Welcome from the Provost

Welcome to the start of a new academic year! I hope you enjoyed a productive and rejuvenating summer, and you are ready to share the energy and enthusiasm that comes with each new entering class of students. My excitement about the shared legacy that we are creating for all members of our community continues to grow. I am proud of our on-going achievements to realize academic excellence in a values-based environment.

This year promises to be another year full of new faces, buildings, and initiatives that will contribute to the continued ascent of University of San Diego’s national and international prominence.

We enthusiastically welcome Father Bill Headley to our community as the founding dean for the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. We also welcome 24 new full-time faculty to University of San Diego; 19 in the College of Arts and Sciences, 3 in the School of Business Administration, 1 in the School of Leadership and Education Sciences and 1 in the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science. This is a very talented, diverse group of scholars who will contribute to forming the pillars of our future.

I highlight a few of the many exciting initiatives that are underway and will continue to unfold this year. First, we welcome the School of Leadership and Education Sciences to their remarkable new home and look forward to the official dedication of this marvelous new facility on October 20. Second, this is the inaugural year of our School of Peace Studies, and we look forward to working with Dean Headley in building a school that attracts outstanding scholars and students from around the world to study and further the work of peacemaking. Finally, this fall our first campus-wide International Center opens in Serra Hall with a goal of coordinating and expanding our international studies and services.

I also highlight several exciting initiatives that will begin this year. First, we will be planning and constructing our physical One Stop Center in Serra Hall to supplement the Banner Student system that continues to be implemented through our MySanDiego portal. These two initiatives promise to transform the quality of academic-related services we provide our students. Second, we will be planning, creating, and recruiting a director for a new center, the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture (CCTC). The mission of the CCTC will be to invite the university community (and particularly our faculty) into dialogue with the intellectual, social, cultural and spiritual heritage of the Catholic Church. In addition, President Lyons is appointing two important campus-wide groups: a Presidential Advisory Board on Inclusion and Diversity to further strengthen and develop the inclusive engagement of our campus community and a Sustainability Task Force to develop a strategic plan for the University that will encompass elements of education, research, service and campus operations. Finally, you will begin to see another new important face on campus this year. We are very excited to have attracted David Pyke from Dartmouth University as the next Dean of the School of Business Administration. Incoming Dean Pyke will begin visiting the campus on a regular basis this year and assume his duties full-time next summer.
Thank you for the outstanding contributions you make on a daily basis towards advancing the academic excellence of the University of San Diego. I wish you a productive and exciting year ahead.

Sincerely,

Julie H. Sullivan, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

New Professional Appointments in Academic Affairs

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs is happy to welcome 27 new full-time, tenure-track faculty, visitors or sabbatical replacements to the USD academic community. In addition, we welcome 41 new and replacement administrative-professional appointments/promotions to exempt (since January 2007) and 6 NROTC officers. To view details, go to www.sandiego.edu/administrationacademicaffairs and click on Faculty/Administration Updates.

Tenure and Promotion

We are pleased to announce that effective September 2007, nine faculty have been granted tenure, five faculty have been promoted to professor and 13 faculty have been promoted to associate professor. To view details, go to www.sandiego.edu/administrationacademicaffairs and click on Faculty/Administration Updates.

Reminder: Fall Convocation

The Fall Convocation of the Faculty and Administration will take place on Friday, September 7, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theatre, and will be followed with a reception at the Garden of the Sea.

Sabbatical Leave Requests

Requests for sabbatical leave in the year 2008-2009 should be submitted by Monday, October 1, 2007. Please follow very carefully the Guidelines for Preparation of Sabbatical Requests in the University Policy and Procedure Manual, section 2.4.7.

Reports on Sabbatical Leaves

Faculty members and academic administrators who had sabbatical leaves during the 2006-2007 academic year are asked to file their reports, in accord with the USD policy, page 2, by Friday, November 9, 2007.

Department Chairs and Program Directors for 2007-2008

To view the list of Department Chairs and Program Directors go to www.sandiego.edu/administrationacademicaffairs and click on Faculty/Administration Updates.
**Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Awarded Clare Boothe Luce Grant**

The Clare Boothe Luce (CBL) Program recently awarded a prestigious and competitive grant of $586,380 to USD Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The CBL Program is the single largest private source of funding for women in science and engineering. The funds will support a female CBL Professor with a very competitive start-up package over a period of 5 years, after which USD will support the professor. The CBL Professor will be a new tenure-track position in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry starting in the Fall of 2009. In an effort to increase the percentage of our female majors who attend graduate programs by better informing them about graduate school in chemistry and biochemistry, there are additional funds to support sending students to research institutions for summer projects. The combined strong leadership and performance of women amongst our administration, science faculty and science majors enabled us to partner with the CBL Program to further encourage the participation and success of women in the sciences.

**Catholic Social Thought Workshop — SAVE THE DATE!**

You are invited to a faculty workshop focused on how to integrate Catholic Social Thought (CST) into the curriculum.

**Thursday, October 18:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (dinner and introduction)

**Friday, October 19 (fall holiday):** 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (workshop sessions)

As part of the Strategic Directions Initiative relating to CST, the university has invited Dr. Barbara Wall, Special Assistant to the President for Mission Effectiveness at Villanova University, to present a faculty workshop on how to integrate CST into the curriculum.

Stipends are available. For more information, please go to [www.sandiego.edu/about/catholicidentity/events.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/about/catholicidentity/events.php).

**Center for Educational Excellence**

USD’s new Center for Educational Excellence (CEE) combines activities of the former Center for Learning and Teaching, Office of Assessment, Faculty and Curriculum Programs, and First Year/Middle Year Experience committees into a single resource. The CEE provides faculty development opportunities, offers consultation and mentoring to faculty on learning, teaching and assessment; facilitates collaboration among academic units and student services, and partners with the Office of Information Technology to support faculty use of instructional technology. The CEE staff includes the Director, Dr. Carole Huston, Dr. Sandra Sgoutas-Emch, Associate Director for Faculty Development, and Dr. Jim Gump, Associate Director for Integrated Learning. For more information about the CEE, please go to [www.sandiego.edu/cee](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee).

**Upcoming CEE Workshops and Events**

Event details may be viewed at [www.sandiego.edu/cee/programs](http://www.sandiego.edu/cee/programs).

**New Arts and Sciences Faculty Get-Together**

Thursday, September 13, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Maher Hall Rose Garden
Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.
New Faculty Forum: Classroom Conflict: Engaging Students Effectively
Thursday, September 27, 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Degheri Alumni Center Board Room
Lunch will be provided.

Preceptor Workshop: Advising for a Liberal Arts Education
Tuesday, October 2, 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Room A
Lunch will be provided.

Women’s Dinner: Parental Leave
Wednesday, October 10, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Hahn University Center, Room 107
Dinner will be provided.

Faculty Workshop: Integrating Catholic Social Thought into the Curriculum
Thursday, October 18, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Dinner and introduction
Friday, October 19 (Fall Holiday), 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. — Workshop Sessions
Maher Hall, Salomon Lecture Hall

To register for these events go to www.sandiego.edu/cee/programs/registration.php or contact the CEE at ext. 7402 or cee@sandiego.edu.

University Budget Committee — Open Budget Meetings
Open Budget Meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 24 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Both meetings will be in Salomon Hall, Maher Hall. All members of the USD community are invited and encouraged to attend.

Intersession Study Abroad
If you are planning a course abroad for Intersession and have not already done so, please send a proposal form to your department chair or dean, who should forward it to Debbie Gough in the Office of the Provost by September 24, 2007. The form is found at www.sandiego.edu/administration/academicaffairs/newvp/documents.php.

USD Tobacco Policy, 2.3.2

Important Excerpts:
“The university is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable and productive environment for its employees, students and guests. Therefore, smoking and the use of any tobacco products are prohibited at all times within all university buildings and residence halls; stadiums; outdoor dining areas; and licensed fleet vehicles. Members of the university community who choose
to smoke or use any tobacco products must maintain a distance of at least 20 feet from any openings to university buildings, including doorways, operable windows and vents to those buildings.

Additionally, tobacco products may not be sold, distributed or promoted on university property. The university will not accept tobacco related advertising on university property or within any university published materials. Any activity that is to be sponsored or funded by a company that is directly involved in the production of tobacco products must be approved in advance by the Executive Council of the university.

The complete text of Policy 23.2 can be found at www.sandiego.edu/legal/policies/2_3_2. For tobacco cessation resources, please contact the Student Health Center at x4595 or call 1-800-NO-BUTTS.

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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Christopher Adler, Ph.D., Music Program, co-directed and performed in the first annual soundON Festival of Modern Music, June 13-16, presented at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library in La Jolla, CA. Also, his performances of compositions by Derek Keller and David Loeb have been released on two compact discs, Derek Keller's Impositions and Consequences (Tzadik, 2007) and David Loeb's The Silent Waterfall (Vienna Modern Masters, 2007).

Dr. Adler's retrospective analysis of ten years of his compositions, "Reflections on Cross Cultural Composition," was published in Arana II: Musicians on Music, edited by John Zorn (Hips Road, 2007).

Thomas W. Barton, Ph.D., Department of History, presented a paper entitled “Strategies of Litigation and Mediation in Thirteenth-Century Tortosa” at the International Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May 2007. He submitted an article to the Journal of Medieval History on tithing and diocesan development and finished an article on Muslim farmers working Christian-owned lands in post-conquest New Catalonia and Valencia which he will submit to Viator, a journal published by UCLA’s Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

David Cantrell, Ph.D., Department of English, presented papers at the Symposium on American Fiction, held in San Diego October, 2006; at the American Studies Association's annual meeting, in Oakland, October 2006; at Texas A&M’s Glasscock Center for the Humanities in March; and, in late May, at the American Literature Association’s convention in Boston. All four presentations were essays taken from his book manuscript, entitled Home Rule: The Redemption of Culture after Reconstruction.
Home Rule, Professor Cantrell explores the literary-historical relations between consciousness and community, as these are determined by political disappointment and, inseparably, by the continuing project of emancipation.

In the academic year 2007-08, Professor Cantrell will teach courses on the American Enlightenment and its Discontents; the canonical and non-canonical literatures of the antebellum period, including the great works of the 1850s; African-American literature from the slave narratives to the Harlem Renaissance; and first-year composition and literature courses on postbellum American literature.

Alana Cordy-Collins, Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, directed the first-stage of an archaeobotanical research project in northern Peru during May-June. The project seeks to locate contemporary examples of a fruit used ritually by the ancient Moche people, AD 350-800. In July, Cordy-Collins returned to northern Mongolia to continue her research among the contemporary shamans of the Darhat Valley. In August, she traveled to northern Arizona to record examples of the Fremont petroglyph tradition. Also in August, Cordy-Collins reviewed an article "Life on Horseback: Paleopathology of Two Scythian Skeletons from Alexandropol, Ukraine" for the International Journal of Osteoarchaeology.

Tom Dalton, Ph.D., and Diane Pattison, Ph.D., School of Business Administration, recently published an article entitled: "Timing home sales to maximize exclusion may be unwise" in the August issue of Practical Tax Strategies.

Iris Engstrand, Ph.D., Department of History, has been awarded La Real Orden de Isabel la Católica by Juan Carlos I, King of Spain. The Royal Order recognizes the exemplary merits and exceptional services of Spanish citizens and foreigners who have promoted the good of Spain. This summer, she organized a panel, “Hollywood Tells It Like It Isn’t: Misrepresenting Women from Pre-Columbian to Modern Times,” for the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference held in Honolulu, Hawaii, in July 2007. Panel participants included USD faculty members Kristin Moran, Ph.D., Yi Sun, Ph.D. and Molly McClain, Ph.D.


Ali Gheissari, Ph.D., Department of History: spent the academic year as visiting professor of Religious Studies at Brown University. He co-authored Democracy in Iran: History and the Quest for Liberty (Oxford University Press, 2006); completed work on a Persian documentary volume, titled Merchants in Tabriz and Rasht during the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1906-1911 (in press, Tehran, 2007); and an article titled “Merchants without Frontier: Trade, Travel, and a Revolution in late Qajar Iran,” in Roxane Farmanfarmaian (ed.), War and Peace in Qajar Persia: Implications Past and Present (Routledge, November 2007). He also presented several papers, including “Textual Pleasures in Qajar Iran: Notes on Satire and Historical Novels,” at the 5th annual International Qajar Studies Association conference on the theme of “Entertainment in Qajar Persia” (at Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art, Paris, 3 June 2006); “Considerations on the Concept of Rights in the Iranian Constitutional Laws of 1906-1907,” at the Centenary Conference of the Iranian Constitutional Revolution (University of Oxford, 30 July 2006); “Charting Iran’s Moral Map,” at the 6th Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies (at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 3 August 2006); “Shi’ism and Constitutionalism in Iran” (Brown University, 17 October 2006); “State and the Question of Democracy in Iran” (Yale University, 20 October 2006); and “Constitutional Rights Reconsidered: Development of Civil Law and the Shaping of Iran's Judiciary, 1907-1940,” (Columbia University, 3 May 2007). He also continued work on the Editorial Board of the new Iran Studies series, published by E. J. Brill.
Florence Gillman, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, presented a research report entitled “Nazirite Vow Observance and the Courage of Queen Berenice” and also responded to another paper given by her USD colleague, Maria Pascuzzi, Ph.D., at the Catholic Biblical Association in Santa Clara, CA, August 5. At that meeting Dr. Gillman was elected an associate editor on the editorial board of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.

Dr. Gillman also recently gave a series of lectures in Hong Kong, Beijing, Jinan and Shanghai, China, most co-presented with John Gillman, PhD, Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University. In Hong Kong the Gillmans lectured at Holy Spirit Seminary College of Philosophy and Theology on “The Book of Psalms” (May 24-27). At the invitation of that institution, and sponsored as visiting guest professors by the Institute of Sino-Christian Studies (Tao Fong Shan), Hong Kong, the Gillmans then lectured on “The Psalms: Ancient Voices in Dialogue with the Suffering and Dying Today” at Central University for Nationalities, Beijing (May 30) and at Shandong University, Jinan (June 4), as well as on “Early Christianity and Jewish Political Leadership according to Luke-Acts,” at Renmin (People’s) University, Beijing (May 29), and Fudan University, Shanghai (June 7). Florence was also invited to lecture on “Women and Religion: The Perspective of Christianity” at Central University for Nationalities, Beijing (May 31), where a response and dialogue followed with a specialist on women in Islam in China, Dr. Gui Ping Yang of Central University for Nationalities.

Anne Hendershott, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, has been elected to membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Supulchre of Jerusalem. She will be invested as a member during the Mass of Investiture to be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in New York City on Saturday, September 29, 2007 where she will receive the Insignia of the Order.

Ming Huang, Ph.D., and David Malicky, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering Program, and Susan Lord Ph.D., Electrical Engineering Program, published and presented a paper titled "Choosing an Optimal Pedagogy: A Design Approach," which was selected as a top five finalist for the 2006 Frontiers in Education Conference Benjamin J. Dasher Best Paper Award out of over 400 papers.

Michelle M. Jacob, Ph.D., Ethnic Studies Program, has been awarded the American Philosophical Society Phillips Fund for Native American Research Grant. She will use the award to support her work with newspaper archives in Yakima, WA, in which she will examine discourses surrounding race and the economy in an effort to better understand the social forces that have disrupted food traditions among Yakama people.

James Kohl, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering Program, completed a ten-week ONR/ASEE Summer Faculty Fellowship at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in the Materials and Sensors Section. Work focused on evaluating the mechanical properties of modified UHMWPE fibers for soft body armor.

Simon Koo, Ph.D., Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, presented a paper "Addressing context awareness techniques in body sensor networks" (co-authored with USD student Basia Korel) at the /IEEE 21st International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications (AINA '07)/ at Niagara Falls, Canada, on May 21-23, 2007.

Dr. Koo was recently designated as a National Academy of Engineering CASEE Faculty Fellow, which will be awarded during the 37th ASEE/IEEE Frontiers in Education Conference (FIE 2007) at Milwaukee, WI, on October 10-13, 2007.

Bert Lazerow, J.D., School of Law, will be a Visiting Professor at Boalt Hall, law school of the University of California Berkeley, for Fall 2007, and will remain there Spring 2008 on sabbatical leave.
Gary Macy, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, has been appointed the John Nobili, S.J. Professor of Theology in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Santa Clara starting September 1, 2007.

Lesley McAllister, J.D., Ph.D., School of Law, completed a book manuscript that will be published by Stanford University Press, *Making Law Matter: Environmental Protection and Legal Institutions in Brazil*. The book examines how the involvement of prosecutors and courts improves the enforcement of environmental regulation in Brazil.


Alejandro Meter, Ph.D., Department of Languages and Literatures, received an NEH grant to participate in the NEH Summer Seminar on “Jewish Buenos Aires” held in Argentina under the direction of Professor David W. Foster (Arizona State University). While in Buenos Aires he gave a talk on the short story sequence as part of the official presentation of the book *El Ojo en el Caleidoscopio: Las Colecciones de Textos Integrados en la Literatura Latinomamericana*, (UNAM) by Pablo Brescia and Evelia Romano. Dr. Meter also attended the XIII International Research Conference of the Latin American Jewish Studies Association (LAJSA) held at the Biblioteca Nacional where he participated in a panel on the future of Latin American Jewish Studies. Lastly, his book Memoria y Representación: Configuraciones Literarias y Culturales en el Imaginario Judío Latinoamericano (Beatriz Viterbo), was officially presented at the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires on July 31, 2007.

Dan Moriarty. Ph.D., Department of Psychology, in July attended the Reunion Anual Binacional para la Recuperacion del Lobo Gris Mexicano and Mexican Wolf Species Survival Program (SSP) Meeting at Parque El Manzano, in Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He presented a paper on mitigating Mexican wolf conflicts with domestic livestock via conditioned taste aversion (CTA), coauthored by Dr. Lowell Nicolaus, a biologist from Northern Illinois University. The report was based on a proposal to test the effectiveness of the CTA procedure in captive and in free-ranging Mexican wolves that was approved by the Mexican Wolf SSP and by the Humane Society of the United States. The field work with free-ranging wolves will involve the cooperation of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the comparable wildlife agencies of Arizona and New Mexico where the Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Area is located.

Rick Olson, Ph.D., Department of Engineering, received a San Diego Science Alliance Partnership Award in recognition of his work on behalf of their programs promoting science literacy in K-12 education. His work on the SDSA Robotics Committee and support of the Botball and Get SSET programs hosted at USD were noted during the awards presentation on May 10, 2007.

Father Ron Pachence, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, reviewed John F. Kavanaugh’s *Following Christ in a Consumer Society*, 25th anniversary edition in the June on-line publication of “CatholicBooksReview” (College Theology Society).


Rodney G. Peffer, Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, gave the following five presentations: “Social Justice, Population, and the Environment: A Triangular Affair,” at the Institute of Social Science, Beijing, April 2007; also presented at East China Normal University, Shanghai, April 2007; “Just War Theory, U.S. War in Iraq, and NeoConservatism,” at East China Normal University, Shanghai, April 2007; also presented at Lingnan University, Hong Kong, April 2007; “Radical Rawlsianism, Socioeconomic Systems, and Global Justice,” at Lingnan University, Hong Kong, April, 2007; also presented at Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, April 2007; “International Justice and U.S. Policy Towards Cuba,” at Sun Yat-Sen University, Zhuhai campus, April 2007; “Just War Theory and the U.S. War in Iraq,” at the 19th Conference of North American and Cuban Philosophers and Social Sciences, University of Havana, Cuba, June 2007.

Dr. Peffer will also present a paper on global justice at Iowa State University in October, 2008 as part of receiving ISU's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He contributed an essay titled "Faith, Diversity, and the Academic Vocation: Catholic Social Thought and Secular Social Justice Theories" to USD's volume titled "Immigration and Catholic Social Teaching" which came out in Spring 2006. In addition, his paper "World Hunger and Moral Theory," will be published in *Proceedings of the XXI World Congress of Philosophy*, Vol. 13, Social and Political Philosophy, 2007.


In addition, Dr. Pulido has also organized and will chair a session in October at the 2007 American Studies Association Meeting entitled: "The State of Ethnic Studies in Roman Catholic Higher Education" with colleagues and faculty from Santa Clara University, Loyola University (Los Angeles), and St. Mary's University (Moraga, California) with the objective of bringing ethnic studies programs in Roman Catholic Higher Education closer together.

Daniel Sheehan, Ph.D., Department of Physics, has applied for a provisional US patent: "Method for dispersal and surface implantation of nanotubes." It describes ways to embed carbon nanotubes such as to create surfaces with ultra-low friction and wear, ones that might be 10-100 times less sticky than Teflon.

Dr. Sheehan also presented three invited, plenary and research talks over the summer. At the annual meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration at Michigan State University he presented an invited talk on challenges to the second law of
thermodynamics; at Northwestern University he presented a departmental research talk on carbon nanotube surfaces; and at Quantum Mind 2007 in Salzburg, Austria he gave a plenary on theory and experiment pertaining to the phenomenon of retrocausation (how/if the future can influence the past events).


Professor Smith’s review of Mirjam Foot’s book (2006) Bookbinders at work: Their roles and Methods, will be published in EinbandForschung, October 2007. Continuing my research into medieval girdle books, Smith has found additional girdle books in European collections not included on the authoritative list created in 1996, which she will examine some of them in October, 2007. She submitted the article “Restoration of an 18th century vellum binding” (describing the restoration I did on one of my own books) to the newly created on-line publication Ceroart (out of Lie`ge, Belgium)

Smith was selected to serve as a Fulbright Specialist Reviewer to evaluate applications submitted for Fulbright Scholarships/Grants in Library Science.

**Lester B. Snyder, J.D.,** School of Law, had his new book, Double Take: Unequal Taxation of Equals, published in June, 2007 by Vandeplas Publishing.


**Kevin Timpe, Ph.D.,** Department of Philosophy, recently published three papers: “Source Incompatibilism and its Alternatives” (American Philosophical Quarterly), “Grace and Controlling What We Do Not Cause” (Faith and Philosophy), and “Truthmaking and Divine Eternity” (Religious Studies).

Dr. Timpe is currently editing two books, Metaphysics and God and Arguing about Religion, both under contract with Routledge.