USD Just Read! How to Move Beyond a World That's Stuffed and Starved

Guest lecture by:
Raj Patel, author of Stuffed and Starved
Tuesday, November 11, 2014
7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Shiley Theatre

Patel will speak about why we live in a world with nearly 2 billion overweight and almost 1 billion starving. He will show that the private sector's control of the food system is at the heart of the problem, but encourage us to think about why that is. More importantly, he will suggest some concrete alternatives to the current system that involve going beyond farmers markets, to a system change - one that will use some of his latest research in Africa as an illustration. Click here to register for the Raj Patel guest lecture.

Fed Up Film Screening and Discussion

Tuesday, November 4, 2014
5:00 to 7:00 p.m., UC Forum B
Cosponsored by:
Outdoor Adventures, Sustainability, & Changemaker HUB

“Everything we’ve been told about food and exercise for the past 30 years is dead wrong. Fed Up is the film the food industry doesn’t want you to see. From Katie Couric, Laurie David (Oscar winning producer of An Inconvenient Truth) and director Stephanie Soechtig, Fed Up will change the way you eat forever.” RSVP by Monday, November 3, 2014.

Text courtesy of: www.fedupmovie.com

Bullying in Academia: Prevention and Response Webinar

Thursday, November 13, 2014
11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., KIPJ-I
Cosponsored by:
College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

Slander, physical threats, unrealistic workloads, and isolation are just some of the bullying tactics that campus faculty and staff have identified when reporting alleged bullying within the campus environment. Allegations of bullying can negatively impact your faculty (including adjunct) recruitment and retention and can cost institutions millions of dollars between employee turnover, liability issues and potential legal expenses. And, in today’s workplace environment, faculty are increasingly aware and concerned when bullying crosses the line from annoying to dangerous behavior.

Join our expert presenter as he guides you through critical considerations related to bullying in the campus workplace, such as:

• Legal and liability issues
• Prevention and response strategies
• Early warning signs and risk factors
• Safety, health and disability issues
• Dealing with a troubled/dangerous employee

RSVP Here
Call for Course Development Grants (CDG)

With generous support from W. M. Keck Foundation, Course Development Grants (CDGs) are available to support the incorporation of research into the curriculum. Faculty from the College interested in including research methods/research into a course are encouraged to apply. Applications are due December 4, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit: http://www.sandiego.edu/ugresearch/faculty/course-development.php

You are also welcome to attend the Course Development Grant Information Workshop on November 11. For a description of this workshop, see page three.

Conference on Contemplative Studies

Thursday, November 20, 2014 – Friday, November 21, 2014
Mother Rosalie Hill Hall Warren Auditorium

The Conference on Contemplative Studies will focus on the emerging symposium on Contemplative Studies, the emerging interdisciplinary field dedicated to research and education on contemplative practice and contemplative experience. Click here for printable flyer.

For more information, visit: http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/contemplativestudies/resources/conference.php

Interview with Adina Batnitzky, Associate Professor, Sociology
On Using Stuffed and Starved in Sociology 385: Health and Society

With learning outcomes such as “comprehending how the dynamics of power are relevant to understanding stratifications” and “recognizing the social factors prominent in the perpetuation of health disparities”, Dr. Batnitzky’s Health and Society course makes Stuffed and Starved a natural fit for required course reading. Her students include sociology, pre-med, and pre-health majors. The course content covers an introduction to medical sociology (the health care system and its realities and the social determinants of health) with a special emphasis on the types of diseases that will comprise the future of health care: obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and other non-communicable diseases associated with lifestyle.

Her course is comprised of several assigned readings with student led in-class discussions, papers, presentations, and exams. Dr. Batnitzky expressed her appreciation for the timely scheduling of USD Just Read events and took full advantage of knowing well ahead of time when the events were scheduled, synergizing the syllabus with USD Just Read events. She has found that Stuffed and Starved has enhanced the engagement of her students in the literature. They are assigned the entire book to complete by early November and two successive class periods (three hours each) are devoted to Book Club discussions with three students per session acting as discussion leaders. Obesity is the theme for the first session covering the first five chapters, then Health and the Built Environment for the second session covering the last five chapters. The unit culminates with Raj Patel’s guest lecture on November 11. As is the case with many professors, she is always on the lookout for experiential learning opportunities for her students and meeting the author exemplifies this kind of opportunity. She has also encouraged her students to attend other USD Just Read events such as the Fed Up film screening and interdisciplinary panel discussion (Nov 21). Dr. Batnitzky’s full integration of this year’s USD Just Read selection into this course is commendable.
Faculty Writing Retreat
Cosponsored by:
femSTEM

Wednesday, November 5, 2014
1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center (MExCC) Boardroom 208

The Center for Educational Excellence, at the request of Lauren Benz (Chemistry & Biochemistry), has organized space to foster the writing productivity for ALL interested faculty. Boardroom 208 in the Manchester Executive Conference Center has been reserved on the dates listed below. The aim is to assign a block of time that will help faculty incorporate writing into their schedules. The format for these sessions is for faculty to work quietly on their own items, and with plenty of coffee and snacks provided. RSVP Here

Please note: you may drop in and out as your time allows.

The Transnational Migrant and Other Spoils of Philippine Dictatorship
Friday, November 7, 2014
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., CH-130
Presenter:
Josen Masangkay, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Ethnic Studies

This talk investigates a few of the cultural projects of the Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos conjugal dictatorship of the Philippines in order to discuss the foundation and construction of a labor export economy that sends millions of Filipino workers to countries all over the world. RSVP Here

Fabulous First Friday: Flipping Your Classroom
Friday, November 14, 2014
9:30 to 11:30 a.m., MRH (SOLES) 135
Facilitator:
Keith MacDonald, Adjunct Instructor, Biology; Faculty Learning Community Member (2013–2014 “Flipping your Classroom”)

For this Fab Friday session, we will be discussing the flipped classroom and how preparation before the semester and even before each class differs from traditional instructional preparation. We will also discuss the dos and don’ts of designing both out-of-class instruction materials and in-class participatory activities. The session will wrap up with a focus on guarding against student misconceptions, tangential time diversions, and how assessment of student learning has to change in a flipped classroom. RSVP Here

Inclusive Education Series:
Academic Integrity and Classroom Management in a Culturally Diverse Classroom
Thursday, November 20, 2014
12:25 to 2:15 p.m., MRH (SOLES) 131

As USD’s international student population continues to grow, creating a culturally inclusive classroom environment and managing potential academic integrity issues remain challenges for faculty. Session attendees will hear suggestions and best practices from seasoned faculty on how to address these concerns and learn more about USD’s changing international student demographics. RSVP Here
CEE & ATS Tech Talk: Supporting Student Wellness Through Technological Tools
Friday, November 21, 2014
2:00 to 3:00 p.m., MRH (SOLES) 131

Supporting the wellness of students can occur through various technological tools. Faculty are often the first to recognize students experiencing distress and through the use of technology faculty can positively impact the overall wellness of the USD community.

Kognito At-Risk is an interactive tech tool that will prepare faculty to recognize signs of psychological distress such as depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. Through role-play conversations with virtual students, faculty attain hands-on practice managing challenging, and often sensitive, conversations surrounding mental health. Faculty will master the skills necessary to identify concerns and connect students to help.

Faculty will also learn about mental health assessment tools, on-line chat opportunities for students experiencing distress, and academic support tools that help students manage time and stress, and enhance organization. RSVP Here

USD Just Read! Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion:
Stuffed and Starved, The Hidden Battle for the World Food System

Friday, November 21, 2014
3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center Auditorium

Moderator:
Colin Fisher, History

Panelists:
Lauren Benz, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Stephen Conroy, Faculty Director, Center for Peace and Commerce, Economics
Simon Croom, Supply Chain Management
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, Theology and Religious Studies

A panel of USD faculty will discuss how themes (e.g., global food economy, nutritional health, food sovereignty) in Stuffed and Starved can be considered across their various disciplines. Ample time will be given for questions and discussion. RSVP by Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

This event is open to everyone and students are especially encouraged to register and attend.

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Next Month’s Events!

12/05  ♦  Fabulous First Friday: Wellness—Helping Your Students Decompress with Finals
12/05  ♦  SBA Brown Bag Briefing: Syllabus and Reflection
12/10  ♦  New and Junior Faculty Social
12/12  ♦  Post Doc Research Colloquium #3

To RSVP: Phone: (619) 260-7402  Email: cee@sandiego.edu  Online: sandiego.edu/cee/events/registration.php