Commencement 2008 Honorary Degree Recipient and Speakers

Ken Hackett, President, Catholic Relief Services
Honorary Degree recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters
Undergraduate Commencement, College of Arts and Sciences

Thomas P. O’Brien, United States Attorney
Commencement Speaker, School of Law Commencement

Maureen M. Pennington, Commander, United States Navy
Commencement Speaker, Graduate Commencement

Matthew H. Paull, Chief Financial Officer (retired), McDonald’s Corporation
Commencement Speaker
Undergraduate Commencement, School of Business Administration and Engineering Programs

Biographical information is available on the Commencement Web site at www.sandiego.edu/commencement/speakers.php.

SOLES Ranked by U.S. News & World Report

The University of San Diego’s School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES) was recently ranked among the best graduate schools of education in the country by U.S. News & World Report. The list cited the top 250 schools of education, among more than 800 in the country. SOLES was ranked 100th on the list. USD was the top-ranked private Catholic university in the region on the list.

To obtain the rankings, U.S. News and World Report surveyed graduate programs at 278 schools granting doctoral degrees in education in fall 2007 and early 2008. They considered findings from a quality assessment survey completed by deans and school superintendents, student GRE scores and acceptance rates, faculty resources and research activities. Other top-ranked California universities on the list include Stanford, UC Los Angeles, UC Berkeley and the University of Southern California.

Center for Catholic Thought and Culture to Open July 2008

The Center for Catholic Thought and Culture (CCTC), funded through private gifts from the Dan Murphy Foundation, trustees and others, is set to open July 1 under the directorship of Dr. Maria Pascuzzi, Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Studies. Dr. Pascuzzi earned her doctoral degree at the Gregorian University in Rome and is a well-respected biblical scholar with specific research and teaching interests in the New Testament and the letters of Paul and Gospel of John. Recently, Dr. Pascuzzi was appointed by the U.S. Conference of Bishops to the National Supervisory Board for the Translation and Revision of the New American Bible. She is committed to outreach and social justice, and has been engaged in the greater San Diego community through service on the Ecumenical Council of San Diego.
The CCTC will offer opportunities to explore and engage the rich heritage and continuing contributions of the Catholic Church’s intellectual, social and cultural traditions. During the first year, the CCTC will focus on four areas: faculty development workshops; thematic faculty seminars with travel immersion to reflect on how Catholic social thought and the Catholic intellectual tradition have contributed to specific disciplines; new faculty seminars; and Catholic cultural events and exhibits. It is expected that, as additional funds become available, a much broader range of university and regional participants will benefit from the CCTC’s offerings.

One Stop Student Center to Open Fall 2008

On August 4, 2008, USD will open the One Stop Student Center (OSSC). The OSSC will provide specially trained counselors to help students with all business transactions formerly handled by the Campus Card, Financial Aid, Registrar and Student Financial Services offices. This will eliminate the need for students to travel between offices by serving them in one location. The OSSC will be located in the University Center where the Torero Grille currently is located. In addition to being open five days a week, the office will also be open one night a week and other evenings and weekends when the semester begins, and will be further available to students by appointment outside of regular hours. The Campus Card Office will also be at the same location. Examples of services are: register and add/drop classes; view/print schedules; request and pay for transcripts; make payments; discuss financial aid; check grades; review DARS; meal plan transactions; ID cards; and more.

Additionally, the OSSC maintains the One Stop Services tab on the MySanDiego portal where students can conduct business transactions via any personal computer at any location. The portal account is accessible from the USD home page and the One Stop Web site at www.sandiego.edu/onestop. The One Stop team is being trained not only by the functional areas mentioned above but also in customer service. They are committed to providing state-of-the-art services to students. The OSSC team includes: Steve Schissler, Director; Sallee Spearman, Assistant Director; and the following One Stop Counselors: Alison Do, Arlene Handy, Joanne Logan, Torey Martin, and Michelle Zygowicz.

Information Technology Services

CE6 (WebCT/Blackboard) Course Activation Fall Reminder

As the end of the Spring 2008 semester nears, we would like to remind faculty to export grade books and create back ups of any CE6 classes.

Instructions on exporting grade books are at the following link:
www.sandiego.edu/ce6/gradebookexport.htm

Instructions on backing up your course are at the following link:
www.sandiego.edu/ce6/ce6backup.htm

In addition, we will be integrating CE6 into the Banner/Luminis system during the summer, bringing USD one step closer to its goal of a single more efficient sign-on process. CE6 course activations are generally handled in three business days or less. In this interim period, additional time may be required as we adjust to the newly integrated system. We appreciate your patience during the migration and look forward to a productive fall semester.
Banner Online Registration a Success
The new Banner online registration system has been live and registering students for Fall 2008 classes since April 3. Students register beginning at an assigned date and time depending on their program and status; at the peak we have had almost 200 students register successfully in a span of two minutes. On May 6, every student’s first availability to register passed, although online registration remains available for making adjustments through the summer.

In addition to online registration, a variety of tools have been added to the MySanDiego portal to assist faculty. To access the portal, browse to http://my.sandiego.edu, log in and click the “Teach/Advise” tab. Features that can be found there include the Faculty Dashboard (showing course information, including class rosters for Fall 2008), the Advisor Dashboard (lifting advisor holds), Faculty Schedule and Banner Self Service (searching for e-mail addresses or schedules for advisees or students).

The implementation team in Information Technology Services has been working hard with support from departments across campus. Faculty feedback continues to be a vital part of that. For questions about how to access functionality or for any issues while using Banner, please e-mail bliss@sandiego.edu. We are happy to help find a solution or hear feedback.

Faculty Research Report 2006-2007

Approximately $550,000 was expended in 2006-2007 to support faculty research projects. Below are summarized the projects for which the Provost’s Office has received reports by the date of this publication and submitted on the form, “Research Report Guide.”

College of Arts and Sciences

Christopher Adler, Ph.D., Music Program, performed concerts of his own compositions at the Chicago Cultural center and the Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago, and attended the Second International Lao Studies Conference.

Lisa M. Baird, Ph.D., Department of Biology, focused on completing studies associated with examination of cell wall development in switchgrass. Specifically, she and her students used light and electron microscopy to examine cell wall development and lignification in various lines of Panicum virgatum which have been developed as forage for cattle and are now being re-examined as possible biofuels.

Can Bilsel, Ph.D., Department of Art, published an article entitled, “The Undoing of a Monument: Preservation as Critical Engagement with Pergamon’s Heritage,” in Future Anterior: Journal of Historic Preservation, History, Theory, and Criticism. He has also worked on several other book chapters and articles which were subsequently published in 2006 or are forthcoming in 2007.

Terry H. Bird, Ph.D., Department of Biology, identified several key signal transduction factors that regulate encystment in the purple, photosynthetic bacteria, Rhodospirillum centenum. These proteins appear to be essential for the bacteria to sense the onset of starvation conditions and/or to initiate the genetic program that transforms metabolically active cells into dormant cysts.
Jonathon P. Conant, Ph.D., Department of History, spent the year engaged in two research projects: his book manuscript, “Staying Roman: North Africa and the Mediterranean, 400-700,” which examines the questions of what it meant to be Roman once the Roman empire had collapsed in the western Mediterranean; and an article, “Europe and the North African Cult of Saints, c.350-c.900,” which looks at the movement of North African saints’ cults to the rest of the Mediterranean in the early Middle Ages.

Alana Cordy-Collins, Ph.D., Anthropology Program, and associates trekked into the interior of the Peruvian north coast during May-June 2007 to research an archaeologically-excavated plant—called the *ulluchu*—unknown in contemporary markets. This initial investigation has laid the groundwork critical for a larger expedition focused on the north inland Cañaris region where most of the curative herbs available in Peru are found.

David De Haan, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, discovered that glyoxal, a common aldehyde in the air in Southern California, can form haze particles, even at very low humidity through a reaction with amine compounds.

John Halaka, M.F.A., Department of Art, worked on his documentary film series, “Desire and Resistance in Contemporary Palestinian Art.” In addition to recording interviews with 25 Palestinian artists, he conducted additional research on contemporary Palestinian art during the fall and spring semesters. Professor Halaka also continued to work on and exhibit several paintings and drawings for an ongoing series on the emotional journey of displacement and exile.

Jerome L. Hall, Ph.D., Anthropology Program, joined archeologists, government officials, volunteers, and USD students in the eighth and final excavation season of the “Pipe Wreck,” a northern European merchant shipwreck in Monte Cristi Bay, Dominican Republic.

Diane Hoffoss, Ph.D., Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, purchased equipment to communicate mathematics more easily with her co-author Dr. Joseph Maher at Oklahoma State University. His research is in the area of 3-manifold topology, which is a very visual subject.

Valerie S. Hohman, Ph.D., Department of Biology, co-authored a paper published in the *Journal of Immunology* entitled “Secretory Antibody Formation: Conserved Binding Interactions Between J Chain and Polymeric Ig Receptor From Humans and Amphibians.”

Hugh I. Ellis, Ph.D., Department of Biology, along with a Marine Science graduate student, researched the physiology of Eared Grebes by using fatty acids, acquired in their diet, to track their migration.

Rick Gonzalez, Ph.D., Department of Biology, continued his research on the ion transport physiology of neon and cardinal tetras, two species of fish from the ion-poor, very acidic Rio Negro of the Amazon River system.

James Gump, Ph.D., Department of History, prepared a comparative study of the counter-insurgency campaigns directed against the American Indian Movement and African National Congress in the latter third of the 20th century.

Michelle M. Jacob, Ph.D., Ethnic Studies Program, researched the *Yakima Herald* newspaper archives to examine discourses surrounding the dispossession of Yakama Indians.

Eric Jiang, Ph.D., Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, focused on development of new methodologies at the client level for filtering spam e-mail using semantic vector approaches.

Ronald Kaufman, Ph.D., Department of Marine Science and Environmental Studies, examined the ecology of Mission Bay’s marine communities and their responses to changes in habitat conditions throughout the year. A systematic study of marine planktonic communities in relation to habitat characteristics throughout the entire bay has not been performed with frequent sampling (monthly or better) over multiple annual cycles.

Michael Mayer, Ph.D., Department of Biology, along with his student collaborator, optimized a genetic fingerprinting protocol called AFLP analysis, which they have used to trace the parentage of a putative hybrid cactus, *Opuntia fosbergii*. So far the data have been clean and slightly more suggestive that *O. fosbergii* is actually of a hybrid, but rather one of the parents of the teddy bear cholla, *O. bigelovii*.

Duncan McCosker, M.F.A., Department of Art, created inkjet quality prints for fine art presentations to museums and galleries here and abroad. These prints were made for portfolios of three series: the Del Mar Fair series, the Country Shows of South Eastern Australia, and the Coex Mall series in South Korea.

Molly McClain, Ph.D., Department of History, researched for her next book, “Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary”: The Life and Passions of Mary, Princess of Orange and Queen of England, a biography of Queen Mary II (1662-94) who was part of the royal partnership known as “William and Mary.”


Marjorie Patrick, Ph.D., Department of Biology, completed identification of sodium transporter proteins in the salt-excreting organ of the salt tolerant mosquito larvae (*Ochlerotatus taeniorhynchus*).

Alberto Pulido, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, completed the archival research phase of his project, “Interpreting the ‘Dark Discipline’: Performance and Sacredness in the American Southwest.” He spent a week at the University of Arizona Special Collections reviewing and examining their collection regarding the *Thomas Wood Steven Papers*.

Thomas Reifer, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, has been working on a joint manuscript provisionally entitled *The Global 19th Century* based on an earlier National Science Foundation grant for which he was the co-principal investigator. He is also completing a number of chapters for this book and intends to incorporate much of the ongoing research and writing into his book *Violence, Profits and Power*.


Anne Sturz, Ph.D., Department of Marine and Environmental Studies, monitored the effect of geothermal energy production at the Salton Sea Geothermal Field on mud pots and volcanoes that occur along the southeast shore of the Salton Sea.

Susannah Stern Ph.D., Department of Communication Studies, examined children’s understanding of embedded marketing in online environments.
Angela Yeung, Ph.D., Music Program, continues her thirteenth year as founding Artistic Director for the concert series Early Music at Saint Peter’s Church in New York City, second year as Director of the USD Summer Chamber Music Festival, and continues to perform on cello in numerous chamber recitals in and outside San Diego.

Zhi-Yong Yin, Ph.D., Department of Marine and Environmental Studies, used his grant to support field research in conjunction with a NASA sponsored research project to examine the effectiveness of satellite technology to monitor rainfall over the Tibetan Plateau.

Jennifer Zwolinski, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, completed a study that utilized a live interpersonal challenge to assess psychological and neuronendocrine stress responses to social exclusion in females with a history of being targeted with relational aggression.

Matt Zwolinski, Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, completed drafts of three chapters of his monograph, *Morality's Authority*, one of which was presented at the Eastern Division meeting of the *American Philosophical Association* and is forthcoming in *Reason Papers*, December 2007.

Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science


School of Business Administration

Claribel Bonilla, Ph.D., Engineering Programs, completed research on the results obtained from experimentation related to difference in the flank wear perimeter and microhardness of cryogenically treated vs. non-treated cutting inserts.

Bradley Chase, Ph.D., Engineering Programs, examined oculomotor behavioral changes while subjects performed auditory and driving tasks.

Stephen Conroy, Ph.D., completed a theoretical paper titled, “Ethical Cycles and trends: Implications for Research Methodologies.”

Kokila Doshi, Ph.D., published a paper titled “IT Application, Healthcare and Targeting the Poor.” The paper demonstrates a services business contributes to the needs of the poor by leveraging technological advances and developing innovative business models.


Frank Jacobitz, Ph.D., Engineering Programs, collaborated with the University of Provence to analyze the anisotropy properties of homogeneous turbulence subjected to rotation, stratification, and shear.
James Kohl, Ph.D., Engineering Programs, continued working on his project “The Removal of Epoxy from Silicone Coatings with Non-Uniform Thickness by Applying a Shear Force and Creep Effects in the Removal of Epoxy from Silicone Coatings.”

Kathleen A. Kramer, Ph.D., Engineering Programs, received support for an inverted pendulum control system. She worked with student Adrian Lyons over summer 2007 to obtain empirical data in order to validate theoretical results published on the algorithm. In August 2007, a journal article she co-authored, “Predictive Guidance Intercept Using the Neural Extended Kalam Filter Tracker” appeared in the August 2007 issue of Control and Intelligent Systems.

Susan M. Lord, Ph.D., Engineering Programs, addressed the question of whether or not moving to a Tablet PC for presentation of classroom material might be useful by presenting a range of options that engineering and computer science faculty have.

Andrew Narwold, Ph.D., along with coauthors Jon Sandy and Charles Tu, had the paper “Historical Designation and Residential Property Values,” accepted for publication in the International Real Estate Review.

Mario Picconi, Ph.D., completed “Corporate Stewardship in Changing Business and Environmental Settings: United American Enterprises.” This case chronicles the financial travails of a dot.com tech company and the management missteps that lead to eventual bankruptcy.

Charles Tu, Ph.D., completed a paper that studies the performance of industrial REITs and other industrial companies and models the difference as a function of industrial space supply and demand.

School of Law


Roy Brooks, J.D., wrote a book titled, Civil Rights Theory. This is the first book that provides a conceptual scheme for understanding and analyzing the myriad civil rights theories articulated since the end of the Civil Right Movement.

Karen Burke, J.D., completed three articles on partnership taxation, focusing on the origin and evolution of the current statutory provisions and suggesting needed reforms. Professor Burke also completed a revised sixth edition of Federal Income Taxation of Corporations and Stockholders (forthcoming 2008.)

Laurence Claus, J.D., wrote an article titled, “Moral Choices and the Eighth Amendment”, which explores the history of the Constitution’s prohibition of “cruel and unusual punishments” and analyzes the range of moral enquiries that the prohibition potentially invites.

Donald Dripps, J.D., presented his paper, “After Rape Law: Can the Turn to Consent Normalize the Prosecution of Sexual Assault” at the Law and Society Conference in Berlin in July 2007.
Robert C. Fellmeth, J.D., wrote a chapter titled, “Advocating for Children”, which is expected to be the concluding chapter of the Third Edition of Jones and Bartlett published Health and Welfare of Families in the 21st Century and explores the anticipated future content and methodology of child advocacy.


C. Hugh Friedman, J.D., wrote and published (Thomson/West) the 23rd edition of his two-volume corporate practice treatise, “California Practice Guide-Corporations,” comprising a comprehensive revision to bring fully current and include the legislative, judicial and administrative developments during 2007 in affecting California corporate law practice.

Walter Heiser, J.D., wrote three law review articles. The first article examined statutes enacted by several countries that are specifically designed to counter forum non conveniens dismissals of transnational tort actions commenced by foreign plaintiffs against United States defendants in United States courts. The second article examined the extent to which parties in tort litigation in California can agree as part of a pretrial settlement that information obtained through discovery, such as documents that reveal a public health or safety hazard, will not be disclosed to third parties. The third article analyzed the constitutional problems associated with state statutes that require an unlicensed out-of-state insurer, before it can defend any action initiated against it, to deposit with the court security in the amount of any judgment that might be rendered against it.

Gail Heriot, J.D., published an article tentatively titled, “Affirmative Action in Law School” based on her work on the U.S. Commission on Civil Right in the JCLI.

Adam Kolber, J.D., completed an article on the use of the brain imaging to assess damages in court and have drafted the first part of a project on the implications of advances in the neurosciences on our punishment theories and practices.

David Law, J.D., completed a paper titled, “The Many Faces of Judicial Power: The Functions of a Constitutional Court.” This paper argues that constitutional courts and judicial review serve monitoring, signaling, and coordination functions that both encourage government obedience to courts and facilitate the exercise of popular control over government.


Herbert Lazerow, J.D., completed an article that analyzes all of the litigation under the Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990 and concludes that, despite substantial interpretive problems in the Act, the volume of litigation has been exceptionally light, primarily directed against cities and real estate owners and managers, and primarily concerned with large works of public art such as murals on walls and large sculptures.

Orly Lobel, J.D., analyzed legal incentives for confronting illegality in organizational settings in two inter-related articles, one jurisprudential and the other empirical.

Shaun P. Martin, J.D., wrote a law review article on the ability of litigants to deliberately lose selected motions and requests and the result of such tactical strategies on judicial adjudication and doctrine.

Lesley McAllister, J.D., Ph.D., completed a book manuscript that will be published by Stanford University Press, Making Law Matter: Environmental Protection and Legal Institutions in Brazil.

David McGowan, J.D., wrote a paper titled, “Copyright and Convergence: A Different Perspective,” which explores the relationship between creativity and the need for cost recovery in copyright law.

Miranda McGowan, J.D., took a graduate-level course in statistical sociology at UCSD and taught herself to use SPSS so that she could investigate empirical questions underlying her research into judicial behavior and racial and gender identity with greater sophistication and improve the empirical research into Justice Scalia’s statutory interpretation techniques that she was in the process of conducting.

John H. Minan, J.D., completed a book entitled, “The Little Green Book of Golf Law: The Real Rules of Golf,” which examines the legal rules, principles, and arguments from a selection of nineteen litigated cases involving the game of golf. He also completed an article on pesticide regulation which examines whether the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program of the Federal Clean Water Act applies to the discharge of pesticides to waters of the United States, if the pesticide is applied consistent with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

Grant Morris, J.D., completed a law review article entitled, “Preparing Law Students for Disappointing Exam Results: Lessons from Casey at the Bat.” In this article, he urges law professors to address the exam anxiety and grade disappointment certain to be suffered by many of their students, and offers a model by which professors can constructively address this issue.

Frank Partnoy, J.D., completed several articles, including a co-authored article on hedge fund activism that will be published in the Journal of Finance, and a co-authored article on credit derivatives that was just published in the University of Cincinnati Law Review. He also completed a co-authored corporate law case book, which was just published by Thomson West.

Saikrishna Prakash, J.D., completed a paper entitled, “The Separation of War Powers” which discusses the exclusive and shared powers over the conduct of a war and the regulation of the military.

Lisa Ramsey, J.D., completed an article titled, “Increasing First Amendment Scrutiny of Trademark Law.” This article provides a framework for evaluating the constitutionality of trademark laws if the U.S. Supreme Court determines that truthful, non misleading commercial speech is subject to full protection under the First Amendment.

Michael Ramsey, J.D., completed three articles. The first article, “The President’s Power to respond to Attacks,” argues that, although the President lacks unilateral constitutional power to begin military hostilities with another nation, the President has full constitutional power to respond militarily if another nation attacks the United States. The second article, “Presidential Originalism?” asks whether the modern President should be bound by the Constitution’s limitations on presidential power as those limitations were originally understood, or whether the President can appeal to an evolving understanding of constitutional limitations to justify more expansive exercises of presidential power. The third article, “Justifications for Originalism” provides a critical review of modern arguments for the use of the original understanding in constitutional interpretation.
Michael Rappaport, J.D., completed several projects. “The Desirable Constitution and the Originalis Constitution: A New Normative Defense of Originalism” (with John McGinnis), provides an extended defense of a new justification for originalism based on the supermajoritarian enactment of the Constitution. “The Unconstitutionality of the Power to Sign and Not Enforce” argues that if the President believes a provision is a bill in unconstitutional and must be not enforced, then he is obligated to veto that provision. “Originalism and Supermajoritarianism: Defending the Nexus” responds to a critique of our supermajoritarian defense of originalism by Ethan Leib.

Maimon Schwarzschild, J.D., published an article during the summer of 2007 in a symposium in the University of Queensland Law Journal in Australia on the role of public policy in “private law”- i.e. commercial and tort law- along with several other scholars from Britain and Australia. The theme of Schwarzschild’s article is that common law adjunction would not be improved by a more aggressive “public policy” stance, and that trying to make private law more “public” would tend to corrode judicial independence as well as the stability of the law and the public legitimacy of the work of the courts.

Junichi P. Semitsu, J.D., combined his musical background with legal scholarship to write an article titled, “The Death of an Art Form: How the Evisceration of Fair Use in Digital Sampling Has Altered the Future of Music,” which documents the impact of the current legal framework on various musical genres and proposes a system that allows transformative digital sampling to exist and thrive.

Steven D. Smith, J.D., completed several articles and short essays. “Our Agnostic Constitution” examines the claim that secularity of the U.S. Constitution entails that government and politics in this country are legally required to be secular. “De-Moralized: Gluckberg in the Malaise,” attempts to show how inadequacy of the reasoning of the Supreme Court’s assisted suicide decisions reflects the quandary in which moral reasoning today finds itself. “Jurisprudence: beyond Extinction” discusses the sterile quality of core jurisprudential debates today and suggests that the translation of classical issues into secular term has deprived those issues of much of their significance. “Sectarianizing Civil Religion? A Comment on Gedicks and Hendrix” is a critical comment on an article which argues that civil religion, though once unifying and acceptable, has become sectarianized in recent years in this country. “How is America ‘Divided by God’?” discusses the ways in which differences in beliefs about God influence the culture wars in this country today.

Thomas A. Smith, J.D., analyzed the network properties of a large database of U.S. Supreme Court citations in order to understand the Court’s use of their own precedents.

Lester B. Snyder, J.D., completed an article that analyzes some current problems with 75-year old tax law provisions allowing taxpayers to delay paying income taxes on certain exchange property, with suggested solutions for resolving inequities that have developed over the years.

Ed Ursin, J.D., completed “No Duty Run Wild” which critically examines a potential far-reaching regime of no-duty rules adopted over the past decade and half by the California Supreme Court in the wake of its abolition of the traditional consent-based defense of assumption of the risk. The thesis of Great Judges and Judicial Lawmaking is that the scholars of the dominant jurisprudential movements of the twentieth century - the formalists of the early decades, the “legal process” scholars of mid-century and the moral, constitutional, and jurisprudential (including originalist) theorists of recent years - have been out of touch with the reality of judicial lawmaking as it has been understood - and expressly articulated - by the great judges who have shaped our law and our views of judicial lawmaking: Chief Judge Lemuel, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Justice Roger Traynor, Judge Henry Friendly and, most recently, Judge Richard Posner.
Jorge A. Vargas, J.D., edited a book of contributions by leading Mexican specialists on Mexican law to serve as a "handbook" for legal practitioners, judges, and government officials involved in the practice of Mexican law before U.S. courts.

Mary Jo Wiggins, J.D., co-authored a bankruptcy book with the Honorable Bruce A. Markell, a federal bankruptcy judge. She also worked on revisions to several chapters in Collier on Bankruptcy.

Chris Wonnell, J.D., completed two articles. The first article, “Contingent Fees and Negative Expected Value Lawsuits,” concerns the incentive structures created by contingent fees for attorneys, and in particular whether it will motivate the bringing of suits that are not expected to return enough to cover litigation costs. The second article, “Ex Ante Efficiency and Equality,” concerned the normative concept of ex ante efficiency, that a policy change is desirable if everyone would except to benefit from it, even though some actually lose from it ex post, or whether egalitarian objections to that conception are decisive.

Fred Zacharias, J.D., completed an article titled, “The Pre-employment Ethical Role of Lawyers,” which argues that the professional regulatory regime governing lawyers should clarify and facilitate enforcement of lawyers’ pre-employment obligations. He also completed an essay titled, “Are Evidence-Related Ethics Provisions Law?” which addresses the issue of whether evidence-related provisions in the legal ethics codes should be considered “law.”

School of Leadership and Education Sciences

Sandy Buczynski, Ph.D., focused on how we can use the engaging nature of playing a video game as a constructive force in today’s classroom.


Reyes Quezada, Ph.D., presented a research paper entitled, “An Analysis of Effective Bilingual Parent/Family, and Community Involvement Practices with Latino Parents in Pre-Kindergarten/k-8 Schools’ at the National Association for Bilingual Education Conference in San Jose, CA.

Kendra Sisserson, Ph.D., used data teacher' assignments and student' work prepared in response to those assignments to measure the intellectual quality and level of authenticity in the work we ask students to do in school, and in the work they produce in response to the assignments.

NDIA Colonel Leo Codd Award 2007 - USD NROTC Instructor wins First Place

The Naval ROTC Unit is pleased to announce that one of its staff members, an assistant professor of Naval Science, has been selected as the Top NROTC Instructor. Lieutenant John Ferrara recently accepted the "Colonel Leo Codd" Award for 2007. Whereas there are 59 NROTC Units in the country, each with an average of four eligible instructors, this accomplishment is a fine example of the top-notch staff that the NROTC Unit, and the faculty at USD, is blessed to call their own.
**Honor Societies**

The university congratulates the 2008 members of Kappa Gamma Pi, Mortar Board, and Phi Beta Kappa for their demonstrated academic excellence, leadership and character.

**Kappa Gamma Pi – National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society**

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Dee Aker, Ph.D., Emiko Noma, M.A., and Laura Taylor, M.A., Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ), published an opinion piece, "Ending violence against women" in the San Diego Union Tribune on March 14, 2008, reporting on international efforts by men and women to protect women's rights and lives. They were part of a delegation at a recent meeting of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. Erika Lopez, M.A., joined the IPJ delegation to the United Nations and, along with women peacemakers from Afghanistan and Serbia, presented the session “Women Ending Cycles of Violent Conflict: Strategies and Best Practices” which focused on the way in which women have stepped in and made a concrete difference through their activism, advocacy and direct action at various stages in the continuum of conflict.


Linda L. Barkacs, J.D., School of Business Administration, published her first text, Dynamic Business Law, by McGraw Hill. An “Essentials” version of the text will be forthcoming next year.

Sandy Buczynski, Ph.D., School of Leadership and Education Sciences, had her article “Toward instructional synergy in an induction/M.Ed. program” published in Issues in Teacher Education. Her co-authored paper, “Using Japanese lesson design to anticipate an ant invasion on Maui” was published in The Science Teacher. In addition, she presented a paper entitled “Little fire ant alert on Maui” at the meeting of the National Science Teachers Association and, “A longitudinal study of science-based professional development for elementary teachers” at the meeting of the Association of Science Teacher Educators.

Brian Canfield, Ed. D., School of Leadership and Education Sciences, had his paper “The dyadic complexity formula” published in the Family Journal.

Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, gave two seminars in Toronto, Canada. The topic of the first seminar, held on April 12, was “The Apocalypse in the Orthodox Church” and the second, held on April 13th was “The Jewish and Roman Trials of Christ and the Crucifixion.”

Paula Cordeiro, Ed.D., School of Leadership and Education Sciences, co-chaired a session titled “Forging a Collective Identity for Educational Leadership Around the World” at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting.

Paula Cordeiro, Ed.D., and Lea Hubbard, Ph.D., along with doctoral student, Mark Silver, School of Leadership and Education Sciences, Department of Leadership Studies, presented their paper entitled, “The Role of Universities in Building the Capacity of Educational Leaders” at the National Meeting of the University Council of Educational Administrators (UCEA). Dean Cordeiro also presented her paper, “The Role of Foundations in Promoting Educational Change: An Examination of High Impact Initiatives for School Leadership Preparation” and along with two others, including alumna Janet Chrispeels ’90, Ed.D., presented another paper titled “Pedagogical Practices Used in Leadership Education.”
Esteban del Rio, Ph.D., Department of Communication Studies, will present two papers titled, “Approaching Immigration Debates Through the Lens of Race” and “Caught in the Frame: Immigration Marches and the Public Screen” at the International Communication Association annual meeting in Montreal, Canada.

Mary Doak, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, gave the Presidential Address to the American Theological Society (Midwest Division) on Friday, April 25. The title of the talk was: “Engaging the Public Theologies of Reinhold Niebuhr and Joseph Ratzinger: Could Reading Niebuhr Make the Pope More Catholic?” Dr. Doak also spoke at the Intervarsity/University Ministry Conference (“Exploring Common Ground”) held at the University of San Diego on April 12. The title of the presentation was “Is Christ Divided?”

Robert Donmoyer, Ph.D., Department of Leadership Studies, presented his paper “Will Artistic Considerations Always Play ‘Second Fiddle’ in Arts-Based Educational Research?” and also chaired the session “Inquiry and Advocacy: Reconsidering the Distinction for a Postmodern Era Still Committed to Scientific Research” at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting.

Louis Galuppo, J.D., Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, will participate in “San Diego Economic Outlook for 2008-09,” a panel discussion that is part of UCLA’s Anderson Forecast “Focus on San Diego Regional Breakfast Conference” at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, May 8, 2008.

Steve Gelb, Ph.D., School of Leadership and Education Sciences, had his paper, “Charles Darwin's Use of Intellectual Disability in The Descent of Man,” accepted for publication in Disability Studies Quarterly.

Cheryl Getz, Ed.D., Department of Leadership Studies, presented her paper “Enhancing One’s Pedagogical Approach to Teaching Leadership: Teaching and Learning in Real Time” at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting.

Ali Gheissari, Ph.D., Department of History: completed work on an edited volume titled Contemporary Iran: Economy, Society, Politics (forthcoming by Oxford University Press), to which he contributed a coauthored research article on “New Conservative Politics and Electoral Behavior in Iran.” He will present a summary of this research at CERI/Sciences Po, Paris (May 27, 2008). He will also present a paper titled “A Physician of Body Politic in Late Qajar Iran: Hajj Mohtasham al-Saltaneh on Causes of our Misery and its Cure,” at the 7th annual International Qajar Studies Association Conference in Leiden (June 5, 2008). Dr. Gheissari will spend the academic year 2008-2009 as Senior Associate Member and Visiting Fellow of St. Antony’s College at the University of Oxford.

Catherine Hands, Ph.D., Department of Leadership Studies, presented two papers: “Parent Engagement in Secondary Schools: Possibilities for Partnerships and Problems of Power” and “Constructing and Deconstructing a Networked Learning Community: Lessons Learned from a Secondary School’s Reform Activities” at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting. Dr. Hands also chaired a session on “Care and Change” in the Educational Change SIG.

Heidi Hendershott, Ph.D., Department of Communication Studies, received the "Monarch School Lifesaver Award 2008" to honor her volunteer work with the children of the Monarch School, a school for homeless and disadvantaged youth in downtown San Diego. She and other community leaders where honored at a luncheon on April 9, 2008.

Lea Hubbard, Ph.D., School of Leadership and Education Sciences, presented a paper, “District-Wide Approaches to Instructional Capacity Building: How Can Districts Learn From One Another?” at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting.

Michael Ichiyama, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, along with Okun, I., Moallem, N., & Francis, D. presented a paper titled “Crossing the border to drink: Evaluating risk for college freshmen” at the 88th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Irvine, CA, April 2008. It was the recipient of regional Psi Chi award for best research paper.


Frank G. Jacobitz, Ph.D., Engineering Programs, along with Lukas Liechtenstein, and Kai Schneider, Universite de Provence, Marseille, France, and Marie Farge, Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris, France, recently published “On the structure and dynamics of sheared and rotating turbulence: Direct numerical simulation and wavelet-based coherent vortex extraction” in *Physics of Fluids* 20, 045103 (2008) (13 pages). This work is the result of an ongoing international collaboration and it was supported by an International Opportunity Grant and the Ahlers Center for International Business.

In addition, Dr. Jacobitz received the Outstanding Engineering Educator Award. The award recognizes an engineering educator from the San Diego area who has made outstanding contributions to the field of engineering education that serves the engineering profession and the general public.

Ronn Johnson, Ph.D., School of Leadership and Education Sciences, recently was senior author on three conference papers. They were, “Evaluating, documenting, and restoring function: The missing piece in forensic psychiatry,” presented at the meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Psychiatry, and “What time does not heal: Achieving functional recovery in psychiatric illness,” and “The clinicians role in changing the light bulb” both presented at the meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry.

Virginia Lewis, Ph.D., Department of Political Science, recently attended a Liberty Fund colloquium in Santa Monica on “Intellectuals, Liberty, and Ideology,” and another on “Naipaul and the Universality of Liberty” in San Francisco. Dr. Lewis was a discussant on a USD panel, “The Rule of Law in Comparative Perspective” at the International Study Association annual meeting in San Francisco this March. Last April she gave a talk for USD's Catholic Social Talk Committee on “Political History of Catholic Social Thought,” available on-line. She was named Teacher of the Year last spring by Pi Sigma Alpha, USD's Political Science Honor Society, and this February she received a Mortar Board Award for Scholarship, Leadership, and Service.

Mitch Malachowski, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, published an article in the *Journal of the Chemical Society, Dalton Transactions,* 2571-2579, 2007, entitled, “Synthesis, Structure, Redox Properties and Azide Binding for a Series of Biphenyl-based Cu(II) Complexes.” The article was coauthored with Dr. Larry Margerum from the University of San Francisco, Dr. Arnie Rheingold from UCSD and USD undergraduates Ryan White, Zachary Thawley and Angie Thayer.

Along with colleagues from three other institutions (Harvey Mudd College, the College of New Jersey and Buffalo State University), Dr. Malachowski continued work on a $499,000 grant from the National Science Foundation that is designed to disseminate successful models of collaborative student-faculty undergraduate research through a series of regional workshops and campus visits. Dr. Malachowski ran three-day weekend workshops at Spelman College (Oct. 26-28, 2007), West Chester University (Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2007), the University of Texas at El Paso (Jan. 18-20, 2008) and Lewis and Clark College (Feb. 29-March 2, 2008). In addition, he served as an external reviewer of the chemistry department at the College of New Jersey on Dec. 17-18, 2007.

**Norm Miller, Ph.D.**, Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, presented, “The Economics of Green” at the University of Denver April 13 as part of the Burns Visiting Scholar program. Dr. Miller also spoke at the American Real Estate Society’s 24th Annual Meeting April 16-19 in Captiva Island, Fla., where he presented “Publishing and Teaching: A Primer for the New Professor.”

**Terri Monroe, RSCJ, Ed.D.**, Department of Leadership Studies, gave the keynote address, “Being An Effective and Responsible Agent for Change,” at A National Ministry Summit, Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership held in Orlando, Florida on April 22.

**Rick Olson, Ph.D.**, Engineering Programs, was recognized as the Outstanding Faculty Advisor by the western region of the Institute of Industrial Engineers at the annual IIE Student Regional Meeting held in San Luis Obispo, CA on March 8, 2008. This award was made to recognize his efforts to the student chapter that have exemplified IIE’s commitment to education, personal, professional, and technical development of students in industrial engineering related fields.

**Alberto Pulido, Ph.D.**, Ethnic Studies Program, was the inaugural keynote speaker for the Latina/o Studies Lecture Series at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas on March 24, 2008. The title of his lecture was “Julian Samora and the Establishment of Latino Studies: Movement Beyond Borders.”


On April 26th, Dr. Reed addressed a group of 22 school superintendents and staff members from Montgomery County Pennsylvania. He was a featured speaker at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's Superintendents Retreat held in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. His four-hour presentation centered on the topic of leadership development.

**Lonnie Rowell, Ph.D.**, School of Leadership and Education Sciences, was lead author of a White Paper published by the California Association of School Counselors and USD’s Center for Student Support Systems examining the impact of the new $200 million California Middle and High School Supplemental Counseling Program.
Daniel Sheehan, Ph.D., Department of Physics, presented talks at a workshop and a plenary session at the “Toward a Science of Consciousness, 2008” conference at University of Arizona (Tucson) in early April. The talks, entitled (roughly) “Retrocausation and Consciousness,” examined the growing theoretical and experimental evidence for physical interactions between future events and past events (i.e., retro-causation) and how this might bear on the phenomenon of consciousness.

Dr. Sheehan also recently had a manuscript accepted for publication in *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, entitled “Energy, Entropy, and the Environment (How to increase the first by decreasing the second to save the third.).” In it he proposes a radical solution to our current global energy-environmental dilemma: violate the second law of thermodynamics.

Joi Spencer, Ph.D., School of Leadership and Education Sciences, presented two papers: “Impediments to Teaching for Understanding: A Case study of Urban teachers implementation of Rich Mathematics Problems” and “Identity at the Crossroads: African American Mathematics Students Discuss Who They Are and Who They Hope to Be” at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2008 annual meeting, New York, NY, March 2008. Dr. Spencer also taught a professional development course entitled, “Foregrounding Issues of Equity and Diversity in Mathematics Education Research: Implications for Research Methods and Teacher Development” at the AERA annual meeting, and she gave an invited talk entitled “African American Mathematics Identity in Central City Schools” at the Urban Learning, Teaching and Research Special Interest Group of the AERA.


Jade G. Winn, Ed.D., Copley Library, presented “Post-Secondary Education’s Role in Creating Global Citizens” at The Clute Institute’s College Teaching & Learning Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. This presentation won a best paper award at the conference and is currently in peer review for publication. Dr. Winn also presented “The Relationship Between Information Literacy and Global Citizenship” at the California Academic & Research Libraries Annual Conference, Irvine, California.

Jennifer Zwolinski, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, presented two research projects with four students at the Western Psychological Association conference in April 2008. The first project was titled “Violent Video Gaming Impacts Overt But Not Covert Aggression” (Jennifer Zwolinski, Chase Wagner, Irene Rico & Kate Lilly). The second project was based on a Mindy Pressman's honors thesis titled “Evaluation of a Rape Victim Varies By Evaluator's Sexual Orientation” (Mindy Pressman & Jennifer Zwolinski), which was also honored with a PsiChi Research award.