

## Professor to Receive Presidential Award for Mentoring

*Oppenheimer Has Mentored Hundreds of Students Who Have Gone On to Receive Doctorates and Medical Degrees*

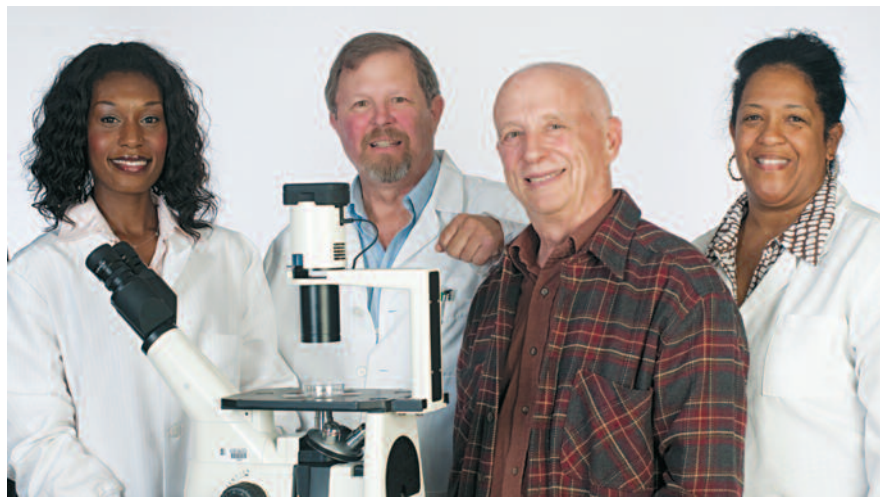
Cal State Northridge biology professor Steven Oppenheimer will be recognized this fall by President Obama for his outstanding work as a mentor to young people.

Oppenheimer will receive a “Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring” during a yet-to-be-scheduled ceremony at the White House. The award includes a \$10,000 grant to further advance his mentoring efforts.

“This is a tremendous honor, but the honor really belongs to my students and my colleagues,” Oppenheimer said. “They are the ones who do the work and have supported me all these years.”

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring is given to individuals or organizations in recognition of the crucial role that mentoring plays in the academic and personal development of students studying science or engineering, particularly those students in underrepresented communities. This year, a total of 22 people from institutions around the country are being recognized.

By offering their time, encouragement and expertise to young people,



From left, grad student Jenieke Allen, who conducted undergraduate research with biologist Steven Oppenheimer; K-12 teacher and Oppenheimer mentee Greg Zem; Oppenheimer, and grad student Kathy Fernando, who also began research as an undergrad.

“mentors help ensure that the next generation of scientists and engineers will better reflect the diversity of the United States,” said a White House announcement.

Candidates for the Presidential Mentoring Award are nominated by colleagues, administrators and students from their home institutions. The mentoring can involve students at

any grade level from elementary through graduate school.

CSUN biology professor Maria Elena Zavala, who received the Presidential Mentoring Award in 2000 from then President Bill Clinton, nominated Oppenheimer.

“He has mentored so many students and has a method for getting students involved in research in his lab,” she

said. “A lot of his students happen to be minorities who have gone on to get advanced degrees.

Oppenheimer has been garnering recognition as a teacher and mentor since he first became a professor at Cal State Northridge in 1971.

Fourteen years ago, he created “The Journal of Student Research Abstracts.” The annual journal features the research of hundreds of science students from kindergarten through 12th grade and has inspired thousands of youth to pursue careers in science. The journal is now listed in the Library of Congress and is distributed internationally.

He also organizes CSUN’s annual Student Research Symposium that features the work of about 100 local students in grades kindergarten to 12 who take part in a regional effort led by Cal State Northridge faculty and students to encourage young people to consider math and science as possible future careers.

Oppenheimer said his mentoring and teaching efforts are all serving a need in the community. He says what keeps him going after nearly 40 years in academia are his students. ■

## Founders Day—Class of 1960 Inducted into 50-Year Club

*Marty Cooper to Deliver Keynote Address: ‘The San Fernando Valley... What’s Not Here Anymore’*

Following last year’s celebration and merriment, the second annual Founders Day is sure to bring more joy, rediscovery and reminiscence to former students, faculty and staff of Cal State Northridge’s formative years. CSUN’s new reunion tradition continues with Founders Day 2009, planned for Friday, Sept. 25, at the University Club. A special tribute to the Valley State Class of 1960 will take place.

The day’s events will reunite and celebrate the 50th anniversary of alumni who received their degrees prior to or in 1959–60 at San Fernando Valley State College. The class will be inducted into the 50-Year Club, joining last year’s inductees, the class of 1958–1959. Members of the faculty and staff who taught or worked at Valley State during the same time also will be honored.

Martin “Marty” Cooper, a name synonymous with the San Fernando Valley, will deliver the keynote address, entitled “The San Fernando Valley... What’s Not Here Anymore,” on the University Club lawn.

“Marty Cooper is a friend of the

university and a wealth of information. We believe having him is a great opportunity for those attending the event,” said Shellie Hadvina, associate director of Alumni Relations. Cooper is a long time supporter of CSUN who serves on the College of Business and Economics’ San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center Advisory

Council. He is president of the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission.

Ending the day of celebration, all guests will be invited to take a guided tram tour of the campus, cruise down memory lane and see how the campus has grown from the rural campus they knew 50 years ago to a nationally

recognized university.

Founders Day was first held last year, as part of CSUN’s yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary. The cost for attending the event is \$25 per person. For more information, visit [www.csun alumni.com/foundersday](http://www.csun alumni.com/foundersday) or call (818) 677-2137. ■

—Elizabeth Cruz



Martin “Marty” Cooper, keynote speaker.



## Community Connection

By Brittney McCarthy, Director of Government & Community Relations

This time of year is always an exciting time – especially at a university like Cal State Northridge. A sleepy summer campus wakes up to the hustle and bustle of campus life as students rush to and from class. Grassy spots in the shade and picnic tables come alive

with students studying. Coffee shops are open later and the lines at the bookstore and campus eateries are longer. This is my first start to the fall semester since I started my job here at the university and I’ve noticed how invigorating it is to be

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# CSUN Hosts White House Conversation, Hispanic Education

Top LAUSD and Higher Education Leaders Attend Packed Event

Dozens of Latino leaders attended a dialogue at Cal State Northridge recently on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans.

Juan Sepulveda, director of the White House initiative, visited Northridge as part of a series of “community conversations” in California and throughout the United States on the education of Latinos. He outlined President Obama’s four priorities for education—a uniform set of U.S. education standards, attracting and retaining quality teachers, turning around the 5,000 worst U.S. schools and using data to track academic progress. He then solicited comments from attendees.

Some of those in attendance included Los Angeles Community College District Vice Chancellor Gary Colombo, LAUSD Superintendent Ramon Cortines, Cal Poly Pomona President J. Michael Ortiz and CSUN’s Associated Students President Abel Pacheco.

“Instead of locking myself up in a room in D.C. and kind of writing down similar language to what we’ve had in the past, we thought it was important for our office not to come and to tell



President Jolene Koester, Juan Sepulveda, director of the White House initiative, and LAUSD Superintendent Ramon Cortines.

you what we’re going to be doing, but to ask you what we should be doing,” Sepulveda said. “We need you to partner with us. We cannot do it by ourselves.”

The initiative was first created in 1990, to improve federal efforts to promote quality education for Hispanic Americans. Sepulveda is visiting Hispanic communities and

key locations like CSUN to gain input prior to updating the executive order later this year. He said the tour will include stops in 18 states and Puerto Rico.

President Jolene Koester, who welcomed Sepulveda and the other attendees to campus, said it was an “honor to be selected” for the tour. She noted that CSUN has a long history

of working to improve education and graduation rates for Latino students.

Cal State Northridge ranked fifth in the nation, and first among California institutions, for awarding bachelor’s degrees to Hispanic students, according to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. CSUN has the largest Chicana/o Studies Department in the country, has created the first baccalaureate in Central American Studies and has one of the most successful Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP) in the nation.

“I am here representing both the CSU and California State University, Northridge. Both entities are committed to the success, the enrollment, the retention and of course the graduation of our Latino students,” Koester said.

During a panel session, Colombo said all levels of education need to learn to work together to improve education. Pacheco, who said he was admitted to the university because of the EOP program, said he would like federal money to be spent on supporting “intervention” programs and mentoring.

For more information on the initiative, visit [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) or [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov). ■

## NCAA Certification: Sign of Improvement in Athletics

Department Supporting Student-Athlete Academic Success with Special Advisement, Other Services

Confirming that Cal State Northridge has made significant improvements in its athletics program, the NCAA recently recertified the campus as a Division I school.

“I am delighted with the outcome of this year-long process,” said Cal State Northridge Director of Athletics Rick Mazzuto. “Members of the university community worked diligently with NCAA staff members to prepare an outstanding assessment of our athletics program.”

The recertification process, which began over a year ago, involved a self-study led by President Jolene Koester. Robert Barker, associate vice president for financial and accounting services and university controller, chaired the committee. The self-study included a review of the campus’

governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, equity, and student-athlete well-being.

The NCAA sent a peer committee of representatives from other Division I schools to interview faculty, staff and students about the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The peer group then presented its findings to the Division I Committee on Athletics Certification. The NCAA announced that Cal State Northridge had been recertified earlier this month.

“It was a very structured review,” said Barker. He said the NCAA wants to make sure universities allow student-athletes to be students first, then athletes.

This was welcomed news in the wake of concerns earlier this year that CSUN’s men’s basketball team had

the lowest Graduation Success Rate (GSR) in the Western Division of the 2009 NCAA Tournament. The team’s Academic Progress Rate (APR), which is 868, is also below NCAA standards. Anything below 925 leaves schools susceptible to penalties.

The men’s soccer team, golf and baseball also scored less than 925.

“We’re continuing to show improvements in all areas,” said Janet Pinneau, an associate director of athletics. She said the GSR score is based on old data and the teams APRs are improving. The NCAA’s recertification of the program illustrates its confidence in Cal State Northridge, she added.

Pinneau said the department has made several improvements in recent years despite being in the lowest 10 percent of all Division I schools in

funding for programs. The department has been reorganized, the number of student athletic advisors has been increased, the peer mentoring program has been reinstated and new laptop computers have been purchased so student-athletes can keep up with their studies while traveling with the team.

“The people in athletics are really committed to improving the academic program,” said Akiko Hirota, a Northridge professor of modern and classical languages and the department’s Faculty Athletic Representative. The NCAA requires all Division I teams to have a faculty representative to certify the academic eligibility of student-athletes each semester.

“I see a lot of improvements,” Hirota added. ■

## Community Connection...

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among CSUN students!

While it is an exciting time, it is also a challenging time. It’s difficult to walk across campus and not overhear a student talking to another student about a class they didn’t get into, or discussing a worry about finding a job after graduation. Even a college campus is not insulated from the economic situation facing this state and the country.

In fact, Cal State Northridge and its students, faculty and staff are bearing a large portion of the burden

to help solve California’s ongoing budget situation. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the 2009–10 state budget on July 28. Anticipating cuts to the California State University (CSU) system, the Board of Trustees met on July 7 and July 21 to discuss a general plan for addressing a \$584 million budget cut to the CSU system.

The Cal State Northridge portion of that total cut is about 7 percent, which translates into a \$41 million reduction. The cuts are being achieved in part through a combination of one-time savings from the State Budget

Closure program, which requires faculty and staff to take two unpaid days per month, and new revenues from increases in student fees.

These reductions mean fewer classes and reduced services for students. Furloughs mean there’s less time for faculty and staff to do the same amount, or in some cases, more work.

Despite this current financial situation, the campus is poised for the future, and the spirit of CSUN remains intact. In addition to a strong campus leadership, Cal State

Northridge has a community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and neighbors that share a commitment to the university and community we serve.

In addition, we’re considering offering a guest column every other issue, featuring a community member or neighbor who has a story to tell about their connection with the campus. Do you have a positive story to tell about a partnership between the community and Cal State Northridge students, faculty, or staff? E-mail your idea to [brittany.mccarthy@csun.edu](mailto:brittany.mccarthy@csun.edu). ■

# Formerly Imprisoned Student Returns to CSUN

*President Koester Expresses Relief and Gratitude Upon the Return of Esha Momeni*

President Jolene Koester expressed gratitude and relief at the return to the United States of graduate student Esha Momeni, who was imprisoned and then detained by the Iranian government for nearly a year.

"It is wonderful news to learn that Cal State Northridge graduate student Esha Momeni has returned safely to Los Angeles," said Koester, who met with Momeni at CSUN the day after her Aug. 11 return to the United States. "All of us in the CSU Northridge community have been looking forward to this day."

Momeni, a mass communications student, was arrested Oct. 15, 2008 in Tehran for videotaping interviews with participants in the Campaign for Equality, a gender rights group in Iran, as part of her master's thesis. She was held in solitary confinement for 25 days in Evin prison and charged with acting against national security.

Upon her release from the prison last November, Iranian officials confiscated her passport and forbade her to leave the country.

"I didn't believe I was leaving until I got into the plane, they closed the plane's door and started going," Momeni told the Daily Sundial, the campus' student newspaper, in an exclusive first interview upon her return. The 29-year-old graduate student said she had been banned from leaving the country up to one week before her departure.

Momeni said she was comforted during her time in prison by the support she received from the Cal State Northridge community. The campus rallied in support of the detained student: President Koester wrote a letter to Mohammad Khazee, Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, asking for Momeni's release; students organized a candlelight vigil at CSUN



Esha Momeni

in her honor. In April, President Koester presented the university's first Academic Freedom Award to Momeni, whose fiancé Hassan Hussain accepted the award on her behalf.

"I was surprised and then I

started crying," said Momeni when she received the various reports of support. Momeni, who has dual citizenship in Iran and the United States, told the Daily Sundial that for the "first time I felt like an American."

The mass communications major returned to CSUN this fall to finish her master's degree. Because Iranian police seized all of her taped interviews and notes, Melissa Wall, adviser to the graduate program and the chair of Momeni's thesis committee, said in a written response that the student plans to take a new direction with her thesis, "a photographic project related to human rights."

Now, because of her experience, Momeni said she feels even more "responsible" for telling the story of Iranian women.

"I feel more strong, I feel more motivated," Momeni told the Daily Sundial. ■

## CSUN to Host 'Phenomenal Woman Forum'

*The Global Impact of the Economy, Health on Women Among Topics to be Discussed*

Past recipients of Cal State Northridge's prestigious Phenomenal Woman Award will explore the global impact the economy, and health and public policies have had on women on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the university.

The "Phenomenal Woman Forum," free and open to the public, is scheduled to take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Salon of the University Student Union on the east side of the campus off Zelzah Avenue. A reception is scheduled to precede the forum from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the salon.

"Our hope is to provide a space where students, faculty and community members can dialogue with women who have distinguished themselves in various fields about this time of change and its impact on women here



Elizabeth Berry, forum moderator.

and around the world," said Sheena Malhotra, chair of CSUN's Department of Gender and Women's Studies.

Taking part in the discussion will

be Leila Al-Marayati, the director of obstetrics and gynecology for California Family Care at California Hospital Medical Center (2004 awardee); Jane Bayes, professor of political science and director of the Institute of Gender, Globalization and Democracy at CSUN (2008 awardee); Sue Burton, founder of A New Way of Life Re-Entry Project (2008 awardee); performance poet Wanda Coleman (2002 awardee); writer, educator and activist Graciela Limón, (2008 awardee); and Delia Rudiger, a former CSUN staff member who played an integral part in the formation of the university's women's studies program (2004 awardee).

Moderating the forum will be Elizabeth Berry, a founder of CSUN's women's studies program and a 2006 award recipient.

CSUN's Gender and Women's

Studies Department honors five outstanding women every two years with a Phenomenal Woman Award. The event celebrates women who have made important contributions to the community.

The celebration also provides the department with an opportunity to raise funds to sponsor special programming, support student and faculty research and finance scholarships for women's studies majors. In addition, these contributions support CSUN's Women's Resource and Research Center, the oldest continuing women's center within the California State University system.

For more information about the event, contact the Department of Gender and Women's Studies at (818) 677-3110 or e-mail [sheena.malhotra@csun.edu](mailto:sheena.malhotra@csun.edu). ■

## CSUN Foundation Board Elects Five New Directors

Five new members have been elected to Cal State Northridge's Foundation Board of Directors.

As a non-profit auxiliary of Cal State Northridge, the foundation receives and oversees the management of private donations to the university. Among its roles is to raise money for the enhancement and support of programs that would not normally be funded by the state.

The 36-member volunteer board includes some of Southern California's leading business and community leaders.

"We are delighted to welcome this distinguished group of new directors to the foundation board and we are grateful for their strong support and service on behalf of Cal State Northridge and its students," said Vance T. Peterson, CSUN's vice president for University Advancement and president of the foundation.

The newest members of the foundation board include:

- Harvey Bookstein of Encino, managing partner for Roth, Bookstein and Zaslow, LLP, a Los Angeles-based public accounting firm.

- William Griffeth of Park Ridge, N.J., a financial journalist and anchor for CNBC.
- Mark Lainer of Encino, a partner with the real estate company Lainer Investments of Van Nuys.
- Philip Mundy, Jr. of Calabasas, president of Calabasas-based Mundy Medical Marketing, Inc.
- Milton Valera of Woodland Hills, president of the Chatsworth-based National Notary Association.

The board's executive committee includes Earl Enzer, managing director of Goldman Sachs, who serves as

chair; Cal State Northridge President Jolene Koester; Peterson; and chief financial officer of the foundation Geetha Thomas.

Other executive members include Sanford Paris, owner of Paris Industrial, chair of the foundation's finance and investment; Todd Reinstein, attorney for Ervin, Cohen and Jessup, LLC, chair of development; and former chair Philip Magaram, attorney and principal with the law firm of Valensi, Rose and Magaram, who serves as chair of the board membership committee. ■

# 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](http://www.csunumni.com) unless otherwise noted.

## California Colleges at the Capitol

CSUN alumni and friends living in the Washington DC area are invited to the California State Society's "Back to College Night" regional reception. Registration deadline is Sept. 22. Wed., Sept. 23, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Rayburn House Office Building Cafeteria. For info, contact Julie Hooks at (202) 547-7854 or Cheryl McMillan at (818) 677-4823 or [Cheryl.mcmillan@csun.edu](mailto:Cheryl.mcmillan@csun.edu).

## Art and Exhibits

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

## Ceramics Guild

Advisor: Patsy Cox. Runs Fri., Sept. 18 through Thu., Sept. 24. West Gallery, Art and Design Center

## Photo Club

Advisor: Niku Kashaf. Runs Fri., Sept. 25 through Thu., Oct. 1. West Gallery, Art and Design Center

## Arid Eden

Lauren Richardson and Michael C. McMillen. Two artists who project personal narratives onto the vast spaces of the desert landscape, combining installation and film. Runs through Sat., Oct. 10. Main Gallery

## The Soloist: Celebrating the Healing Power of Music

Exhibit offers an introduction to some of the key themes of Steve Lopez's book, "The Soloist." The curators are Susanna Eng-Ziskin and Lindsay Hansen, Oviatt Library. Runs through Wed., Oct. 14. Oviatt Library Lobby

## "Speak to the Hand, Turkey"

Art Education Group Project. Advisor: Edie Pistolesi. Runs Fri., Oct. 16 through Thu., Oct. 22. West Gallery, Art and Design Center

## "Now Give Me Three Cheers"

The Timeless Magic of Gilbert and Sullivan exhibition features Gilbert and Sullivan posters, music scores, books, theater programs, and more. Curated by Tony Gardner. Sponsored by Gus and Erika Manders, Friends of the Oviatt Library, and Stephen M. Dell'Aversano, D5 Designs, Ltd. Runs through July 16, 2010. C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery, Oviatt Library

## Bianchi Planetarium

For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit [www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium](http://www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium). Telescope viewing follows second show.

"Autumn Sky Show" and "Hubble Vision: A Fascinating Tour of the Cosmos—from Earth's Orbit." Fri., Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.

"Autumn Sky Show" and "Magellan: Report from Venus." Fri., Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.

## 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](http://www.GoMatadors.com).

## Men's and Women's Cross Country

10/16 Northridge Invitational 5 p.m.

## Men's Soccer

10/10 UC Irvine 3 p.m.  
10/17 UCSB 3 p.m.

## Women's Soccer

9/25 UCLA 4 p.m.  
10/2 Cal Poly 2:30 p.m.  
10/4 UCSB 2:30 p.m.

## Women's Volleyball

10/6 UC Irvine 7 p.m.  
10/9 Cal Poly 7 p.m.  
10/10 UC Riverside 7 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](http://www.cinematheque.csun.edu).

## Classic Television: 'You Are There' & 'Alfred Hitchcock Presents'

Tue., Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

## 'Tokyo Drifter'

Directed by Seijun Suzuki. Wed., Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

## 'One Hour with You'

Directed by Ernst Lubitsch. Thu., Sept. 24, 3:30 p.m.

## 'Les Caribiniers (The Riflemen)'

Directed by Jean-Luc Godard. Thursday Nights at the Cinematheque: Jean-Luc Godard and the French New Wave. Thu., Sept. 24, 7 p.m.

## 'Simon of the Desert'

Directed by Luis Buñuel. Tue., Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

## 'The Maltese Falcon'

Directed by John Huston. Wed., Sept. 30, 3:30 p.m.

## 'Paris, Je T'aime [Paris, I Love You]'

Anthology: multiple directors. "Many Views of France" series. Wed., Sept. 30, 7 p.m.

## 'It Happened One Night'

Directed by Frank Capra. Thu., Oct. 1, 3:30 p.m.

## 'Les Mépris (Contempt)'

Directed by Jean-Luc Godard. Thu., Oct. 1, 7 p.m.

## 'The Day of the Locust'

Directed by John Schlesinger. Wed., Oct. 7, 3:30 p.m.

## 'César and Rosalie'

Directed by Claude Sautet. "Many Views of France" series. Wed., Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

## 'The Long Voyage Home'

Directed by John Ford. Thu., Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m.

## 'Bande à Part (Band of Outsiders)'

Directed by Jean-Luc Godard. Thursday Nights at the Cinematheque: Jean-Luc Godard and the French New Wave. Thu., Oct. 8, 7 p.m.

## 'Grand Illusion'

Directed by Jean Renoir. "Many Views of France" series. Tue., Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

## 'Gabrielle'

Directed by Patrice Chereau. "Many Views of France" series. Wed., Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m.

## 'One Deadly Summer'

Directed by Jean Becker. "Many Views of France" series. Wed., Oct. 14, 7 p.m.

## 'The Big Sleep'

Directed by Howard Hawks. Thu., Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m.

## 'Une Femme Mariée (A Married Woman)'

Directed by Jean-Luc Godard. Thu., Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

## Lectures

### The Center for Sex and Gender Research at CSUN

"A Psychosocial Approach to the Life and Times of Xavier Hollander," presented by Kristyan Kouri, lecturer, Department of Sociology and Gender and Women's Studies. Friday, Sept. 18, 1-3 p.m. Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room

### Sigma Xi Lecture

Sigma Xi (The Scientific Research Society—CSUN Chapter) hosts its seasonal lecture on Model II (and Model I) Science presented by Paul Wilson, Department of Biology. Eucalyptus Hall 2227. For more information, contact Ali Zakeri at [ali.zakeri@csun.edu](mailto:ali.zakeri@csun.edu).

### Richard W. Smith Lecture in Cultural Studies

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences hosts "The Murders at Columbine High School: How Our Culture Misunderstood What Happened," presented by journalist and author Dave Cullen. Reception and book signing will follow. Wed., Sept. 23, 7 p.m. Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room. For info and to RSVP, (818) 677-4030

### Elementary Pre-Service Teachers and Homophobia: Making a Difference

Presented by Greg Knotts, assistant professor, elementary education. The Center for Sex and Gender

Research Fall 2009 Colloquium Series. Fri., Oct. 16, 1–3 p.m. Whitsett Room, Sierra Hall 451

## Music

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

## Evening of Small Group Jazz

Gary Pratt, director. Wed., Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

## Master Class

Jura Margulis, pianist. Fri., Sept. 25, 3 p.m. Music Recital Hall

## Guest Artist Series

Jura Margulis, pianist. Sun., Sept. 27, 3 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

## CSUN Symphony

John Roscigno, conductor. Wed., Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

## Faculty Artist Series

Charles Fierro, pianist. Sat., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. Cypress Recital Hall

## CSUN Wind Ensemble

Lawrence Stoffel, conductor. Tue., Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

## Jazz 'A' Band

"Birth of Cool." Matt Harris, director. Thu., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

## Theater/Performance

Interpreted performances subject to change.

## Fate of a Cockroach

Join the inquisitive cockroaches, their enemy ants, and a human family obsessing with one bug's failing attempts to crawl out of the bathtub in this riotously comic, dark political allegory and marital farce. Written by Tawfiq Al-Hakim, translated by Denys Johnson-Davies. Directed by Ken Sawyer. Presented by special arrangement with Lynne Reinner, Publishers, Boulder & London. Fri., Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 19, 2 & 7:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 20, 2 p.m. Tue., Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m. Wed., Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. Thu., Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. Fri., Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 26, 2 & 7:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 27, 2 p.m. Studio Theatre lab, Nordhoff Hall 113 \$8–\$16

## Carlos Barbosa Lima and Berta Rojas

"Alma & Corazón." This unique Brazilian/Paraguayan duo moves from classical to jazz, mixing old world classical roots with new world rhythms, from Scarlatti to Gershwin, Jobim and Brubeck.

Thu., Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall \$45

## Debbie Reynolds

Stage and screen legend Debbie Reynolds has been entertaining audiences for more than 55 years, starring in motion pictures, nightclubs, Broadway and television, and is now headlining on the entertainment circuit as she brings her "unsinkable" talent to Northridge. Sat., Oct. 3, 8 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall \$70

## Imani Winds

Grammy-nominated Imani Winds carves a unique path in the classical music world, bridging European, American, African and Latin American traditions. Thu., Oct. 8, 8 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall \$45

## Anna in the Tropics

Cuban immigrants Santiago and Ofelia have a cigar factory in a small 1929 Florida community in this Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Written by Nilo Cruz. Directed by Christine Menzies. Presented by special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc. of New York. Fri., Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. Sun., Oct. 4, 2 p.m. Wed., Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. Thu., Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. Fri., Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. Sun., Oct. 11, 2 p.m. Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 121 \$8–\$20

## Ballet Hispanico

Ballet Hispanico has thrilled audiences worldwide for nearly 40 years, boasting 13 stunning dancers and showcasing Cuban, Spanish, Brazilian, and Argentinean choreographic and musical styles. Tue., Oct. 13, 8 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall \$45



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