Welcome Back!

Welcome to Spring 2008! This promises to be another transforming semester for the University of San Diego. Several of your recent faculty honors and accomplishments are mentioned in this newsletter, and these, no doubt, will continue to grow this spring as they have in the past. In addition, your talents and energy will enable many on-going and new initiatives this spring. These include our dean search for the College of Arts and Sciences, the important work of our President’s Advisory Board for Inclusion and Diversity (PABID), the unveiling of our USD Sustainability Strategic Plan by our Sustainability Task Force, and the completion of our WASC Institutional Proposal. Clearly, this list only touches the surface of the many important endeavors at USD that would not be possible without your commitment. Thank you very much. I look forward to our continued collaborations this spring and seeing you at the faculty receptions on Feb. 20 and March 13.

My best,
Provost Julie Sullivan

Professor Peter Iovine Receives NSF CAREER Award

Peter Iovine, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has been awarded the highly prestigious CAREER award from the National Science Foundation. The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of the early career-development activities of those teacher-scholars who most effectively integrate research and education within the context of the mission of their organization. CAREER funding aims to build a firm foundation for a lifetime of integrated contributions to research and education by the recipient.

The award will provide $475,000 in funding over five years in support of Dr. Iovine’s research and teaching. In conjunction with the grant, Dr. Iovine and his students will develop a class of materials known as dendrimers. The word dendrimer comes from the Greek word dendron, meaning “tree.” Dendrimers are perfectly branched, large, polymeric molecules that have applications in areas such as new materials, drug delivery agents, and enzyme mimics. One objective of the grant is to use “sticky-ended” dendrimers to chemically modify a renewable material termed lignin. By chemically decorating the renewable material with dendrimers, Dr. Iovine hopes to create novel natural-synthetic hybrid materials that can be used as plastic alternatives. If this goal is achieved, Dr. Iovine believes his work may impact our reliance on petrochemical feedstocks by reducing the demand for traditional synthetic polymers.

Beyond the research, the NSF CAREER award will allow Dr. Iovine and Community Service-Learning to engage local educators and students by supporting a scientific outreach program. The outreach program targets local middle and high schools serving diverse populations and integrates USD undergraduates at every level. The outreach program will impact local students but it will also teach undergraduate students the value and best practices in communicating scientific results and concepts to a non-science audience.
Intersession Study Abroad Increases Enrollment

The International Center located in Serra Hall has helped to increase the number of USD students and faculty going abroad this Intersession as well as helped to facilitate the arrival of new international students coming to campus to start the Spring 2008 semester. A total of 317 students and 22 faculty members went abroad during Intersession. Approximately 30 new international students (graduate and undergraduate) will begin their studies at USD in the Spring 2008 semester.

During Intersession 2008, 193 undergraduate students participated in a total of eight international programs. This represents a 77% increase in the enrollment of undergraduate students in international programs from Intersession 2007. Students traveled along with USD faculty members to Argentina, France, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Morocco, Spain, and Tahiti. Course offerings ranged from business to theology and from language instruction to science exploration. The USD faculty support has been overwhelming and thanks to their participation and expertise, the International Center was able to run programs in new locations that were not offered before including Guatemala, India, Japan and Tahiti. Faculty members who accompanied undergraduate students overseas in Intersession 2008 include from the School of Business Administration: Denise Dimon, Alan Gin and Charles Tu; and from the College of Arts and Sciences: Michel Boudrias, Bahar Davary, Sarah Gray, Jim Hardison, Carl Jubran, Judith Liu, Alejandro Meter, Atreyee Phukan, Hiroko Takagi, Lekshe Tsomo and Randy Willoughby.

Graduate students in various programs also gained international experience during Intersession 2008. The School of Business Administration sent a total of 75 graduate students (59 MBA and 16 MSGL students) to Argentina, Brazil, Thailand and Uganda where they worked as consultants for a variety of companies and had the option to take an international negotiations course. The School of Leadership and Education Sciences sent 19 graduate students to take coursework in Guatemala (Community Organizing and Youth and Human Services) and Hong Kong (Diversity and Family Therapy- Families in Asia). The School of Nursing sent a total of 30 students (28 graduate and 2 undergraduate) abroad in Intersession 2008 to Uganda and Mexico. Students in Uganda worked with the local community to help continue to build a children’s hospital and to address specific community health and environmental needs. The nursing students in Mexico provided health care for children in an orphanage. Faculty members who participated in these programs with the graduate students were: Craig Barkacs, Linda Barkacs, Denise Dimon, Jaime Alonso Gomez, Patricia Marquez, Manzur Rahman, and Stephen Standifird from the School of Business Administration; Todd Edwards and Teresa VanHorn from the School of Leadership and Education Sciences; Jim Bollender and Judith Liu from the College of Arts and Sciences; and Anita Hunter and Lois Howland from the School of Nursing.

Clicker – Classroom Performance System

Just in time for the Fall 2007 Semester, USD’s clicker selection committee (18 members consisting of faculty, ITS, USD Bookstore and students) announced their recommendation for eInstruction Classroom Performance System (CPS) as the standardized clicker product for campus. CPS is a radio frequency classroom response system designed to increase student contribution and interaction, promote active learning, increase student engagement, and collect feedback about ongoing student learning context. This technology can be used for assessment, polls, classroom attendance, and for providing instructors with a student’s preceding knowledge of a subject. These wireless keypad devices are used in a real time classroom environment and visible results are immediate and displayed for the entire class.

Extensive time and research went into the selection process. Functionality, cost, durability, ergonomics, ease of use, software implementation, multi-platform versatility, and IT support were considered. Beginning in April 2007, the clicker selection
committee investigated the various products being used on campus, engaged current faculty users and involved them heavily in the process. Faculty convincing faculty best describes the process that ensued. eInstruction was selected on the basis of optimal functionality of the product, pricing, and support for faculty and students. With a standard product, students would not have to acquire multiple devices while ITS could support a single product campus-wide.

Nine faculty members implemented this new product in the Fall 2007 semester. Course areas varied widely: Physics, Math, Accounting, Chemistry, Computer Science, Marketing and Nursing. Students were polled at the completion of the semester and 158 responses were gathered. Some indicated that they were not happy about the cost, particularly when associated with the limited use; in fact, 26% strongly disagreed when asked if the initial investment was worth the benefit gained. Many indicated their desire to see use on campus expanded. On the positive side, 74% of students agreed that the technology caused them to be more engaged in the classroom, while 71% said that the purchasing process was smooth and instructions were adequate. Many also commented that their instructors had difficulty implementing the software smoothly and that many times the devices would not act as expected. Students indicated that clickers were used by their instructor to gauge understanding of lecture material, deliver quizzes, evaluate student participation, earn extra credit points, play learning games and take attendance. Complete survey results are available by contacting Academic Technology Services at ats@sandiego.edu. These responses will be taken into account in preparation for Spring 2008. A larger number of faculty users is expected and ITS is committed to overcoming glitches and ensuring that this technology is easily implemented for enhanced course delivery.

The success of clickers is a direct result of how widely the technology is integrated and used in day-to-day teaching and learning spaces. For an effective implementation, it is necessary that faculty members master the new skills required, instructional materials are modified to be used effectively, and ITS provides support for another demanding technology tool in the classroom. Training sessions are available to demonstrate how to best use the clicker product and a set is available for faculty and staff use for various events. For more information, please click: www.sandiego.edu/ats.

All Faith Service

The fifteenth annual All Faith Service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. in The Immaculata Church. The theme of this year’s service is “United in Prayer, Reverencing Creation.” With the student initiative regarding the environment and sustainability, this theme seemed particularly appropriate. Participants will include members of the USD community and representatives of various faith traditions. Faculty, staff, students and alumni of all faiths are invited.

Second Annual Faculty Open House – Academic Technology Services

Friday, Feb. 8, 3 – 5:30 p.m.
Maher Hall, Room 187

Join ITS for wine, hor d’oeuvres, networking opportunities and door prizes which include a Microsoft Zune, Apple iTouch, and Dell Laser Printer! Drop in any time during these hours to see your favorite exhibitors, Apple, HP, Dell, Smart, CPS, Apresco, Microsoft, Wimba, ESRI, Adobe, WebCT/Blackboard. See the latest in campus technology (and some technology that is just for fun!), tools for the classroom, product demonstrations, streaming media applications, and video and graphics support available to you. Exemplary Faculty Technology Projects and Student Technology Assistant Showcase presentations will be on going in Maher labs 112 and 114 during this time. See what faculty have done with Wimba, WebCT, Google Docs, ArcGIS, and many more! We look forward to this being an exciting event and hope to see you there!
**Catholic Social Thought and Environmental Sustainability Lectures**

The Catholic Social Thought Transition Committee is sponsoring two lectures on Feb. 28 by John Hart, Professor of Christian Ethics at Boston University.

**Opting for the Poor: Ecological Justice**
Thursday, Feb. 28, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.
Hahn University Center, Forums A and B
Light lunch will be provided.

**Burning Bushes, Surging Seas: Global Warming and Catholic Faith**
Thursday, Feb. 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theatre
Coffee and tea will be provided.

Professor Hart has authored several books, presented lectures on four continents in the area of Christian Ethics and Ecology, and served as a consultant and/or advisor to bishops and to the Vatican regarding environmental issues or concerns. USD students, faculty, staff and the greater San Diego community are invited to both events. Admission is free but seating is limited. For more information contact Stephen Conroy at ext. 7883 or Sister Virginia Rodee, RSCJ at ext. 7431.


**Kyoto Laureate Symposium**

The Seventh Annual Kyoto Laureate Symposium will be held March 12-14, 2008 in San Diego. As usual, the three recipients are people of unusual achievement and character. Information on current Kyoto Prize Laureates and symposium lectures may be found at [www.kyotoprize.org](http://www.kyotoprize.org). The symposium lectures are free, but you must register at this site in advance. You may register a group, simply by giving the number of people, or as an individual.

USD will host the winner of the Kyoto Prize in Arts and Philosophy again this year. The Prize field is Cinema and Theater. Ms. Pina Bausch, a choreographer, is the recipient and she will give a presentation at USD on **March 14 at 3:30 p.m. in Shiley Theatre.**

USD faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend this presentation. Hearing Pina Bausch speak of the process of dance creation and seeing her work is an experience that broadens one’s perceptions of the many ways to make a positive impact on the world. Ms. Bausch’s dance creations were at the beginning and end of the film “Habla Con Ella” (Talk with Her); its emotional impact is integral to the film. She has influenced both theater and dance, and now film, across the world.

Ms. Bausch’s citation reads “Applying an original choreographical approach that delves into the fundamental motives of human action, Ms. Pina Bausch has established a creative idiom that taps deeply into the sensitivity of both performers and their audiences. At the same time, she has broken down the boundaries between dance and theater, and opened up a new direction in theatrical art.”
Web sites to learn more about Pina Bausch include: www.ballet.co.uk/magazines/yr_02/feb02/interview_bausch.htm and www.culturekiosque.com/dance/inter/pina_bausch.html. For further information please contact Jodi Waterhouse at ext. 4231 or e-mail Dr. Ellen Cook at e_cook@sandiego.edu.

**Creative Collaborations 2008**

April 24, 2008, 12:15-2:15p.m.
Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Rooms A-D

Please reserve the date for this year’s Creative Collaborations: A Celebration of Student-Faculty Works. This annual conference celebrates student-faculty collaborative work and highlights the artistry and scholarly accomplishments of our undergraduate students from across campus. Students participating in undergraduate research and/or internships, whether on campus or off-campus, are invited to submit an abstract detailing the work to be presented (in poster format) at the conference. Art students are also invited to submit abstracts describing the artwork to be displayed or presented at the conference. It’s a good time to consider requiring or recommending that students in your classes attend and report on information presented at the conference. This is also an excellent opportunity for some of our younger students to learn more about the academic extra-curricular opportunities available to them. **Please note that the firm abstract deadline is Feb. 25.** The conference Web site provides more detailed information regarding abstract submission and program details as they become available: www.sandiego.edu/creative. Any questions can be directed to Debbie Tahmassebi at ext. 7454 or e-mail at debbiet@sandiego.edu.

**Center for Educational Excellence**

The Center for Educational Excellence (CEE) is a campus-wide center that aims to provide a variety of faculty development opportunities. CEE offers consultation and mentoring to faculty on learning, teaching and assessment; facilitates collaboration among academic units and student services, and partners with Information Technology Services to support faculty use of instructional technology. CEE may be contacted directly to set up individual or small group consultations on topics such as defining learning outcomes, teaching and assessment of student learning.

**Upcoming Faculty Workshops and Events**

Event details may be viewed at www.sandiego.edu/cee/programs. To register for these events go to www.sandiego.edu/cee/programs/registration.php or contact CEE at ext. 7402 or cee@sandiego.edu.

**Diversity Lunch & Learn:**

*The Veiling of Women: A Case of Oppression, Liberation, or Identity Negotiations?*

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.
Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, Room 201

**Preceptor Luncheon**

*Stress at USD: What the Students Feel, How They Respond, and What We Can Teach Them*

Thursday, Feb. 21, 12:15-2:15 p.m.
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Room I
Diversity Lunch & Learn
*Designing a “D” Course for the Core*
  Tuesday, Feb. 26, 12:15-1:15 p.m.
  Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Room I

Technology Lunch & Learn - co-sponsored with Academic Technology Services
*Intellectual Property Rights: Copyright*
  Wednesday, March 12, 12:15-1:15 p.m.
  Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, Room 201

Special Campus Luncheon Event
*Where Are We with WASC?*
  Thursday, March 27, 12:15-2:15 p.m.
  Hahn University Center, Forum B

Technology Lunch & Learn - co-sponsored with Academic Technology Services
*GIS: Not Just for Geography*
  Tuesday, April 1, 12:15-1:15 p.m.
  Olin Hall, Room 226

Diversity Lunch & Learn
*Advising Students of Color*
  Wednesday, April 9, 12:15-1:15 p.m.
  Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, Room 127

Preceptor Workshop (required meeting)
*Looking Forward to Fall 2008*
  Tuesday, April 15, 12:15 – 2:15 p.m. or Friday, April 18, 3-5 p.m.
  Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Rooms H&I

New Faculty Forum
*Service Through Committee Work*
  Tuesday, April 22, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.
  Degheri Alumni Center, Room 120

Annual Gender Studies and Women’s Center Awards Dinner Banquet
  Thursday, May 1, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
  Hahn University Center, Room 107

**Institutional Research and Planning**

New Data in the Stat Book
See the Stat Book on the Institutional Research and Planning Web site for Fall 2007 updates – plus trend data from previous years:
• Majors/Minors: Counts of undergraduate and graduate students for major fields (and undergraduate minors)
• SCH/FTE: Student credit hours by subject area and level, with FTE calculations
• Freshmen: Academic and demographic stats on the new freshman class
• Transfers: Academic and demographic stats on new fall transfer students
• Degrees Awarded: Counts of degrees awarded by level, first/second major; also undergraduate minors completed
• Faculty: Salary data for full-time faculty by rank and unit; counts by full/part time, rank, tenure status, etc.

Find these data by going to the IRP Web site at www.sandiego.edu/irp. Then click on Stat Book, which is password protected. Use the same log in procedures that you use for USD e-mail and MySanDiego. The left menu bar will lead you to the sections described above -- and more!

**Phased Retirement Deadline**
The deadline to apply for the Phased Retirement option beginning in 2009-10 is March 31, 2008. Please refer to the Phased Retirement Policy 2.2.6 for procedures www.sandiego.edu/administration/financeadmin/humanresources/documents/policy.pdf.

**Faculty Newsnotes Publication Dates and Deadlines**
Listed below are the remaining dates of publication for 2007-2008 Faculty Newsnotes. Please direct all entries to Peggy Agerton, Special Assistant to the Provost, at agertonp@sandiego.edu.

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**Varia**

Rabbi Ralph A. Dalin, M.A., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in recognition of over twenty-five years of service to the Jewish community.


Reactions of glyoxal may be significant in secondary organic aerosol formation in the atmosphere. In this study, glyoxal hydration and dimer formation mechanisms are studied computationally to shed light on reaction mechanisms. Doubly hydrated glyoxal is subject to nucleophilic attacks after one water is removed. Sean Hanley participated in this computational project for undergraduate research credit as a junior after studying this chemical system in the laboratory the previous summer. He will graduate and be commissioned as a naval officer in May. The project was supported by a Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation Start-Up Award and by an award from Research Corporation.

Norm Miller, Ph.D., Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, was recently reappointed as a Distinguished Fellow for the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), an honor he has held since 2002 when he became one of the association’s first Fellows. He also was reappointed to NAIOP’s Industry Trends Task Force and was appointed to the
NAIOP Curriculum Committee. Dr. Miller was recently selected to join the honorary land use economics society, Lambda Alpha International.

In addition, Dr. Miller will speak at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate’s 12th Annual Real Estate Conference at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina on Jan. 22. He will moderate a panel discussion entitled: “Hard Facts about the Economics of Building Green/Sustainable Community Development.” Miller will also present his research on commercial real estate at the Lusk Center for Real Estate’s Annual Symposium on Feb. 22-23 at the University of Southern California.

John H. Minan, J.D., School of Law, was recognized on Jan. 26, 2008 for his book, *The Little Green Book of Golf Law-The Real Rules of Golf*, at the 42nd Annual Local Authors Exhibit hosted by the City of San Diego. Reviews of his book are available on Amazon.com.

Ron Pachence, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, made a presentation titled “The Human Jesus as Portrayed in the Gospels” at St. James Catholic Church, Solana Beach on Jan. 14. The 130 entries he authored on a variety of topics in Islam and other world religions were recently published in *An Introductory Dictionary of Theology and Religious Studies* (Liturgical Press, 2007).

Rodney G. Peffer, Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, will participate in the XXII World Congress of Philosophy. Dr. Peffer has organized three roundtables (panels) and will be presenting six papers for the XXII World Congress of Philosophy at Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, July 30-Aug. 5, 2008. The World Congresses of Philosophy are sponsored by FISP (the International Federation of Philosophical Societies) and occur only every five years in a different major world city. They are considered the most prestigious international conferences for the philosophical profession and only a small percentage of participants give more than one paper or organize more than one roundtable (panel) for any particular World Congress.


Kenneth Serbin, Ph.D., Department of History, received a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies to support his 2007-2008 sabbatical book project on the lives of revolutionaries who resisted the Brazilian military dictatorship (1964-1985) and who now participate in the social mainstream. Dr. Serbin also received a Fulbright-Hays fellowship to support his research in Brazil last summer. In September 2007, Dr. Serbin’s book *Needs of the Heart: A Social and Cultural History of Brazil’s Clergy and Seminaries* (Notre Dame, 2006) was awarded the Book Prize of the Brazil Section of the Latin American Studies Association. He is the only individual to win this prize twice. In October Dr. Serbin presented the paper “Finding the Center: National Liberating Action and the Shift from Resistance to Democracy in Brazil, 1964-2007” at the workshop Constructive Transformation: Studying Cases of Political Incorporation at the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs of the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. He gave a revised version of the paper at the University of Oxford (England) in November and led a graduate seminar at Oxford. Last fall Dr. Serbin was quoted in articles on the Latin American Church in the *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times*. Dr. Serbin is currently serving as the president of the Brazilian Studies Association and is organizing its 9th International Congress, to be held at Tulane University in New Orleans, March 27-29, 2008.

Greg Severn, Ph.D., Department of Physics, gave a seminar in plasma physics at the National Center for Plasma Science & Technology at Dublin City University (DCU), in Dublin, Ireland, on January 18, 2008, as a guest of one of his research
collaborators there. The talk was entitled “Is the Bohm Criterion satisfied in multiple ion species plasma? Adventures with Laser-induced fluorescence and extremum principles.”

Dr. Severn recently was the recipient of one of the LFRG awards for 2008-2009, for his research work on the problem of sheath formation in plasmas. Plasmas are sort of like flames on steroids, and terrifically great electric fields arise on their boundaries (plasma sheaths) that keep the electrons in and push the ions out, which is why there are ultra large scale integrated circuits, and the aurorae, borealis and australis.


Professor Snyder has been reappointed to the Academic Advisory Board, The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship.

Laura Taylor, M.A., and Dee Aker, Ph.D., Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, published an article, “Eroding National and Human Security: Gendered Challenges to Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration in Nepal,” in the Women in International Security, WIIS Words special issue on Gender, Conflict, and Security. The article examines the human security challenges to disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) through a gender-sensitive lens and proposes policy recommendations.

Kevin Timpe, Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, recently completed a monograph entitled Free Will: Sourcehood and Its Alternatives (Continuum Press, 2008). He also has a forthcoming book chapter, “Free Will: Alternatives and Sources” in Sci-Phi: Philosophy Through Science Fiction; ed. Ryan Nichols, Fred Miller and Nicholas D. Smith (Routledge, 2008). His “Causal History Matters, but not for Individuation” is forthcoming in the Canadian Journal of Philosophy. This past semester, he gave three presentations: “How Troublesome is Tracing?” at the Conference on Responsibility, Agency and Persons held at the University of San Francisco; “The Demands of Friendship,” with USD alumnus Melissa Strahm, at the Symposium on Friendship held at Baylor University; and “Forensic Evaluation of a Sexually Violent Predator: Legal Facts and Philosophical Fictions” as part of USD’s Parents’ Weekend.

Allison Wiese, M.F.A., Department of Art, was selected for a 2007 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award. The biannual Tiffany Awards recognize emerging American artists whose work shows promise, but who have not yet received widespread critical or commercial recognition with monetary grants. Artists are selected for their talent, promise and individual artistic strength.

Matt Zwolinski, Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, has completed the entry on “Libertarianism” for the Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy, and is currently writing an essay on “Liberty” for Blackwell's forthcoming Central Issues in Philosophy. He was recently an invited discussant at a workshop on “Theory Multiplism” in Tucson, Arizona, and has also been invited to participate in a colloquium on “Keynes, Hayek, and the Market System” in Atlanta, Georgia in February. Additionally, he is currently finishing work on a textbook entitled Arguing About Political Philosophy, forthcoming with Routledge in January 2009.