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FCS Welcomes New Faculty

The Department is pleased to welcome four new tenure-track faculty members to the team. They will be joining us in fall—please watch for them and say hello.

Nutrition and Dietetics

Dr. Michelle Barrack

Dr. Barrack comes to us from Cal State Northridge where she has been an Assistant Professor for two years. She will be teaching advanced nutrition courses. She is an active researcher and looks forward to working with our students and faculty.

Food Science and Nutrition

Dr. Cheryl Rock

Dr. Rock will be joining us from the University of Florida. She is an expert in food science and nutrition. She will be conducting research in the food science lab as well as teaching food science to our food science and nutrition and dietetics students.

Fashion Merchandising and Design

Dr. Hyejeong Kim

Dr. Kim will be joining our faculty, after being a tenured Associate Professor at Auburn. She will be teaching in merchandising and design and comes with ample experience working with undergraduate and graduate students. She also has committee experience and research expertise to share.

Dr. Myunghee Sohn

Dr. Sohn is coming to us from Missouri where she has been an Assistant Professor for two years. She will be teaching in the area of fashion design and has a notable portfolio. She will also be conducting research using the body scanner.

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Dr. Consuelo Nieto Mentor of the Year Award

Dr. Nilufer Medora, a faculty member in the area of child development and family studies and family life education, was a recipient of the Dr. Consuelo Nieto Mentor of the Year Award for the 2013-2014 academic year. This is a university-wide award and is given to a faculty member who serves as a faculty mentor in the Partners for Success program. The purpose of this program is to assist first-generation college students and to ensure that they graduate from the university in a timely manner. The recipient of this award is selected on the basis of their dedication and service to these students.
Maya Hey, B.S. in Dietetics and Food Administration (Sp. 2014), traveled to Japan during Summer 2013 to conduct research investigating perceptions of food safety among consumers and producers as affected by the 2011 earthquake. Maya and her faculty advisor, Dr. Virginia Gray, presented the findings of the study at the Southern California Public Health Association Annual Meeting in December, at which Maya received an undergraduate research award. Maya has received funding from Women and Philanthropy to continue the research in summer 2014.

Nutrition

Andrew Kunihiro, RD, MS candidate, under the supervision of Dr. Long Wang in nutrition and dietetics and Dr. Betty McMicken in the Department of Communicative Disorders conducted a taste detection study on a subject with isolated congenital aglossia, a condition where a person is born without the tongue. They presented their preliminary findings in a research poster at the 2014 University Achievement Awards. The manuscript for full publication is now under preparation. Kunihiro also presented his thesis research on the relationship between essential fatty acid intake and risk of colorectal cancer at the Experimental Biology 2014 in San Diego in April 2014. Members of his thesis advisory committee include Dr. Wendy Reboldt (chair); Dr. Long Wang; and Wendy Devine, MPH, RD.

Gerontology

The Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership’s Ethics Across The Curriculum Research Stipend review team has selected Dr. Maria Claver’s proposal to receive the inaugural research stipend award. The Ukleja Center claims to be a beacon of applied ethics. They base their actions on three pillars that are their guiding lights: education, university research, and community outreach. The core principles of the Ukleja Center are to equip people with the transformational power of ethical leadership and strengthen communities by creating a culture that inspires ethical practice.

Family Life Education

Dr. Roy joined the faculty at CSULB in fall 2013 and teaches courses in the area of family studies and family life education. Dr. Roy is an expert in the transition to parenthood and relationship satisfaction. She has more recently been involved in multidisciplinary research involving money and relationships. She also stays current in multicultural research particularly societal and cultural influences on parent roles. Recently, Dr. Roy co-authored a book on the transition to parenthood and will begin offering a course on the “Transition to Parenthood” the fall of 2014.

Child Development

Dr. Nilufar Medora will be taking a group of students on a 3-week short-term study abroad program to visit New Zealand and Fiji in summer 2014. The course that will be taught at various locations in New Zealand and Fiji is “Children and Families in the Community: A Comparison Between New Zealand, Fiji, and the U.S.” This study abroad program will introduce students to other cultures and make them more aware and sensitive to cultural issues and make them “global citizens”.

Fashion Merchandising and Design

Fashion design alumni, Walter Mendez, has been the recipient of multiple awards recognizing his fashion accomplishments.

His work is regularly featured on celebrities, television, and red carpets. He has also been featured in many publications such as WWD, Apparel News, and has showcased at LA fashion week for the last two years.

“At Day 2 Style Fashion Week, Los Angeles’ rising fash%

ion designer, Walter Mendez brought out the stars to the highly anticipated runway show at L.A Live Event Deck on Monday, March 10, 2014. With an eye for texture, silhouettes, and timeless style, Mendez is rapidly making a name for himself in fashion. With several successful runway shows in Los Angeles, it's only a matter of time that Walter Mendez will conquer New York Fashion week.” says The Los Angeles Fashion.
Consumer Protection Day Symposium

Students in the Consumer Affairs Student Association (CASA) at California State University, Long Beach held a successful consumer protection symposium during National Consumer Protection Week last month; more than 300 students attended. Topics included consumer rights and legislation, housing issues, counterfeit and dangerous products, and emerging consumer issues, such as privacy, prescription drug scams, and online fraud.

The moderator for the event was Rigoberto Reyes, Chief Investigator at the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs. Speakers included Antonia Villaseñor from the California Department of Business Oversight, Ann Stahl from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, Miguel Fernandez from the Alliance for Housing and Healing, John Noonen from the State Bar of California, and Sergeant Janice Munson and Detective Enrique Godinez from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

The symposium was held as part of the nation’s National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW), which is held the first week in March every year. CSULB’s Consumer Protection Day Symposium was the first of its kind at the university.

Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The annual golf tournament for the Hospitality Management program was held on April 28th at the Sea Cliff Country Club. The event was a sell-out and a huge success. Proceeds from both a silent and live auction go toward the enhancement of the Hospitality Management program, including student scholarship awards. There is a goal to seek a proper space and funding for the building of a new kitchen and complimentary facilities for the Hospitality Program.

Each year, leaders and professionals in the hospitality field join in the tournament fun. This year, baseball hall of famer, Rod Carew was one of the golfers!

Upcoming and Recent Events

May 9: Fashion Merchandising and Design’s 26th Annual Campus Couture Fashion Show:

The Show featured over 200 garments and 50 designers. Junior and Senior designers displayed their showcase garments. The event was held at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center. This event is the largest student led event on the west coast.

May 20: Commencement

On Tuesday, May 20 the College of Health and Human Services will host ceremony 2. The procession for FCS begins at 2:00 p.m. in the central courtyard area. Light refreshments and snacks will be served by the college following the ceremony.

WEB Broadcast: Ceremony will be broadcasted LIVE on the Web at www.csulb.tv.

All information about viewing and minimum computer requirements can be accessed via the website.

Personalized announcements may be ordered online at www.shopthebeach.com.
Congratulations to 2014-2015 CSULB Dietetic Interns

Safieh Ajine
Vanessa Avila
Megan Barahona
Cheyenne Bluhm
Holden Funk
Nesreen Khouraki
Rebecca Kishimoto
Kristin Mahood
Sarah Osterman
Esmeralda Salcido
Ladan Tehrani
Sarah Walatka

Congratulations to the Young Dietitian of the Year!
Amanda Sauceda (lecturer), was awarded with the Young Dietitian of the Year award at the California Dietetic Association Conference in April.

Congratulations to Dariella Gonitzke!
Dariella Gonitzke (lecturer), has been accepted into Loma Linda University’s Doctorate in Public Health majoring in Nutrition. She will be starting in Fall 2014, completing the degree part-time over the next 5-7 years. She is anticipating her research focus will be on Omega 3s and inflammation.

Study Abroad Programs

Study Abroad in Taiwan
All Majors Welcome!
Program Sessions:
June 9– June 29; July 7– July 27
Contact Dr. Ronnie Yeh if interested.
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Study Abroad in Paris
Dr. Suzanne Marshall takes students to Paris each year so Fashion Merchandising students can see high level fashion up close.
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Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway (ISPP)
ISPP programs were developed in coordination with ACEND to offer more opportunities to DPD graduates for supervised practice hours. The ISPP at CSULB accepts only CSULB Nutrition and Dietetics graduates who have not been matched to internships through DICAS for at least two-rounds.

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Next year, Ph.D. prepared individuals may apply to ISPP.
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