

*"Don't judge each day by  
the harvest you reap, but  
by the seeds you plant."*

*- Robert Louis Stevenson*

#### ABOUT OUR FACULTY *(continued)*

thought. Dr. Tuedio's current project is a philosophical book on the improvisational dynamic in Grateful Dead music (under contract with Edwin Mellon Press). He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado.

#### **Richard Weikart, Ph.D., Chair, Department of History**

Richard Weikart specializes in modern European history, especially modern Germany and intellectual history. He has published books and articles on the history of social Darwinism, evolutionary ethics, and Nazism, including *From Darwin to Hitler: Evolutionary Ethics, Eugenics, and Racism in Germany*, and in 2009 *Hitler's Ethic: The Nazi Pursuit of Evolutionary Progress*. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

#### PROGRAM DIRECTORS

#### **Bret Carroll, Ph.D., Program Director, History Graduate Program**

Bret Carroll specializes in 19th-century U.S. history, U.S. religious history, and U.S. gender history. He is author of *Spiritualism in Antebellum America (1997)* and *The Routledge Historical Atlas of Religion in America (2000)*, editor of *American Masculinities: A Historical Encyclopedia*, and has published numerous journal articles, encyclopedia entries, and book reviews. His Ph.D. is from Cornell University.

#### **Betsy Eudey, Ph.D., Program Director, Gender Studies**

Betsy Eudey's teaching and research includes attention to gender and education, activism and civic engagement, feminist theory, women's and gender studies as an academic discipline, and technology and education. Her courses at CSU Stanislaus have included service projects tied to The Haven, A Woman's Place, Community Housing and Shelter Services, The Girl Scouts, the Feminist Majority Foundation, the CSU Stanislaus Health Center, and University Police. She earned a Ph.D. in Cultural Studies from The Ohio State University.

#### **David Colnic, Ph.D., Program Director, Public Administration Graduate Program**

David Colnic focuses on public policy and governance issues, with special emphases on the environment, public participation and engagement, and the U.S.-Mexico Border region. Dr. Colnic is a California Campus Compact - Carnegie Foundation Faculty Fellow, enabling

him to connect students and immigrant communities to overcome obstacles to political engagement. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona.

#### **Jennifer Helzer, Ph.D., Program Coordinator, Geography**

Recently, a study conducted by Dr. Helzer's geography students demonstrated the needs of residents in Modesto's airport neighborhood, and helped earn California State University, Stanislaus recognition by the Carnegie Foundation for its active involvement with the region it serves. Dr. Helzer's current work, *Italians in the West: Migration, Settlement and Ethnic Place in Northern California*, investigates the historical migration, settlement and significance of Italians in Northern California. Her Ph.D. is from the University of Texas at Austin.

#### **Peter Nelligan, Ph.D., Program Director, Criminal Justice Graduate Program**

An expert in many aspects of criminal justice, Peter Nelligan has published research on various topics relating to crime, including victimology and death penalty issues. Dr. Nelligan's current research interests are in the use of victim impact statements in the penalty phase of capital murder trials and policy issues pertaining to the care of terminally ill prison inmates. His Ph.D. is from University of Hawaii.

#### **Arnold Schmidt, Ph.D., Program Director, English Graduate Program**

Arnold Schmidt has written for film, television, and theatre, with work nominated for an Emmy and an Oscar. His first book, *Byron and the Rhetoric of Italian Nationalism*, is forthcoming from Palgrave-Macmillan in 2010. He earned his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University.

#### **Sheila Younkin, Program Coordinator, Social Sciences**

With 28 years of experience in secondary education, Sheila Younkin has firsthand knowledge of the demands and needs of History, American Government, and Economics teachers. Her background helps her train the teachers of tomorrow. She also serves as the University Supervisor for the Single Subject Credential Program.

*In addition, more than 100 other faculty members share their research and gifts for teaching with the students who take their classes.*



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An excellent education transcends the classroom, giving students new ways to understand and engage with the world. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences at California State University, Stanislaus, prepares students to be active and compassionate participants in a global society by broadening minds, and fostering a love of life-long learning.

Please help us provide a quality education to the next generation of leaders and workers of the Central Valley of California and beyond. On behalf of the Founding Dean of The College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Carolyn J. Stefanco, you are invited to serve with other community leaders on the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Council.

This leadership position gives you an opportunity to advise the Dean on community needs, gain a deeper understanding of the issues of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and be an Ambassador for its students, faculty, and staff, and for community initiatives. With your help, we can build bridges to the community that strengthen the 15 majors, 25 minors, five graduate degrees programs, and two certificate programs that the College offers.

### *Reflecting Excellence Through Our Students*

California State University, Stanislaus has been educating the Central Valley's workforce for nearly 50 years. More than 40 undergraduate degree programs and 25 graduate programs offer an exceptional education that prepares students for a variety of careers. In 2008, Princeton Review ranked California State University, Stanislaus as one of the best colleges in the country, as well as one of the most affordable.

The largest college within CSU Stanislaus is the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. We offer diverse courses that make a significant contribution to the liberal arts education of all students, and support the intellectual and professional aspirations of students enrolled in our programs. Known for our academic excellence and innovation, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences exemplifies the highest standards in education, and our graduates are highly sought after by California employers.

Students of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences have the opportunity to study the historical and contemporary context of cultures, societies, places, and languages of the diverse Central Valley, a region that hosts rural and urban communities and extraordinary ethnic diversity. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is particularly proud of its leadership role in advancing interdisciplinary efforts at CSU Stanislaus and sponsors: the California Institute for Peruvian Studies (in collaboration with the CSU Stanislaus Library), the Center for Economic Education, the Center for Portuguese Studies (in collaboration with the College of Education), the Center for Public Policy Studies, the Council for Sustainable Futures, the Institute for Archeological Research, and the Institute for Cultural Resources. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is proud to partner with University of California, Merced on the Roger E. McNair Scholars Program, that helps prepare recipients to pursue doctoral degrees.

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences offers degrees in Agricultural Studies, Anthropology, Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, Gender Studies, Geography, History, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Politics/Public Administration, Social Sciences, Sociology, and many minors and certificate programs.

#### ABOUT OUR FACULTY

**Sari Miller-Antonio, Ph.D., Interim Associate Dean and Chair, Department of Anthropology/Geography**  
Sari Miller-Antonio joined the faculty at CSU Stanislaus in 1993 and teaches courses in human and non-human primate evolution, forensic anthropology and human osteology, primate behavior, and Asian Studies. She has worked on archaeological research projects in France, Hawaii, the Southwestern U.S. and throughout China. She recently completed a 12-year excavation in a large limestone cave on southern China's remote Guizhou Plateau. The research focus of this project was on the early fossil record of ancient humans in China and the evolution of human behavioral complexity. Currently, she researches skeletal biology on collections from Mycenaean Greece and Shang Dynasty China. In addition, local coroners call on Dr. Miller-Antonio to assist in the identification of human remains. Her Ph.D. is from the University of Arizona.

*A strong team of Department Chairs and Program Directors lead each of the programs in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. They are:*

#### DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

**Mark Bender, Ph.D., Endowed Chair, Department of Agricultural Studies**  
Mark Bender pioneered the agricultural studies major at CSU Stanislaus based on his expertise in various aspects of agriculture. He has administered several grants developing the Statewide Postsecondary Agriculture Curriculum and Articulation Model, and is an author and speaker on Career Development Tools, tech prep materials and program management. He received his Ph.D. from Oregon State University.

**Peter DeCaro, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Communication Studies**  
Peter DeCaro spearheaded the online and television/broadcasting initiatives on campus and has been involved in several international programs. In 2004, DeCaro was the keynote speaker at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Journalism and Communication Studies Forum at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. Dr. DeCaro received his Ph.D. from Florida State University, Tallahassee.

**Lilia DeKatzew, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Ethnic/Gender Studies**  
Lilia De Katzew has developed and teaches several courses such as the The Mexican American Family; and Celebrando Cultura: Chicano/Chicana Identity and Popular Culture. Dr. De Katzew is currently engaged in interdisciplinary research about different emergent identity constructs experienced by Chicanas and Chicanos. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Texas, Dallas.

**Edward C. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Economics**  
Edward Erickson began his teaching career at CSU Stanislaus in 1970. As a longtime member of the Department of Economics, Erickson has a strong background and knowledge of money, banking topics, and macroeconomics. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California.

**Phyllis Gerstenfeld, Ph.D., J.D., Chair, Department of Criminal Justice**  
A graduate of a joint law/psychology program, Phyllis Gerstenfeld researches the subject of hate crimes, one of her course specialties, and the focus of a recent book. Dr. Gerstenfeld was one of the people responsible for creating an innovative program in which Criminal Justice majors mentor at-risk K-12 students in Turlock. Dr. Gerstenfeld received her Ph.D. & J.D. from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

**Jason C. Myers, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Politics/Public Administration**  
Jason C. Myers has taught at CSU Stanislaus since 2001 and specializes in the area of political philosophy. His recently published book, *Indirect Rule in South Africa: Tradition, Modernity, and the Costuming of Political Power* has been called a groundbreaking study of political legitimacy. He earned his Ph.D. at University of California, Berkeley.

**Paul W. O'Brien, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Sociology and Gerontology**  
Paul O'Brien did extensive field studies in New York following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, collecting information from citizens living in neighborhoods near the World Trade Center. This research was included in a book published by the National Science Foundation. He earned his Ph.D. from Colorado State University.

**Mark Thompson, Ph.D., Chair, Department of English**  
Mark Thompson joined CSU Stanislaus in 1993. He is in his second term as Chair of the Department of English. As Speaker of the Academic Senate, Dr. Thompson has a crucial role in faculty governance. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma.

**James A. Tuedio, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Philosophy/Modern Languages, and Honors Program**  
James Tuedio teaches and writes about practical dimensions of human problem-solving, contested issues in professional ethics, cognitive theory and phenomenological concepts of mind, postmodern concepts of home, and the subterranean depths and transcendent reach of human

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#### LEADERSHIP

Carolyn J. Stefanco, Ph.D. was named founding dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences on July 1, 2007. Previously she served as the Chair of the Department of History and was Special Assistant to the Dean for Faculty Development at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. A professor and administrator at Cal Poly, SLO for 17 years, Stefanco has a Ph.D. in History from Duke University, and previously taught at Wheaton College in Massachusetts, Oklahoma State University, the University of Colorado, and the State University New York-Binghamton. Stefanco's teaching and scholarship have focused on U.S. women's and social history, and she has played leadership roles in establishing Women's Studies programs and fostering the integration of gender and ethnicity into the curriculum.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Stefanco was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant to lecture and conduct research at the University of Zagreb in Zagreb, Croatia. Stefanco conducted a cross-cultural examination of the curriculum transformation process underway in Croatia. She taught a course on Women's History and Culture for the Department of English, where she explored the gendered nature of nationalism and the impact of civil war – in both the United States and Croatian contexts – on women.

Recently, Dean Stefanco has been named as a Guest Editor to the Modesto Bee. Her articles began to be published in the spring of 2009.



## *What we ask of you...*

Advisory Council members provide a sounding board for the dean and give advice on how we can continue to be a center of excellence in teaching, scholarship, research, creative activity, and community service. Your perspective will help us make decisions about how our existing programs can better reach and serve specific communities, and which topics are most relevant for lectures and events for the community. You can also help identify internships, practicum sites, and research sites that will help provide professional development opportunities for our students and faculty. In addition, we seek feedback on how we can best prepare for the upcoming trends and changes in regional industries and the state and national economy.

We ask that you commit your time, talent and, should you be so moved, eventually your treasure, to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Two-hour meetings are held three to four times a year on the Turlock campus of CSU Stanislaus. The first meeting will be held in the spring of 2009.

## *What we offer you...*

At each meeting, you will learn more about the latest developments in existing programs and be among the first to receive reports on new initiatives and future opportunities. Our goal is to provide you with information and access to CSU Stanislaus leaders that you need to be an ambassador for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

We know you are busy and your time is valuable. We pledge to use meeting time wisely, starting and ending on time, and to carefully design agendas to allow for thought-provoking discussions among your peers. We pledge to listen carefully, and incorporate your perspectives into our academic and community programs.

We look forward to contacting you soon to discuss this opportunity to shape the educational experience, and community presence of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. If you would like to learn more immediately, please contact Carolyn J. Stefano, Ph.D., Founding Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, at 209-667-3254 or [cstefanco@csustan.edu](mailto:cstefanco@csustan.edu).



