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CSUN Faculty to Explore the Future of Higher Education

CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and State Senator Alex Padilla Among Those Scheduled to Attend

It is a simple question, but its answer has ramifications well beyond the walls that define California State University, Northridge. What is the future of higher education in California and the rest of the nation?

State legislatures across the country are slashing funding for public universities and colleges while at the same time tuitions and fees at those same institutions keep climbing, putting a college degree further and further out of reach for many Americans. The situation is no different in California, once hailed as a model of what public higher education should be for the rest of the nation.

Cal State Northridge's faculty have formed the Committee on the Future of Higher Education in hopes of bringing together various interested parties, not just academics, to start a

dialogue on what higher education might become in the 21st century.

"There's been a lot of talk about the future of higher education but no place, no center, for facilitating dialogue," said cinema and television arts professor Michael Hoggan, one of the principals behind the committee's formation. "We're hoping to become that center."

Hoggan said a lot of hard decisions are being made in Sacramento and other state capitals around the country that could dramatically impact public universities and

colleges, "and it seems that not a lot of thought is being given to what those decisions will mean five, 10, 50 years down the road, not just for academia but for the rest of the nation as well."

To that end, the committee, with the support of CSUN Provost Harry Hellenbrand, is organizing a conference, "CSU: The Next Fifty Years," to explore the future of higher education in California. Students, faculty, staff, members of the California State University Board of Trustees, elected officials and their

representatives, business leaders and members of the public have been invited to take part in a discussion on April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Valley Performing Arts Center Lecture Hall. Among those who have already agreed to take part are CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and state Sen. Alex Padilla. For more information about the conference or to reserve your seat, visit the website at <http://www.csun.edu/csufuture/>.

Steven Stepanek, chair of the Department of Computer Science and chair of the Faculty Senate, said the April meeting is the second in a series of conversations the Faculty Senate, which created the committee, hopes to have about higher education.

"The first meeting took place last January during the faculty retreat, *Future of Higher Education continued on page 2.*



StoryCube Project Seeks to Preserve CSUN's Oral History

Alumni, Students, Faculty and Staff Invited to Tell Their Stories

At age 69, Delphine Lucero fulfilled her lifelong dream thanks to Cal State Northridge. She graduated cum laude in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies. Energized by this huge accomplishment, Lucero returned to CSUN and four years later completed a master's degree in linguistics.

"She reinvented herself," said Brennis Lucero-Wagoner, CSUN's interim director of Undergraduate Studies. "CSUN meant a lot to her. It means a lot to our family."

Lucero-Wagoner, Delphine Lucero's daughter, plans to tell her mother's story as part of the soon-to-be launched CSUN StoryCube project.

The elder Lucero passed away last year, but she was able to create an entirely new career as an instructor and consultant in English as a Second Language (ESL). Lucero-Wagoner, '72 (Psychology) and a 25 year faculty member in the Department of Psychology, credits Northridge with giving her mother "a great sense of achievement and pride."

The StoryCube project has been spearheaded by the Office of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Harry Hellenbrand as a way to preserve the university's history through oral interviews. All students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to share their

Cal State Northridge experience in front of the camera in the StoryCube, a soundproof mobile recording studio.

"We want to know what CSUN meant to you," said Lucero-Wagoner. "How has this campus made a difference in your life?"

The project's mobile recording studio will be located in the Matador Bookstore Complex from April 26 through May 6. Lucero-Wagoner said details are still being confirmed but at least once a semester, CSUN plans to place the mobile recording studio at popular locations throughout the campus.

Individuals will need to schedule

an interview. The storyteller will be given 30 minutes of uninterrupted time to tell their story.

"This is an amazing project," said Michael Hoggan, assistant professor in the Department of Cinema and Television Arts, who will be supplying students to assist and edit the recordings.

The recordings will be stored and available to the public in the Oviatt Library's Scholar Works archives.

For more information about the StoryCube project or to schedule an interview, visit <http://www.csun.edu/storycube/>. ■

—Shanté Morgan



Brennis Lucero-Wagoner, interim director of Undergraduate Studies, demonstrates how students, faculty and alumni will tell stories inside the new CSUN StoryCube.



Community Connection

By Brittany McCarthy, Director of Government & Community Relations

Last week, Cal State Northridge joined forces with other California State University campuses, the University of California and California Community Colleges in the second Annual Joint Higher Education Advocacy Day in Sacramento to communicate the importance of

public colleges for the recovery of the state's economy.

Dozens of "teams" met with all of the state legislative offices. Our regional team, made up of administrators, faculty, alumni, students and friends of Cal State Northridge, Cal State Channel Islands, UCLA, *Community Connection continued on page 3.*

Campus Honors Cesar Chavez with Service Fair

Event Connects Campus with Valley Community Organizations

Cal State Northridge celebrated Cesar Chavez Day with a community service fair and a speech by the late labor leader's granddaughter.

"He reminded us that we cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community," said Natalie Hernandez, Chavez's granddaughter. "Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sake and for our own."

It was Chavez's dedication to community service that inspired California State University, Northridge's Unified We Serve and the Department of Chicana/o Studies to host the first service fair in the labor leader's honor. The event was held on March 29.

The campus was closed on March 31, the date of the state holiday honoring the migrant worker advocate and founder of what is today known as United Farm Workers (UFW).

"We felt this was the best way to honor a man who lived a life of service," said Justin Weiss, activities coordinator for Unified We Serve, the campus' volunteer program. "This is



Justin Weiss, activities coordinator for Unified We Serve, stands with student volunteers at the first Cesar Chavez Service Fair. From left: Robbie Kent, Kanie Eugene, Samone Rankins, Justin Weiss, Aileen Conway, Chelsea Morgan and Alex Wyatt.

also a way to promote service throughout the campus."

Maurie Hamilton, a sophomore majoring in social welfare, said the fair helped connect her and other students to the community.

"The community can see that

young people care," Hamilton said.

Daisy Conde, program coordinator for Casa Esperanza, a Panorama City-based tutoring and mentoring program, said the fair was a wonderful way to honor Cesar Chavez.

"He was one of our greatest

advocates for people who needed a voice. Our organization does that too. We give a voice to those who don't have one," she said.

Casa Esperanza was one of about 60 nonprofit organizations that promoted volunteer opportunities in the community. Some of the other participating organizations were MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity), Volunteers of America Greater Los Angeles (VOALA), CoachArt, AIDS Services Center, Empowered Community Services, Friends of the Family, Guadalupe Community Center, Heal the Bay, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), North Hills Preparatory School and Skirball Hospice.

"The passion of our volunteers can really make a difference," said Mary Murdock, service delivery specialist in volunteer development for Girl Scouts Greater Los Angeles.

For more information about Unified We Serve and the other organizations that participated in the service fair, contact Justin Weiss, UnifiedWeServe@csun.edu. ■

—Angela Brown

Where Will Our Future Teachers Come From?

CSUN's Education Dean Urges Dialogue Around the Question

Who will be teaching your child tomorrow? Will they be the best and brightest in their field? Will they be so passionate about their subject matter—whether it be math, science or language arts—that they inspire a lifelong love of learning in your child?

As dean of Cal State Northridge's Michael D. Eisner College of Education, one of the nation's leading teacher-producing institutions, Michael Spagna wishes he had definitive answers.

He's got one more question he's worried about: Will there be a teacher for your child's classroom in the future.

"That's a very good question and it's one that we all should be worried about," Spagna said. "With all this talk about teacher accountability and education reform, no one has taken a serious look at the pipeline—where are our teachers coming from and if

those people who are entering the profession are the ones we want in it. They may be, but are we sure?"

Spagna pointed to a recent study by The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning that shows that the number of people enrolled in teacher preparation programs in California dropped by more than 45 percent between the academic year 2001–02 and 2007–08, from more than 75,000 to fewer than 45,000. That same study noted that the number of teachers expected to retire over the next few years is increasing. At the same time, the projected K–12 enrollment is steadily increasing.

"If we don't do something about the teacher pipeline, we're going to have a bigger crisis on our hands regarding education than the one we have right now," he said. "We need to have a real conversation as a nation

about what we expect from our public educational system and, in particular, what we expect from our teachers.

And then what are we going to do to increase the quality of our teachers?"

Spagna said it is little wonder that fewer and fewer people find a career in teaching attractive.

Elected officials across the nation have targeted teacher salaries and benefits for the budget ax as they struggle with multi-million- and billion-dollar deficits. At the same time, school districts, faced with ever decreasing financial support, are cutting teacher positions, increasing class sizes, reducing professional and classroom support and demanding more of their remaining teachers.

All this is occurring while state and national officials are clamoring for more accountability from school systems as test scores of American

school children continue to lag behind those of other developed nations.

"We also have a culture that doesn't value teaching," Spagna said, noting that people look askance when graduates from top-tier universities announce that they intend to go into teaching.

"The assumption is that they are 'wasting' their education and their talent," he said. "I've had fellow university faculty tell me that they steer their top students away from teaching because it doesn't pay."

Spagna and the faculty in the Eisner College of Education are grappling with these issues, calling on their peers at institutions of higher education and at elementary, middle and high schools across the state.

But they can't do it alone, he said. "This is one conversation that everyone should be a part of." ■

—Carmen Ramos Chandler

Future of Higher Education...

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where we focused on CSUN," Stepanek said. "The upcoming one takes a look at the CSU, and we hope to have one in the fall addressing nationwide higher education issues. We're hoping to inspire a dialogue among important stakeholders, not just among faculty, about the issues facing higher education."

Hoggan said the issues facing higher education do not just involve economics, "though economics is driving the engine at the moment," he said.

"For instance, we just received an indictment from the Academy Award-

winning documentary, 'Inside Job,' that clearly states that the hallowed halls of academia have a lot to do with the economic situation we are in," he said. "That raises moral issues about our role in society and our complicity and accountability as institutions."

Hoggan said some people have argued that the role of universities is to fill the employment needs of the business community.

"But there's also a feeling in America that we lack people with imagination, with ingenuity. How do we fill that gap?" he asked. "For the benefit of our fledgling democracy

and the nation we are so proud of, we have to be in front of what is happening and address the issues that arise amidst all the changes and challenges that are occurring right now."

Stepanek and Hoggan said faculty are hoping that this month's conference will spark a serious conversation about higher education.

"We need to get people from all walks of life to seriously consider the questions: What do we want the future of this county to be like? And what role higher education plays in the answer?" Hoggan said.

The committee's creation, he said,

was inspired by student protests last year against state budget cuts to education.

"We're a university. We have a whole brain trust here. Why are we not offering solutions?" he said, adding that the solutions should not just come from the "hallowed halls of academia."

"Everyone has a vested interest in our future," Hoggan said. "What we can do at Cal State Northridge is provide them with a place to bring people together to talk about solutions to the problems we face, and to share those solutions with others." ■

—Carmen Ramos Chandler

CSUN to Encourage Healthy Life Choices in Partnership

Kinesiology Students Will Work with High School Students and Senior Citizens on Fitness

One doesn't need to train for a marathon to stay fit and healthy. Sometimes all it takes is a walk in the park.

That's a point Cal State Northridge kinesiology professor Steven Loy and nine of his graduate students hope to make as they join forces with officials from the city of San Fernando to launch a new wellness program at Recreation Park that encourages the community's residents to make healthy life choices.

"This nation has a problem with obesity," Loy said. "Part of the problem is that some people don't have access to a safe place to work out, while others just don't know where to start or think that exercise is not for them. That's where we come in. We offered our services to the city of San Fernando to develop a program that meets the needs of all their residents, from the kids in school to seniors who are looking to increase the quality of their lives."

Loy and the graduate students spent the past 18 months working with San Fernando park officials to develop a wellness program that incorporates two fitness stations set up at Recreation Park with 24 pieces of outdoor exercise equipment to provide a free and safe exercise facility



CSUN kinesiology student Melissa Mendoza demonstrates how to use fitness equipment to San Fernando High School students.

for the residents of San Fernando. The city paid for the equipment, but its installation was donated by the manufacturer, ShapesInShape.

"The kinesiology students and I will be educating the community on how to use the equipment and, in May, we will be conducting a research project involving 100 San Fernando residents, in honor of the city's centennial celebration, who will take part in a supervised exercise program to demonstrate the equipment's value

to the people of the city."

The centennial project also will involve several undergraduate students in kinesiology.

Ismael Aguila, operations manager for San Fernando's Recreation and Community Services Department, said partnering with CSUN's Department of Kinesiology was "a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the resources that exist in the community, such as the skills and talents of the students and faculty at the university

and the generosity of a business like ShapesInShape, to make a positive difference for the people in our city.

"We know that living a healthy lifestyle improves the quality of our lives as we get older and studies have shown that exercise and eating right improves test scores among children," said Aguila, who graduated from Northridge with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 1999 and a master's in kinesiology in 2005 and assumed his position with San Fernando just a few weeks ago. "An investment in the health of our community members now will save us in costs later."

Loy said the San Fernando program is starting out simple, focusing on the benefits of regular exercise and showing the city's residents how to use the equipment in Recreation Park to their best advantage, while respecting the fact that each person is different, with different goals and different capabilities.

But as he and his students continue to work with the city's residents, Loy said they hope to expand the educational opportunities to beyond just exercise. "We can answer questions about nutrition and healthy living choices as well," he said. ■

—Carmen Ramos Chandler

Community Connection...

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UC Santa Barbara, College of the Canyons and Pasadena City College met with the representatives of 12 legislative offices. We shared information about the economic impact of our institutions on the region and the impact of the proposed budget cuts on public higher education.

While every office seemed very supportive of California's public higher education systems, the ongoing budget stalemate and short-term management solutions are still a major barrier to the systemic changes that are needed to ensure long-term stable funding that will help the greatest number of deserving

students receive an education and assist them and their families in planning for education expenses with more certainty.

California's public universities and colleges now have half as much state money to spend per student as they did in 1990 and have more than 226,000 unfunded students. If just 2 percent more Californians earned associate's degrees and 1 percent more earned bachelor's degrees, 174,000 new jobs would be created, the economy would grow by \$20 billion, and state and local tax revenue would increase by \$1.2 billion. Higher education undoubtedly will play a key role in the state's economic

recovery and Cal State Northridge will therefore be a central factor to this region's economic recovery. For every dollar the state invests, Cal State Northridge creates \$4.

The combined and cumulative effect of budget cuts to the three public higher education systems over the past several years have had a real impact on students attending public colleges. College leaders are doing their best to manage in the short-term to ensure as many students can access and complete a higher education, including here at Cal State Northridge. California needs a more long-term solution to the funding of public higher education. Tough, but important

decisions and choices not only lay ahead but are being grappled with right now. When your neighbors, friends and colleagues discuss the current budget situation in California, what are you hearing? What solutions are others sharing? I'd like to know. Send an email to governmentrelations@csun.edu.

The Office of Government and Community Relations now publishes a semi-monthly e-newsletter for community leaders, area business owners and neighbors of Cal State Northridge. If you would like to receive the e-newsletter, please send an email to communityrelations@csun.edu. ■

Calendar...

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Jazz 'A' Band

Matt Harris, director.
Thu., May 5, 7:30 p.m.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

Guest Artist Series

Yuan Sheng, pianist.
Thu., May 5, 7:30 p.m.
Cypress Recital Hall

CSUN Symphony

John Roscigno, conductor.
Fri., May 6, 7:30 p.m.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

Northridge Singers

Paul Smith, conductor.
Sat., May 7, 7:30 p.m.
Sun., May 8, 5 p.m.
Grand Salon, University Student Union

Media Composition and Studio Ensemble

Elizabeth Sellers, director.
Mon., May 9, 7:30 p.m.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

Opera Workshop

David Sannerud, director.
Mon., May 9, 7:30 p.m.
Tue., May 10, 7:30 p.m.
Cypress Recital Hall

An Evening of Small Group Jazz

Matt Harris and Gary Pratt, directors.
Wed., May 11, 7:30 p.m.
Cypress Recital Hall

NuVeau Art Ensemble

Gary Pratt and John Daversa, directors.
Thu., May 12, 7:30 p.m.
Cypress Recital Hall

Theater/Performance

Interpreted performances subject to change.

Dance Performance

'Kinesis: Emerging Choreography Event': an evening of dance works created by CSUN's top undergraduate dance students.
Wed., April 27, 8–10:15 p.m.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
\$15–\$20
For more info, contact (818) 677-2488.

Cabaret

Focuses on the seedy Kit Kat Club of 1931 Berlin, where inside decadence shines as outside a dark evil begins to rise to power.

Fri., April 29, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., April 30, 7:30 p.m.
Sun., May 1, 2 p.m.
Wed., May 4–Sat., May 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Sun., May 8, 2 p.m.
Campus Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 100
\$8–\$20

Brian Stokes Mitchell

Accomplished Broadway, film and television actor Brian Mitchell, who has performed as both a soloist and a guest star at concerts all over the United States, will sing Broadway.
Sat., April 30, 8 p.m.
Valley Performing Arts Center, Great Hall
\$15–\$55

An Evening with Shirley MacLaine, Award-Winning Hollywood Icon

Academy Award-winning actress, dancer and author Shirley MacLaine will combine a montage of memorable film moments with private revelations about her life, career and spiritual journey. CSUN students get a 40% discount by visiting the Ticket Box Office.
Fri., May 6, 8 p.m.
Valley Performing Arts Center, Great Hall
\$15–\$55

Calendar

The A.S. Ticket Office in the University Student Union (USU) sells tickets to many events on campus, except for some held by outside groups. The Ticket Office is open from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Mon.–Fri. For prices not given, call (818) 677-2488. **To park on campus for performances, athletic events, lectures and other activities, guests must purchase a \$6 parking permit.**

Alumni Events

For info or to RSVP, www.csunumni.com or (818) 677-2137 unless otherwise noted.

Orange Grove Charity Picking

The Institute for Sustainability and Food Forward needs volunteers to pick oranges. The oranges will be donated to the SOVA Community Food and Resource Program. Register at www.foodforward.org/events. Sun., April 17, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Meet on Nordhoff St, east of Lindley Ave. For more info, contact Sarah Johnson at (818) 677-7715 or sarah.johnson@csun.edu.

Orange Grove Bistro Open House

The Orange Grove Bistro will host a complimentary event to showcase the various amenities they offer, plus local vendors and food. Sun., April 17, 1–4 p.m. Orange Grove Bistro, parking available in lot G1 near the corner of Zelzah and Nordhoff. For more info, www.csun.edu/orangegrovebistro.

EOP Foster Youth Event

The Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP) Resilient Scholars Program will host the first campus wide foster youth event. Tues., April 26, 10 a.m.–11 a.m. Oviatt Library Presentation Room Free Admission For more info, contact Jina Gonzalez at (818) 677-4151 or jina.gonzalez@csun.edu.

CADV Celebrating Excellence

The Child and Adolescent Development Alumni Association Chapter will host a presentation by Joan Maltese, who will speak on the Child Development Institute and its benefits for children, families and the communities in the San Fernando Valley. In addition, undergraduates and/or alumni will be presented with scholarships. RSVP by April 21. Tue., April 26, registration 6:30 p.m., program 7–9 p.m. Sala de la Osa, Satellite Student Union Free admission For more info, contact Melissa A. Kneeland at (818) 677-7580 or melissa.castro@csun.edu.

Kayte Fearn Inaugural Education Legacy Series

Michael Spagna, dean, Michael D. Eisner College of Education will host the Inaugural Education Legacy Series honoring Dr. Kayte Marsh Fearn. RSVP by April 22. Thu., April 27, 6 p.m. reception, 6:45 p.m. dinner and program Orange Grove Bistro \$25 For more info or to RSVP, contact Bridget Sullivan at (818) 677-5473 or bridget.sullivan@csun.edu.

History Reunion 2011

The Department of History Alumni Reception will offer a chance for current and retired faculty to reconnect, discuss current projects, and stay up-to-date with the department and university. RSVP by April 26. Sat., April 30, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Whitsett Room, Sierra Hall 451 Free admission For more info or to RSVP, contact Susan Mueller at (818) 677-3566 or susan.mueller@csun.edu.

“Resume Writing Tips You Need to Know”

Alumni are invited to bring their resumes to this hands-on session on successfully representing yourself to prospective employers. Register by May 11. Wed., May 11, 6–8:30 p.m. University Club Free admission For more info, contact Melissa A. Kneeland at (818) 677-7580 or melissa.castro@csun.edu.

Art and Exhibits

For gallery info, call (818) 677-2156. Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat. 12–4 p.m. and Thursdays 12–8 p.m. Admission is free unless specified. For library exhibits, call (818) 677-2285.

Annual Juried Art Student Exhibition

Exhibition by CSUN graduate and undergraduate students featuring works in visual arts including animation, ceramic, drawing, graphic design, illustration, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, website design and video. Opening reception: Fri., April 22, 7–9 p.m. Gallery Talk: Mon., April 25, 10 a.m. Through Sat., May 14. Main Gallery, Art and Design Center

Bareedina: Women of Oromia

Organized by students in CSUN's Exhibition Design class and co-curated by Professor Peri Klemm, this exhibit showcases the art of Oromo women from the Horn of Africa, with photographs presenting their costumes to U.S. audiences for the first time. Fri., April 22 through Thu., May 5. West Gallery, Art and Design Center

One of a Kind: Celebrating Thirty-seven years of Special Collections

Exhibit features rarely seen pieces from the Library's Special Collections and Archives, including unique books, letters, costumes, maps, sculptures, paintings, engravings and manuscripts. Through Fri., July 22. C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery, Oviatt Library

Athletics (home games):

Alumni Association members receive discounted admission to selected home events throughout the year. For more info, call (818) 677-2488 or visit www.GoMatadors.com.

Baseball

4/21	Pacific	3 p.m.
4/22	Pacific	3 p.m.
4/23	Pacific	1 p.m.
5/6	UC Santa Barbara	3 p.m.
5/7	UC Santa Barbara	1 p.m.
5/8	UC Santa Barbara	1 p.m.
5/13	UC Riverside	3 p.m.
5/14	UC Riverside	1 p.m.
5/15	UC Riverside	1 p.m.

Softball

4/30	Cal Poly	12 & 2 p.m.
5/1	Cal Poly	12 p.m.
5/7	UC Riverside	12 & 2 p.m.
5/8	UC Riverside	12 p.m.

Women's Tennis

4/23	Pacific	11:30 a.m.
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Bianchi Planetarium

For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/phys/department_guide/colloquia_and_planetarium/planetarium.html. Telescope viewing follows second show.

“Spring Sky Show” and “Hubble Vision: A Fascinating Tour of the Cosmos – from Earth Orbit.” Thu., April 28, 7:30 p.m.

“Spring Sky Show” and “The JUNO Mission to Jupiter.” Thu., May 12, 7:30 p.m.

Cinematheque

Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Armer Theater on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus. Seating not guaranteed. For more info, call (818) 677-3192 or see www.cinematheque.csun.edu.

“Tristana”

Luis Buñuel Retrospective. Thu., April 21, 7 p.m.

“The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie”

Luis Buñuel Retrospective. Thu., April 28, 7 p.m.

“The Phantom of Liberty”

Luis Buñuel Retrospective. Thu., May 5, 7 p.m.

“That Obscure Object of Desire”

Luis Buñuel Retrospective. Thu., May 12, 7 p.m.

Lectures/Classes

“The Cost of Getting Better: Suicide Sensation, Switchpoints”

The Queer Studies Program presents the 3rd annual Queer Studies Spring Lecture Series, with Jasbir Puar (Rutgers University). Wed., April 20, 2–4 p.m. Grand Salon, University Student Union For more info, contact the College of Humanities at (818) 677-6762.

Rev. Lawson Lecture

Civil Discourse and Social Change, a campus-wide initiative, presents a public lecture by the Rev. James Lawson, prominent civil rights activist. Wed., April 20, 4–6:30 p.m. Valley Performing Arts Center, Lecture Auditorium 181 For more info, contact Marta Lopez-Garza at (818) 677-4785, (818) 677-6488 or marta.lopez-garza@csun.edu, or Kathryn Sorrells at (818) 677-2104 or kathryn.sorrells@csun.edu.

“California State University: The Next Fifty Years”

A conference held to determine how the CSU can best serve the state in the years ahead and maintain access, quality and affordability in a time of diminishing resources. Fri., April 22, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Valley Performing Arts Center Lecture Hall For more info, contact Faculty Senate at (818) 677-7174 or higheredfuture@gmail.com.

The Basics of Pepper Spray Defense

This three-hour class presented by the Department of Police Services will cover a basic understanding of aerosol defense sprays. Wed., April 27, 5:30–8:30 p.m. Department of Police Services The class costs \$6 and includes the pepper spray. To register, visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/pepperspraydefense>. For more info, contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Daniel Foster at (818) 677-5820 or daniel.foster@csun.edu.

“Abraham Joshua Heschel: Nature, Spirituality, and Repairing the World”

Heschel's teachings in his classic work, “The Sabbath,” offer a perspective on challenges we face in the world today by providing an approach that is both effective and spiritual. Thu., April 28, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Sierra Hall 314 RSVP to (818) 677-4724 or jewish.studies@csun.edu.

Music

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): \$10 general, \$7 faculty, staff and seniors, \$5 students.

Wind Symphony

Lawrence Stoffel, conductor. Mon., April 18, 7:30 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

An Evening of Chamber Music

Julia Heinen and Dmitry Rachmanov, directors. Tue., April 19, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

Piano Ensemble

Dmitry Rachmanov, director. Wed., April 20, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

Discovery Players

John Roscigno, director. Thu., April 21, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

From the Clarinet Studio of Julia Heinen

Mon., April 25, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

An Evening of Chamber Music

Julia Heinen and Dmitry Rachmanov, directors. Tue., April 26, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

Master Chorale

Paul Smith, conductor. Wed., April 27, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

Percussion Ensemble

John Mangussen, director. Thu., April 28, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

Lab Jazz Big Band and Latin Jazz Ensemble

Gary Pratt and Jerry Steinholtz, directors. Fri., April 29, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

Guitar Studio Recital

Ron Borczon and Steven Thachuk, directors. Sat., April 30, 1 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

Vocal Jazz Ensemble

David Joyce, director. Sat., April 30, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

CSUN Guitar Ensemble & Guitar Quartet


Steven Thachuk, director. Sun., May 1, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

World Music Ensembles

Ric Alviso and Joel Mankey, directors. Mon., May 2, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

Wind Ensemble

Lawrence Stoffel, conductor. Tue., May 3, 7:30 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall *Calendar continued on page 3.*



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