



# Faculty Newsnotes

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## Provost

### Civil Rights Compliance Officers

The Civil Rights compliance officers for the University of San Diego are as follows:

Overall Coordinator:	Dr. Anne Donnellan	
Staff Employees:	Ms. Nina Sciuto	
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	Dr. Curtis Cook	Dr. Paula Cordeiro
	Dr. Sally Hardin	

## Phased Retirement Deadline

Anyone interested in the Phased Retirement option beginning in 2006-2007 must apply by March 31, 2005. Please refer to your *Policies and Procedures Handbook* for the procedures.

## Academic Publications

### Faculty Newsnotes Publication Dates and Deadlines

Listed below are the remaining dates of publication for 2004-2005 *Faculty Newsnotes*. Please direct all entries to Stacy Miller, Director of Academic Publications, Founders Hall 108, or e-mail to [stacyc@sandiego.edu](mailto:stacyc@sandiego.edu).

<u>Submission Deadline</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
February 18, 2005	February 28, 2005
March 18, 2005	March 28, 2005
April 15, 2005	April 25, 2005
April 29, 2005	May 9, 2005

## The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at SDSU

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at SDSU has a unique teaching opportunity. They offer university inspired non-credit courses for intellectually active adults 50 and better and are interested in instructors for the following areas: history, philosophy, art and music history, sociology, literature, anthropology, psychology, religion, economics, foreign affairs, cultures, local and regional issues, and current events. Other topics welcome. There are no tests, grades, or homework. An honorarium is offered. For more information, please contact M.C. Brady at (619)594-4704 or [mbrady@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:mbrady@mail.sdsu.edu).

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## Varia

**Evelyn Diaz Cruz**, Theatre Arts, has been placed among the top-10 finalists for the prestigious Repertorio Espanol's Annual Playwriting Contest in New York City, for her full-length play entitled *Glass Cord*. The play, set on a roof-top in the Bronx, explores some of the myths of the maternal instinct and is rich in cultural metaphors. As a finalist in this nation-wide competition, Professor Cruz was granted a professional reading of her play at the Repertorio Espanol on December 15. The Repertorio Espanol is the leading playhouse for Latino/a work in the United States.

**Bethami Dobkin** and **Roger Pace**, Communication Studies, have co-authored a new edition of their book, *Communication in a Changing World*. The new edition is due to be on shelves in early 2005.

**Carole Huston**, Communication Studies, and former USD student John Scheppach, presented "Similarities and Differences in Information-Seeking for Women and Men during Organizational Entry" to the Organizational Communication division at the National Communication Association annual convention in Chicago on November 13.

**Ken Keith**, Psychology, is author of a chapter entitled "The Office Next Door: Making Yourself an Excellent Faculty Candidate," in a new e-book, *Preparing the New Psychology Professoriate: Helping Graduate Students Become Competent Teachers*, published by the Society for the Teaching of Psychology.

Dr. Keith has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board for the Cambridge University Press *Dictionary of Psychology*.

**Patricia Kowalski** and **Annette Taylor**, Psychology, are authors of "Ability and Critical Thinking as Predictors of Change in Students' Psychological Misconceptions," appearing in the December 2004 issue of the *Journal of Instructional Psychology*.

**Kristin Moran**, Communication Studies, recently presented a paper at the Global Fusion Conference in St. Louis. The title of her paper was "Is changing the language enough? The Spanish-language "alternative" in the United States."

Dr. Moran also presented "Capturing the border through the Camera Lens: A comparison of Spanish-language and English-language broadcast news in San Diego" at the Western History Association Conference in Las Vegas last month.

**Kenneth P. Serbin**, History, presided over the business meeting of the Brazil Section of the Latin American Studies Association in Las Vegas on October 7. Dr. Serbin was re-elected as co-chair of the section.

As vice president of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Dr. Serbin took part in the organization's semi-annual Executive Council meeting in Las Vegas on October 6. He was appointed to head a committee to prepare guidelines for the granting of BRASA's first Lifetime Contribution Award.

Dr. Serbin participated in a meeting of the Committee on the Future of Brazilian Studies in the United States in Las Vegas on October 6.

Dr. Serbin presented a paper entitled "'The Modern Saint is a Social Saint': The Seminarians Movement and the Transformation of the Brazilian Catholic Church" at the international symposium "The Cultures of Dictatorship: Historical Reflections on the Brazilian Golpe of 1964" at the University of Maryland, October 14-16.

In preparation for his Honors course on the Jesuit fathers, Dr. Serbin visited the site of the former Woodstock Theological Seminary in Woodstock, Maryland, on October 16.

Dr. Serbin presented a paper entitled "Revolutionary Lives: Biography, Memory, and History in Brazil, 1964-Present (or, How Former Guerrillas and Terrorists Became Leaders of Democracy)" on the panel "Memories of

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Resistance: Biography, History and the Brazilian Revolutionary Option, 1964-Present” at the 118th Meeting of the American Historical Association, joint session with the Conference on Latin American History in Seattle, January 6-8.

Dr. Serbin’s article “Torture Chamber: Behind Pinochet’s Reign of Terror” was published in the January 11, 2005 issue of *The Christian Century*, pp. 28-34. Research for this article was funded by a grant from the Internationalization of the Curriculum Committee.

**Daniel Sheehan**, Physics, and colleague Vladislav Capek (Charles University, Prague) recently co-authored a book entitled *Challenges to The Second Law of Thermodynamics* (Fundamental Theories of Physics Series, vol. 146, Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands). The second law is the physical principle that says that disorder (entropy) of the universe tends always to increase. No violation of it has been admitted by the scientific community in its 150-year history; however in the last 10 years many lines of research point to its eventual violation. (Were the second law to be violated meaningfully, it would likely precipitate paradigm shifts in science, engineering, and technology. It could also, in principle, unlock significant new energy resources from the environment.) This book is the first to compile and critique this wave of over two dozen challenges, several of which originated at USD.

**Susannah Stern**, Communication Studies, was recently interviewed about her research on adolescents and their Internet use by *The Associated Press*, *The Denver Post*, *The Oregonian*, and *The St. Petersburg Times*.