Message from the Provost
The end of the semester brings the usual flurry of activities and celebrations, but this year the end of the semester also coincides with the end of long and successful terms of service for two of our leaders, President Mary Lyons and Dean Paula Cordeiro. Both President Lyons and Dean Cordeiro have made a significant impact on USD, its students, faculty and staff. Under President Lyons’ leadership USD’s enrollment grew from 7,262 students in fall 2003 to 8,349 students in fall 2014; endowment grew from under $100 million to over $450 million; and the reputation of our academic programs grew substantially to name just a few of her accomplishments. Likewise under Dean Cordeiro’s leadership, we have seen the School of Leadership and Education Sciences develop a national reputation for its programs, centers and institutes. Both President Lyons and Dean Cordeiro will return to the faculty after well-deserved sabbaticals. We are blessed to have been led by two great leaders.

Nicholas Ladany, PhD, New Dean of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences
Dr. Nick Ladany will join the USD community on July 1, 2015 as the 4th Dean of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES). Dr. Ladany, currently the Dean of the School of Education and Counseling Psychology at Santa Clara University, received his PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University at Albany, State University of New York.

As dean at Santa Clara University he led a dramatic increase in student diversity, enrollments, and community partnerships. In addition, he led a donor supported initiative that resulted in a satellite campus of the school in East San Jose that prepared teachers to work in underserved Latina/o communities. Dr. Ladany is an internationally known scholar and educator who has taught, given lectures, or presented in numerous countries. He is the author of five books and more than 80 publications and has given numerous presentations on the effectiveness of supervision, multicultural competence, and social justice.

Please welcome Dr. Nick Ladany when you see him on campus. The campus community will be invited to a welcome reception for Dr. Ladany early fall semester 2015.

2015 Commencement Valedictorians
The University of San Diego is proud to announce the valedictorians for the 2015 Undergraduate Commencement ceremonies.

Bonnie R. Campbell ’15, Communication Studies
Undergraduate Commencement, College of Arts and Sciences

Vianey A. Coronado Angeles ’15, Accounting
Undergraduate Commencement, School of Business Administration and Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering
Conferral of Honorary Degree at Commencement

The Board of Trustees at the May 1, 2015 Board meeting approved an honorary degree for Therese Truitt Whitcomb ’53, Professor Emerita of Art. Professor Whitcomb will receive the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, at the Undergraduate Commencement ceremony, College of Arts and Sciences, on Sunday, May 24, 2015, in recognition of her longtime engagement with USD as a student, art professor and administrator.

Prof. Whitcomb was the first and only graduate of the College Women in 1953. She taught as a part-time art instructor in the College for Women and became a full-time faculty member in 1969 after completing her master’s degree. She chaired the Department of Art in the early 1970s, continued to teach for 35 years in the College, and established Founders Gallery in 1975. Prof. Whitcomb became the first Director of University Design and is responsible for setting the standards and preserving the beauty and consistent Spanish Renaissance architecture of the USD campus. In addition, Prof. Whitcomb has been active in numerous projects in Southern California conducting research and design of historic buildings and serving on boards of art, history and community organizations.

2015 Commencement Speakers

The Honorable Lynn Schenk ’70 (JD)
Former U.S. Representative, 49th District of California
School of Law Commencement

Father Gregory Boyle
Homeboy Industries
Undergraduate Commencement
College of Arts and Sciences

Roshan Paul
Amani Institute
Graduate Commencement

Albert Carey
Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo Americas
Undergraduate Commencement
School of Business Administration
Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering
College Faculty Receive Prestigious Awards

Guggenheim Foundation honors Victoria Fu

Victoria Fu, MFA, Art, Architecture + Art History, was selected as a 2015 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow in recognition of her work in the category of Film-Video. Prof. Fu is a visual artist who incorporates moving images, photography, and drawing into her work. Her installations have been exhibited in numerous art venues including the 2014 Whitney Biennial at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; Simon Preston Gallery, New York, NY; University Art Gallery, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA; 52nd New York Film Festival, New York, NY; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, CA; among others. Prof. Fu, a faculty member at USD since 2012, is currently teaching Film History and Video Art courses.

The Guggenheim Foundation offers Fellowships to further the development of scholars and artists by assisting them to engage in research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions and irrespective of race, color or creed. Appointed on the basis of prior achievement and exceptional promise, the successful candidates were chosen from a group of over 3,100 applicants.

MacArthur Foundation honors David Shirk

David Shirk, PhD, Political Science and International Relations and Director of the Justice in Mexico Project, has been awarded a two-year $225,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to support a major survey of Mexican judges in Mexico, in anticipation of the country's transition to oral adversarial trial proceedings to improve judicial transparency and efficiency.

This past month, Justice in Mexico completed its training of more than 280 law faculty and students at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México with funding from the U.S. State Department. Justice in Mexico also released its annual Drug Violence in Mexico report, co-authored by Dr. Shirk with Cory Molzahn and USD alumna Kimberly Heinle (featured by the New York Times, USA Today and the San Diego Union-Tribune), and published a ground-breaking survey of the Tijuana police department. In addition, with USD Alumna Maritza Rodriguez, Law Student Harper Otawka, and USD Student Gloria Gaona, the Justice in Mexico's pro bono expert testimony helped win two cases for individuals seeking asylum in the United States.

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation supports creative people and effective institutions committed to building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. In addition to selecting the MacArthur Fellows, the Foundation works to defend human rights, advance global conservation and security, make cities better places, and understand how technology is affecting children and society.

2015 Core Proposal Voting Process

The 2015 Core Proposal represents the intelligent and collaborative work of USD faculty over several years with one goal in mind: to produce an integrated core curriculum that prepares our students to conquer the many challenges that they will face in the complex global society of the 21st century. The Core Proposal requires a sequence of two faculty votes. The first vote, set for spring 2015, is acceptance of the proposed Core structure and governance by the faculty, in order to move forward with the development and implementation steps for the Core Structure and Core Curriculum Governance Plan. Voting has been taking place with the following results: 76% of the College faculty voted with 78% voting in favor of the proposal; in the SBA, 54 faculty voted with 100% in favor; the School of Peace Studies faculty voted 100% in favor; and the School of Engineering will vote on May 7. The vote of acceptance will initiate a year of implementation in which details concerning governance and logistics will be worked out, such as learning outcomes, Core processes, and scheduling.

The second vote of the faculty will happen spring 2016 and will constitute the final approval of the new Core Curriculum. The second vote is contingent upon a successful implementation of the structure and governance stipulated in the proposal. There will be one year to work out the details to determine what works effectively and to streamline the process. After the faculty have approved the core proposal in the spring 2016 it will be sent for approval to the Senate and the Board of Trustees. The proposal envisions the launch of the new Core Curriculum in Fall 2017.
Career Services and Admissions Set to Move to Manchester Conference Center
Renovation of Manchester Conference Center will take place from June-December 2015 to relocate Career Services and Undergraduate Admissions to one central location. Career Services, currently hidden in the basement of Hughes Center, will be on the first floor of Manchester to accommodate additional staff and services and to improve its visibility with students. Undergraduate Admissions, currently in Serra Hall, will be on the second floor of Manchester with an Admissions front desk located on the first floor to welcome prospective students and parents. With Career Services and the Undergraduate Admissions in the same location, prospective students and their parents will have the opportunity to see the broad range of resources, services and events that Career Services offers that is designed to prepare students for a successful transition from college to career.

Career Services is developing a four-year career development plan, in conjunction with faculty, which will encourage students to begin their career exploration process in their freshman year and each year to further develop their knowledge and skills leading to successful acceptance to graduate school and/or successful career opportunities. This four-year plan will integrate innovative technology, career education, internships, volunteer and research opportunities to help USD students acquire the skills and knowledge required by 21st century employees.

As part of the renovation, Manchester Auditorium on the first floor and Manchester Boardroom on the second floor will remain in their current locations. Professional and Continuing Education, currently in Manchester Conference Center, will temporarily move to Casa Maria (behind Founders Hall) and later to Barcelona Hall at Alcalá Park West.

USD to Go Smoking- and Tobacco-Free
On August 18, 2015, USD will become a 100% smoking- and tobacco-free campus joining other regional colleges and universities to promote a healthy environment. The Smoking- and Tobacco-Free Policy strictly prohibits smoking and the use of any smoking or tobacco product at all times, on or in any USD-owned or USD-leased property or facility, either indoors or outdoors.

The university has been preparing educational and support resources for the campus community. These resources, along with the Smoking- and Tobacco-Free Policy, can be found at www.sandiego.edu/smokefree.

Office of Undergraduate Research – Events and Grants
Open Forums
The Office of Undergraduate Research will host two open forums to receive feedback from faculty on the SURE Application and Review process and the proposed Summer Scholar programing. All faculty are invited to attend.
Monday, May 11 from 12:20-1:20 p.m.
Thursday, May 14 at 12:20-1:20 p.m.
Locations TBD
If you are interested in attending a forum, please sign up here. Location details will be sent closer to the meeting dates.

Course Development Grants
Applications due: May 29 at 5 p.m.
Decisions announced: June 20

Faculty are invited to apply for a course development grant focused on supporting the incorporation of undergraduate research into their curriculum. Special consideration will be given to faculty wanting to incorporate research into their community service learning courses. Guidelines: www.sandiego.edu/ugresearch/faculty/course-development.php
Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
Dr. Frank Jacobitz and Dr. Lauren Benz will be recognized for their outstanding mentoring of undergraduate researchers at Honors Convocation on May 5 at 12:30 p.m. in Shiley Theatre.

Inaugural Research Week – Success!
The Inaugural Research Week at USD was a tremendous success with events and activities for everyone.

- Over 1,200 participants (faculty, staff, students, and visitors) attended events across campus
- 135 faculty at the inaugural luncheon heard the deans discuss the impact of external funding on their units
- 31 events were held: presentations, exhibitions and tours
- 8 academic units, 52 departments, 6 centers and institutes, and 4 galleries participated
- Over 100 faculty who submitted proposals for external funding received research lapel pins

Thank you to the USD community for making this week a success. The Second Annual Research Week at USD will take place April 11-15, 2016.

Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering Showcase
Friday, May 8 from 2:30-5 p.m. at Loma Hall, First Floor
Students in electrical engineering, industrial and systems engineering, and mechanical engineering will present and demonstrate their senior capstone projects and other class projects. Please join us for all or part of the afternoon. Light refreshments will be served.

Fall Convocation – Save the Date
The Fall Convocation of the Faculty and Administration will take place on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theatre and will be followed with a reception at the IPJ Garden of the Sea.

Honor Societies
The university congratulates the 2015 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
Dhary Althamer, Alexi Duenas, Robert Martinez, Rory Soltan
Katie Anschuetz, Sarah Giddens, Audrey Miciano, Seth Taylor
Alma Beltran, Lucy Hill, Jaclyn Newell, Brooke Thayer
Danielle Bloom, Claire Kuebs, Taylor Noonan, Angela Vanella
Sydney Davis, Juliana Lockwood, Chelsea Nunez, Sarah Zentner
Luis De La Cruz, Shanika McCarty, Jesslyn Nunez

Mortar Board, Alcala Senior Honor Society Chapter – National Senior Honor Society
Dylan Banks, Arielle Gladstone, Luke Muskett, Collin Trotter
Stuart Bell, Jarett Hartman, David Oken, Shannon Trujillo
Olivia Burns, Peter Hilburn, Trent Saitget, Elizabeth Uribe
Michael Burrafato, Aaron Huott, Harrison, Ines Vargas
Taylor Cave, Danielle Latimore, Schmachtenberger, Xiao耶 Yang
Karen Clark, Rachel Lloyd, Samantha Shapiro
Wayne Cottle, Gert Loechle, Jasmin Shores
Paloma Diaz, Jared McCarthy, Arman Siddiqui
Diana Fontaine, Kathryn Moser, Daniel Sykora
Faculty Research Report 2013-2014

Approximately $900,000 was expended in 2013-2014 to support faculty research projects. Below are summaries of the projects for which the Provost’s Office received reports by the date of this publication and submitted on the online form, “Research Report Guide.”

College of Arts and Sciences

Thomas Barton, PhD, Department of History, wrote an article titled “Ambivalent Sovereigins: Crises of Leadership in the Medieval Crown of Aragon” based on findings from his trip to the Royal Archives in Barcelona.

Bradley Bond, PhD, Department of Communication Studies, examined how social media accelerate the development of parasocial relationships with media characters, as well as the similarities and differences in parasocial relationships among heterosexual adolescents and lesbian, gay, and bisexual teens in his project titled “Adolescents’ Parasocial Relationships.”

Julia Cantzler, PhD, JD, Department of Sociology, completed “We Are (Not) Who We Were: Irish Cultural Nationalism and the Battle of Tara.” This piece is currently under review at “Nations and Nationalism.”

Loredana Di Martino, PhD, Department of Languages and Literature, gave a conference presentation on Umberto Eco’s theory of “negative realism” and his most recent historical fiction, authored an encyclopedia entry on postmodernist irony for The Encyclopedia of Humor Studies published by Sage, and gave a conference presentation on contemporary historical fiction by Wu Ming and Gabriella Ghermandi that challenges hegemonic discourses about Italian cultural identity.

Casey Dominguez, PhD, Department of Political Science, completed the creation of a unique database containing more than 4000 congressional speeches that discuss the authority of the president as commander-in-chief. These speeches are the basis for her current book project, which argues that the opinion of the median member of congress at any given moment in history defines the scope of the president’s war powers.

Emily Edmonds-Poli, PhD, Department of Political Science, completed the first phase of her research on the effects of drug trafficking-related violence on the Mexican media. Her findings appear as a chapter in an edited volume entitled Building Resilient Communities in Mexico: Civic Responses to Crime and Violence, published by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in March 2014.
Hugh Ellis, PhD, Department of Biology, examined plasma metabolites in Eared Grebes. The research is has been presented at a national meeting and is expected to produce one publication.

Victoria Fu, MFA, Department of Fine Arts, attended the Fountainhead Artist Residency in Miami in summer 2013, which culminated in a solo exhibition at Emerson Dorsch Gallery. The gallery subsequently represented Fu's work at Texas Contemporary, UNTITLED., Miami and Moving Image NYC.


John Halaka, MFA, Department of Fine Arts, developed the photographic component of a multidisciplinary artwork titled “Portraits of Denial & Desire.” The photographs were exhibited in the following three solo shows during the spring, summer and fall of 2014: The Tasneem Gallery, Barcelona, Spain; Gallery El Quds, Washington, DC; The Exhibit Hall, Student Life Pavilion, USD.

Michael Ichiyama, MFA, Department of Psychological Sciences, examined the influence of cognitive inhibition variables as potential risk factors in heavy alcohol consumption among college undergraduates. A pair of completed studies emerged from this project that were co-presented at two professional conferences in 2014; the Western Psychological Association Annual Convention in Portland, OR, and the American Psychological Association Annual Convention in Washington, DC.

Rebecca Ingram, PhD, Department of Languages and Literature, presented her work on the elements of a domestic intrahistoria in Emilia Pardo Bazán’s culinary writing at the meeting of the AILCFH held at the Claremont Colleges and at the annual meeting of the Modern Languages Association in Chicago.

Diane Keeling, PhD, Department of Communication Studies, surveys contemporary rhetorical theory and criticism of the past decade to consider the breadth of materialist approaches and philosophical assumptions circulating in disciplinary conversations in her project titled “The 'What' of Rhetoric's Study.”

Anne Koenig, PhD, Department of Psychology, worked on her project titled “Social Roles versus Intergroup Relations as the Source of Stereotype Content.”

Marcelle Maese-Cohen, PhD, Department of English, published her essay “‘But it Should Begin in El Paso’: Civil Identities, Immigrant ‘World’-Traveling, and Pilgrimage Form in John Rechy’s City of Night” in the Arizona Quarterly 70.2.

Mitchell Malachowski, PhD, Department of Chemistry, continued his work on helping institutions work towards institutionalizing undergraduate research. He offered a series of workshops to state systems and consortia, performed culture audits of their member campuses and completed an edited monograph detailing the results of these transformations.

Cid Martinez, PhD, Department of Sociology, conducted, analyzed, and coded 20 in-depth interviews exclusively with clergy members associated with the Cops and Clergy program. This research will be used to draft a chapter for his forthcoming book that will be used to understand how clergy and the local police can build trust and reduce violent crime.

Kristen McCabe, PhD, Department of Psychological Sciences, investigated the relation between parenting and child behavior problems among Mexican Americans (MA) and found that MA parents whose children have behavior problems self-reported significantly less warmth and consistency and harsher parenting compared to parents whose children were in the normal range.

Antonieta Mercado, PhD, Department of Communication Studies, studied the social and political impact of Guelaguetzas as alternative forms of public communication, constituting a form of “cultural public sphere” where marginalized communities find a place for public expression.

Clara Oberle, PhD, Department of History, wrote the chapter “Great Expectations: Planning and Population Movement in the Aftermath of War” for her book manuscript entitled Redistribution: Ruins, Housing, and the Contested Politics of Order in Berlin, 1945-1949. Oberle also presented her findings in two talks at the German Studies Association conference and submitted two papers for publication, one in a n edited volume, the other for Law and Society Review.

Amanda Petersen, PhD, Department of Languages and Literature, examined Cristina Pacheco and Virginia Hernández’s representations of prostitution and of the consumption of female bodies while investigating the space where the narratives take place. The narratives depict both explicitly and implicitly the spaces of brothel and border.

Steven Searcy, PhD, Department of Marine & Environmental Studies, examined weekly settlement patterns of spotted sand bass from June-October of 2013 and 2014 to Mission Bay, San Diego, CA. This research is critical to understanding inter-annual fluctuations in population size and ultimately effective management of this species. The results are expected to be published in an international journal within the next year.

Leonora Simonovis-Brown, PhD, Department of Languages and Literature, finished editing an annotated bibliography titled "Chronology of the Venezuelan Novel" for the Oxford Bibliographies project and presented her work at two conferences, including the annual LASA (Latin American Studies Association Conference). In addition, several creative pieces were internationally published.


Monica Stufft, PhD, Department of Theater Arts, published a journal article on assessing collaboration, organized a pre-conference focused on theatre assessment strategies, and worked collaboratively on an article that addresses what they are calling the three c’s of theatre assessment: creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Karen Teel, PhD, Department of Theology & Religious Studies, drafted a chapter of her current book manuscript, The Unbearable Whiteness of Jesus. In addition, she drafted a substantial research article entitled “Religion and the History of Western Racism.”

Allison Wiese, MFA, Department of Fine Arts, completed sculptural and video work for two solo exhibitions: Road Movie (November, 2013) at Space4Art San Diego, and Speaking Otherwise, (September, 2014) at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, La Jolla, CA.

Zhi-Yong Yin, PhD, Department of Marine & Environmental Studies, used a modeling approach to quantify moisture conditions in the alpine environment of the northeastern Tibetan Plateau for tree growth by considering orographic rainfall and temperature change with elevation. This research provides guidance for future sampling activities.

Jennifer Zwolinski, PhD, completed an experimental study examining how fear of negative evaluation was related to biological (progesterone) and psychological (e.g., physical and emotional) reactivity to ostracism and concluded that, relative to inclusion, ostracism causes more short-term physical pain and emotional pain that dissipate within 20 minutes.
School of Business Administration

Linda Barkacs, JD, co-authored with Craig Barkacs a law review article which examines the seemingly contrary aims of many business practices associated with globalization versus the triple bottom line aspirations of fair trade. The article was published in the Chicago-Kent Journal of International and Comparative Law.


Kokila Doshi, PhD, published “Determinants of Mobile Phone Penetration Rates in Africa and Asia” and presented it at the conference of World Business Institute.


Phillip Hunsaker, PhD, published a paper reviewing theories of team development, integrating them into a comprehensive framework, and described potential interventions for improving team performance at each stage of development.

Aarti Ivanic, PhD, examined the role that accents of radio spokespersons played on consumer perceptions of spokespersons and purchase likelihood of the advertised products/services. The research now appears in the Journal of Advertising Research.

Moriah Meyskens, PhD, published four articles on various topics including how social venture competitions create value at the individual, venture and societal levels.

Norm Miller, PhD, worked on a chapter of his book and published “Workplace Trends in Office Space: Implications for Future Office Demand” in the Journal of Corporate Real Estate, Vol. 16, No. 3. 2014. This research examines workplace trends and projects the impact on office space demand, type, and the pressures for greater productivity.

Jennifer Mueller, PhD, published a paper on construal level and creativity which received attention from the media including, but not limited to, a feature spot on NPR, a two page spread in HBR, and a feature article in Forbes as well as Fast Company.


Manzur Rahman, PhD, developed a unifying theoretical framework for comparing corporate governance systems grounded in the economic theory of the firm, while accounting for institutional embeddedness. The paper was presented at the Academy of International Business Annual Meeting.

Miriam Rothman, PhD, described a team video project in which students create and complete a 3-5 minute video demonstrating a cross-cultural faux pas that could undermine a business deal. Evaluation criteria including journals, peer evaluations and other outcomes were described.

Charles Teplitz, DBA, investigated application of learning curve setbacks in defense industry.

Phil Zhu, PhD, authored three journal publications and seven conference papers for which he received two research paper awards.
Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering

Frank Jacobitz, PhD, worked on four projects including “Lagrangian and Eulerian Acceleration Statistics in Turbulent Stratified Shear Flows” and “Comparison of the Microcirculation in the Human Conjunctiva in Healthy and Diabetic Patients.”

James Kohl, PhD, made a research tribometer and to acquire the data by use of a computer. The tribometer will be used to measure the friction and wear of polymers.

Truc Ngo, PhD, worked on two projects including the characterization of the effect of primary coating on the mechanical properties of bio-composites and the optimization of the electrical properties and surface morphology of organic thin film semiconductors through supercritical carbon dioxide processing.

Thomas Schubert, PhD, researched various possible methods of synthesizing three-phase power (variable frequency and amplitude) and designing and building units suitable for stand-alone classroom or laboratory usage.

School of Law

Howard Abrams, JD, presented the basic concepts underlying an article regarding partnership distributions at a conference sponsored by the University of Chicago as well as to the Tax Policy Seminar at Harvard Law School. Drafting of the article is largely finished, and is being submitted it to the Tax Lawyer (published by the Tax Section of the American Bar Association).

Larry Alexander, LLB, published five articles.

Jordan Barry, JD, completed a draft of the article titled “The Incoherent Foreign Income Tax Credit” and has presented it at several schools and conferences, including the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, the Loyola Los Angeles Tax Policy Colloquium, and the Pepperdine Tax Policy Seminar. The article is being submitted for publication in the law review submission cycle.

Roy Brooks, JD, worked on several projects, including a formal book proposal along with three sample chapters for a book on racial inequality, a supplement to one of his civil rights casebooks, and a study on racial demographics.

Laurence Claus, DPhil, responded to a book conference commentary on Law’s Evolution and Human Understanding from William Edmundson, John Finnis, Michael Steven Green, Mark Greenberg, Frederick Schauer, and Lawrence Solum.

Kevin Cole, JD, is writing "Better Sex Through Criminal Law: The Proposed Revisions to the Model Penal Code on Sexual Assault” to explore the proposed revisions to the law of sexual assault in the American Law Institute's influential Model Penal Code.

Lynne Dallas, JD, explores the theoretical and empirical literature on time-phased voting (TPV) and includes an original empirical study of U.S. firms that have experience with TPV.

Donald Dripps, JD, continued the process of researching and planning the chapter on the due process of law in American constitutionalism, focusing on contrasting views of due process at key juncture in US history: Otis and Jefferson; Taney and Sumner; Holmes and Cooley; Black and Harlan.

Robert Fellmeth, JD, presented to the 2014 national conference of the National Association of Counsel for Children on foster Youth Education Problems and is working on the 4th edition of the text Child Rights and Remedies.

Miranda Fleischer, JD, LLM, continued working on a series of articles looking at the interaction of distributive justice and charitable giving. Portions of the series were presented at Boston College, and will be presented at Pepperdine Law and at University College, London.
Victor Fleisher, JD, finished work on a paper, “Curb Your Enthusiasm for Pigouvian Taxes,” which explores when corrective taxes are likely to be effective and when they are not. He presented the paper at the annual meeting of the American Law and Economics Association.

Ralph Folsom, JD, LLM, completed two international business law books, and a chapter on international discovery, during the summer of 2014-15.

Dov Fox, JD, DPhil, among other projects, researched, wrote, and had accepted for publication in the Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics an article on “Reproducing Race” that examines the role of race in assisted reproduction.

Walter Heiser, LLM, the proper boundaries of “general” or “all-purpose” jurisdiction in light of two recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions in a law review article titled “General Jurisdiction in the Place of Incorporation: An Artificial ‘Home’ for an Artificial Person.”

Adam Hirsch, PhD, JD, presented a project titled “Airbrushed Heirs: The Problem of Children Omitted from Wills.”

Mary Jo Wiggins, JD, completed six chapters for Collier on Bankruptcy and made second edition updates to her Lexis-Nexis Bankruptcy book.

Michael Kelly, JD, compared judicial decisions applying the certainty doctrine from 1931-36 with those applying it from 2008-2013.

William Lawrence, JD, completed his annual update for the practitioner’s treatise entitled “The Law of Sales Under the Uniform Commercial Code” and has also completed the revisions of assigned chapters of the student treatise “Understanding Sales and Leases of Goods.”

Herbert Lazerow, DESS, LLM, JD, worked on a project titled “Sourcing Loan Guarantee Premiums.”

Orly Lobel, SJD, completed an article titled “The New Cognitive Property” which introduces the growing field of human capital law, at the intersections of IP law, contract and employment law, and antitrust law, and cautions against the devastating effects of the growing enclosure of cognitive capacities in contemporary markets. The article was presented at prestigious conferences.

John Minan, JD, is writing a book titled “The Law of Gaming and Gambling” that is scheduled for publication by the American Bar Association.

Frank Partnoy, JD, completed five research projects on topics ranging from financial systems, crises, and regulation to hedge fund activism to loss causation and securities class actions to reputation and modern information markets to the tensions between financial innovation and the theory of shareholder primacy.

Michael Ramsey, JD, wrote an article titled “The Original Meaning of ‘Natural Born Citizen’” in which he defends a broad view of the original meaning of the presidential eligibility clause on the basis of eighteenth-century English parliamentary practice.

Michael Rappaport, JD, DCL, is working on a paper titled “The Case for Abolishing Certiorari Jurisdiction” that argues that certiorari jurisdiction (that is, discretionary Supreme Court jurisdiction) should be eliminated and replaced with a system of mandatory jurisdiction.

Ted Sichelman, JD, completed a three-year research project into the origins of the patent system in the Venetian Republic. His findings provide a new interpretation for the first formal patent law adopted in 1474 and will be published early next year.

Steven Smith, JD, completed a series of lectures and publications including blog posts, papers, and articles.
Thomas Smith, JD, published a paper titled “A Citizen's Oath” which proposes that all US citizens have performed an oath of fealty to the Constitution and laws of the United States. This suggestion is examined from philosophical and historical points of view.

Mila Sohoni, JD, conducted research for her work-in-progress entitled "Administrative Constitutional Change." The paper was selected for presentation at the Southern California Junior Faculty Workshop at the Loyola Law School in Los Angeles on September 27, 2014.

Horacio Spector, SJD, wrote “Epistemic Moral Constraints” and the paper is being submitted at the Social Philosophy and Policy Conference.

Ed Ursin, JD, worked on many projects including augmenting his manuscript “Legal Pragmatism and Enterprise Liability” and creating a new course, California Torts, and case book, California Torts: Cases and Materials.

Jorge Vargas, SJD, published an article titled “New Procedure to Expel Foreigners from Mexico.”

School of Leadership and Education Sciences

Robert Donmoyer, PhD, worked on a paper titled “Evaluation and the New Philanthropy” which will eventually be part of a book Profits and Nonprofits: Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship and the Third Sector.

Steven Gelb, PhD, conducted and analyzed interviews with five mid-career professionals who each left a Group Relations Conference prior to its conclusion. The study's results were presented at the biennial meeting of the A. K. Rice Society for the Study of Social Systems held in Chicago.

Cheryl Getz, EdD, examine how a graduate course designed around an international leadership conference helped socialize leadership studies students into an academic discourse community.

Lea Hubbard, PhD, worked on a project titled “From School to Hagwans to Success or Distress: The Case of Korean Education.” She observed classroom practice at four high schools located in and around Busan and Seoul Korea and interviewed teachers, students and principals as well as one university professor and one person from the Ministry of Education.

Noriyuki Inoue, PhD, completed the book titled Beyond Actions: Psychology of Action Research for Mindful Educational Improvement, written for readers to develop a deep and comprehensive understanding of action research as a mindful path to self-transformation and professional growth.

Christopher Newman, PhD, explored the appointment, reappointment, tenure, and promotion policies of leading graduate schools of education as ranked by U.S. News and World Report. The project findings noted a wide range of policies embedded in cumbersome policy documents that were unclear and at times inconsistent.

Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies

Ami Carpenter, PhD, co-led a workshop for conflict-affected communities in and around Acapulco (Guerrero, Mexico) to diagnose the sources and dynamics of violence in each community.

Topher McDougal, PhD, co-founded an international research consortium and focused on the quantitative study of small arms: their manufacture, trade, and use. The project has now generated four working papers and new data-driven content such as mapping and visualization tools are under development.

Dustin Sharp, JD, conducted research into the linkages between international law and security sector reform as part of a broader UK-based research project into post-conflict reconstruction and international law.
Recent Grant Awards

Jessica Bell, PhD, Chemistry and Biochemistry, has received $154,015 from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The purpose of this research is to determine the function of SIKE and phosphorylated SIKE as part of the innate immune response to a pathogen challenge. The primary goals of this research are to first, identify basal and pathogen induced SIKE interaction networks and second, to investigate role of SIKE in actin-like cytoskeleton and cytosolic granules.

Jennifer Buechel, PhD Candidate, mentored by Ann Mayo, DNSc, School of Nursing, received a $14,708 from the Department of Defense/Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. The purpose of this study is to answer questions related to HPV knowledge, testing, and vaccine uptake among U.S. Navy personnel. The goal of the study is to provide additional knowledge about HPV and to assist health care professionals and policy makers in the development of effective HPV immunization programs and policies.

Meenakshi Chakraverti, PhD, Leadership Institute, SOLES, received an $18,000 award from the La Jolla Playhouse. USD’s Leadership Institute will join a partnership with the La Jolla Playhouse team to: analyze current leadership and organizational capacity as it relates to community engagement; develop a plan to enhance leadership and organizational capacity for community engagement; and develop tangible data that can be used to support and develop leadership and organizational capacity as the Institute’s community engagement efforts roll out.

Paula A. Cordeiro, EdD, Dean, SOLES, has received $997,894 from the California Department of Education. The purpose of this project is to improve student academic achievement by improving school leader quality through professional learning and performance assessment. The goal of the project is to create a model professional learning opportunity that is appropriate for teacher leaders and aspiring leaders. Second, the project aims to produce results that can inform the development of performance assessments.

Mitch Malachowski, PhD, Chemistry and Biochemistry, received $5,000 from the Council on Undergraduate Research. The award was given to Professor Malachowski in order to fund and support an undergraduate student doing research.

Robert Muth, JD, Veteran’s Legal Clinic, received a $50,000 award from the May and Stably Smith Charitable Trust. As the Veteran’s Legal Clinic is in its third year of legal service to the veterans of San Diego, the clinic has expanded to cover issues of discharge upgrades and VA benefit appeals. The funding will be used to supplement additional legal resources needed to provide personnel and staffing requirements.

Patricia Roth, EdD, School of Nursing received $25,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This three-year partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation seeks to support and cultivate diversity in the nursing workforce and to better serve the health needs of diverse populations. The School of Nursing will direct the funds from the partnership to support two students through the PhD Program.

Michael Shulman, PhD Mathematics, received a $28,659 subcontract with Carnegie Mellon University with the prime funding coming from the United States Air Force Research Laboratory. The purpose of this research is to study univalent models of type theory using semantic category-theoretic methods, particularly their generalizations to include higher inductive types, and whether algorithms for computing with univalence can be extracted from such models. The research involves collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University in order to design new type theories as well as develop and formalize the mathematics in these new foundational systems.

Nilmini Silva-Send, PhD, LL.M, Public Interest Law, was awarded $20,500 from the City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Technical Services. The Energy Policy Initiatives Center will provide policy, quantitative, and technical support to the City of San Diego to finalize the Climate Action Plan and provide technical assistance during the environmental impact review process.
Upcoming Events

CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIAUS
Future Ready San Diego Symposium at USD
Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Mother Rosalie Hill Hall
Collaborate with other educators, teacher-leaders, and edtech experts at Future Ready SD, a one-day symposium on teaching with technology. Learn how to create a future ready classroom and hear from others about the transformation in learning that happens when you do.
Event registration

Third Annual State of Nonprofits Summit
Friday, June 5 at 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mother Rosalie Hill Hall
Cost: $50
Hosted by the Caster Center, this informative day of research exposés and practical learning opportunities helped to guide San Diego’s nonprofit and philanthropic leaders in creating, implementing and evaluating innovative and collaborative strategies for the future.
Event registration

15th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Law
Monday, June 8 - Friday, June 12
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice
The 15th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Law is the largest international conference examining the application of artificial intelligence (AI) to law.
Conference information

LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS
Breakfast at the BMC: The Growing Role of Crowdfunding in Real Estate Capital-Raising
Wednesday, May 6 from 7:30-9:30 a.m.
7:30-8 a.m. breakfast & networking; 8-9:30 program
Institute for Peace & Justice
Speakers: Robert E. Lee, director of capital markets, Silver Portal Capital; Tom Lockard, Fundrise; Richard A. Weintraub, Esq., Weintraub Law Group; Moderator: Norm Miller, Chair of Real Estate Finance
USD students, faculty and staff may attend this event free of charge. To register, go to:
http://bmc.kintera.org/breakfast.

The Cropper Center for Creative Writing: Senior Reading
Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m.
Mother Rosalie Hill Hall 102
Seniors graduating from the English major creative writing emphasis will read from their own works, and winners of the Lindsay J. Cropper Undergraduate Contest in Creative Writing (fiction, nonfiction and poetry) will be announced.

ART
Horses in American Indian Culture
Oct. 2 – May 20, 2015
David W. May American Indian Gallery, Serra 214A
Gallery hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 1 - 4 p.m.
Student-produced exhibit traces the significance of the bonds that developed between Indians of the Southwest and the horse, their “four-legged brother.”

Selma, 1965: Bruce Davidson and the Photography of Civil Rights
March 6 – May 24, 2015
Fine Art Galleries, Institute for Peace and Justice
Vintage photographs tell the story of the Selma marches that took place 50 years ago. Bruce Davidson’s powerful images record the efforts of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and others as they led a non-violent protest from Selma to Montgomery in March of 1965.

Rembrandt: A Decade of Brilliance (1648-1658)
March 20 - May 22, 2015
Robert and Karen Hoehn Family Galleries, Founders Hall
The exhibit explores 10 years of the artist’s graphic output, years during which Rembrandt produced some of his best-known prints and his experimentation with graphic media was at its height.

MUSIC
USD Jazz Ensemble End-of-Semester Concert
Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall
The USD Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Justin Grinnell, performs their semester repertoire.
Ticket prices
Chamber Music Ensembles End-of-Semester Concert
Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.
French Parlor, Founders Hall
Student ensembles present selections from their semester repertoire.
Ticket prices

Summer Chamber Music Festival Faculty Concert
Sunday, June 21 at 2 p.m.
Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall
Opening faculty concert for the 10th Annual Summer Chamber Music Festival (June 22 to July 5).

THEATRE ARTS
Twelve Angry Women
Thursday, April 30 – Thursday, May 7
Black Box Theatre, Camino Hall
Twelve jurors weigh the evidence in a first-degree murder case that is “open-and-shut.”
Performance and ticket information

SPECIAL EXHIBITS/EVENTS
Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering Showcase
Friday, May 8 at 2:30-5 p.m.
Loma Hall
Graduating seniors in electrical engineering, industrial and systems engineering, and mechanical engineering present and demonstrate their final projects.

Center for Educational Excellence
The Center for Educational Excellence supports the USD community by providing integrated programs, events, and resources to promote the institution's core values of academic excellence, knowledge, creating a diverse and inclusive community, ethical conduct, and compassionate service. For event details and to register for events go to www.sandiego.edu/cee or contact the CEE at ext. 7402 or cee@sandiego.edu.

Upcoming CEE Workshops and Events

FFF: Come. Be. An Exploration of Wellness & Balance
Friday, May 8 at 9:30-11 a.m. in Salomon Lecture Hall

CEE Recognition Reception
Wednesday, May 13 at 4-6 p.m. in UC Forum B

Adjunct Faculty Welcome and Orientation
Thursday, August 20 at 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Degheri Alumni Center

2015-2016 Preceptor Training
Friday, August 28 at 12-3 p.m. in Mother Rosalie Hill Hall

Varia
Christopher Adler, PhD, Music, joined soprano Stephanie Aston for performances of Oliver Messiaen’s concert-length song cycle, Harawi, at Emory University in Atlanta, the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, the new music venue Spectrum in New York City and the University of San Diego. Dr. Adler also joined the Atlanta-based ensemble Chamber Cartel for a performance of Frederic Rzewski’s Coming Together and Attica. He joined pianist Andrea Lodge for performances of the four-hand version of Igor Stravinsky’s Rite of Spring at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library in La Jolla and the Firehouse Space in Brooklyn, NY, and he performed solo works by Sidney Marquez Boquiren and Juan Campoverde Q. at these concerts. He also gave a colloquium entitled The Cremation of King Norodom Sihanouk with Supeena Insee Adler for the UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

Harriet Baber, PhD, Philosophy, presented comments on ‘A Dilema for Quidditism’ at the American Philosophical Association meeting in Vancouver on April 1.

Mary Barger, PhD, co-authored an article titled Gestational weight gain in obese women by class of obesity and select maternal/newborn outcomes: A systematic review in Women and Birth Doi: 10.1016/j.wombi.2015.03.006.

Malachi Black, PhD, English, announced that his book Storm Toward Morning was recently named a finalist for the Poetry Society of America’s Norma Farber First Book Award. The winner was Cathy Linh Che’s Split.
Susan M. Bonnell, PhD, Nursing, will give a Podium Presentation on “Improving maternal child health using mHealth technology in a middle-income country with community health care workers” at the Sigma Theta Tau International 26th International Nursing Research Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 23-27, 2015.

Sandy Buczynski, PhD, Learning and Teaching, and Bobbi Hansen, EdD, Learning and Teaching, are co-authors on the book, Curriculum and Instruction for the 21st Century, published in March 2015 by Bridgepoint Publishing.

Leeva Chung, PhD, Communication Studies, was invited to the University of Vermont in March to conduct a series of faculty and staff training and development workshops focusing on diversity, intercultural communication and identity.

Eugenia Constantinou, PhD, Theology and Religious Studies, spoke recently to students at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio on the subject of "Apostolic Faith and Apostolic Doubt." She was the featured speaker at the annual pre-Lenten retreat at St. Seraphim Church in Santa Rosa, California and also published a column on the subject of the after-life for the National Herald Greek American newspaper.

Paula Cordeiro, EdD, SOLES, Dean, participated on a panel with Senator Marty Block and San Diego Community College Chancellor Carroll that discussed the future of community college at the Mexican-American Business and Professionals Association (MABPA) luncheon on March 13, 2015.

David De Haan, PhD, Chemistry and Biochemistry, gave an invited talk at the 249th American Chemical Society national meeting in Denver (22-26 March 2015), entitled “Aqueous-phase aldehyde photooxidation in the presence of ammonium salts, amines, and SO2: grown carbon formation.” USD’s Diversity Postdoc Melanie Zauscher, who is being mentored in research by Dr. De Haan, gave a talk entitled “Laboratory studies of brown carbon formation in evaporating droplets.” Mike Symons, who just completed his USD undergraduate degree (Chemistry, ’14) presented a poster entitled “Investigating single scattering albedo in aerosol particles containing ammonium sulfate, amines, and aldehydes.” USD undergraduate Taylor Kress (Chemistry, ’15) presented a poster entitled “Determination of N-containing conjugated ‘brown carbon’ products in glycolaldehyde, methylamine, and glycine reaction mixtures.” Dr. De Haan also presented a poster entitled “Secondary organic aerosol and brown carbon formation in the sunlit aqueous phase: aldehyde photooxidation in the presence of ammonium salts and amines” at the Informal Symposium on Kinetics and Photochemical Processes in the Atmosphere, held 3 April 2015 at California State University, Northridge.

John Demas, Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, was a featured speaker at the Apartment Owner Association of California’s “Estate Planning for Apartment Owners” seminar at the Scottish Rite Center in San Diego April 8. More than 100 apartment owners attended the seminar, which focused on tax efficiency for highly appreciated real estate. Attendees received timely advice regarding eliminating or minimizing death taxes, minimizing capital gains, maximizing depreciation and strategies to avoid property tax reassessment.

Halina Duraj, PhD, English, announced that her story collection, The Family Cannon (Augury Books, 2014) was nominated for a CLMP (Council of Literary Magazines and Presses) Firecracker Award for debut fiction.

Maura Giles-Watson, PhD, English, joined USD’s interdisciplinary Digital Humanities (DH) Working Group on two trips: the first, a visit in February to Whittier College’s Digital Liberal Arts Collaboratory. USD’s DH Working Group is currently studying successful models for implementing DH in liberal arts colleges and exploring the possibilities for developing DH at USD. In March, the group members also visited innovative DH programs at Occidental College, Bard College, Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College, Wheaton College (MA), and the Five College DH Consortium in western Massachusetts.

Marcelle Maese-Cohen, PhD, and Maura Giles-Watson, PhD, English, will be among the group of USD faculty and administrators participating in the American Association of Colleges and University’s week-long Institute on High-Impact Practices in Higher Education, which will bring together teams from 35 colleges and universities around the US. This event will take place in June 2015 on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.

Jane Georges, PhD, Nursing, and PhD alumna, Dr. Catherina Madani, have their project “Impact of Palliative Education on ICU Nurses’ Moral Distress” featured in the latest edition of Geriatric Nurse.
Shelley Hawkins, PhD, Nursing, and PhD student, Tanna Thomason, conducted research with the Palomar Home Health, their findings were published in the article “Home telehealth and hospital readmissions: A retrospective Oasis-C data analysis” in Home Healthcare Now, 23(1), 20-26 (2015).

Haney Hong, Management, moderated a public conversation with San Diego Police Department Chief Shelley Zimmerman about her career as a woman in uniform and her vision for public safety in San Diego during a celebration of Women’s History Month on March 24, 2015.


Heather Lattimer and a colleague, Stacey Caillier, are the co-editors of a new book Surviving and thriving with teacher action research: Reflections from the field, published by Peter Lang. The book is a collection of accounts from teacher researchers and teacher educators - including several SOLES alumni and faculty.

Susan Lord, PhD, Electrical Engineering, was named a Fellow of the IEEE on January 1, 2015 for “professional leadership and contributions to engineering education.” This prestigious award is given annually to less than one out of every thousand IEEE members.

Joseph P. Chinnici, OFM, Franciscan School of Theology, and Mary Lyons, PhD, President, co-authored an article titled, “Finding the Right Niche: A Case Study on the Relationship between Seminary and University” in Theological Education, Volume 49, Number 1 (2014): 81-86.

Marcelle Maese-Cohen, PhD, English, was a panelist on the Trans-Border Institute of USD’s Joan B. Kroc School for Peace Studies’ Border Film Week showing of “La Nota Roja and the Drug War” held in February 2015. Also, Marcelle’s Gender & Lit class was one of the contributors that hosted Alicia Garza (cofounder of Black Lives Matter) on campus in February 2015.


Norm Miller, PhD, Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, participated in four sessions at the American Real Estate Society’s (ARES) 2015 Annual Meeting which took place in Fort Myers, Fla. from April 14-18. The conference brings together academic and professional real estate thought leaders from throughout the world, and provides a supportive forum for presenting new research, discussing current issues and learning about new trends across the following broad spectrum of real estate related topics. Dr. Miller was recently honored with the American Real Estate Society’s (ARES) Graaskamp Award for 2015. ARES’ Graaskamp Award “extraordinary iconoclastic thought and/or action throughout a person’s career in the development of a multi-disciplinary philosophy of real estate.” James A. Graaskamp was a legendary figure in real estate education. Dr. Miller’s co-authored paper was recently published in The Journal of Real Estate Portfolio Management, titled “Revisiting the Derivation of Equilibrium Vacancy Rate.” The paper focuses on rental forecasts as a function of normal vacancy. In addition, Dr. Miller also recently participated on behalf of the School of Business Administration in USD’s Research Week. On April 13, Miller spoke on careers in sustainability and the state of the art on measuring systems and impact.

Christopher Newman, PhD, SOLES, Department of Leadership Studies, published an article (co-authored with Frank Harris, III and J. Luke Wood), “An Exploratory Investigation of the Effect of Racial and Masculine Identity on Focus: An examination of White, Black, Mexican, Latino, and Asian Men in Community Colleges,” in *Culture, Society, & Masculinity*. Additionally, Dr. Newman’s article (co-authored with Shaun R. Harper), “Surprise, Sensemaking, and Success in the First College Year: Black Undergraduate Men’s Academic Adjustment Experiences,” was accepted for publication in Teachers College Record. In addition, Dr. Newman presented a research paper, “Minority Engineering Programs at the Crossroads: A Multiple Case Study of Two Predominantly White Public Research Universities,” at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. Dr. Newman was elected as Chair of the Multicultural/Multietnic Education Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association.

Ivan Ortiz, PhD, English, led student discussions during the first ever USD Queer Film Festival held over three nights during February and March 2015. The festival sought to create a safe space for LGBT students to explore issues facing the community by viewing and discussing queer film. The festival was sponsored by the Sexual Diversity Cluster.

Tim Randell, PhD, English, had his book, *Dialectical Metafiction and the Self-Conscious Subject of American Modernism*, accepted for publication by the Cambridge Institute for Dialectical Studies and it is scheduled to appear this fall.

George Reed, PhD, SOLES, Associate Dean, provided a lecture for the East San Diego County Chamber of Commerce on March 18, 2015. On April 13 he provided a presentation to U.S. Navy noncommissioned officers from throughout San Diego at Naval Base Point Loma. Dr. Reed was commissioned to author a review of the Report of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Committee Study of the CIA’s Detention and Interrogation Program by the journal Public Administration Review.

Fred Robinson, PhD, English, will have his book *Rooms in Dramatic Realism* published by Routledge sometime in late 2015. The book is on the original form of modern drama, and has an historical and theoretical introduction, focusing on Ibsen, followed by short analyses of some 39 plays.

Hans Peter Schmitz, PhD, SOLES, Department of Leadership Studies, published an article, “The Global Health Network on Alcohol Control. Successes and Limits of Evidence-Based Advocacy,” in the journal *Health Policy and Planning*. The research was made possible by a grant provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Joi Spencer, PhD, Learning and Teaching, was elected to the editorial panel of the *Journal for Research in Mathematics Education* (JRME) of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). JRME is considered the top ranked and most influential mathematics education journal in the nation. This April, Dr. Spencer presented her paper (along with co-authors Battey, D. and Foote, M.), A 10-Year Review of Equitable Mathematics Practices: An Equity and Instruction Focused Lens, at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in Chicago, IL.

Linda Urden, DNSc, Nursing, and Kathleen Stacy, PhD, have published the latest edition of their classic text, *Priorities in Critical Care Nursing* (7ed); Elsevier. In addition to serving as co-editors, they wrote the following chapters: Dr. Urden, “Caring for Critically Ill Patients and “Ethical and Legal Issues;” Dr. Stacy, “Sleep Alternations, Pulmonary Clinical Assessment and Diagnostic Procedures, Pulmonary Disorders, Pulmonary Therapeutic Management, and Gastrointestinal Clinical Assessment and Diagnostic Procedures.”

Charles Tu, PhD, Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, served as the faculty advisor to USD’s winning Master of Science in Real Estate team in the international 2015 ARGUS Software University Challenge, besting 18 other schools. This is the fourth time USD placed first since the competition began in 2009; USD placed second in 2012 and 2013, but ranked number one in the U.S.

Kristi Westphaln, MSN, Nursing, appeared on Healthstyles Radio NYC! a nurse produced and nurse hosted radio program sponsored by the Center for Health Media & Policy at Hunter College. The program features content that focuses on bringing health care issues to life - from an individual, national, and global perspective. As a Senior Fellow with the Center for Health Media & Policy, Prof. Westphaln will be contributing radio segments that highlight her specialty area of pediatrics. She remains optimistic that education and advocacy are key ingredients to improving the health and welfare of all children.