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- English professor Robert Chianese was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to study and lecture in American Studies and adolescent literature at the University of Plovdiv in Bulgaria.
- The college formed the Jewish Studies Community Advisory Board to support the wide array of academic and community work led by Professor Jody Myers, Jewish Studies Program Coordinator. The board's priority is to seek financial support and raise awareness in the Valley and beyond about the program.
- UNICO National, the Patrons of Italian Culture, Fondazione Italia, Istituto Italiano Di Cultura and Robert Barbera/Barbera Management have raised more than \$300,000 supporting fellowships and scholarships for Italian language and culture students who plan to teach Italian in high school.
- Women's Studies Chair Nayereh Tohidi was awarded a Keddie-Balzan Fellowship through the Center for Near Eastern Studies at UCLA to work on her book, which focuses on the women's movement and democracy in Iran.
- In Religious Studies, Professor Mutombo Nkulu-N'Sengha developed a series of colloquia for the new Global Village Forum that involves faculty and students with community representatives and international visitors in research and conferences on issues of religion, violence, peace and globalization.
- In the college's Literacy Scholars for the Future of Los Angeles program, students work one-on-one with youth at risk for literacy and reading issues.
- Women's Studies honored five women at the seventh biennial Phenomenal Women Awards ceremony. The honorees were visual artist Tina Allen, professor Elizabeth Berry, *Los Angeles Times* reporter Patt Morrison, Angela Sanbrano, executive director of the Central American Resource Center and congresswoman Maxine Waters. The award gets its name from Maya Angelou's poem "Phenomenal Women," which recognizes the strengths, abilities and integrity of women.
- The Department of Religious Studies launched a version of its course "Religion and Film," with presentations open to the community, led by Professor Vincent Coppola.
- Vahram Shemmassian was named the coordinator of the Armenian Studies Program which is one of the largest Armenian studies programs in the country offering 14 different courses in a range of subjects—from Armenian language to culture and contemporary issues.