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Institutional Research and Planning

Fall 2007 Enrollment Statistics
Fall 2007 enrollment statistics can be found on the Institutional Research and Planning Web site at www.sandiego.edu/irp. Basic counts for fall semester are available by clicking on “Quick Facts,” then “Fall 2007.” Detailed tables with trend data are available in the Stat Book, which is password protected. To access the site, use the same log in procedures that you use for USD e-mail and MySanDiego. Counts of degrees awarded between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007 are available, as are counts of fall semester majors.

Office of Sponsored Programs

2006-2007 Annual Report and Updates
From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, the University of San Diego received $2.94 million in new grants and contracts. The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) administered $5.27 million in on-going, multi-year projects. As of June 30, 2007, the OSP submitted 82 new proposals. During the 2006-07 fiscal year, 37 new awards were made and a total of 108 on-going multi-year projects remained open. The total value of all the current grants and contracts awarded to USD was $22.18 million. The complete report can be found at: www.sandiego.edu/sponsored-programs/pdf/annual_report.pdf. Since the beginning of the
current fiscal year, 22 new projects have begun providing $1,704,258 for the current fiscal year and $3,508,054 through the funding cycles of the awards.

**National Science Foundation and Collaborative Research Projects**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) provides funding for “Collaborative Research” proposals, in which investigators from two or more organizations collaborate on a unified research project. Recently, USD received two new grants for collaborative projects in Marine and Environmental Science and Engineering. In the past two years, USD has submitted five collaborative proposals to NSF and four have been funded. This is a remarkable percentage given the fact that a new proposal to NSF from an established researcher has only a 20% chance of funding and a proposal from a new investigator has only a ten percent chance of funding.

The two most recent collaborative NSF projects will provide $210,686 over three years for Susan Lord, Engineering Program, and Michelle Camacho, Department of Sociology, for a project titled, “Collaborative Research: The Effect of Climate and Pedagogy on Persistence – A Longitudinal Study of Women in Undergraduate Engineering Programs.” Ron Kaufmann, Marine and Environmental Studies, will be a part of a project for the study of “Free Drifting Icebergs as Proliferating Sites of Iron Enrichment, Organic Carbon Production and Export in the Southern Ocean.” NSF will provide $164,290 over three years. This study will examine the role of free-drifting icebergs in the production and export of organic carbon in the Southern Ocean.

**USD’s New International Center**

On October 12, 2007, Provost Julie Sullivan officially inaugurated the International Center, marking a new chapter in USD’s efforts to promote internationalization and global awareness on campus. When President Mary Lyons identified internationalization as one of the university’s strategic initiatives, the Global Group and International Council were formed to improve and expand existing yet disparate internationalization activities and create new programs and partnerships for students, faculty and curriculum. The International Center was a response for an entity that would champion all international issues and concerns and provide comprehensive international services and programs at the university.

Dr. Carl Juhran, Associate Provost for Internationalization, was chosen to provide leadership to the center. Located in Serra Hall 315, the center houses two important functional areas: the Office of International Students and Scholars and Office of International Studies Abroad. The center will expand international activities and partnerships, involve students and faculty in international learning experiences, and increase the global awareness for the entire campus community. Services and programs specific to the needs of USD’s international community will be offered, as well as offering students new and expanded opportunities to experience international study, internships, practicums and community service learning. The center also seeks to offer faculty increased opportunities for international research and scholarship abroad. In this regard, faculty are encouraged to imagine new opportunities to expand the international awareness and global culture of USD’s students and faculty and, with the assistance of the International Center, to bring those ideas into fruition.

The International Council has been replaced by two new committees: faculty appointed to the International Studies Abroad Committee will continue to develop USD’s opportunities for study abroad, and the International Center Advisory Council will assist the center staff in developing internationally-oriented programs. The center also maintains and develops the International Gateway portal website that brings together the many international programs and activities that it offers.
International Education Week — November 12-16, 2007

International Education Week (IEW) includes programs and activities celebrating and promoting awareness of the many international educational opportunities available to the USD campus community. The event is a joint initiative of the US Department of Education and the US Department of State to recognize the global exchange environment between the United States and other countries. USD's International Center established a committee with campus-wide representation to design a week of engaging campus activities to promote the advantages of international competency and productive global citizenry. For a schedule of the week’s activities and distinguished visitors, please visit www.sandiego.edu/international/iew.

USD Engineering Program Ranked 25th!

US News & World Report America’s Best Colleges 2008 has ranked the USD Engineering Program 25th in the ‘Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs’ among approximately 300 institutions with accredited non-doctoral-granting engineering programs.

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.

New Faculty Forum: Finding Funding – Internal and External Grants
Tuesday, Oct. 30, 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Room I
Lunch will be provided.

Gender in Diversity Brown Bag
Veil in the Eye of the Beholder: A Case of Oppression, Liberation, or of Identity Negotiations?
Wednesday, Oct. 31, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
Camino Hall, Room 109

Preceptor Workshop
Thursday, Nov. 8, 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Room A
Lunch will be provided.
Technology Lunch & Learn Brown Bag  
**Detecting Plagiarism in the 21st Century**  
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Location: TBD

Technology Lunch & Learn Brown Bag  
**Online Interaction and Reflection Using Group Blogging**  
Tuesday, Nov. 27, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.  
Camino Hall, Room 101

Interdisciplinary Luncheon Discussion  
**Diminishing Democracy**  
Thursday, Nov. 29, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.  
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Room I  
Lunch will be provided.

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

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**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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**Craig Barkacs, J.D., M.B.A.,** School of Business Administration, and **Linda Barkacs, J.D.,** School of Business Administration, both received the “Creative and Innovative Teaching Award,” awarded by the Academy of Educational Leadership (nationally) at an academic conference in Reno, Nevada on Oct. 6, 2007. To be eligible, an individual is nominated and evaluated by the Teaching Awards Committee.

**Claribel Bonilla, Ph.D.,** Industrial and Systems Engineering Program, received a grant from UCSD Department of Radiation Oncology at Moores Cancer Center entitled “Improvement of Patient Treatment Systems.” This is a collaboration project with the Department of Radiation Oncology. The project provides an opportunity for undergraduate student research.

**Amy Besnoy, M.L.S., M.A.,** Copley Library, is guest editing a special edition of the *Journal of Library Administration*. Forthcoming as a Haworth Press monograph the issue will cover relevant issues related to Ethics and Integrity in Libraries.
Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on Aug. 17, 2007, at Université Laval. Her dissertation, “Andrew of Caesarea and the Apocalypse in the Ancient Church of the East: Studies and Translation,” is the first study and first translation in a modern language of the most important Greek patristic commentary on the Book of Revelation, composed in 611 by Andrew, Archbishop of Caesarea, Cappadocia.

The dissertation consists of two parts: Part 1, Studies on the Apocalypse Commentary of Andrew of Caesarea, which consists of an analysis of the commentary and an explanation of the Book of Revelation in the history of Eastern Christianity. Part 2 of the dissertation, Translation of the Apocalypse Commentary of Andrew of Caesarea, is an English translation of the commentary with extensive explanatory footnotes. The translation is already slated to be published by Catholic University of America Press in their highly regarded series, The Fathers of the Church.

Esteban del Rio, Ph.D., Department of Communication Studies, presented "Consuming and Contesting Americanos: Audience Research and Cultural Capital" at the International Communication Association in San Francisco, May 2007. He was also named to the Editorial Board of Communication Yearbook.

Kokila Doshi, Ph.D., School of Business Administration, presented a paper on “Power of Kindness in Business” at the JAINA Convention, New Jersey on July 6, 2007, as an invited speaker.

Ming Huang, Ph.D., David Malicky, Ph.D., and Susan Lord, Ph.D., Engineering Program, had their paper, “Choosing Optimal Pedagogies: A Design Approach,” from the Proceedings of the 2006 Frontiers in Education Conference, named a top five finalist (among 537 accepted conference papers) for the Benjamin J. Dasher Award.

Michelle M. Jacob, Ph.D., Ethnic Studies Program, as part of her ongoing work with indigenous health issues, this summer supervised and coordinated a collaborative project with the public school system, Indian Health Service, Yakama Healthy Heart Program, and the Yakama Nation to plan and implement health promotion activities on the Yakama Reservation. The project utilized indigenous theory and methodology developed with the Yakama community.

Last spring, Dr. Jacob was an invited keynote speaker at the California State University, San Marcos “Diversity and Equity Symposium” held at the Escondido Center for the Arts. In addition, she is a peer reviewer for the University of Colorado’s American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research: The Journal of the National Center.

Eric Jiang, Ph.D., Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, recently published a paper entitled "Learning to Semantically Classify Email Messages" in Springer's Lecture Notes in Control and Information Sciences, 344, pp. 700-711.

Dr. Jiang also published a joint paper, with USD Computer Science student Darren Davis, entitled "Exploring Content and Linkage Structures for Searching Relevant Web Pages" in Springer's Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence, 4632, pp. 15-22.


Dr. Kim also gave two presentations entitled "An Evaluation of an Engineering and Liberal Arts Dual Degree," Poster Session and "RF and Microwave Engineering Elective Course with a Co-Requisite in the Electromagnetics Course," at the 2007 Annual Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 2007.
Susan Lord, Ph.D., Electrical Engineering Program, and Michelle Camacho, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, received a grant from the National Science Foundation entitled “The Effect of Climate and Pedagogy on Persistence: A Longitudinal Study of Women in Undergraduate Engineering Programs.” This is a collaborative project with researchers at Purdue University and is part of the NSF’s Gender in Science and Engineering Research program.

Mitch Malachowski, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, gave the keynote address at the faculty development week at Fairmont State University, Fairmont, West Virginia on Aug. 14, 2007. His lecture was entitled, "Creating an Environment that Supports Faculty Research." He also facilitated day-long discussions of the topic with all of the academic units.

Dr. Malachowski also gave a presentation entitled, "Undergraduate Research and Student Success," at a conference on "Enriching the Academic Experience of College Science Students." The conference was held at the University of Michigan from May 22-24, 2007.

Norm Miller, Ph.D., Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, presented at the Prudential Realty Services Conference in Phoenix, Ariz. on Sept. 10-11. He spoke on Super AVMs before a crowd of 500 people. Dr. Miller also spoke at the American Property Tax Counsel’s 13th Annual APTC Seminar on Oct. 12-13 and at the Colliers Investment Services Group meeting on Oct. 11.

Dr. Miller will be a panelist at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate’s “Is It Easy Being Green?” conference on green and sustainable development on Oct. 30.

Kristin Moran, Ph.D., Department of Communication Studies, published “The growth of Spanish-language and Latino-themed television programs for children in the United States” in the Journal of Children and Media. She also was invited to present “Los medios de comunicación en América Latina” (Mass Media in Latin America) at a summer institute for teachers of Spanish sponsored by San Diego State University’s Center for Latina American Studies.

Michael Morse, Ph.D., Electrical Engineering Program, authored two articles included in “Forensic Casebook,” a collection of articles from the magazine Electrical Construction & Maintenance named the Western Region “Gold” (first-place) winner for an article in a magazine with large circulation by the American Society of Business Publication Editors.

Rick Olson, Ph.D., Engineering Program, was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the San Diego Science Alliance (SDSA) for his work on several projects in support of its mission at the SDSA Partnership Award Event on May 10, 2007. SDSA, which works to inspire students to consider careers in science and engineering, noted Olson’s service on the SDSA’s robotics committee that led to the annual Botball competition being held at USD the past three years, and for his recent efforts supporting SDSA’s Get SSET program, which was also held at USD. Get SSET (Sport Science, Engineering and Education) is a 4 day, 3 night academic Academy for girls entering grades 9-10 that offers educational hands-on activities to introduce young women to the basic physical science, math and engineering of sports.

Father Ron Pachence, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, made two presentations on Islam at Sacred Heart Parish in Warner Robins, Georgia on Oct. 19 and 20. His topics were "Catholic Perspectives on Islam" and "Islamic Spirituality."
Daniel Sheehan, Ph.D., Department of Physics, recently edited a special issue of the journal *Foundations of Physics* devoted to the proceedings of the AAAS symposium "The Second Law of Thermodynamics: Foundations and Status," which was held at USD, June 2006. In addition to an editorial overview of the proceedings, Sheehan contributed an article entitled "Thermosynthetic Life" in which he proposes the possibility of a third category of life -- distinct from the traditional two (photosynthetic and chemosynthetic) -- that derives its energy directly from thermal energy, thereby subverting the second law of thermodynamics. He hypothesizes how and where this new form of life might be discovered.

Lester B. Snyder, J.D., School of Law, has completed an article entitled “Tax Deferral: Beyond the Time Value of Money,” and is being submitted for publication.

Louise A. Stanger, Ed.D., L.C.S.W., Special Projects Coordinator, Center for Health and Wellness Promotion, presented the following papers: “Everything You Wanted to Know About Grant Writing but Were Afraid To Ask,” at the Healthy Within Wellness Center in San Diego, on Aug. 4, 2007, as an invited speaker; “Motivational Interviewing For Hospital Social Workers,” at Sharp Memorial Hospital, , in San Diego, on Aug. 2, 2007, as an invited speaker; and “Creating Educational Partnerships with Industry: A Case Study,” at the Sixth International Black Public Administrators Conference in Kampala, Uganda on June 23, 2007.

In addition, Dr. Stanger co-presented with Diane Francis, M.P.H., Project Manager, and Michael Ichiyama, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, a paper entitled “Discovering Cornucopia: The Benefits of Collaboration While Conducting Alcohol Research, The University of San Diego,” (referred poster) at the U.S. Department of Education 21st Annual Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Omaha, Nebraska on Oct. 20, 2007; and co-presented with Michael Ichiyama, Diane Francis, and Stephanie Hartung, USD student., a paper entitled “Greek Life and Alcohol Predictors,” (referred poster) at the American Psychological Association in San Francisco on Aug. 18, 2007.

Dr. Stanger, will co-present with Tim Kern, Starbucks Coffee Company, “Developing Corporate Social Responsibility on Campus: The University of San Diego and Starbucks Pilot Program,” (referred poster) at the Western Regional Meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators in Las Vegas, Nevada on Nov. 1, 2007.

In addition, Dr. Stanger will co-present with Diane Francis and Michael Ichiyama, “Freshmen College Life and Alcohol Consumption-The University of San Diego Experience,” (referred poster) at the Western Regional Meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators in Las Vegas, Nevada on Nov. 1, 2007.

Susannah Stern, Ph.D., Department of Communication Studies, was selected to participate in the Advertising Education Foundation's Visiting Professor Program, which arranged for her to spend two weeks at DraftFCB, a global advertising agency, in New York City in July 2007.

Abraham Stoll, Ph.D., Department of English, in September published Book Six of Edmund Spenser's *The Faerie Queene*. It is co-edited with Andrew Hadfield of the University of Sussex, for Hackett Publishing. Stoll is General Editor of the five-volume edition, which is now complete.
Allison Wiese, M.F.A., Department of Art, was awarded a 2007 Art Matters grant for a collaborative project with Mexican sculptor Edgar Orlaineta. She is also a recipient of a 2007 San Diego Art Prize for emerging artists. In conjunction with the prize, her work is featured in a two-person exhibition with that of fellow awardee Marcos Ramirez “ERRE.” "Stop. Yield. Merge." on view at L Street Fine Art through mid-January.

Professor Wiese’s work is also included this fall in several group exhibitions including "BioTechnique" at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco and "Lifting" at Peacock Visual Arts in Aberdeen, Scotland.


Matt Zwolinski, Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, participated in roundtables on "Just War Theory and Terrorism" with the University of San Diego Institute for Law and Philosophy, and on "The Reasonable" with the Rutgers University Institute for Law and Philosophy. His paper "Respect for Persons and the Authority of Morality" is forthcoming in Reason Papers, and he is presenting his paper on "The Ethics of Price Gouging" at the Center for Applied Ethics at CSU Long Beach, and at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association.