



# Faculty Newsnotes

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## Provost Office

In response to complaints that USD's Web site can be difficult to navigate, a site index has been created that provides an alphabetic listing of Web pages developed by offices, departments, and services at USD. It is part of the standard footer on USD Web pages, located next to the "Search USD" box at the bottom of the page.

At present, the entire index is on one page, which allows users to scroll through the whole list. If the list becomes too long, we will switch to an index that lists one letter per page. The site index is a work in progress, and it is the intent to retain the index when USD's Web site is redesigned this summer. Please send suggestions for additions or changes to the index by clicking the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of the site index page.

## Student Affairs

During Orientation prior to each fall semester, the Office of Student Affairs administers the CIRP Freshman Survey to new incoming students. The survey was developed by researchers at the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA and is used by colleges and universities to identify characteristics of their new students. Participating institutions are allowed to choose two comparison groups; USD uses "highly selective private universities" and "all private universities."

The survey results show how USD's incoming students are similar to and differ from their counterparts in the comparison groups. We have developed a short report that compares USD's incoming students to their counterparts at "highly selective private universities" using data from last fall's Freshman Survey. The report, including graphs, is appended to these *Newsnotes*. If you would like more information about the CIRP Freshman Survey, please contact Dr. Tom Cosgrove, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

## Summer Camps

*Sign up now* and let your children have a true taste of USD and college life. On-campus living and an intense sport camp experience is waiting for your child, niece, or nephew. At USD your child can enjoy a full range of sports camps along with beautiful facilities, a caring staff, and coaches that are outstanding. The USD sports camps program is celebrating its 25th anniversary this summer. Sign up now and be a part of the celebration. For more information check out the Web site at <http://camps.sandiego.edu> or call ext. 4593.

## Varia

**Mitch Malachowski**, Department of Chemistry, gave the plenary lecture at Morris College's Science in Action celebration on February 13. His talk was entitled, "Instituting Undergraduate Research at Morris College."

Dr. Malachowski gave a presentation and facilitated a workshop at St. John's University, Jamaica, New York, on April 10. His talk was entitled "Fostering a Campus Culture that Supports Faculty Student Research."

Dr. Malachowski attended the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Dialogues held in Washington, DC on February 24-25. This two-day event brings together faculty and administrators with funding agencies to discuss issues associated with grants for research activities. Dr. Malachowski currently serves as the President of CUR.

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Dr. Malachowski was invited to participate in a two-day National Science Foundation workshop on March 30-April 1 in Washington, DC. NSF is exploring the concept of increasing funding for undergraduate research and the participants generated a document to help shape NSF's funding directions.

Dr. Malachowski delivered the keynote address at the 15th Annual Northern California American Chemical Society Undergraduate Research Symposium held in San Francisco on May 3. His talk was entitled, "The Challenges of Engaging in Research at Predominantly Undergraduate Institution."

**John L. Marambio**, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and **Chad Tew**, Department of Communication Studies, published "Emilio García Riera: Mexican National Cinema and Identity," in the introductory 2002 volume of *Praesidium*. This paper describes the contribution of the critic García Riera in documenting both Mexican national cinema and the stereotypes of Mexico and Mexicans in foreign cinema.

Drs. Marambio and Tew presented "The Other Lens: The Traffic of Stereotypes Between U.S. and Mexico in Cinema" at the Far West Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association in February in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In April, Drs. Marambio and Tew presented "El tráfico de estereotipos en el cinema fronterizo de México y EE.UU.: 'El Norte' y 'Traffic'" at Literature on the Border, a conference sponsored by Texas A&M International University.

The Honors Committee recently accepted Drs. Marambio and Tew's proposal for a team-taught course, "The Regional Cinema of U.S. and Latin America," for Fall, 2004.

**Sharon McGuire**, School of Nursing and Health Science, presented "Fractured Families: 'Nervios' and Chronic Sorrow among Indigenous Immigrant Women" at the annual conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology, the Nursing section, in March in Portland, Oregon. Kate Martin, a sociology major who is graduating in May, presented the "mirror" aspect of this presentation from her research last summer in Oaxaca, Mexico.

**Alejandro Meter**, Department of Languages and Literatures, participated as discussant in the panel "Inventing Jewishness: Constructions and Figurations of Jewish Identity in Latin America" at the conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) held on March 27-29 in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Meter will be participating in a three-week symposium on contemporary Argentine fiction in the Chaco province of Argentina in a program sponsored by The University of Virginia in conjunction with the Centro de Altos Estudios del Chaco, together with scholars from Latin America, Europe, and the United States.

In addition, Dr. Meter's paper, "Memoria u Olvido: narrativa judia de la posdictadura," has been accepted to the Encuentro Internacional de Investigadores y Creadores de la Literatura y las Artes Judias to be held on July 26-28 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Chad Tew**, Department of Communication Studies, will give a presentation, "A Challenge to the Duel: Socializing Virtual Reality Gaming Fans to the Ideology of Textualism," at the International Communication Association's conference which will be held in May in San Diego.

Dr. Tew presented two papers at the 2003 Annual Conference of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association in New Orleans: "America's Introduction to Virtual Reality Games" and "Why Study Popular Technologies?" Dr. Tew also moderated a forum in the Technology and Science area at this conference in April.

Dr. Tew published "The Performance of Catholic Identity" in the 2002 volume of *Catholicism and Higher Education: Reflections by University of San Diego Faculty*.

Dr. Tew also presented "Refashioning the Computer Game: A Case Study of Virtual World Entertainment's BattleTech and the Textuality of Performance" at the Far West Chapter Popular Communication Association/American Communication Association held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in February, 2002.