



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS

### DIGEST - JUNE 2009

#### **Staff members recognized with first STAR Awards**

Staff members Wanda Bonnell and Kellie Marshall shared Employee of the Year awards as Staff Council leaders presented the first STAR Staff Recognition Awards on May 5 in the Event Center. The cash awards ranged from \$500 to \$1,000.

Bonnell, a Student Services Professional in the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) and coordinator of the Promise Scholars Program for students who come from foster family backgrounds, has been at CSU Stanislaus for 17 years. Bonnell is credited with doing all she can to see that the students in her programs succeed.

Marshall, Health and Safety Specialist in the Department of Public Safety and a member of the University staff for nine years, was cited for her efforts to improve employee and student safety. She draws praise for going above and beyond the expectations of her job by searching out opportunities to offer valuable training and service to the campus community on safety topics.

Other STAR Award recipients included:

Alissa Aragon (Student Leadership and Development), Rookie of the Year – Aragon's contributions in her first year-and-a-half included co-creating the "Warriors Up All Night" alcohol free event for students, obtaining Stanislaus County funding for a number of campus projects, serving on the CHOICES grant committee, partnering with University Police and the Student Health Center to educate students and promote a safe and healthy environment through a number of activities and programs, and determined work performance during a staff reorganization in the past year.

Trish Hendrix (Office of Research and Sponsored Programs), Behind the Scenes – A CSU Stanislaus employee for 17 years as a staff accountant, Hendrix has used her expertise, analytical skills, patience, professionalism, and work ethic to help make grant programs flourish. Praised as a team player who is strongly supportive of her co-workers, Hendrix has served as a union steward and a staff representative on the University's Budget Advisory Committee.

Dwayne Machado (Library), Outstanding Contribution – The Library Circulation Coordinator, Machado took home his \$750 check for his "Food for Fines" program. Students are allowed to pay overdue library fines with cans of food in lieu of cash. The canned food is picked up by the Hunger Network each December and donated to the United Samaritans Foundation which feeds the homeless and poor. More than 7,000 cans of food have been collected since the start of the program.

Frank Borrelli (Facilities – Property Control and Mail Room), Lifetime Achievement Award – A 20-year employee at CSU Stanislaus, Borrelli is President of the CSU Employees Union, an active member of the University Budget Advisory Committee, and a number of other University committees. Borrelli was cited as an individual who has gone over and above to make a positive impact across the University and the community.

CMS Student Administration Module Implementation Team, Exceptional Team – The cross-campus group took on endless challenges, meetings, workshops, weekend hours, and travel over a two-year period to assure that the Student Administration Module in the University’s computer data system was successfully implemented. Team members sharing the \$1,000 award included Angelina Flores, April Dunham-Filson, Becky Atkins, Belinda Garcia, Bernadette Sather, Bobbie Thomas, Brian Stubblefield, Corey Cardoza, Craig Boucher, Delfin Guillory, Erly Tay, Guy Marlow, Jeannine Lucas, Julie Gerardin, Luz Olivia-Cutler, Marie Hirschhorn, Noah Dunavan, Penny Rutishauser, Randi Esau, and Rose Feldman.

Four professors named Outstanding Faculty Awards recipients

Theatre Professor Jerome (Jere) O’Donnell, who has directed and acted in many stage productions during his 23 years with the faculty, was named recipient of the CSU Stanislaus Outstanding Professor Award in late April. Joining him in the annual awards spotlight are Harold Stanislaw of Psychology/Child Development, Outstanding Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Professor; and Steven Filling of Accounting & Finance, Outstanding Community Service Professor.

Two other faculty award recipients were also announced. Professor Mark Thompson, Chair of the English Department, is the winner of the first Outstanding Service in Faculty Governance Award, and Anthropology/Geography Professor Ellen Bell is the Elizabeth Anne B. Papageorge Faculty Development Award recipient. All were recognized along with retiring faculty and service awards recipients at the May 6 Faculty Reception

O’Donnell, who joined the faculty in 1986 after starting off his career as a professional actor, vocal coach, and director, said he is honored at being one of the first faculty members from the performing and fine arts to receive the award. O’Donnell and his wife, Patricia, who is also a member of the University’s Theatre faculty, are active members of the regional performing arts scene.

Jere O’Donnell has directed more than 60 productions and performed in 10. Five of them have been selected as Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region Eight finalist productions. O’Donnell has twice received the Region Eight “Excellence in Theatre Education Award” and has also been a recipient of a Certificate of Honor for “Excellence in Performing Arts” from the Stanislaus County Arts Council.

More than 2,500 students have passed through O’Donnell’s classes and productions at CSU Stanislaus, motivated by his passion for theatre and ability to bring out their best performances. A number of his students have gone on to success in professional theatre careers all over the country while many others have become high school and community college teachers. Gifted with a rich baritone voice, O’Donnell has served as emcee at the University’s annual Fantastic

Fourth celebration and has announced student names at commencement programs for many years.

A former aerospace engineer and consultant to various government agencies and utility companies, Stanislaw has a self-admitted love for research on a variety of topics. His research projects have attracted more than \$700,000 in grant funding for CSU Stanislaus. That work has included co-authored nationally-acclaimed studies on medical research regarding diabetes detection in pregnant mothers and birth weight processes and a team study on autism treatment methods. Stanislaw's other research has covered topics such as the skill levels and needs of California's developmentally disabled population, preparing children for school, factors affecting traffic safety, mathematical issues underlying signal detection theory, and the effects of dividing attention between vision and hearing.

Stanislaw, who joined the University faculty in 1996, was one of three CSU Stanislaus faculty who conducted a three-day workshop in January 2009 at Phranakhon Rajabhat University in Bangkok, Thailand, on how to publish research. CSU Stanislaus has a professional development partnership relationship with the Thai university that allows for faculty exchange visits between the two campuses.

Filling, a member of the CSU Stanislaus faculty since 1994 and a former Speaker of the University's Academic Senate, has been recognized for his commitment to developing students as engaged and compassionate citizens. By including community service in his class coursework, Filling gets them involved in projects and initiatives that address the plight of the homeless, income tax assistance for low-income individuals and families, and the United Samaritans' efforts to feed the hungry.

Thompson, who came to CSU Stanislaus from the University of Oklahoma in 1986 and has served as Speaker of the Academic Senate twice, has been cited for his devotion to faculty involvement in the management of the University and the support of his faculty colleagues. Having served in a number of leadership positions at both the state and campus level, Thompson has spearheaded a number of key projects and initiatives. They include his work on academic standards, facilitating graduation, intellectual property rights, the lower division transfer program, and the role of remediation in the CSU system. Thompson has also demonstrated strong commitment to faculty topics such as retention, promotion, tenure, and the assessment of student learning.

Bell, in her second year at CSU Stanislaus, has been recognized for her outstanding achievement as a new faculty member. Having actively researched archeological Mayan sites in Honduras for nearly 20 years, Bell has brought an enthusiasm to the classroom and to her student club advisor role that has stirred interest in students. Her "On the Edge of the Maya World" project has involved CSU Stanislaus students, and she has pioneered a program involving local residents in archeological research.

Also recognized at the Faculty Recognition Reception were:  
Retiring faculty Mary Brace (Liberal Studies), Don Lawson (Psychological Counseling Services), and Armin Schulz (Teacher Education);

Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) newcomers Mark Bender (Agricultural Studies), Walter Doraz (Sociology), Enrique Lopez Contreras (Philosophy & Modern Languages), Pamela Marques (Social Work), and Karen Sniezek (Advanced Studies in Education);  
35 Years – James Wakefield (Psychology);  
30 Years – Deborah Kavasch (Music);  
25 Years – Bruce Hesse (Psychology), Nael Aly (College of Business Administration), Zbigniew Gackowski (Computer Information Systems).

### **Ida Bowers gets big sendoff**

Retiring Anthropology and Geography Professor Ida Bowers (second from left, above) gets a laugh during the April 23 “Ida Fest” program held in her honor at the University’s Bio-Agricultural Center. A large number of friends, colleagues, students, and former students turned out to honor Bowers at the site she helped establish and nurture over the years. The longtime professor concluded a career that brought her to CSU Stanislaus in 1972. A Peace, Sustainability and Social Justice Scholarship Fund has been established in honor of Bowers. Contributions can be sent to University Advancement, CSU Stanislaus, Turlock, CA 95382.

### **Students, faculty inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society**

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 282 at CSU Stanislaus welcomed new student and faculty members to its ranks during a May 1 ceremony.

Students who are achieving high marks academically qualify for scholarly distinction and membership in Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society.

The CSU Stanislaus Phi Kappa Phi Chapter has been active during the current academic year. Members handed out more than 200 books collected from their ranks and University supporters during a “Spooktacular Book Drive” to children who attended the Halloween Gala at The Village housing complex.

Phi Kappa Phi Awareness week activities prior to the annual member induction ceremony included sponsorship of the University Library’s Warrior Book Collection Contest, a staged reading of Bertolt Brecht’s “Galileo” by the Theatre Department, and an Anarchist Workshop organized by the History Department featuring speakers and literature on anarchist theories of a just society.

The CSU Stanislaus Chapter welcomed faculty members Dr. Kim Tan, Dr. Katherine Royer, Dr. Shawna Young, Dr. Dawn Strongin, and Provost Dr. William Covino to membership.

New student members include Scott Kaiser, Rebecca Koehn, Kristen Fortin, Nickolas Weder, Grant Langlois, Araceli Garcia, Yolanda Reynoso Jiminez, Claudia Aceves, Danielle Dabney, Laralyn Murphy, Heather Stewart, Charlene Emerson, Claudia Torres, Gurvinder Kaur, Alyssa Toone, Teena Starchman, Margaret Salas, Brenda Reyes, Ryan Ballinger, Christina Robles, Brian Swain, Lauren Balos, Joni Busby, Yvonne De La Cruz, Faye Snowden, Christopher Johns, Marissa Puthuff, Mark Rosa, Melonie Saleh, Li Wen, Amy Schloss, Eric Rodriguez, Mark Scholl, Raquel Ruelas, Emilia Louis, Kimberly Morris, Katie Knell, David Pritchard, C. Anne Engert, Elizabeth Slatton, Tarah McComak, Brittany Cano, and Heather Souza.

### **Math Chapter's club president receives international certificate**

Desiree Davidson, President of the CSU Stanislaus chapter of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), has been awarded a recognition certificate for 2008-09 from the international organization.

Math Department faculty member Dr. Thomas Abram reported that Davidson and fellow math students Kate Ellis and Melissa Moebius will represent CSU Stanislaus at the July 6-10 2009 SIAM Annual Meeting in Colorado.

### **Many colleges, universities on display at CSU Stanislaus**

Vadon McIlwain (above), Associate Director of Admissions, greets students at the CSU Stanislaus table during the April 27 Central Valley Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC) fair in Warrior Arena. More than 3,000 students and their parents visited the CSU Stanislaus campus for the program that featured morning and evening sessions. More than 100 colleges and universities from all over the country were represented at the event hosted by CSU Stanislaus that included information tables as well as workshops and tours of the campus.

### **Practice patient on display at Tech Fair**

Students and staff from the Nursing Department conduct a demonstration (above) with a simulated patient mannequin connected to computer equipment during the Fourth Annual CSU Stanislaus Technology Fair held April 29 in the Mary Stuart Rogers Building lobby area. Hosted by the Office of Information Technology and the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, the program featured a variety of innovative technologies that support academic instruction. A number of prizes were given away, including a Dell Laptop won by Barbara Harcrow of Admissions and Records.

### **Even the dogs had fun at Spring Reunion**

The CSU Stanislaus Office of Alumni Affairs launched what it hopes will become a traditional University event on May 9, hosting the First Annual Spring Reunion.

One of the day's featured attractions were Rockin' Ray Masel and the Amazing Skyy Dogs (above) who put on a Frisbee-catching show and then proved to be a popular post-show petting attraction with admirers of all ages.

The University welcomed back alumni and others from the community to showcase the Turlock campus. It was a day of celebration featuring campus tours, a "College Row" line of booths focusing on each of the University's six colleges, games, food, music carried live on student radio station KCSS 91.9 FM, and a Family Fun Zone that included children's story readings, bounce houses, face painting booths, and other attractions.

### **Family Nurse Practitioner graduates learn life-saving health care techniques**

For some post-graduate students at CSU Stanislaus, the recently-completed Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Master of Science in Nursing Degree program was a life-saving experience.

Eleven students, all of them registered nurses, were awarded their Master of Science in Nursing Degrees and (FNP) certificates on May 23 in Rohnert Park through a distance learning grant program offered in cooperation with Sonoma State University.

Kathy Collins, clinical instructor for the CSU Stanislaus cohort in the program that also includes student sections at Chico State and Humboldt State, said the graduates have spent the last two to three years studying to become family nurse practitioners. In addition to participating in classes via the CSU Stanislaus distance learning television network and online classes on the Internet, the nursing students took part in free clinics in Patterson and Modesto.

While serving clinical time at the Modesto Gospel Mission and at the Del Puerto Health Fair in Patterson, some students in the CSU Stanislaus cohort were able to make life-saving diagnoses and react to emergency situations that were potentially life-threatening. Collins expressed appreciation to the leaders at both sites for helping make arrangements to accommodate the clinical time for the future family nurse practitioners.

“Many of the graduates will work at health care facilities in the CSU Stanislaus region, providing health care to many of the area’s poor and underserved populations who are in need of their services,” said Collins, a practicing FNP in Modesto. “Special thanks go to Margo Arnold and Dr. Eric Ramos at Del Puerto and Barbara and Vern Deatherage at the Modesto Gospel Mission for their efforts.”

Lorraine Romero of Riverbank, a Public Health Nurse in San Joaquin County for nine years who has completed the post-graduate FNP degree program, had one of the most unique student experiences at the Modesto Gospel Mission clinic when she unexpectedly discovered that a female patient was about to have a baby. Earlier in the session that day, two of her patients with serious medical problems were sent by ambulance to Modesto hospitals.

During a clinic session at Del Puerto sponsored by the Soroptimist International Club of Patterson, student Matthew Haskett of Turlock, a registered nurse and director of education at Turlock’s Emanuel Medical Center, detected symptoms and later confirmed uterine cancer in a female patient.

“There is a big shortage of primary health care providers in the area, and the people we saw at the clinics demonstrated that,” Haskett said. “The Family Nurse Practitioner program was a great opportunity for a group of students who are ready to do good things to help people who need these services.”

### **Math Club advisors join student club members in SF**

Math Club advisors and faculty members Dr. John Rock (left) and Dr. Brian Jue enjoy featured attractions at the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco along with their students during a March 28 field trip. Math Club members raised funds for the trip through donations made at their tutoring nights at the University for area junior high and high school students. The tutoring nights covered a wide variety of topics ranging from pre-algebra to calculus.

## DIGEST - ARTS STORIES

### **Art Gallery Current Exhibitions**

<http://www.csustan.edu/ArtGallery/>

### **Music Calendar**

<http://www.csustan.edu/music/Pages/Calendar.html>

### **Theatre Events Calendar**

<http://www.csustan.edu/theatre/Pages/EventsCalendar.html>

## DIGEST - ATHLETICS STORIES

### **Women's soccer team trades in cleats for hammers for a day**

The Cal State Stanislaus women's soccer team joined forces with Habitat for Humanity on April 25 to build homes in Modesto for deserving low-income families.

Players and coaches spent the day working on a number of houses located in Central Modesto. Junior Kim DiNardo coordinated the event for the team.

"This was a great opportunity for our team to help the local community," head coach Gabriel Bolton said. "Kim did a wonderful job organizing everything for our team. We are always trying to give back to the community that gives us so much."

Habitat is a non-profit ecumenical Christian ministry founded on the conviction that every man, woman, and child should have a decent, safe, and affordable place to live.

For more information go to [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

### **Kasey Burlingham wins national pole vault championship**

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/23/MTRACK\\_0523092745.aspx?path=mtrack](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/23/MTRACK_0523092745.aspx?path=mtrack)

SAN ANGELO, Texas — In the final day of competition for Cal State Stanislaus track and field athletes, junior pole vaulter Kasey Burlingham soared to new heights and captured a national championship.

### **Warrior rally on final day pulls golf team to tie for sixth in nation**

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/23/MGOLF\\_0523091439.aspx?path=mgolf](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/23/MGOLF_0523091439.aspx?path=mgolf)

BLAINE, Wash. — The Cal State Stanislaus men's golf team was the best in a field of 19 teams at the NCAA Division II National Championship tournament on Friday (May 22).

The Warriors rallied in round four and tallied the low score of 288 to finish tied for sixth. Cal State Stanislaus entered the day in 10th. Sonoma State won the first playoff hole versus Cal State San Bernardino to win the national championship.

### **Kyle Loretelli named to second team All-Region baseball honors**

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/22/BB\\_0522095019.aspx](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/22/BB_0522095019.aspx)

LA JOLLA — Kyle Loretelli has been named to the ABCA/Rawlings all-region second team for

the second consecutive season, according to the American Baseball Coaches Association.

### **Verena Preikschas named tennis conference MVP and top freshman**

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/19/WTN\\_0519090055.aspx](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/19/WTN_0519090055.aspx)

WALNUT CREEK — Cal State Stanislaus' Verena Preikschas and Katie Eng were named the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Most Valuable Player and Freshman of the Year, respectively, in a vote of conference tennis coaches.

### **Five Warrior softball players make NFCA All-Region teams**

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/14/SBALL\\_0514091938.aspx?path=softball](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/5/14/SBALL_0514091938.aspx?path=softball)

STARKVILLE, Miss. -- Meghan Franksen became the first Warrior to earn three National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region honors as she was named to the West Region first team.

Joining Franksen on the first team were teammates Jennifer Arnold and Ashlee Genseal while Jessica Gaumnitz and Kimiko Wright were both named to the second team.

### **Warrior Athletics Web site**

<http://www.warriorathletics.com/>

## **DIGEST – FACULTY & STAFF NOTES**

### **HR Director Mary Kobayashi Lee to retire at end of year**

Mary Kobayashi Lee, Director of Human Resources, has communicated her decision to retire at the end of the year, after more than 14 years of service at CSU Stanislaus. Her last official day on campus is scheduled to be October 16.

In Mary's retirement letter, President Ham Shirvani said she shared that "working with and serving our campus employees has been truly an honor and a wonderful learning experience. It has been a privilege to have worked in the field of Human Resources for some 30 plus years, and it is now time for me to enjoy an endless summer vacation."

### **University's Matthew Dillon named County Officer of the Year**

Sergeant Matthew Dillon of the CSU Stanislaus Police has received the Outstanding Law Officer of the Year award from the Stanislaus Civitan Club.

The Civitan Club is part of an international service organization of men and women with a mission "to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer association of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities." Sgt. Dillon was recognized by the club for his dedication in providing exceptional police services and was honored along with other law enforcement officers from agencies in Stanislaus County.

### **Patrick Kelly receives national recognition for endangered species recovery efforts**

Dr. Patrick Kelly, Coordinator and Director of the CSU Stanislaus Endangered Species Recovery Program (ESRP), was named one of the country's 18 recipients of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) 2008 Recovery Champion Award.

The award, one of two bestowed in the agency's Pacific Southwest Region, recognizes USFWS employees and the agency's partners for contributions to the recovery of threatened and endangered species in the United States. Kelly was cited for his leadership efforts and hard work on programs aimed at preserving riparian brush rabbits which were at one time on the brink of extinction in the San Joaquin Valley.

"Patrick Kelly and the University's Endangered Species Recovery Program staff are to be congratulated for their dedication and determination to make a difference in the ongoing efforts to preserve rare and endangered animals and plants," CSU Stanislaus President Dr. Hamid Shirvani said. "CSU Stanislaus takes great pride in the accomplishments of this program made possible by a partnership that teams the expertise of its talented staff with local, state, and national agencies to find conservation solutions."

Kelly, who credited his staff for making the award possible, spearheaded the ESRP's riparian rabbit preservation project after the 1997 Central Valley floods raised serious concerns that the species would become extinct. The program entailed capturing animals for a propagation program, releasing them, health-checking the young, radio-collaring and tagging them, releasing them into the wild, and then monitoring them for survival, healthy reproduction, and habitat use. The brush rabbits were introduced on the San Joaquin National Wildlife Refuge and adjacent private land as they were put back on the road to recovery.

Under Kelly's direction, the recovery program was expanded to focus on increasing the numbers of rabbits released into the wild. A variety of other animals and some plants are on the project list for the ESRP which has generated more than \$24 million in grants and contracts from public agencies since its startup 15 years ago. Kelly joined the CSU Stanislaus faculty in 1993 and became ESRP Director in 2002.

"The main reason our program has been so effective as a partner in applied conservation and ecological research with a variety of agencies is the combination of sheer dedication and hard work of a group of great employees," Kelly said. "Both the current staff and past employees, from front office people and tech support to the Riparian Brush Rabbit team slogging it out in the field in all sorts of conditions, and the department, the College of Natural Sciences, and the University administration, have been turning in a tremendous team effort."

Ren Lohofener, Regional Director of the USFWS Pacific Southwest Region, applauded Kelly for his watchful eye, passionate commitment, scrupulous focus, and leadership. "Dr. Kelly has shown a commitment to the recovery of these species that goes well beyond expected actions," Lohofener said.

### **Brenda Betts addresses group on Women's Suffrage Movement**

Dr. Brenda Betts, Professor in the Department of Teacher Education, spoke at the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Modesto Chapter, on May 9 about the Woman's Suffrage Movement in the United States and its importance in the country's history.

Betts asked what the attendees had learned about the Woman's Suffrage Movement in their history classes and how much space had been allocated in their textbooks to this topic. The reply

was unanimous – they didn't learn much about it and only one paragraph had been allocated. When asked why, the response was, "Because men wrote the textbooks!"

Betts said that the 72-year-long Woman's Suffrage Movement is a spell-binding story of determined women with great determination who believed in equality for all people. Learning about the achievements of women in history motivates women to establish goals and achieve their dreams, Betts said. The National Women's History Project ([nwhp.org](http://nwhp.org)) provides resources and information for learning more about women's history. She challenged her audience to consider how their lives would have been different today if the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote had not been ratified in 1920.

### **Alejandro Vallega named publication program's series editor**

Dr. Alejandro A. Vallega of the Department of Philosophy and Modern Languages faculty has been named one of three series editors for Latin America of a new publication program from Indiana University Press on World Philosophies.

The new book series is dedicated to exploring the rich philosophical traditions and inventive spirit of contemporary philosophy in non-Western countries and cultures around the globe. The series aims to publish the most original and distinguished work that will advance plural traditions and promote cosmopolitan interaction between philosophers and their work on a global scale. Types of books published will include biographies, anthologies, original philosophical work, translations, surveys, and histories.

Vallega, also co-director of the Latin American Studies Program at CSU Stanislaus, is a native of Chile who focuses on Latin American thought, and particularly on the articulation of thought and its history in relation to North American and Western European philosophy. His areas of specialization are Latin American philosophy, philosophy of liberation, Ancient Greek philosophy, contemporary European philosophy, and history of post-colonial philosophy. Vallega has authored two books and also is the editor of a collection of essays on the work of Italian philosopher Giorgio Agamben.

### **Fulbright faculty from Italy, Poland will bring expertise in 2009-10**

Two internationally acclaimed faculty from Europe who are known for their clinical behavior analysis expertise will join the CSU Stanislaus faculty as Fulbright Scholars-in-Residence during the 2009-10 academic year.

The University's Department of Psychology in the College of Human and Health Sciences will host the two scholars. Dr. Giovambattista "Nanni" Presti, who teaches at IULM (University of Languages and Communication) in Milan and the European University of Rome, both in Italy, will come to CSU Stanislaus for the Fall 2009 semester. Following in the Spring 2010 term will be Dr. Monika Suchowierska, Director of the Psychology in the English Program at the Warsaw School of Psychology, and Director of the early intervention center Step by Step, also in Warsaw, Poland.

During their semester visits, the scholars will teach a research seminar and a course in their field of expertise, according to Dr. Gary Novak, Dean of the College Human and Health Sciences. They will also participate in the University's programs for students in the residence halls where

they will live during their stay, and will be sharing their views during presentations and sessions with professionals in the field of psychology and education.

“These two Fulbright Scholars-in-Residence will bring great prestige to California State University, Stanislaus as experts in their fields of study,” said Dr. Hamid Shirvani, University President. “Students, faculty, and the community will greatly benefit from their presence. We look forward to welcoming them to campus.”

Presti is an expert on behavioral medicine and known for his international promotion of a program to address child obesity issues. Called “Food Dudes,” the program uses behavioral techniques to increase nutritious food consumption by elementary school children. Faculty in the CSU Stanislaus College of Human & Health Sciences are putting together a similar plan to implement the research program at local schools.

Suchowierska is an acknowledged expert in the field of behavioral treatment of autism, a topic that has been the subject of intensive research and studies by a number of CSU Stanislaus Psychology faculty. She established the first “Center for Early Intervention Step by Step” clinic in Poland to offer intensive behavioral services for children with autism.

Two CSU Stanislaus faculty members are currently teaching abroad on Fulbright Awards. Dr. Agnes Riedmann of Sociology is at a university in Warsaw, Poland, and Dr. Molly Crumpton Winter of English is lecturing at a university in Okinawa, Japan.

### **University Union, Associated Students receive annual Safety Award**

For making changes that improved evacuation procedures and taking the lead in creating a functional exercise for the University Union and Associated Student staff to respond to a workplace violence incident, the two CSU Stanislaus departments received the University’s annual Safety Award during the May 5 Staff Awards program.

The Safety Award honors CSU Stanislaus groups and/or individuals who have made significant efforts to promote the safety and well-being of their fellow employees.

#### Honorable Mentions:

Property Services/Mail Services/Print Shop

*Sandy Barnhart*

*Frank Borrelli*

*James Busby*

*Robert Sosas*

*Darin Skalinder*

*Sarphiny Sok*

*Mike Von Dohlen*

#### Student Leadership and Development

*Tiffany Gelbaum*

*Alissa Aragon*

#### Biological Sciences

*Mark Grobner*

*Neil Jacklin*

Chemistry Department

*Michele Gordon*

### **Retired Education Professor Tod Anton helps with school licensure setup**

Tod Anton, Professor of School Administration Emeritus, will assist Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton, New Jersey, to adapt the School Leaders Licensure Assessment for on-line operation. Anton, who has served as a reader on the assessments for school principals for several years in Concord, will be in Princeton June 24-29.

School Leaders Licensure Assessment is a set of rigorous and carefully validated assessments that provide accurate, reliable information for use by state education agencies in making licensing decisions. The test is based on the Interstate School Leader Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards for School Leaders.

### **University photographer Cary Edmondson wins top international award**

CSU Stanislaus photographer Cary Edmondson has been selected by an international higher education organization as the grand gold medal winner in the Photographer of the Year competition.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), a leading international education promotion organization that includes more than 3,400 colleges, universities, independent elementary and secondary schools, and educational associates in 61 countries, selected Edmondson's photographic work over 31 other finalist entries.

"This is an outstanding, honor from a leading organization in higher education that helps build California State University, Stanislaus' growing reputation for excellence," President Hamid Shirvani said. "We are proud of Cary's great work and the work of the entire Communications team in University Advancement for helping our University shine on a national stage."

A member of the Communications and Public Affairs staff in University Advancement since May 2007 and a graduate of Fresno State University, Edmondson previously worked at newspapers in Fresno County, Florida, and Nevada. He has also won a number of awards in the University Photographers' Association of America (UPAA) competition.

Edmondson's award-winning photography will be on display in July at the 2009 CASE Circle of Excellence Awards Program in San Francisco. Many of his photos can be viewed in the CSU Stanislaus Web site photo galleries at

<http://www.csustan.edu/Communications/photogalleries.html>.

## **DIGEST – NOTES FROM HR**

### **Summer office hours run June 8 through August 21**

Beginning on Monday, June 8, and continuing through Friday, August 21, the University's summer office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a half-hour for lunch.

Lunch breaks are to be scheduled between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The University will resume the traditional work schedule of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, August 24 with a one-hour lunch.

### **RECRUITMENT WELCOMES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Department</b>
Teri Burgess	Confidential Office Support III	Business & Finance
Luz-Olivia Cutler	Administrative Analyst/Specialist	Student Records