Information Technology Services — Support for Faculty

Information Technology Services is working to build more support for faculty technology needs through Academic Technology Services (ATS). With a slight change in our structure, we created the “iTeam” to better support faculty. We are making similar adjustments by forming the web development team to help with the web redesign project and to better support the academic areas.

Our portfolio of products has been richly enhanced recently and we now have support personnel dedicated to the college and each of the schools on campus to help engage, train and assist faculty in their use of these new technologies.

Of particular interest to faculty members:

- Our Learning Management System (LMS), CE6 (formerly WebCT) has expanded capabilities over the previous system and is an excellent tool not only for distance education, but for supporting on campus courses as well. Put your materials online and let your students do the printing!
- Wimba is USD’s hosted virtual conferencing solution. Host a webinar, hold virtual office hours from the comfort of your home, or deliver a lecture when you are out of town. These are only some of the reasons to be excited about what Wimba can do for you!
- USD is Clicking! We have selected a standardized unit and nine faculty members have adopted clickers for Fall 2007 semester. Check this out before it's too late to get on board for Spring 2008!

In addition to the above:

- The Streaming Media Server is now beyond the pilot phase and is now fully functional, simple and user friendly.
- The Smart Sympodiums that have been installed in SOLES and other areas across campus are quickly becoming well liked additions.
- The Student Technology Assistant (STA) program is now in its second successful semester. If you have a technology project you would like to see become a reality, apply to the STA program in the Spring.
- The Course Improvement Program may be for you if you are a current user of CE6 and want to give your online course a makeover!
- IT Training – A wide variety of training classes are available throughout the semester.
- Web development assistance – get started at MySanDiego and visit our Web site for resources.
- Computing Labs – with lab attendants willing and ready to provide help to your students. Or if you need to meet your class in computer lab settings, submit your lab reservation request.
- Desktop Support/Tech Support – here to answer all your computing questions.

We like to hear from you and your suggestions to improve communication and collaboration. Please drop us a note at ats@sandiego.edu. For more information on services available through ATS, visit our web site at http://www.sandiego.edu/ats or call Shahra Meshkaty, Senior Director of Academic Technology, at ext. 2298.
USD Christmas Concert

The 60-voiced USD Concert Choir and Choral Scholars will present the USD Christmas Concert in Founders Chapel. Concerts will be Friday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. The program will include Conrad Susa's Carols and Lullabies from the Southwest. The work features flamenco guitar, harp, marimba and percussion. In addition, the Choral Scholars will perform several pieces that they will sing during their concert tour of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary in January 2008.

Dining Services

Special Events in December
Dining Services invites you to our annual holiday dinners. Family and friends are also welcome.

Feast of Guadalupe Dinner
Sunday, Dec. 9, 4:30 – 8 p.m.
Main Dining Room of the Hahn University Center
Menu: Pozole, Ceviche, Braised Shredded Carnitas, Cheese Enchiladas, Mahi Mahi with Lemon Garlic, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice and Corn, Corn Tortillas, Nacho Bar, Festive Desserts

Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 4:30 – 8 p.m.
Main Dining Room of the Hahn University Center

Prices: $9 (cash) for adults or $8.50 with CampusCash. Children under 12 are $4.50. Additional information can be found at www.sandiego.edu/dining.

Faculty and Staff Dining Room
Dining Services invites you to visit the recently refreshed Faculty and Staff Dining Room. Our staff has been hard at work creating a memorable dining experience for you including enticing menus and lovely decor, with more to come.

Each day we offer two diverse entrees, two homemade soups, and fish every Friday. Our salad bar features a signature salad of the day, grilled vegetables and a variety of fresh produce. We brew micro-roasted, alumni-owned, Ryan Bros. coffees and teas – the perfect complement to our delightful Le Chef gourmet desserts. To sign up for our weekly menu via e-mail, or for additional information about dining on campus, please visit our Web page: sandiego.edu/dining/FacStaffDining.php.

New Services for Your Dining Convenience
Aromas coffeehouse, Bert's Bistro, Missions Café and La Paloma now accept Visa and MasterCard; other locations to follow. All areas also accept cash, CampusCash and Alcalá Advantage (departmental dining charge cards).
Office of Student Affairs

2007 Student Activities Interest Survey
On Sept. 3, 2007, the Office of Student Affairs administered, for the 33rd consecutive year, the 2007 Student Activities Interest Survey to 903 freshman students. The students were asked to respond to this survey as part of their Resident Assistant and Preceptorial Assistant (RA/PA) Meeting during the Torero Days New Student Orientation.

The questionnaire was composed of two sections. In the first section, students indicated their level of interest in various types of campus activities. In the second section, the students indicated their interest in various aspects of their personal development. The percentages report the total number of “Very Important” and “Extremely Important” responses. The final number indicates the likelihood a freshman student will find a student activity to be of significance. Hopefully, this information will be useful to you in understanding and working with this incoming class.

For an electronic copy of these results, please visit the Student Development website at www.sandiego.edu/administration/studentaffairs/studentdevelopment/

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.

Assessment Lunch & Learn Brown Bag: Creative Evaluation
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.
Camino Hall, Room 109

Community Service-Learning Workshop: Valuing Diversity and Service-Learning in Student Development
Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 23-24, 2008
Degheri Alumni Center

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Diversity Lunch & Learn: Veil in the Eye of the Beholder: A Case of Oppression, Liberation, or of Identity Negotiations?
Wednesday, Feb. 13
Preceptor Workshop: Our Stressed-out Students  
Thursday, Feb. 21, 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Faculty Development Luncheon: Finding Funding – Internal and External Grants*  
Tuesday, Feb. 26, 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Interdisciplinary Luncheon Discussion and Debate*  
Fire and Water: Comparisons between Hurricane Katrina and the San Diego Fires  
Friday, March 7, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Diversity Lunch & Learn: Designing a “D” Course for the Core  
Wednesday, March 12

Faculty Technology Showcase  
Thursday, March 27  
Hahn University Center Forum

New Faculty Forum*: Service through Committee Work  
Tuesday, April 22, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Preceptor Workshop (required meeting): Looking forward to Fall 2008  
Tuesday, April 15, 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.  
or Friday, April 18, 3-5 p.m.

Annual Gender Studies and Women's Center Awards Dinner Banquet  
Thursday, May 1, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

*Date and location are tentative as of publication date.

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.

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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Harriet Baber, Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, has presented the following papers: “Permanent Possibilities of Preference Satisfaction” at the Sino-American Conference on Philosophy and Religion, Tsinghua University, Beijing, Oct. 14-17, 2007; “Fool’s Paradise” at Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Azusa Pacific University, Feb. 23, 2007; “The Zero-One Rule” at APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 6, 2007 (under consideration at Utilitas); “The Liberal Case Against Multiculturalism” presented at the Society for Women in Philosophy, May 19, 2007; and “Meet the Meat: So Where’s the Beef?” presented at APA Pacific 2006 and currently being revised for publication. In addition, Dr. Baber will present “Access to Information in Teaching and Research” at the APA Eastern Division Meeting, Dec. 28, 2007; “Technology in Support of Philosophy Research” panel, Dec. 29, 2007. She organized this panel session for the APA Committee on Philosophy and Computers of which she is a member and will chair the session and speak; and “Life-Adjustment and Life-Improvement” to be presented at the APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 2008.


Dr. Baber is also a columnist for The Church Times (UK), “the world’s leading Anglican weekly newspaper.” Recent publications in The Church Times include: Hopeless quest for transcendence, The Church should skip the bogus cheer and platitudes, June 1, 2007; A pyrrhic victory in a proxy war, Problems in the Episcopal Church started some time ago, Feb. 23, 2007; Finding the flaws in the Republicans NEVER MIND the stock-market slump or the housing bubble: the President Bush countdown business is booming, Sept. 21, 2007; and How to survive in a violent world, ‘No gun control means more guns for lunatics,’ Aug. 10, 2007.

Eugenia Constantinou, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, presented two papers on Nov. 17 and 18 at the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Diego. The topics were “Apocalypse Patchwork: Finding Lost Scraps of the Ancient Eastern Interpretation of the Apocalypse Preserved in the Commentary of Andrew of Caesarea,” and “Dueling Eschatologies: Strategic Positioning to Influence the Interpretation of the Apocalypse in the Ancient East.” In addition, she presented a seminar in Kansas City on Nov. 2-3 on the formation of the Canon of Scripture with special emphasis on apocryphal books, such as the Gospel of Judas, and the historical factors which led to the production of such writings.

Bahar Davary, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, gave a talk at Furman University in South Carolina as part of the Symposium on Islam on Oct. 22. She also presented a paper at the American Academy of Religion entitled “A Twentieth Century Shi’a Mujtahida: Images and Self Images” on Nov. 17.

**Larry Hinman, Ph.D.,** Department of Philosophy, published three papers entitled: “The Role of Imagination in the Moral Life,” was published in the *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics* (vol. 9, number 2, Sept., 2007); this paper was originally presented as the keynote lecture for the annual meeting of the Australian Association for Practical and Applied Ethics at the University of New South Wales, Sidney, Australia, in 2006; “Searching Ethics: The Role of Search Engines in the Construction and Distribution of Knowledge,” was published in *Web Search: Interdisciplinary Perspectives,* edited by Michael Zimmer and Amanda Spink (Bern: Peter Lang, 2007) in pp. 67-76; and “Kantian Robotics. Building a Robot to Understand Kant's Transcendental Turn” was published in *Computing and Philosophy in Asia,* edited by Soraj Hongladarom (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007). This paper was presented at The Second Asia-Pacific Computing and Philosophy Conference, AP-CAP 2005 Jan. 8, 2005, Novotel Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. In addition his paper, “Searching the Semantic Web,” was presented at Ethicomp 2007, at Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan, on March 28, 2007. A short version of this paper was published in Glocalisation: Bridging the Global Nature of Information and Communication Technology and the Local Nature of Human Beings Proceedings of the Ninth International Conference (Global e-SCM Research Center, Meiji University, 2007).

Dr. Hinman was also the principal organizer of CEPE2007: Computer Ethics, Philosophical Ethics, held at the University of San Diego, July 12-14, 2007, with participants from sixteen countries around the world and various universities, including Carnegie Mellon, Oxford, the University of Paris, Yale Law School, Dartmouth, and UCSD. He was the principal editor of the Proceedings, a 430 page volume published by the University of Twente. In addition, Dr. Hinman gave a presentation, “Computing Research and Ethical Theory.,” at the Federated Computing Research Conference, in San Diego on June 12, 2007.

Dr. Hinman also received a grant from the Legler Benbough Foundation to continue the programming work of the Center for Ethics in Science & Technology.

**Noriyuki Inoue, Ph.D.,** School of Leadership and Education Sciences, recently published a research article entitled “Why face a challenge?: The reason behind intrinsically motivated students' spontaneous choice of challenging tasks” in *Individual Differences and Learning,* 17, pp. 251-259.

**Michelle M. Jacob, Ph.D.,** Ethnic Studies Program, delivered the Keynote Address at the 6th Annual Yakama Nation Diabetes Conference in November. Her talk was entitled “Our Journey to Wellness: Past, Present, Future.”

Dr. Keith was faculty mentor for “Affect of Religious Attitudes on Approval of Organ Donation,” published by former USD students Jessica Serrano-Rodriguez, Sara Brunolli, and Lisa Echolds, appearing in the fall issue of the *Journal of Psychological Inquiry*.

**Simon Koo, Ph.D.**, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, recently published and presented a paper entitled “Cooperative Resource Bartering on Internet Overlay for Urban-scale Smart Sensing Applications” at the 2007 IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC 2007) in Montreal, Canada, on Oct. 7-10.

Dr. Koo, was dedicated as a National Academy of Engineering CASEE Faculty Fellow, which was awarded at the 37th ASEE/IEEE Frontiers in Education Conference (FIE 2007) in Milwaukee, WI, on Oct. 10-13. He also presented his work entitled “Ethical and Legal Awareness in Location-based Wireless System Design Projects” (co-authored with H.-H. Chan, Motorola Inc.) at the same conference.

**Alma C. Ortega, M.L.S., M.S.**, Copley Library, was invited to teach a 3-day workshop on setting up archives in small academic libraries and research centers at CICIMAR (Centro Interdisciplinario de Ciencias Marinas) of the Instituto Politécnico Nacional for ABINAC (Asociación de Bibliotecarios del Noroeste) in La Paz, BCS, México from June 7-9, 2007. Ortega was also invited to speak on “Social Networking for Beginners: What is Library 2.0?” at the Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento, CA on Oct. 10, 2007.

In addition, Prof. Ortega and **Adriana Moran**, both of Copley Library, presented a paper on “Library Security Challenges in the New Millennium” at Asociación de Bibliotecarios de Baja California (ABIBAC) 2nd Annual Conference in Tijuana, BC, Mexico on Oct. 19, 2007 and at the Festival de la lectura y el libro in Ensenada, Baja California on Nov. 15, 2007.


**Maria Pascuzzi, S.T.D.**, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, presented a paper entitled, “Baptism-based Allegiance and Divisions at Corinth: Another Look at 1 Cor 1:13-17,” at the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association in August. She was also recently appointed to the international editorial board of the *Irish Theological Quarterly*, the international editorial board of *Henoch: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity*, and the national Supervisory Board for the Translation, Revision and Use of the New American Bible.

**Marianne Pfau, Ph.D.**, Department of Music, has recorded a CD with her ensemble 'toutes suites: music from page to stage.' With the help of a USD grant, the CD was recorded in Hamburg and released in 2007 on Virtilia. It is entitled “Georg Philipp Telemann. Der getreue Music-Meister [the faithful music master]: A Musical Journal,” and presents a reconstruction of a monthly music journal the popular baroque composer Telemann (1681-1768) published in Hamburg between 1723-1727. The works are performed on historical instruments. Available in the USD bookstore, or from [www.toutes-suite.com](http://www.toutes-suite.com).
Pastor Jack Lindquist, M.Div. and Patricia Plovanich, Ph.D., both of Department of Theology and Religious Studies, were panelists at the semi-annual Southern California Pan-Lutheran Conference on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at Clairemont Lutheran Church.

The Pan-Lutheran Conference is a Lutheran ecumenical group which brings together interested clergy from the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and the Missouri Synod. The topic of the October meeting was “The Reformation: Past, Present and Future.” This was the first regional panel which included Roman Catholic presenters (Bishop Salvatore Cordileone and Dr. Plovanich).

Thomas Reifer, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, was recently appointed as an Associate Fellow at the Transnational Institute, A Worldwide Fellowship of Committed Scholar-Activists.


Greg Severn, Ph.D., Department of Physics, gave a seminar in plasma physics at the University of Colorado-Boulder on Oct. 1, on the subject of the Bohm Criterion, which states that ions must reach the plasma boundary traveling at Mach 1 (sort of) in order for the boundary to fully form. On Oct. 2, Dr. Severn presented a poster entitled “Xenon ion Laser-Induced Fluorescence using a tunable diode laser near 680nm,” at the 60th Annual Gaseous Electronics Conference held in Arlington, Virginia. This work describes a discovery of a new way to do laser induced fluorescence measurements using diode lasers with the xenon ion, an ion of importance in laser, plasma processing, and ion thruster technologies. His research paper on this
subject, co-authored with graduate student Dongsoo Lee and Dr. Noah Hershkowitz of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is due to be published in the December issue of the Review of Scientific Instruments. Also, on Nov. 27, he concluded his service as a review panelist for Department of Energy, having read several proposals for the Magnetic Fusion Energy Diagnostics Program.

Daniel Sheehan, Ph.D., Department of Physics, attended a conference in October entitled “Origins of Time's Arrow,” hosted by the New York Academy of Sciences. It was devoted to understanding the physics underlying the forward progression of time that is observed in Nature, a still-unresolved foundational problem in science. Aside from a few incomprehensible talks by deluded string theorists, the meeting was quite interesting.


Karen Teel, Ph.D., Department of Theology and Religious Studies, presented a paper entitled “Christian Womanist Ethics as a Resource for Feminist Antiracist Theological Pedagogy” at the American Academy of Religion's 2007 conference, held in November in San Diego.

Jorge A. Vargas, J.D., School of Law, completed a book manuscript titled: California Marina: Myths, Explorers and Gray Whales. The book narrates the myths leading to the name “California,” the 16th century Spanish maritime explorers in Baja and Alta California in the 16th century, and the remarkable annual migration of the gray whale. The book will be published in Spanish by Fondo de Cultura Económica (FCE) and by Exportadora de Sal (ESSA), Banamex and the Foundation for the Protection of Wildlife in an English luxury edition.