

## College Boast Report 2014 - 2015

News, Events and Accomplishments for the 2014-2015 Academic Year

### Biological Sciences

- **Ryan Hill**, assistant professor of biological sciences, had the paper "Life history and ecology of *Speyeria adiastrae clemencei* (Comstock, 1925) (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae)" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Research on the Lepidoptera*. His master's student **Khuram Zaman** is first author. **Mark Brunell**, associate professor of biological sciences, and **May Chen '13** are co-authors.
- **Craig Vierra**, professor and chair of biology, and the spider silk research program in the Department of Biological Sciences were highlighted on Nov. 1 on the National Science Foundation facebook site with a link to the [NSF YouTube video](#) about the research.
- **Craig Vierra**, professor and chair of the Department of Biology, had his coauthored manuscript, "Dragline Silk: A Fiber Assembled with Low-Molecular-Weight Cysteine-Rich Proteins" published in the journal *Biomacromolecules*. Coauthors include **Jerry Tsai**, assistant professor of Chemistry; **Qinliang Zhao**, assistant professor of Chemistry; chemistry post-doc **Hyun Joo**; and students/alumni **Thanh Pham '10, '13**, **Tyler Chuang '12, '14**, **Albert Lin '12, '14, '17**, **Liang Zhao '11**; **Taylor Crawford '12**, **Caroline Williams '14**, and **Yang Hsia '08, '11**.
- **Marcos Gridi-Papp**, assistant professor of Biological Sciences, presented "Frequency tuning in the communication system of túngara frogs (*Engystomops "Physalaemus" pustulosus*)" at the symposium "Contemporary Research on Anuran Communication" at the 15th Conference of the International Society for Behavioral Ecology in New York. Student co-authors were **Mary E. Paduano '12, '14**, and **Jesse Herche '15**.
- **Ajna Rivera**, assistant professor of Biological Sciences, coauthored the article "[Using phylogenetically-informed annotation \(PIA\) to search for light-interacting genes in transcriptomes from non-model organisms](#)," which was published in *BMC Bioinformatics*.
- **Marcos Gridi-Papp**, assistant professor of biological sciences, had the paper "Laryngeal mechanics and frequency modulation in the calls of North American treefrogs (Hylidae)" published in the *International Journal of Evolutionary Biology*.
- **Geoff Lin-Cereghino**, professor of Biological Sciences, and **Joan Lin-Cereghino**, professor and assistant chair of Biological Sciences, had their chapter, "Random Mutagenesis and Screening," accepted for publication in the 3rd edition of *Pichia Protocols*, (Humana Press).
- **Desmond Maxwell**, associate professor Biological Sciences, coauthored the article "[A Ceratopsian Dinosaur from the Lower Cretaceous of Western North America, and the Biogeography of Neoceratopsia](#)" published in *PLOS One*. The research documents the discovery of the oldest species of horned dinosaur named from North America, 40 million years older than the Triceratops. The new dinosaur is named *Aquilops americanus*, meaning "American eagle face." It was about the size of a large crow, weighing around 3.5 pounds and measuring around 2 feet in total length. Coauthors are colleagues from the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology and the Sam Noble Museum of Natural

History.

## Chemistry

- **Irina Dotsenko '14**, **Qinliang Zhao**, **Andreas Franz**, **Patrick Batoon '15**, **Nataliya Samoshina**, and **Vyacheslav Samoshin**, Chemistry, have had the article "Convenient synthesis of 1,3-dithiolane-2-thiones: cyclic trithiocarbonates as conformational locks" published in the journal *Archives of Organic Chemistry*.
- **Andreas Franz**, **Amelia Watson '19**, **Sven Hackbush '16**, and **Vyacheslav Samoshin**, Chemistry, had the article "Reversal of diastereoselectivity - catalyst and solvent effects on the stereochemical outcome in the acylation of several trans-1,2-substituted cyclohexanols" published in *Journal of Undergraduate Chemistry Research*.
- **Andreas Franz**, professor of chemistry, had the article "Reversal of diastereoselectivity - catalyst and solvent effects on the stereochemical outcome in the acylation of several trans-1,2-substituted cyclohexanols" published in the *Journal of Undergraduate Chemistry Research*. Coauthors were **Vyacheslav Samoshin**, professor of chemistry, and students **Amelia Watson '19** and **Sven Hackbush '16**.
- **Qinliang Zhao**, assistant professor of chemistry, had the article "Convenient synthesis of 1,3-dithiolane-2-thiones: cyclic trithiocarbonates as conformational locks" published in the journal *Archives of Organic Chemistry*. Coauthors were **Irina Dotsenko '14**; **Andreas Franz**, professor of chemistry; **Patrick Batoon '15**; **Nataliya Samoshina**, adjunct professor of chemistry; and **Vyacheslav Samoshin**, professor of chemistry.
- **Vyacheslav Samoshin**, professor of Chemistry, coauthored the article "Thio- $\beta$ -D-glucosides: Synthesis and evaluation as glycosidase inhibitors and activators" published in *International Journal of Carbohydrate Chemistry*. Coauthors are **Andrey Samoshin '11**; **Irina Dotsenko '14**; **Nataliya Samoshina**, adjunct professor of Chemistry; and **Andreas Franz**, associate professor and co-chair of Chemistry.
- **Vyacheslav Samoshin**, Professor of Chemistry, coauthored the article "Capacious and Programmable Multi-Liposomal Carriers," which was published in the journal *Nanoscale* in collaboration with colleagues from Russia, Germany, Israel and the United States.

## Communication

- **Qingwen Dong**, professor of communication, **Yinghu Liu**, **Pei Zhao**, and **Dale Dong '16** published a book chapter on "Shyness, Self-esteem and Intercultural Communication Competence" in *Intercultural Communication Competence: Conceptualization and Its Development in Cultural Contexts and Interactions*, Xiaodong Dai and Guo-Ming Chen eds., published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing (2014).
- **Qingwen Dong**, professor of Communication, made a poster presentation of "Intercultural Willingness to Communicate, Self-esteem, & Ethnocentrism" at the Annual National Communication Association Convention on Nov. 22, in Chicago. The study

found that a willingness to communicate online, specifically in a context of intercultural communication, had a significant predicting power for a reduction of ethnocentrism. Coauthors on the research were class of 2015 graduate students **Josh Harzman, Megan Allen, Michael Contreras, Ki-Shawna Moore, Xochitl Paderes, Sonia Silveira, Noah Zepponi and Wei Zhang.**

- **Paul Turpin**, associate professor of Communication, was a multiple panelist at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association in Chicago, Nov. 20-23. He participated in an all-day preconference seminar, "Demanding Times and Risky Subjects: Economic Populisms in the Age of (Il)liquid Capital"; presenting a paper, "Stories & Characters: The Rhetorical Invention of Values"; and chairing a roundtable panel on which he was also a discussant, "The Rhetoric of Economics at 30, Part I: The Influence of Deirdre McCloskey's Rhetoric of Economics."
- **Qingwen Dong**, professor and chair of Communication, received a distinguished faculty lecture award from China's Tongji University in Shanghai to give two weeks of lectures on media theorizing and development to graduate students in Tongji's College of Communication in December. He also helped the college launch a Research Center on Social Media and Social Development and serves as a joint director for the research center.
- **Teresa Bergman**, associate professor of Communication, gave a guest lecture at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, on "Exhibiting Asian-American Patriotism: The USS Arizona Memorial and the California Railroad Museum," on Jan. 26.
- **Qingwen Dong**, professor and chair of Communication, gave a talk on "The Impact of Positive Communication on Chinese Students" at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference in Spokane, Washington, on Feb. 23.
- **Qingwen Dong**, Professor of Communication, helped organize and complete the National Communication Association (NCA) Learning Outcome project as one of the 24 faculty leaders representing the 8,000-member organization. The last project meeting ended on May 3 in Alexandria, Virginia, wrapping up the two-year-long task. The project generated nine learning outcomes for communication majors across the nation. The study was funded by a grant NCA received from the Lumina Foundation to investigate and discover the intersection of the Degree Qualification Profile and the Tuning process as applied to the discipline of Communication.
- **Qingwen Dong** professor of Communication in the College of the Pacific has received the 2014-15 Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award. The award was established in 2014 to recognize a faculty member for excellence in the mentoring of undergraduate researchers.

## Economics

- **Dennis Flynn**, emeritus professor of Economics, was a co-editor for *Hinterlands and Commodities: Place, Space, Time and the Political Economic Development of Asia over the Long Eighteenth Century*, published by Brill (Nov. 2014). He and **Marie A. Lee**,

assistant professor of Visual Arts, contributed the chapter "Hydraulic Metaphor: A Model of Global and Local Connectivity." The volume is an outcome of a series of meetings funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, the Suntory Foundation (Osaka) and the 21st Century Center for Excellence Program (Osaka University). Lee also designed the book's cover, which depicts arguments advanced in the volume.

- **Dennis Flynn**, emeritus professor of Economics, published a lead essay, "Link-Unit-of-Account versus Ratio-Unit-of-Account Moneys: Seventeenth-Century Dutch Mint Policy," in *Money in Asia (1200-1900): Small Currencies in Social and Political Contexts*, J.K. Leonard and U. Theobald eds., published by Brill (2015).
- **Dennis Flynn**, emeritus professor of Economics, and **Arturo Giráldez**, professor of Modern Languages and Literature, published "Los orígenes de la globalización en el siglo XVI," the lead article in B. Hausberger and A. Ibarra (eds.), *Oro y plata en los inicios de la economía global: de las minas a la moneda*, published by El Colegio de México, Centro de Estudios Históricos (2014).

## English

- **Zhou Xiaojing**, professor of English and ethnic studies, had her translation of the poem, "My Father's House," by Li-Young Lee (74 lines) from Lee's collection *Book of My Night* (2001) published in 《作品》 / *Literary Writings*, journal of the Association of Writers of Guangdong Province, in Guangzhou, China.
- **Andreea Boboc**, associate professor of English, presented the paper "The Positive Use of Emotions in Henry Lovelich's Merlin" at the International Congress of the Arthurian Society in Bucharest, Romania.
- **Jeffrey Hole**, assistant professor of English, has had his essay "Lines, Knots, and Cyphers: Theories of History in the American Literature Survey" published in the Summer 2014 edition of *Teaching American Literature: A Journal of Theory and Practice*.
- **Zhou Xiaojing**, professor of English and ethnic studies, had her translations of two poems by Zheng Xiaoqiong, "An Iron Nail" / 《铁钉》 (21 lines) and "A Child Migrant Worker from the Cold Mountain" / 《凉山童工》 (22 lines) published in the poetry journal, *The Bitter Oleander*.
- **Camille Norton**, professor of English, had her poem, "Thomas Jefferson," published in the *Water~Stone Review* and had her paper "Anne Carson's NOX and the Trauma of 'The Letter'" accepted for presentation at the 2015 American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting in Seattle, Wash.
- **Xiaojing Zhou**, professor of English and Ethnic Studies, had her book, [\*Cities of Others: Reimagining Urban Spaces in Asian American Literature\*](#), published as part of the Scott and Laurie Oki Series in Asian American Studies by University of Washington Press (Nov. 2014).

- **Jeffrey Hole**, assistant professor of English, had his essay "Edward W. Said, the Sphere of Humanism, and the Neoliberal University" published in *The Geocritical Legacies of Edward W. Said*, edited by Robert T. Tally Jr.
- **Xiaojing Zhou**, professor of English and director of Ethnic Studies, presented the papers "Race and Environmental Justice in Asian American Ecopoetry" and "The Agency of Kinship for Re-representing Japanese American Internment" at the 130th MLA Convention in Vancouver, Canada, in January.
- **Xiaojing Zhou**, professor of English and director of Ethnic Studies, had her translation of Li-Young Lee's prose-poem memoir, *The Winged Seed: A Remembrance* (a winner of the 1995 American Book Award), published by the Jiangsu Literary Publishing, Lit. in Nanjing, China. Her article "Contested 'Frontier' and 'Pioneers' in Writings about Japanese American Concentration Camps" has been included in the first anthology of Asian American ecocriticism, *Asian American Literature and the Environment*, L. Fitzsimmons, Y. Chae, B. Adams eds., published by Routledge (2014).
- **Andreea Boboc**, Associate Professor of English, presented her paper, "Equity and the Legal Person in John Heywood's *The Play of the Weather*" at the Renaissance Society of America Congress in Berlin, Germany, on March 27.
- **Cynthia Dobbs**, Associate Professor of English, presented her paper, "Race, Impasse, and the Cruel Optimism of Citizenship: Claudia Rankine's American Lyrics," at the American Comparative Literature Association Conference in Seattle, Washington, on May 26-29. Dobbs was also co-organizer of the seminar "Breakdown" at the conference.
- **Xiaojing Zhou**, Professor of English, wrote the introduction for the [2015 edition of \*Yokohama, California\* by Toshio Mori](#), which was published by University of Washington Press (April 2015). Originally released in 1949, *Yokohama, California* is the first published collection of short stories by a Japanese American.

### Geological and Environmental Sciences

- **Lydia Fox**, director of Undergraduate Research, presented "Preparing the Mentors-'How to Get Started' Workshops at Professional Society Meetings" at the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) 2014 National Conference in Washington, D.C.
- **Lydia Fox**, director of undergraduate research and professor of earth and environmental sciences, led the workshop "Getting Started in Undergraduate Research" at the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America in Vancouver, BC.
- **Kurtis Burmeister**, associate professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, presented an invited lecture in the School of Geoscience at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. His lecture, "What's beneath W. M. Davis' Little Mountains: the interplay between fold-thrust belt structures and landscape," highlighted the results of his research in the northern Appalachian Mountains of New York State and was delivered to the members of the prestigious Hutton Club, a society that honors the memory of James Hutton, the founder of modern geological sciences.

- **Kurtis Burmeister, Dennis Flynn**, professor emeritus of Economics, and **Arturo Giraldez**, professor of Modern Languages and Literature, presented their paper, "A Big History Perspective on Silver," at the International Big History Association's 2014 Conference in San Rafael, Calif.
- **Kurtis Burmeister**, associate professor of Geological and Environmental Sciences, and his coauthors presented two papers at the 2014 national meeting of the Geological Society of America in Vancouver, B.C. These presentations highlight the results of recent, student-centered research projects: Preliminary assessment of structural controls on the spatial relationships among fluvial systems in the Carboniferous western Irish Namurian Basin, County Clare, Ireland" and "Preliminary geologic map of the Grass Lake area in the southernmost Mount Tallac roof pendant; Desolation Wilderness Area, El Dorado County, California." [Read more>>](#)
- **Lydia Fox**, director of Undergraduate Research and chair of Geological and Environmental Sciences, led the faculty development workshop "[Getting Started in Undergraduate Research](#)" at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) in San Francisco on Dec. 15. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research and the AGU Education division.

### Health, Exercise, and Sports Sciences

- **Angelica Aguilera '16**, majoring in Health Exercise and Sport Sciences in College of the Pacific, was selected to compete in the 2014 Hispanic College Quiz show. Twelve students from member institutions of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) were selected from 50 applicants to compete in the annual televised quiz show this fall where students compete for scholarships by demonstrating their knowledge of Latino history. Martinez and her coach **Ines Ruiz-Huston**, Latino Community Outreach Coordinator, will attend the taping in Chicago in July, and the show will be broadcast nationally during Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15.
- **Melissa Davies**, visiting assistant professor of health, exercise and sport sciences, presented "Information Source Preferences Among Older Adult Golfers" and "Socialized to extinction by retina displays: What do fans really want to experience in the stadium?" at the Sport Marketing Association Conference in Philadelphia.
- **Christopher Ludwig**, clinical assistant professor of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences, was selected as the Committee Chair for the California Athletic Trainers' Association Leadership Development Conference and Clinical Symposium.
- **Christopher Ludwig**, clinical assistant professor and director of the Athletic Training Program, presented on "The Concepts and Principals that Guide Us: A Review of our Professional Ethics and how to Report Ethical Violations" at the California Athletic Trainers' Association Leadership Development Conference and Clinical Symposium on February 22.
- **Christopher Ludwig**, Assistant Clinical Professor of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences and Director of the Athletic Training Program, gave the invited presentation

"The Concepts and Principles that Guide Us - A Review of our Code of Ethics, and How to Report" at the 2015 Far West Athletic Trainers' Association (National Athletic Trainers' Association - District Eight) Clinical Symposium. Ludwig presented on behalf of the National Athletic Trainers' Association's Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE).

- **Mark VanNess**, Professor of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences, was invited to speak at a think tank summit on the use of cardiopulmonary exercise testing in myalgic encephalomyolitis (ME) on April 17-19. The meeting was organized by the Simmaron foundation and funded by Simmaron, Sierra Internal Medicine and the Parasol foundation in Incline Village Nevada. VanNess gave five short presentations over the three-day meeting on the techniques and methods of interpretation of cardiopulmonary analysis from patients with ME.
- **James Wyant**, Assistant Professor of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences, presented his research, "[Exploring Pre-Service Physical Education Teacher Technology Use During Student Teaching](#)," on March 19 at the SHAPE America National Convention in Seattle, Washington.

## History

- **Andreas Agocs**, visiting assistant professor of history, presented the paper "The Cold War at the Congress: Germany Cultural Unity and International Conflict in Postwar Berlin" at the New Narratives of the Cold War Conference in Lausanne, Switzerland. He also chaired the panel "Peace and Human Rights during the Cold War."
- **Bob Benedetti**, emeritus professor of political science, received funding from the Delta Protection Commission for the project Delta Narratives, which involves coordinated exhibitions at several venues that tell Delta stories organized around several themes with a goal to help Californians get a better grasp of the rich history of this neglected region. In addition to Pacific faculty members **William Swagerty**, professor of history, and **Michael Wurtz**, head of Special Collections and University Archivist, the project will involve a number of scholars, archivists, museum directors and more than 30 Delta cultural institutions. The contract with the Delta Protection Commission runs for a year; **Margit Aramburu**, former director of Pacific's Natural Resource Institute, will codirect the project with Benedetti.
- **Ken Albala**, professor of history, had his 22nd book, *Food in Time and Place: The American Historical Association Companion to Food History*, published by the University of California Press (2014). He co-edited the book with Paul Freedman of Yale and Joyce E. Chaplin of Harvard. Albala also wrote chapter one, "Pre-Modern Europe."
- **Bill Swaggerty**, director of the John Muir Center, had his book, *The Indianization of Lewis and Clark*, reviewed in *Gateway* magazine, a publication of the St. Louis Historical Museum. *Gateway* reviewer Mary McWay Seaman stated, "This stunning work, beautifully composed and exceedingly entertaining, delivers a veritable, virtual time travel in full!"

- **Kris Alexanderson**, assistant professor of History, presented the paper "[Japanese Penetration and Dutch Conciliation in Maritime Asia during the 1930s](#)" at the Institute for Humanities Research at the University of California, Santa Cruz, as part of their Center for Cultural Studies Colloquium Series on February 11. The paper is part of Alexanderson's larger book manuscript on global maritime networks and the modern Dutch empire, which she is currently completing.
- **Ken Albala**, Professor of History and Director of Food Studies, was the Elizabeth Chopin Visiting Professor for one week at Webster University in Vienna. He taught classes on food in the 17th century and cooked a [Baroque banquet](#) for 40 based on the recipes of Robert May published in 1660. Albala edited the 3-volume [The SAGE Encyclopedia of Food Issues](#), SAGE Publications Inc. (June 2015). With several hundred contributors and nearly a million words, this reference work focuses on social and policy aspects of food production, safety, regulation, labeling, marketing, distribution and consumption. Albala also delivered the keynote address on the perception of Asian cuisines in the West and in America after 1850 at the Culinary Institute of America's [Worlds of Flavor Conference](#) on April 22 in Napa.
- **Jennifer Helgren**, Associate Professor of History, published the article "A 'Very Innocent Time': Oral History Narratives, Nostalgia and Girls' Safety in the 1950s and 1960s" in the *Oral History Review*. Helgren was interviewed about the subject of the article in "[Narrating Nostalgia](#)" in the Oxford University Press Blog, *OUPBlog*.

## Mathematics

- **John Mayberry**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, received the Sport Innovation Award at University of the Pacific's Sport Technology Seminar on April 8 in recognition of his collaborative work with **James Graham**, Head Coach for men's and women's water polo. Graham and Mayberry also gave a talk at the seminar on their collaboration, "Riding the analytics wave to water polo success."
- **Chris Goff**, Associate Professor of Mathematics, gave a talk at the CMC3 (California Math Council Community Colleges) conference in South Lake Tahoe on "Euler's multiple solutions to a Diophantine problem." The talk described his work translating the papers of Leonhard Euler (1707-1783) from Latin to English and how Euler used a variety of elementary algebraic techniques to solve and then generalize a problem of ancient Greek origin.

## Modern Languages and Literature

- **Cosana Eram**, assistant professor of French studies, chaired a panel and presented the papers "Victor Brauner's Picto-Poetic Utopia" and "Writing Of(f) Dada History" at the fourth biennial conference of the European Network for Avant-Garde and Modernism Studies (EAM) in Helsinki, Finland.



- **Traci Roberts-Camps**, associate professor of modern languages and literature and director of the Gender Studies Program, published the essay "Adolescent Subjectivity and Gender-Based Sexual Violence in Marisa Sistach's films *Perfume de violetas* and *La niña en la piedra*" in the anthology *Screening Minors in Latin American Cinema*, Carolina Rocha and Georgia Seminet eds., Lexington Books (2014)
- **Zeljko Cipris**, associate professor of modern languages and literature, had his translation of *Living with Father*, Inoue Hisashi's 1994 play on the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, published in *The Columbia Anthology of Modern Japanese Drama* (J. Thomas Rimer, Cody Poulton, and Mitsuya Mori, eds.; Columbia University Press, 2014). His translation of *Infanticide*, Yamamoto Yuzo's 1920 drama on the miseries of systemic poverty, has been published by the Asia-Pacific Journal *Japan Focus*.
- **Traci Roberts-Camps**, associate professor of modern languages and literature, presented "Animal and Youth Subjectivity in the Novels and Films of Lucía Puenzo" at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Conference in Boise, Idaho.
- **Martín Camps**, associate professor of Modern Languages and Literature, published the book chapter: "The Plague of Modernity: Macondo Inc. and the Branding of 'Magical' Latin America" in *Critical Insights: Magical Realism* (Massachusetts: Salem Press, 2014) edited by Ignacio López-Calvo.
- **Martín Camps**, associate professor of Modern Languages and Literature, published the article "Narratives of the Drug War: Literature and Testimonies of Writers from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico" (in Spanish) in *Hispanic Journal*, Vol. 36, No. 2. (2015).
- **Martín Camps**, associate professor of Modern Languages and Literature, had his book chapter "Con la cabeza en el abismo: Roberto Bolaño's *Los detectives salvajes* and 2666, Literary *Guerrilla*, Maquiladora of Death and the Search for the Masterpiece" published in [Roberto Bolaño: A Less Distant Star](#), edited by Ignacio López-Calvo, published by Palgrave Macmillan (2015).
- **Martín Camps**, Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literature, gave a presentation on the novel *El diluvio de Rosaura Albina* by Fernando Cueto in the General Consulate of Peru in Los Angeles, invited by Ambassador Liliana Cino. He also presented the paper "An Oasis of Horror in a Desert of Boredom: Roberto Bolaño's 2666" at the World Upside Down Conference by invitation from the Center for the Humanities in UC Merced, April 10-11. Camps also had the book [Petition to NASA to Include a Poet on its Next Mission to Outer Space and Other Poems](#) published in Spanish and English by Observatorio Editorial in Tijuana, Mexico.
- **Cosana Eram**, Assistant Professor of Modern Languages and Literature, was a discussant in the panel "Literary Networks" and presented the paper "Dadaist Inceptions" at the annual meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association in Seattle, Washington, March 26-29.
- **Rui Ma**, visiting lecturer in Modern Languages and Literature, published refereed article "Teaching Academic Vocabulary in Graduate ESL Writing Courses: A Review of Literature and Pedagogical Suggestions" in [MEXTESOL Journal: Vol. 39 No. 1, 2015](#). She also gave the one-hour workshop "Empowering Students with Language Learning

Strategies" at the 2015 Annual California Language Teachers' Association in Sacramento in March.

## Philosophy

- **Roman Altshuler**, visiting assistant professor of Philosophy, presented the paper "Immortality, Identity, and Desirability" at the inaugural conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying at Cal Poly Pomona.
- **Roman Altshuler**, visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, will present the paper "Bootstrapping the Equivocal Afterlife" at the Henry Janssen Memorial Conference in Philosophy on [Life and Death: Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives](#) at San Diego State University on May 23-24, and will present "Agency as Diachronically Unified Interpretation" at the conference on [Science and Personal Action: Human and Divine](#) at MIT on July 18.

## Physics

- **Helene Flohic**, assistant professor of physics, was a coauthor on the article, "[Differences between CO- and calcium triplet-derived velocity dispersions in spiral galaxies: evidence for central star formation?](#)," which was accepted for publication in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.
- **Kieran Holland**, associate professor of Physics, along with colleagues in the Lattice Higgs Collaboration in Germany, Hungary, and at UCSD, was recently awarded 89 million processor hours in a highly competitive peer-reviewed grant process on the [Mira supercomputer](#) at Argonne National Laboratory in Argonne, Ill. Mira, an IBM-built BlueGene/Q machine, is the 5th fastest supercomputer in the world. This award is the equivalent of using 11,000 computer processors continuously for an entire year. Mira will be used to simulate if the newly-discovered Higgs boson could be composed of as-yet unknown subatomic particles due to a new force in nature.
- **Helene Flohic**, assistant professor Physics, presented the poster "The impact of different college science courses on students' attitude towards science" at the 225th annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society.
- **Helene Flohic**, assistant professor of Physics, and **James Hetrick**, professor and chair of Physics, held a workshop for K-12 science teachers in November through the San Joaquin County Office of Education on teaching astronomy and using the SJCOE's inflatable, digital planetarium, StarLab, in curriculum. They currently are conducting the workshops twice per year and may increase frequency due to high demand.
- **Keisuke Juge**, associate professor of Physics, had his collaborative research highlighted in a forthcoming invited article, "Unearthing Excited Hadron Resonances in Lattice QCD Using NSF XSEDE Resources," written by one of his collaborators, C.

Morningstar, in the March/April edition of *Computing In Science and Engineering* magazine.

- **Helene Flohic**, Assistant Professor of Physics, was awarded a travel grant by the American Astronomical Society to attend the International Astronomical Union general assembly in August 2015 in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- **Helene Flohic**, Assistant Professor of Physics, had her coauthored paper, "The Stellar Spectral Features of Nearby Galaxies in the Near-Infrared: Tracers of Thermally-Pulsing Asymptotic Giant Branch Stars?" accepted for publication in the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*.
- **Kieran Holland**, Associate Professor of Physics, chaired a session at the workshop "Lattice for Beyond the Standard Model Physics," held April 23-25 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The session covered numerical simulations of strongly coupled gauge theories, composite Higgs bosons and interacting Dark matter.

### Political Science

- **Dari E. Sylvester**, associate professor of political science and director of the Jacoby Center, and **Marcia Hernandez**, assistant dean of the College and associate professor of sociology, had their co-authored article, "The Impacts of Foreclosure on Collective Efficacy and Civic Engagement: Findings from Two Central California Communities," published in *Social Justice*.
- **Jeffrey Becker**, Associate Professor of Political Science, was a panel respondent on the subject of his book, "*Ambition in America: Political Power and the Collapse of Citizenship*" by Jeffrey Becker, Author Meets Critics," at the 2015 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Las Vegas, Nevada.

### Psychology

- **Elizabeth R. Graham**, assistant professor of psychology, had her co-authored paper, "[The face says it all: CEOs, gender, and predicting corporate performance](#)," published in *The Leadership Quarterly*.
- **Matthew Normand**, associate professor of Psychology, was named to the editorial board of the new journal [Behavior Analysis: Research and Practice](#), published by the American Psychological Association.
- **Carolynn Kohn**, associate professor of Psychology, gave the poster presentation "An Evaluation of Free-pour Training Procedures for College Students" at the 33rd Annual Convention of the California Association of Behavior Analysis in San Diego, California. Coauthors were graduate students **Emily Metz '14**, **Katrina Bettencourt '15**, **Molly Hankla '16**, **Audrey Campbell '15** and **Amir Cruz-Khali '16**.
- **Carolynn Kohn**, Associate Professor of Psychology, coauthored two poster presentations presented in May at the 95th Annual Convention of the Western

Psychological Association in Las Vegas, Nevada: "College Students Can't Talk the Talk or Pour the Pour," coauthored with graduate students **Katrina Bettencourt '15**, **Nicole Schultz '14** and **Emily Metz '14**; and "An Evaluation of Free-pour Training Procedures for College Students," coauthored with graduate students **Emily Metz '14**, **Katrina Bettencourt '15**, **Molly Hankla '16**, **Audrey Campbell '16**, and **Amir Cruz-Khalili '16**.

## Religious Studies

- **Alan Lenzi**, associate professor of religious and classical studies, has accepted an invitation to become the chair of the editorial board of the [Ancient Near East Monograph](#) series, an open-access, electronic series published by the [Society of Biblical Literature](#). Founded in 1880, the Society of Biblical Literature is the oldest and largest learned society devoted to the critical investigation of the Bible from a variety of academic disciplines. Lenzi has served on the editorial board for several years and will take up the new role in 2015.
- **Caroline T. Schroeder**, associate professor of religious and classical studies, published the article "[An Early Monastic Rule Fragment from the Monastery of Shenoute](#)," in *Le Muséon*: 127(2014): 19-39.
- **George Randels**, professor of religious and classical studies, was elected to serve as vice president for the west region at the 2014 Phi Kappa Phi biennial convention.
- **Caroline T. Schroeder**, associate professor of religious and classical studies, co-presented the project "Coptic SCRIPTORIUM" at the offices of the National Endowment of the Humanities in Washington, D.C., at a meeting of directors of projects recently funded by the NEH Office of Digital Humanities. Coptic SCRIPTORIUM is an online environment for the digital and computational study of Coptic language and literature (the last phase of the ancient Egyptian language family).
- **Caroline T. Schroeder**, associate professor of religious and classical studies, was a visiting scholar at the Brown University Department of Religious Studies, where she guest lectured in their doctoral and advanced undergraduate seminar on Education in Late Antiquity, presented the paper "DH Technologies for the Study of Coptic Language and Literature" at the Library's Digital Lab, and advised graduate and undergraduate students. Schroeder was interviewed by *Marginalia*, a *Los Angeles Review of Books* channel, for the "Directions in the Study of Religion" segment in October 2014. [Listen to the audio interview>>](#)
- **Caroline Schroeder**, associate professor of Religious and Classical Studies, is now a member of the steering committee for the Digital Humanities in Biblical Studies and Early Jewish and Christian Studies group in the Society of Biblical Literature.
- **Caroline Schroeder**, associate professor of Religious and Classical Studies, presented the paper, "The Digital Humanities as Cultural Capital: Implications for Biblical and Religious Studies" at the annual Society of Biblical Literature meeting in San Diego.
- **Alan Lenzi**, associate professor of Religious Studies, presented his invited paper, "Thinking about Scribal Revision in Akkadian Shuila-Prayers: Gula 1a = Belet-ili 1 and

Sin 1 as Case Studies," at the Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature session of the Society of Biblical Literature's national meeting in San Diego.

- **George Randels**, professor of Religious Studies, presented the paper "Justice for More Than Just Us? Bioethics and Environmental Health" at the American Academy of Religion's annual meeting in San Diego.
- **Caroline Schroeder**, associate professor of Religious and Classical Studies, delivered the paper, "Dead Heretics amongst the Living Saints: The Discovery of the Papyri from Turah at Dayr al-Qusayr (DayrArsaniyus) and Its Legacy," at the St. Mark Foundation Conference on Coptic Christianity and Monasticism at the Mar Mina Monastery in Egypt. Schroeder and the other conference participants also met with Pope Tawadros II, the leader of the Coptic Orthodox Church.
- **Caroline Schroeder**, Associate Professor of Religious and Classical Studies, was appointed as a member of the Advisory Board for the *Journal of Early Christian Studies* effective May 1, 2015.
- **Alan Lenzi**, Associate Professor of Religious and Classical Studies, published the article "The Language of Akkadian Prayers in *Ludlul Bel Nemeqi* and its Significance within and beyond Mesopotamia," in [Mesopotamia in the Ancient World: Impact, Continuities, Parallels](#) (Melammu 7; Münster: Ugarit-Verlag). He also presented a paper on divine beings in ancient Mesopotamia at Otherworldly Beings in the Ancient World, a symposium sponsored by the Antiquities Group at the University of Washington.
- **Caroline Schroeder**, Associate Professor of Religious and Classical Studies, co-organized the conference [Digital Coptic 2: Symposium and Workshop on Digital Humanities and Coptic Studies](#), hosted by the Coptic Scriptorium at Georgetown University. The conference was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. [View conference videos>>](#)

## Sociology

- **Ruth Lewis**, visiting assistant professor of sociology, had the coauthored article "Anal heterosex among young men and women and implications for health promotion: a qualitative study in the UK" published in BMJ Open. She also co-presented "Give and take? Reciprocity in young people's narratives of oral heterosex" at the American Sociological Association 2014 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Her coauthor on both was Cicely Marston, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
- **Joan S.M. Meyers**, visiting assistant professor of sociology, recently signed a contract with Cornell University/ILR Press for her book, *Working Democracies: Managing Inequality in Worker Cooperatives*. The book focuses on two Northern California businesses entirely owned and controlled by their workers. The two worker cooperatives, a nationally-distributed bakery and a warehouse-sized grocery, developed different management strategies to deal with their growth in the 1990s, and produced different kinds and degrees of ethnoracial and gender inequality in the 21st century. Meyers' work

shows how organizations' use of bureaucratic practices can be used to resist or reproduce workplace inequalities.

- **Ethel Nicdao**, associate professor of sociology, co-authored the encyclopedia entry "Human Service Needs of Filipino Americans" in the *Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*, L.H. Cousins & J.G. Golson (eds.), Sage Publications Inc. (2014).
- **Ethel Nicdao**, associate professor of Sociology, was selected from 300 applicants nationwide as one of 68 who will attend the New Connections Research & Coaching Clinic in New Orleans, La., Nov. 14-15, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). Selected participants were awarded travel stipends.
- **Ruth Lewis**, visiting assistant professor of Sociology, is part of a collaborative team that has won a Public Health Intervention Development grant from the UK Medical Research Council. Led by colleagues at University of Cardiff, the team has been awarded £130,288 for a mixed-method, multi-case study to develop a comprehensive sexual health intervention within further education settings in the UK.
- **Alison Alkon**, Associate Professor and Chair of Sociology, recently won the Thomas J. Long Foundation General Education Fellowship. Awardees are selected based on innovative teaching and demonstrated excellence of instruction in the Pacific Seminars or General Education Breadth Program. Alkon's selection was based largely on the experiential learning work through her Food Culture and Society class during which students do research at the Stockton Farmers Market surveying and interviewing vendors and customers about their food and farming practices. Her paper based on this research, "The Stockton Farmers Market: Racialization and Sustainable Food Systems," was co-authored with Sociology major **Dena Vang '14** and is currently under review for publication. Alkon presented the paper at the Pacific Sociology Association conference in Los Angeles.

### Theatre Arts

- **Cathie McClellan**, associate professor of theatre arts, participated in a demonstration performance from DeltaFusion, a summer outreach art and theatre event she co-founded, at the TEDx talks in Livermore on September 20. Speaker Annie Hughes included the DeltaFusion performance in her talk about inspiring children through creative arts. The ten performers led by McClellan and Haggin Museum Curator of Education Lisa Cooperman, performed scenes from the 2014 DeltaFusion, including a lyric dance of "Mother and Child" and the Chinese folk tale "How the Koi became a Dragon."
- **Macelle Mahala**, associate professor of Theatre Arts, attended the awards ceremony at the American Society of Theatre Research's national conference on Nov. 22, where her book, *Penumbra: The Premier Stage for African American Drama*, was awarded Honorable Mention for the 2014 Errol Hill Award for outstanding scholarship in African American theatre. The book was also featured in the panel session "Spotlight on New

Works" at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education's national conference in August.

- **Lisa Tromovitch**, professor and chair of Theatre Arts, was named President of the Shakespeare Theatre Association (STA), the international membership organization of theater producers whose work focuses on the production of Shakespeare's plays. The announcement was made at the 25th annual conference in San Francisco Jan. 4-10.
- **Cathie McClellan**, associate professor of Theatre Arts, was the costume designer for the regional theatre production: "Peter and the Starcatcher" for the [Pacific Conservatory Theatre](#) in Santa Maria, California, which will be performed Feb. 12-Mar. 1 at the Marian Theater on the campus of Alan Hancock College in Santa Maria and Aug. 21-Sep. 13 at the Solvang Festival Theater in Solvang. The play, written by Rick Elice, is based on the novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. Often called the "grown-ups prequel" to *Peter Pan*, it tells the back story of how Peter and Wendy met and the origins of Neverland and its inhabitants.
- **Sy Kahn**, late professor emeritus of Theatre Arts, will have his book-length narrative poem, "The Life of Edmund Genet," published posthumously by Minatour Press in Port Townsend, Washington, with a forward by his wife Janet Baker Kahn.

### Visual Arts

- **Dan Kasser**, professor of visual arts, is having his photographic works of the Delta being exhibited at the Knowlton Gallery as part of "Deltalands: Converging Visions" on display through Sept. 28.
- **Daniel Kasser**, professor of Visual Arts, served as a juror for the Viewpoint Photographic Arts Center exhibition, "Twelve: Small Wonders," featuring small works by photographers from throughout Northern California and across the country.
- **Dan Kasser**, professor of Visual Arts, has several of his photographic works of the Central Valley on exhibit at Turlock's Carnegie Arts Center through Mar. 22 in "Valley Focus: Paintings by Chella & Photographs by Dan Kasser" in the center's Ferrari Gallery.

### School of International Studies

- **Daniel O'Neill**, assistant professor of political science, presented two lectures "A Rising China and ASEAN: Economic Cooperation and Territorial Conflict" and "Playing Risk: Chinese Foreign Direct Investment in Cambodia" for faculty and students at De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines, where he was a visiting scholar in the Political Science Department. He also presented the invited lecture "Rising Tiger, Demanding Dragon: The Comparative Rise of India and China" at The Ricardo Leong Center for Chinese Studies at Ateneo de Manila University. In addition to students and faculty, special

guests at the lecture included former Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs Delia Albert.

- **Bruce La Brack**, professor emeritus, contributed the Introduction to Section III, 'The Importance of Reentry Preparation', and two exercises: "Reentry Debriefing: The R2-A4 Model" and "Different Days - Different Ways", to the *volume 52 Activities for International Transitions*, Donna Stringer and Patricia A. Cassidy, eds. Yarmouth, Maine, Intercultural Press (2014). La Brack was a participant in the invitation-only inaugural Senior Summit created to acknowledge and support individuals who have been pioneering leaders in the intercultural field. The event was held in conjunction with the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research, Portland, Ore.
- **Analiene Richard**, associate professor of anthropology and international studies, moderated a panel discussion on "Nuevas Economias" at the Fall 2014 Colloquium of the Center for North American Studies (CISAN), "El Efecto America: Practicas Culturales, Subjetividad, y Globalizacion," held at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) in Mexico City. She also presented the paper "La Violencia en/del Cambio de Paradigma," at the 7th Annual Meeting of the Continental Research Network on Informality in Metropolitan Spaces (RECIM) at the Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) in Mexico City.
- **Bruce La Brack**, professor emeritus of anthropology, was an honored guest at the Centenary Celebration of the American Field Service (AFS), which was founded by American ambulance drivers at the beginning of World War I. Since 1947, AFS has become the largest international exchange organization for secondary school children and operates in more than 50 countries, with a network of over 400,000 alumni. The conference was sponsored by AFS International and UNESCO Nov. 7-9 in Paris, France. La Brack, a member of the AFS International Educational Advisory Council, was honored for past and continuing service to the organization.
- **Bruce La Brack** professor emeritus anthropology, co-presented the session "Culture in the Lab: A Model for Undergraduate STEM Research Abroad," focusing upon the development and structure of a cultural competency training component designed to support summer research by U.S. undergraduates in eight Asian universities, sponsored by the School of Engineering, UC-San Diego, at the Bi-Regional Conference of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Nov. 5 in Portland, Ore.
- **Ahmed Kanna**, assistant professor of Anthropology, presented an invited talk, "The Semiotic Field of Gulf Arab Urbanism" at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation on Nov. 21 and a panel paper, "Ten Years Since Fallujah: The Emergence of the Urban as a Problem for U.S. Counterinsurgency," at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 24. The former has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming scholarly volume on Persian/Arab Gulf cities, and the latter paper will be published in the online *Islamic Monthly* in early 2015.



- **Yong Kyun Kim**, assistant professor of Political Science, had his coauthored paper, "Credibility, Preferences, and Bilateral Investment Treaties," accepted for publication in the *Review of International Organizations*.
- **Bruce LaBrack**, emeritus professor of Anthropology, co-facilitated a Qualifying Seminar on the Intercultural Development Inventory followed by a workshop on "Applications for Academic Advising Staff of the SABIC (Saudi Arabia Basic Industries) Scholarship programs in North America," Jan. 27-30 in Houston, Texas.
- **Bruce LaBrack**, emeritus professor of Anthropology, conducted the preconference workshop "ReEntry Courses: Challenges and Opportunities" and presented an invited session on "Why Didn't Somebody Tell Me This Before Now" at the Seventh Annual WISE (Wake Forest Intercultural Skills Enhancement) Conference on Preparing Students for Cross-Cultural Engagement, held Feb. 5-7 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- **Daniel O'Neill**, assistant professor of Political Science, was selected Teacher of the Year for the second consecutive year by the students in the School of International Studies. This is an annual award recognized during the school's annual Diploma and Hooding Ceremony on Commencement weekend.
- **Laura Bathurst**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, contributed two entries, "Power" and "Culture Specific / Culture General," to [\*The SAGE Encyclopedia of Intercultural Competence\*](#), published in May 2015 by SAGE Publications Inc.
- **Bruce LaBrack**, emeritus Professor of Anthropology, published his article on "Social and Political Lives of Early Sikh Settlers in California: 1897-1946," in Jasbir Singh Mann and Satnam Singh Johal (Eds), [\*Sikh Gadar Lehar\*](#) (trans: Sikh Revolutionary Movement):1907-1918, published by the Shri Guru Granth Sahib Foundation, April 2015.
- **Daniel O'Neill**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, presented his paper, "Chinese Bilateralism vs. ASEAN Multilateralism: China's Divide and Conquer Strategy in the South China Sea" on the Rise of China panel at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas in early April. O'Neill also served as the chair and discussant for the Politics and Society in China panel.