Professional Development (UPD) Grants and Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSC) Grants**

**Deadline: Friday, January 30, 2009, 4:00 P. M.**

For more information, please visit the website

([http://www2.csusm.edu/academic\\_senate/Grants/grants\\_lottery\\_proposals.htm](http://www2.csusm.edu/academic_senate/Grants/grants_lottery_proposals.htm)) or contact

Linda Collins at [lcollins@csusm.edu](mailto:lcollins@csusm.edu).

## **Faculty Center Professional Development Grants**

**Applications due Monday, February 9, 2009 by 4PM in KEL 2400**

The Faculty Center is hosting its annual call for Faculty Center Professional Development Grants. The Faculty Center Professional Development Grant Program is designed to help CSUSM faculty achieve their professional goals. Grants of up to **\$750.00** will be awarded for activities during the fiscal year (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009) to support professional activities related to teaching and learning, research/ creative activities, and/or community or disciplinary service. All awards may be used as a sole source of funding or to supplement other resources (e.g., regular travel or research allowances or other funding). All CSUSM faculty are encouraged to apply. <http://www2.csusm.edu/fc/PDGMMainPage.htm>