

*Communiqué: Creating Community and Synergy in Communication Studies
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Department

Gratitude

- We want to extend our heart-felt gratitude to **Professor Ben Attias** for his 7 years of leadership as Chair of the department. He delivered us through very difficult times particular through the worst of the State budget crisis from 2009-2011. While we all—students, faculty and staff—felt the hardship with reduced FTES and resources, Ben managed to carry us through. We owe Ben a great deal and are grateful for his service.
- **Yolanda Avila** has served for 10 years as Department Administrative Coordinator plus 6 years in the MCCAMC, which is 16 years of service to CSUN!
- **Tom Rankin** has served for 12 years as Administrative Support Coordinator in our department plus 3 additional years on campus for a total of 15 years service to CSUN!

Department Announcements and Accomplishments

- We have two newly tenured and promoted professors. Congratulations to **Professor John Kephart**, who is now an Associate Professor and to **Professor Stacy Holman-Jones**, who is Full Professor
- We'll miss her in the department but we are pleased to announce that **Professor Daisy Lemus** has been appointed Senior Director of Academic Personnel in Faculty Affairs.
- Please welcome our 7 new lecturers who join our already amazing cadre of lecturers:

Darla Anderson
Alexander Howard
Simon Kern
Denise LeRette
Robert Loy
Andrew Silverstein
Elyse Warford

- **Professor Aimee Carrillo Rowe's** co-authored book, *Answer the Call: Virtual Migration in Indian Call Centers* came out this year.

Professor Carrillo Rowe and Marcy DeVeaux from Journalism will join Marta Lopez-Garza this year in Co-Directing the Civil Discourse & Social Change initiative.

- **Professor Stacy Holman Jones** co-authored an article entitled "Undoing the Alphabet: A Queer Fugue on Grief and Forgiveness" which came out in a special issue on Queering Families, Home, Love, Loss in *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies*.

She also published "Always Strange," in the edited book, *On (Writing) Families: Presence and Absence, Love and Loss: Autoethnographies of Parent-Child Communication*.

Professor Holman Jones was selected as editor for a new journal: *Departures in Critical Qualitative Research*. The first two issues have been published and the third is in production.

Professor Holman Jones has been invited to Monash University in Melbourne Australia this fall to facilitate workshops for students and faculty on Creative Pedagogies and Innovation in Higher Education

- **Professor John Kephart**, Director of Forensics and leader of the Matador Speech and Debate Team, took 72 students to compete in 21 tournaments last year. Five students attended the public speaking national championships, competing in 11 events. The squad is open to students of all levels of experience, and will meet on Thursdays from 4-6:45 in MZ 215 in the Fall and Spring semesters. New students are welcome!
- **Professors Kephart, Minge, Picarelli and Baty** received a 2014-2015 Beck Grant to provide a semester long teaching workshop aimed at teaching assistants. *Bridges: A Teaching Excellence Program* targets new and continuing graduate instructors to help them transition into their roles as teachers, and develop student centered learning strategies. A call for participants will be forwarded in early September.
- **Professor Peter Marston's** article "The Rhetoric of Extraordinary Claim," appeared this summer in *The Skeptical Inquirer*, the primary publication of the Center for Inquiry, with a circulation of 50,000 readers.
- **Professor Jeanine Minge** was awarded the Community Engagement Grant this year from CIELO and won the Research Competition from the Center on Mexico and Latin American Studies for her work with Floating Doctors.

Professor Minge is currently in Panama on sabbatical working with Floating Doctors.

CSUN MA Graduates currently in Ph.D. Programs

Ashley Beard - Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Alan Campfield - Georgia State University
Jenny Crowley - University of Iowa
Carlos Flores - Arizona State University
Erik Holland - University of Texas at Austin
Sakina Jangbar - University of Texas at Austin
Julianna Kirschner - Claremont Graduate University
Adolfo Lagomasino - University of Southern Florida
Lindsay Scott - University of New Mexico

New Department Business

- **3 New Tenure Track Positions:** We are excited to announce we will conduct searches this academic year to hire 3 new tenure-track Assistant Professors. We have a position in Communication Theory, one in Intercultural Communication and one in Communication and Technology.

- **Department Meetings (3:30-5:30 MZ 214)**

Monday, September 15
Monday, October 13
Monday, November 17
Monday, December 8

All Lecturers are invited to attend!

College and University

- We want to welcome **Jay Kvopil**, who is the new Dean in the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media and Communication. Please follow the link for more information: <http://www.csun.edu/amc/jay-kvapil>
- President Harrison Highlights Vision for 2014-14 address at Annual Convocation
<http://csunshinetoday.csun.edu/university-news/president-harrison-highlights-vision-for-2014-15-at-annual-convocation/>

Collective Bargaining Agreement

See CFA Headlines (attached)

Northridge: Tue, Sept 30, 2-3:30 pm, Colleagues Room, Sierra Center

Attend your Campus Bargaining Meeting
Featuring Andy Merrifield, Bargaining Team Chair, CFA President Lil Taiz and Molly Talcott, CFA LA Chapter President and Bargaining Team Member. RSVP to Jteepan@calfac.org.

Handling Difficult Classroom Management Situations

- Syllabus sets standard academic and behavioral (go over first day of class)
- Contact Department of Public Safety when immediate safety or security issues come up (Ext. 2111)
- Contact Chair with Student Conduct issues
- Sam Lingrosso, Student Conduct Coordinator (Ext. 4971) is available for consultation

Sexual Violence or Harassment Issues

- Contact Chair
- Contact Office of Equity and Diversity

Information Security and Privacy Issues

- Campus IT is addressing tremendous security issues:
 - 47 million spam blocked
 - 2 known and addressed confidential data breaches
 - 23 csun laptops stolen
 - 461 virus infections
 - 687 Compromised Accounts (DO NOT RESPOND TO EMAILS THAT ASK FOR YOUR USER PASSWORD OR ACCOUNT INFORMATION)

Thanks all! Hope the semester is off to an awesome start!