

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

POINTS OF PRIDE

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- **Institute for Field Research (IFR)**

The Department of Anthropology has partnered with the Institute for Field Research to offer a variety of anthropological field schools in fifteen countries. The partnership connects CSUN with a global network of institutions, scholars and students in anthropological field study.

- **Center for Geographical Studies**

The Center for Geographical Studies has become the focal point of wetland assessment and policy development in the state of California. Center staff provide unique expertise in this area on high profile projects ranging from wetland mapping and development of methodologies for assessing trends in wetlands distribution to the creation of an online geospatial database for wetland policy information.

- **Professional Development Series for Social Studies Teachers**

Dr. Patricia Juarez-Dappe, History, curates the Professional Development Series for High School teachers. She organizes six workshops each year for current social studies teachers from across Southern California dealing with topics covered in the California K-12 social studies frameworks.

Michael Patterson Writing Center

- In January 2012, the History Department opened the *Michael Patterson Writing Center*, which provides workshops for history students and trains graduate student tutors to work with undergraduates on improving their writing skills.

Pan African Studies

- Dr. Theresa White, Pan African Studies, received an NIH Tiered Mentor Scholar Award for her work on the effects of marketing and advertising on African American childhood obesity.

- **Model UN**

Students in the Model UN program consistently garner top honors at local, national and international competitions. In April 2012, our students received the Outstanding Delegation Award in New York, competing against 197 delegations from universities around the world. Since 2003, the CSUN Model UN team has attended 48 conferences; won 215 individual or team awards; and 9 Outstanding Delegation Awards at national and international conferences.

- **Judicial Internship Program**

Over the last twenty-two years more than 600 students have participated in the Judicial Internship Program in the Department of Political Science. Students are paired with individual judges and gain exposure to the inner workings of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Psychology

- The National Science Foundation found the Department of Psychology at CSUN to be FIRST of 529 comprehensive universities in educating students who ultimately achieve their doctorate in Psychology.
- **CSUN-San Fernando Valley Center to Reduce Health Disparities- National Institutes of Health**
Under the direction of Provost Harold Hellenbrand and Dr. Carrie Saetermoe, Psychology, the goal of the Center is to foster interdisciplinary research, faculty/student training and support, and community engagement to reduce health disparities for vulnerable populations.
- **Social Network Site Triple P for Reducing Child Maltreatment – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation,**
Drs. Susan Love and Theresa Knott secured a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (January 1, 2012) to develop and beta-test an effective, evidence-based parenting program on a social network platform. As co-principal investigators of an international research team, they are investigating the degree of engagement, acceptability, feasibility, and helpfulness of an online social network community to deliver parenting information to 120 vulnerable families in Los Angeles over the next two and a half years.
- **Mentoring Students to Overcome Struggle and Inspire Courage (MOSAIC)**
The MOSAIC program pairs Sociology student mentors with at-risk middle and high school students to motivate and foster their ability to make positive choices. This unique program provides a combined model that offers valuable internship experiences for undergraduates and targeted mentoring support for at-risk youth.
- **Urban Planning and Sustainability Project**
The Department of Urban Studies and Planning is participating in a four-year student and faculty international exchange program with two universities in Brazil and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Under the direction of Professor Euripedes De Oliveira, the consortium offers U.S. and Brazilian students and faculty the opportunity to study and conduct research abroad in subjects such as transportation, environmental policies and projects, energy and technology, housing and urban life quality, and geographic information systems.