



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS

### DIGEST - AUGUST 2008

#### **University's reaccreditation second phase report submitted**

California State University, Stanislaus submitted its Capacity and Preparatory Review Report to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in July.

The report is part of the University's second phase of a three-phase cycle for successful reaccreditation. The report examines four themes - student learning and engagement, support for learning, teaching and learning, and research, scholarship, and creative activity.

CSU Stanislaus will host six WASC site team members from Oct. 1-3. The members will visit the University and report on the conclusions drawn and presented in the Capacity and Preparatory Review Report. As a result of their specific expertise, the site team members have been selected and aligned with the University's self-selected themes. University faculty and staff are invited to welcome the site visitors and to participate in the campus forums and meetings that will take place during the three days. The Stockton Center will receive its site visit the day prior to the main Turlock campus visit.

More complete details on the site visit will be made known as they become available. Information and details regarding the Capacity and Preparatory Review Report, the site visit, and the entire reaccreditation process can be found on the University Web site at <http://www.csustan.edu/WASC/Pages/CapacityPreparatoryReview.html>. Questions and comments are welcome.

#### **Geology students treat youngsters to dinosaur dig**

Paleontology Club students put on a make-believe paleontology "dig" for a group of youngsters who searched for dinosaur bones and other specimens on the CSU Stanislaus campus in May. As a follow-up to the California Paleontology Conference organized by Julia Sankey (Geology) and Terry Jones (Biology), 17 club members hosted 70 youngsters and parents from area schools who unearthed a variety of interesting "discoveries" during the dig. The Paleo Club also replicated the dig at the Sky Trek Kids Zone Jurassic Journey exhibit during the July 25-Aug. 3 Stanislaus County Fair. CSU Stanislaus Theatre Professor Clay Everett designed the exhibit portion of Jurassic Journey.



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## Summer Reading Program prepares incoming students



The CSU Stanislaus Summer Reading Program book for 2008 is “Into The Wild” by Jon Krakauer.

The Summer Reading Program is a common reading experience that was designed to provide a strong intellectual and social experience for incoming students, strengthen students’ connection to the campus, and contribute to their academic success. The book will be used in a variety of freshmen classes during the fall semester, and events associated with the book will be held during the semester, as well.

A student reader will post her thoughts on MySpace and be asking questions about the book online. Written study questions will also be posted online. Access these features, as well as many more are available on the Web site at

<http://www.csustan.edu/studentlife/summerreading/>.

## Students claim Library’s Warrior Book Contest prizes

Three CSU Stanislaus students were awarded Warrior Book Collection Contest cash prizes in May for eloquent reports on their favorite series of books during a presentation ceremony in the Vasche Library.

C. Anne Engert, an English major from Oakdale, claimed the \$300 first place prize for her report on what she described as the “New Me” collection. The second-place prize of \$200 went to English major Maria K. Gasaway of Atwater for her paper on her Swiss Family Robinson collection. History major Abby Peretz of Merced received the \$100 third-place award for an essay about her fantasy literature collection.

Carolyn Stefanco, Dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, made the presentations.



*First prize winner C. Anne Engert receives her award from Dean Carolyn Stefanco.*

Engert said her collection served as a catalyst that helped transform her life. Following a break from her religious tradition, she delved into once forbidden works that explored psychology, mind control, loyalty, disclosure, and various worldviews. Her readings also included an exploration of fictional works detailing the structures of highly controlled, oppressive cultures. Engert said the books embody a search for self-knowledge, each shedding light on “some corner of the human experience that I needed to see when I reached a terrible and thrilling crossroads in my life.”

Gasaway said the Swiss Family Robinson adventures capture her imagination and curiosity with each change discovered in a particular version. Describing her love of books, Gasaway recalled the exhilaration that she felt when, as a third-grader, she was told that she could check out anything she wanted from the library and enjoying the “tickle-your-nose smell of a real library book.”

Peretz noted that her collection of fantasy literature began as a medium for distancing herself from what she described as the restrictive values of her parents. It has since become a bridge that provides a new connection between her and her own child. She wrote in her essay, “As she begins to conquer my collection I hope, above all else, that she will pick up the messages hidden within the lines of so many of these books: doing what is right is not always easy, heroes can be found in the most unlikely places, and even grown-ups can imagine.”

### College of Business Administration honors community leaders' service

The CSU Stanislaus College of Business Administration presented special recognition awards to seven business and community leaders and to Kaiser Permanente at its Eighth Annual Recognition and Awards Banquet held May 15. Achievements of CSU Stanislaus CBA students, faculty, staff, alumni, members of the Business Advisory Board, and business leaders from the region also were recognized.

The community recipients were: Outstanding Business Leader Paula Zagaris-Leffler, President of Liberty Property Management and CFO of PMZ Real Estate; Outstanding Entrepreneur Dan Costa of Modesto, CEO of 5.11 Tactical Inc.; Outstanding Community Leader Brent Ives, Mayor of Tracy; Outstanding Emerging Business Leader John Jacinto, President and Co-Founder of VisTech



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Manufacturing Solutions in Modesto; Outstanding Business Alumna Trudy Pauley, Foster Farms Director of Finance; Outstanding Community Service Leader Kevin Riley, Stanislaus County Office of Education Project Analyst; Outstanding CBA Business Advisory Board Member Kent Kushar, E. & J. Gallo Winery Vice President and Chief Information Officer; and Outstanding Corporate Social Responsibility, Kaiser Permanente's Free Mobile Medical Clinic. Kaiser's mobile clinic makes monthly stops with no eligibility criteria for participants at Turlock's CARES Resource Center, which is operated through a CSU Stanislaus community grant program that helps the homeless and needy.



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Faculty and staff were recognized for their achievements and service to the College during the past year, and students were honored with scholarships for leadership and academic excellence.

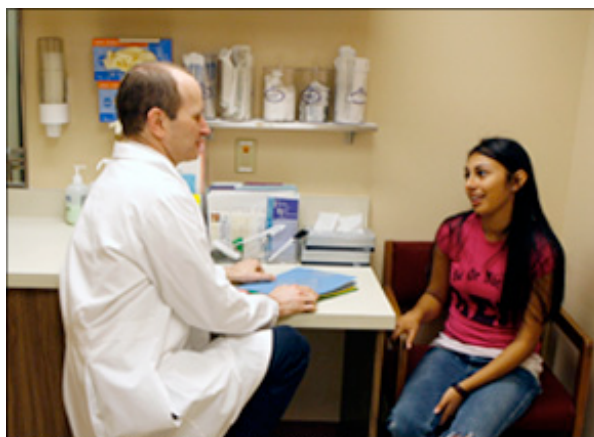
### Students participate in Math/Computer Science Academy

Viji Sundar of the Mathematics Department faculty (back, in middle) gathers with students and staff who participated in the Fourth Annual Math/Computer Science Summer Academy for High School Girls. Titled “Preparing Women for Mathematical Modeling,” the program was sponsored by the Tensor Foundation, Mathematical Association of America, and CSU Stanislaus, under the direction of Sundar. Students used computers and software to apply mathematics to real-world situations. Participants assembled projects and incorporated mathematics applications into topics on history, politics, and life.

## Health Center scores high marks in service survey

Results of the annual points of service survey conducted at all California State University Health Centers reveal that the CSU Stanislaus Health Center continues to be a high performer.

Of 13 areas evaluated, the center was rated with the highest level of student satisfaction among all the CSU health centers evaluated in five areas: ease of appointments, care and service from medical assistants, care and service from physicians/nurse practitioners, health care providers' concern for patients, and overall satisfaction.



*Dr. Wilbur visits with a student.*

Stacey Morgan-Foster, Vice President for Student Affairs, extends congratulations to Dr. Bruce Wilbur and the Student Health Center staff for their commitment to the highest levels of quality and student service.

## Career Fair and spring recruiting bring employers to campus



*Students check out the recruiting tables at the Career Fair.*

School districts, business organizations, accounting firms, and law enforcement agencies are just a few of the groups recruiting soon-to-be-graduates from CSU Stanislaus. Some of these firms, such as E. & J. Gallo Winery and the MedicAlert Foundation, who participated in the April 30 Career Fair and other recruiting sessions also offered summer internship opportunities with their organizations.

One hundred companies signed up to participate in this year's Career Fair, including California State Parks, Frito Lay, Financial Center Credit Union, Directline Technologies, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Lodi Unified School District, and the Merced County

Probation Department. Even a strong spring breeze could not keep away more than 125 recruiting representatives who met with students in the Quad during the annual program.

The Career Fair is the most important recruiting event on campus each year, offering full-time professional employment, internships, and summer job opportunities with local, state, and regional organizations. Both the Career Fair and the On-Campus Interview Program are important components in every student's preparation for employment following graduation, providing opportunities for on-the-job internship experience, networking with professionals in the field, and for full-time professional-level employment.

The Career Services Center, located in MSR 245, is a key resource to help students outline a job search, prepare a resumé, practice their interview skills, and research organizations. The list of employers registered for the Career Fair was updated daily on the Career Services Center Web site, which included links to their respective home pages to help students research companies and identify those aligned with their career aspirations.

To help students get the most out of recruiting events, the Career Services Center arranged for a separate workshop to be offered prior to this year's Career Fair, aptly titled "How to Prepare For Career Fair." Representatives from Target Corporation were on hand to advise students on resumé preparation and tips on how to effectively interview with on-the-spot recruiters

Students were encouraged by counselors, advisors, and promotional flyers to take advantage of this advance preparation, to dress professionally, and to follow up with a thank you note to each recruiter as a professional courtesy during the interview process, whether during Career Fair or as part of the On-Campus Interview Program. Career Development Services Director Christine Hollister notes that by following these steps students can reap the benefits of campus recruiting events and make vital connections for employment.

### **CSU Stanislaus Geography students empower a forgotten community**

Jennifer Helzer, an Associate Professor of Geography in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, along with students in her Urban Geography course conducted an innovative and groundbreaking project with the Modesto Airport Community in an effort to help residents improve the quality of life in their neighborhood.

Helzer developed the service learning opportunity for her students who worked with Airport Neighbors United, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity in Stanislaus County to develop an "Asset Map" of the region which highlights the challenges faced by residents there and improvements that are needed. After meeting with leaders in the airport neighborhood community, interviewing local businesses, taking lengthy bus trips through the area, and conducting archival research, the geography students created an asset map using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping technology to diagram strengths and challenges faced by this diverse and often overlooked community.



*Geography class students present their report at a neighborhood meeting in Modesto.*

Students presented the asset map to community members at a meeting, which included Habitat for Humanity in addition to representatives from law enforcement and the Modesto School District. Inadequate local transportation that impacts the ability of residents to attend school and access commercial services for fresh and healthy food were identified as major issues. The asset mapping efforts of the area by students will serve as supportive data for neighborhood representatives to request improvements at city and county government levels.

With the help of grant funding and the support of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Helzer's students presented their work and other projects in early May at the 62nd Annual Conference of the California Geographical Society at CSU Chico. Geography course offerings have helped increase students' ability to produce conference-ready posters associated with their research topics and class projects, Helzer noted. In addition to the presentations, students participated in a variety of field trips conducted by experts from the Chico area. In addition to Helzer, other CSU Stanislaus faculty recognized for their contributions to the program included Richard Eigenheer and Peggy Hauselt. Students Alison McNally and Marsha Bond-Nelson were award recipients.

## **DIGEST - ARTS STORIES**

### **Arts Calendar**

<http://www.csustan.edu/COA/Publications/CalendarOfEvents.pdf>

## **DIGEST - ATHLETICS STORIES**

Athletics receives NCAA Award for Overall Excellence in Diversity

Web link URL: [http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/5/29/GEN\\_0529080910.aspx](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/5/29/GEN_0529080910.aspx)

Three Warrior track stars named to Academic Team

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[http://www.warriorathletics.com/news/2008/7/10/WTRACK\\_0710083827.aspx?path=wcross](http://www.warriorathletics.com/news/2008/7/10/WTRACK_0710083827.aspx?path=wcross)

Ahmad Tousi named new men's soccer head coach

Web link URL: [http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/7/4/MSOC\\_0704080230.aspx?path=msoc](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/7/4/MSOC_0704080230.aspx?path=msoc)

Former Warrior John Cook returns as new men's golf coach

Web link URL: [http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/6/12/MGOLF\\_0612084131.aspx?path=mgolf](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/6/12/MGOLF_0612084131.aspx?path=mgolf)

Marquis Fleming signs with Rays, off to professional baseball

Web link URL: [http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/6/8/BB\\_0608083651.aspx?path=baseball](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/6/8/BB_0608083651.aspx?path=baseball)

Warrior track coach Geoff Bradshaw inducted into the Division II Track & Field Athlete Hall of Fame

[http://www.warriorathletics.com/news/2008/5/20/MTRACK\\_0520084347.aspx?path=mtrack](http://www.warriorathletics.com/news/2008/5/20/MTRACK_0520084347.aspx?path=mtrack)

Warrior Athletics Web site

Web link URL: <http://www.warriorathletics.com/>

## DIGEST – FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

### Teacher Education's Joan Wink honored by South Dakota alma mater

Professor **Joan Wink** (Teacher Education) received an Alumni Achievement award in July in recognition of her accomplishments since earning a bachelor's degree at Yankton College in South Dakota.

Wink, a member of the CSU Stanislaus Teacher Education faculty since 1991 and now teaching in the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP), was a member of the Yankton College Student Senate, a cheerleader, and is a former Miss Pioneer. Since graduating from Yankton College, Wink has earned two master's degrees from the University of Arizona and a Ph.D. in educational curriculum and instruction from Texas A&M. She was selected as the Outstanding Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Professor in 2007.



Joan Wink

### Vallega-Neu receives summer stipend award for Heidegger translation

**Daniela Vallega-Neu** (Philosophy) has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend to work on a new English translation of German philosopher Martin Heidegger's second major work, *Beiträge zur Philosophie (Vom Ereignis)*, forthcoming from Indiana University Press.

This Heidegger work is considered one of his most important books. The noted philosopher is most responsible for the development and contemporary focus of Continental Philosophy, and his work has served as a major influence in other fields, such as literary theory, cultural studies, and psychology. The new English translation, with the tentative title of *Contributions to Philosophy (Out of the Event)*, will be the standard translation for the future and will shape the reception and influence of Heidegger's thought in English-speaking countries in the coming decades.

Professor Vallega-Neu was asked to be the co-translator of this book because of her internationally-recognized expertise on Heidegger's work and her scholarly writing on *Contributions to Philosophy*. She has written and published two books and several articles focused on *Contributions*. Books in English that she has written and published are *The Bodily Dimension in Thinking* (SUNY Press, 2005) and *Heidegger's 'Contributions to Philosophy,' An Introduction* (Indiana University Press, 2003). Vallega-Neu is also co-editor of a collection of interpretive articles titled *Companion to Heidegger's Contributions to Philosophy* (Indiana University Press, 2001).

The NEH Summer Stipend provides support for two months of full-time research and writing on scholarly projects deemed to be nationally significant. For more information about Vallega-Neu and the NEH Summer Stipend program, please contact the Dean's office for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at 667-3531.

### **CHSS Dean Stefanco makes research project presentation in Switzerland**

**Carolyn J. Stefanco**, Founding Dean for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, was invited to present “Potential Challenges for Engineering Students Working on Teams with Liberal Arts Students: Recommendations for Structuring and Managing Multidisciplinary Projects,” at the July 2008 Research in Engineering Education Symposium in Davos, Switzerland. The research project, which includes CSU faculty from Engineering, Art and Design, Architecture, and History, was funded by the National Science Foundation.



*Dean Stefanco in Switzerland*

### **Regalado contributes to award-winning anthology on Mexican Americans and sports**

**Professor Samuel Regalado** (History) is a contributing editor and writer in a newly released, award-winning anthology about Mexican Americans and sports.



*Samuel Regalado*

Nationally recognized for his expertise on the impact of Latin baseball players in American professional baseball and other related topics, Regalado contributed two essays to the book titled “Mexican Americans and Sports: A Reader on Athletics and Barrio Life” that was named “Anthology of the Year” by the North American Society for Sports History (NASSH). One of Regalado’s stories compared the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants Spanish language media on how they covered Latin players from 1958-81. The second was a critique of Mexican American history scholarship and its oversight, and sometimes dismissiveness, on topics related to sports.

The book includes 11 essays from authors. In their respective stories, the authors analyze the history of such sports as soccer, baseball, boxing, softball, and others as they relate to Mexican American life among the working class and indigenous people in urban and rural communities.

A member of the CSU Stanislaus faculty for 21 years, Regalado has appeared in a number of national television specials and was designated a Smithsonian Faculty Fellow in 1994. He recently released the third edition of his popular book titled “Viva Baseball: Latin Major Leaguers and their Special Hunger.” Regalado is one of a number of History Department faculty members who have written highly acclaimed books and made a number of appearances in television and film documentaries.

### **Sankey contributes to newly released book before Texas research venture**

**Julia Sankey** (Geology) has three chapters in the recently published book “*Vertebrate Microfossil Assemblages: Their Role in Paleoecology and Paleobiogeography.*” Included in the chapters is material from her extensive dinosaur and microfossil research. Sankey started a sabbatical this month at Baylor University in Texas, where she will do research on climate change and mass extinction during the latest Cretaceous period which occurred some 65 million years ago.



### **Criminal Justice professor named to academic fellowship on terrorism studies**

**Robert Werling** (Criminal Justice) was named an “Academic Fellow” by a national policy institute and participated in an intensive course on terrorism studies in Israel.

The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD), a non-partisan think tank headquartered in Washington, D.C., selected Werling to join a group of faculty from all over the United States to participate in the 10-day program conducted in June at Tel Aviv University. The program included lectures by academics, military and intelligence officials, and diplomats from Israel, Jordan, India, Turkey, and the United States. Participants also gained “hands on” experience through visits to police, customs and immigration facilities, military bases, and border zones to learn the practical side of deterring and defeating terrorists. FDD focuses on exploring the historical, cultural, philosophical, and ideological factors that drive terrorism and the threats it poses.



*Robert Werling*

A former police officer and staff member with the U.S. Department of Justice, Werling is preparing to teach the CSU Stanislaus Criminal Justice Department’s first class on Terrorism and Homeland Security this fall. While with the Department of Justice for eight years as Project Coordinator of a major grant to teach police officers about community policing, Werling made a presentation at a national police conference about the importance of good relationships between law enforcement officers and the communities they work in because of the increasing threat of global terrorism. He also teaches courses on police administration, historical aspects of criminal justice, and community policing. The Criminal Justice Department is one of the most popular degree programs in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences.

### **Instructor Dave Sutton plays key role at Stanislaus County Fair**

**Dave Sutton**, a part-time Teacher Education instructor at CSU Stanislaus, worked with Concessions and Special Events during this summer’s Stanislaus County Fair. A third-grade teacher at Walnut Elementary Education Center in Turlock, Sutton has been teaching for 27 years. He teaches Science Methods and Educational Technology classes at CSU Stanislaus. During the Fair, Sutton is involved in making arrangements for the nearly 100 concession stands and commercial booths as well as stage performances.

### **Former Anthropology faculty member Joel Canby passes**

**Joel S. Canby**, a former member of the CSU Stanislaus Anthropology faculty, died June 23 in Port Townsend, Washington. He served on the University’s faculty from 1970-81, retiring to Port Townsend. While at CSU Stanislaus, Canby and his wife Marion spent a year on the Afghanistan-Soviet border in the late 1970s and were the last anthropologists to work in that region prior to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Canby earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University and served as an Army Air Force Captain and intelligence officer with the Enola Gay mission, the first atom bomb drop in Japan at the end of World War II.

## **DIGEST – NOTES FROM HR**

### **Traditional work schedule hours resume August 25**

On Monday, Aug. 25, the University will resume its traditional work schedule of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. Summer office hours from June 2 through Aug. 22 are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a half-hour lunch break.

### **Employees urged to make use of HR Self Service online tool**

Employees can now log into the Human Resources Self Service online tool to

- Review and update their address, phone numbers, and emergency contact information; and
- Review Health/Dental/Vision, LTD, TSA, and Life Insurance benefit information

To access this tool, go to: <http://my.csustan.edu/facultystaff/> .

### **Faculty and Staff Search Database updates can be done online**

To update work phone and/or work location for online directory search information, go to the Faculty/Staff Search located on the CSU Stanislaus home page's quick links section, then click on the "[Use this Form](#)" link. Complete the form and choose Faculty Data or Staff Data. To update e-mail addresses, contact the Office of Information Technology at 667-3343.

### **Managed Health Network - Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers help**

With home values down and the cost of food and energy up, many Americans are feeling the pinch. Those who need help getting their finances in order can contact the Employee Assistance Program through the Mental Health Network plan.

MHN can refer people to a financial expert who can help them with:

- Budgeting
- Credit counseling/coaching
- Retirement/estate planning
- Tax issues
- And more

Members are entitled to one 30-minute session per financial issue.

For more information, call (800) 227-1060. TDD callers dial TDD: (800) 327-0801.

For financial calculators, articles, online estate planning and more, visit [members.mhn.com](http://members.mhn.com). (Access code: csustanislaus)

## Recruitment Welcomes

<b>Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Department</b>
Kathleen Dennemer	Accounting Technician II	Financial Services
Rowena d'Mar Shimun	Administrative Support Assistant II	Art
Dennette Dores	Accounting Technician I	Financial Services
Ruth Fassinger	Dean	College of Education
Tammy Giannini	Student Services Professional I	Advising Resource Center
Noelia Gonzalez	Director	Financial Aid & Scholarships
Lisa Gray	Administrative Support Assistant II	Ethnic & Gender Studies
Valerie Heckendorf	Manager	Human Resources
Robin McIntyre	Administrative Analyst/Specialist EII	University Advancement
Patricia Negrete	Lead Custodian	Facilities Services
Denise Nordell	Public Affairs/Communication Specialist III	Communications & Public Affairs
Lori Phillips	Administrative Analyst/Specialist NE	College of Humanities & Social Sciences
Angel Sanchez	Director	Institutional Research
Antonio Silveira	Accountant II	Financial Services
Herb Smart	Public Affairs/Communication Specialist I	Communications & Public Affairs
Brian Stubblefield	Administrative Support Assistant I	Records
Jesus Verdugo	Student Services Professional I	Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
Shirrell Wells	Accounting Technician I	Financial Services
Christina Whitehead	Administrative Support Coordinator I	Nursing
Lori Winters	Administrative Support Coordinator I	Academic Programs