Smith Named Recipient of 2006 Hardeman Award

By Rick Gloady

Craig R. Smith, chair of the Film and Electronic Arts Department at Cal State Long Beach, is the recipient of the campus’ 2006 Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Academic Leadership Award for his efforts as a leader at the university.

The Hardeman Award is the CSULB Academic Senate’s highest honor “to reward and acknowledge publicly significant contributions to the principle and practice of shared governance” at the university.

Perhaps most notable about his tenure at CSULB is the fact that Smith has been the chair of not one, not two, not three, but four academic departments, including communications studies, journalism and comparative literature and classics before taking on film and electronic arts. In all, he has been a department chair for 11 of his 18 years at the campus.

“It’s clear this is either someone who can’t hold a job – or someone who is really, really good,” Academic Senate Chair Margaret Merryfield joked during her presentation of the award to Smith. “Why is he so successful? Because, wherever he goes, he solves problems. He gives generously of his time, energy and expertise, he helps the faculty work through their differences and come together, and he leaves these programs better than they were before.”

Merryfield also noted Smith’s list of committee service, which she called “impressive.” Smith served on the CSULB Academic Senate for 11 years and went on to serve three years on the CSU statewide Academic Senate. But, Merryfield said, his specialty is being a department chair, and Smith accepted the award on behalf of that specialty.

“I accepted the award in the name of department chairs because I believe my service as department chair has been the most valuable to the university, and I believe that department chairs are under-appreciated on the campus for what they do,” said Smith, who joined the CSULB faculty in 1988. “So, I dedicated my acceptance of the award to them.”

Other leadership positions he has held or continues to hold include president of the Freedom of Expression Foundation since 1985; director of the CSULB Center for First Amendment Studies, which was founded in 1988; and from 1996-98, a member of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Last July, Smith received another honor when he was named to the CSU Board of Trustees as its faculty trustee by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Selected from nominees endorsed by two-thirds or more of the CSU Statewide Academic Senate, Smith is serving a two-year term as the faculty trustee, which works with the rest of the board in overseeing the 23-campus CSU system. The board adopts rules, regulations, and policies governing the CSU, and it has authority over curricular development, use of property, development of facilities, and fiscal and human resources management.

Honors and awards are nothing new to the communication studies professor. At CSULB, Smith has earned the top three faculty awards – the Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award, the Distinguished Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activity Award and the Outstanding Professor Award. Off campus, he has twice won the Robert O’Neil Award from the National Communication Association for outstanding scholarship on First Amendment issues. Also, he won the Outstanding Professor Award from the National Speakers Association in 2001.

Smith received his B.A. in history from UC Santa Barbara in 1966 and was awarded the Sproul Award. He earned an M.A. in communication studies from Queens College of the City University of New York in 1967. Awarded an NDEA Fellowship, he received his Ph.D. in communication studies from Pennsylvania State University in 1969.

Open Enrollment Period Begins Early This Fall

The open enrollment period for health, dental, flexshare, health and dependent care reimbursement account changes will be Sept. 1-29. Changes made during this period will become effective on Jan. 1. Due to CalPERS and other state restrictions, requests received after Sept. 29 can not be accepted.

It’s important to note that the dependent and health care reimbursement plans require re-enrollment every year, even if an employee wishes to continue the same contribution amount. Current participants must complete a new enrollment form.

The annual Health Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, outside Room 335 on the third floor patio area of Brotman Hall. Representatives from CalPERS Health, Delta Dental, PMI Delta Care, Medical Eye Services, California Casualty, Orange County Teachers Credit Union, Long Beach Credit Union, Sanders & Associates, Standard Insurance, and CalPERS Home Loan programs will be present to answer questions during the fair. Health insurance information will also be provided for CSULB Foundation employees.

Please review your plans carefully; premium rates and co-payments are subject to change. Look for CalPERS open enrollment material mailings in late July/early August. If you do not receive information from CalPERS, Open Enrollment packets will be available at the Office of Benefits & Staff Human Resources on Sept. 1.
Riposa Selected Dean

Gerry Riposa has been selected the new dean for the College of Liberal Arts at CSULB.

Riposa served as the associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts since 2002, overseeing the development and coordination of the college’s budget and managing enrollment for the college. Most recently he has served as interim dean for the college, filling the vacancy left by Dee Abrahamse, who was named interim provost for the university in February.

“Professor Riposa is a well-respected academic and administrative leader,” CSULB President F. King Alexander pointed out. “We are very fortunate to be able to utilize his many talents as our new dean of the College of Liberal Arts.”

“I want to design and implement a progressive program that continues to build our reputation in teaching, research and service,” Riposa said. “To that end, I plan to look for direct efforts in increasing student successes at our university, look for policies to enrich the teaching and educational experience in our college, and look for opportunities and incentives to increase research, especially faculty/student collaborative research, and to increase external funding to support our faculty and students. As we build a global educational experience, we will not forget the community. We will increase our efforts to connect with our surrounding community to improve the quality of life.”

As dean, Riposa is the chief academic officer of the college and reports to the provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs. He is responsible for directing and coordinating the instructional, curricular and support program of the college, including academic and professional programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Additionally, he is responsible for management of the fiscal and personnel resources of the college, recruitment, evaluation and retention of a well-qualified faculty and staff, and development of effective student recruitment and retention programs in the college.

Riposa joined the Political Science Department at CSULB as an assistant professor in 1989 after a four-year stint as an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech University. He was promoted to associate professor in 1993; named chairman of the department in 1994, serving in that capacity until 2000; and became a full professor in 2000.

AAC’s Black Chosen Employee of the Month

Susan Black, who joined CSULB’s Academic Advising Center (AAC) in 1999, was chosen recently by her colleagues as employee of the month.

A member of CSULB’s class of 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies, she was recognized in a special ceremony held on Friendship Walk near the University Student Union which was renamed Susan Black Lane for the month.

President F. King Alexander praised Black’s commitment to the university where she is assistant director of the AAC.

“She has been responsible for contacting 500 students who were not going to graduate due to mitigating circumstances,” he said. “Because of her dedication, 200 of them graduated and more than 125 others are in the pipeline.”

“Being named employee of the month is a very nice reward,” said Black. “I was pleased to receive such a recognition for the work I do.”

She thinks one reason for her nomination is the pleasure she takes in working with students. “People know I like our students,” she said, “and this job helps me to work with them all the time.”

Working with students at Cal State Long Beach has been fabulous. They are wonderful folks. They work very hard to get their degrees and some have family responsibilities and have to travel long distances to get here. They work very hard and I like being able to support them in their efforts.”

In her position, she directs two major programs – Strategies for Academic Success and Graduation Greenlight. Strategies for Academic Success is a program to help students on probation while Greenlight supports students who left the university but want to return and finish their degrees.

“The center sees the entire undergraduate population for general education advising and I work with distance learners from as far away as Europe,” she said. “I also work with CSULB students from across the U.S.”

Black’s desire to help is rooted in her service with the Peace Corps in Paraguay from 1990-92. “I happened to be on the island of Jamaica when Hurricane Gilbert hit,” she recalled. “I realized I needed to be doing something to help other folks.”

When she isn’t helping students at CSULB, Black is a self-described “travel fiend” who has stamped her passport in South America, Europe and Canada. “I don’t know where the wanderlust came from but I’ve had it since my 20s,” she explained. “Whenever I visit another country, I find something that torques my perspective. I have learned that there are a lot of different ways to do things. It makes me a better academic advisor because I can see different types of solutions to problems.”

She credits center director Marilee Samuelson with being a big reason she enjoys working at CSULB. “She is a visionary in her own right who conceived of most of the major retention programs for students on this campus. I couldn’t do what I do without her support,” she said. “A great deal of whatever success I’ve achieved lays with other faculty advisors on campus and the many staff members who work behind the scenes in Enrollment Services. This award represents a campus-wide collaboration.”

She is glad she chose CSULB. “This is a great environment and I’m glad I came here,” she said.

Killingsworth Plaza Dedication

On Wednesday, June 21, at 2 p.m., there will be a dedication of the Killingsworth Plaza, located on the first level in the front of Brotman Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The plaza will be dedicated to internationally-celebrated Edward A. Killingsworth, the master plan architect for the campus for more than 40 years who guided the development of the physical environment at CSULB. With vision, genius and devotion he influenced the design of the campus to provide a grace and charm that touches all who study, work and visit here.
**LAURELS**

**Paul Bott,** Professional Studies, was recently elected Vice Chair of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCCT). ACCSCCT is a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting body that accredits 800 schools and more than 3,000 different programs from diploma programs to master’s degrees.

**James Davis,** Kinesiology, published a refereed article titled “Test-retest reliability for two indices of ventilatory efficiency measured during cardiopulmonary exercise testing in healthy men and women” in the May issue of *Clinical Physiology and Functional Imaging*.

**Maridith Janssen,** Recreation and Leisure Studies, was appointed to a two-year term as a member of the Standards Hearing Committee of the National Council of Therapeutic Recreation Certification. This organization is the international certification body for all therapeutic recreation specialists in the U.S. and abroad.

**John Jung,** Psychology, delivered a talk on “Ethnic Issues in Career Networking and Development” sponsored by GAP, Inc., to the National Association of Asian Professionals held in Atlanta on April 28. He also delivered an invited keynote address titled “All I really needed to know, I learned in a Chinese laundry” at the Who’s Who of Asian American Communities in Georgia’s gala event held in Atlanta on April 29. He also presented a book talk and signing for *Southern Fried Rice: Life in a Chinese Laundry in the Deep South* at the New York Museum of Chinese in the Americas on March 30.

**Brian Alan Lane,** Film and Electronic Arts, saw his short film titled “Body of Work” make an Official Selection for screening and award judging at the 2006 Newport Beach Film Festival. “Body of Work” screened on April 21, the first full day of the festival, at the Edwards Cinemas’ Cox Theater in Fashion Island, in the “Outer Limits Shorts” program. The 25-minute piece stars John McCook and Lorenzo Lamas of CBS’ “The Bold and the Beautiful,” and co-stars Eric Tiede who graduated from CSULB in 2005.

**Beth Lau,** English, read a paper titled “Questioning Masculine vs. Feminine Romanticism: Jane Austen, the Male Poets, and the Dangers of Imagination” at the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Conference held at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, on April 1.

**Tom Logsdon** and **Gary Wilkinson,** University College and Extension Services, recently gave invited seminars as part of Northrop-Grumman’s University

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**Senior University Summer Session Signup**

Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI) ~ Senior University will hold registration for its summer session on Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m., followed by a membership meeting at 10 a.m. Registration and the meeting will be held in the Human Sciences and Design building, Room 101, on corner of Palo Verde Avenue and Anaheim Road. Free parking for this event will be available in Lot 9. The summer session is June 26-Aug. 22.

At the meeting Aileen Harper, executive director at The Center for Health Care Rights in Los Angeles, will present a program on health care. This program is designed to help better understand what benefits are provided under the new Medicare drug coverage and how Medicare drug benefits will work with Medi-Cal or retiree drug coverage.

Added to this summer session is the Introduction to the Mac and one night class. Learn the basics on the Mac operating system and key iLife features. The night class is PowerPoint and Producer combined into one class. Producer allows integration of PowerPoint slides, still pictures, audio and video into one training/education package.

Senior University offers classes in four eight-week sessions for adults 50 years of age or older. Annual membership is $40, pro-rated to $20 for both the spring and summer sessions. Tuition is $10 per lecture class and $45 per computer class. Computer classes also require an annual $40 SeniorNet membership fee.

For further information, call 562-985-8237, send an e-mail message to senior-university@csulb.edu, or visit its Web site at www.csulb.edu/ centers/senior-university.

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**STAFF applause**

Earning Staff Applause honors this month are (l-r) Luz Ortiz, Maria Uriarte, Jose Hernandez, Willo Cobb and Josehna Salinas, Facilities Management. Not pictured are Williams Espino and Lilly Nguyen, Human Resources Technology Support Services.
Summer Camps for Kids

Below is a listing of a variety of camps/programs offered at CSULB during summer. Contact the appropriate camp for information/application. Please note that each camp is run independently and has its own application process; most camps will provide lunch supervision and transportation to other CSULB summer camps; acceptance into one camp does not guarantee acceptance in another; enrollment is on a first-come basis; and camp dates, times and costs are subject to change. Access camp information by visiting www.longbeachstate.edu/local/camps.html.

49er Camp
Ages: 5-12
Sessions: June 26-July 21 and July 24-Aug. 18, $450 (approx.); Contact: 562/985-4049

Baseball Camp Boys
Kids Camp (ages 6-12) – June 26-30, July 10-14, July 24-28, and Aug. 14-18, $150; High School Camp (ages 14+) – July 17-20, $900; Contact: Troy Buckley, dirbagcamps@longbeachstate.com, 562/985-4061

Women’s Basketball Camp
Team Camp – June 26-28, $395; Elite Camp (ages 14-) – June 29-30, $190; Individual Camp (ages 7-11) – Aug. 7-11, $235; Contact: Mindy Boyle, beachbasketball@hotmail.com, 562/985-4059

Men’s Basketball Camp
Day Camp/Boys and Girls (ages 7-14) – June 19-23 and Aug. 14-18, $250; Offensive Skills Camp (ages 7-18) – June 20-22 and Aug. 15-17, $115; Division-I Position Camp – Aug. 11-12 (ages 14-18), $140; Contact: Mindy Boyle, beachbasketball@hotmail.com, 562/985-4059

Soccer Camp
Co-ed (ages 5-12) – July 10-14 and July 24-28, $150; Residential camp (females 12+) – July 17-20, $525 overnight, $425 day; Contact: Wendi Whitman at wwhitman@csulb.edu, 562/985-2350

Softball Girls
Ages 7-16
Sessions: July 17-21 and July 31-Aug. 4, $185; Contact: Kim Sower, ksower@csulb.edu, 562/985-1506

Swim Lessons
Ages 3-12
Three two-week sessions beginning July 10, (½ hour lessons); Contact: Jim Cullingham, jeulling@csulb.edu, 562/985-4674

Tennis
Ages 5-15
Eight one-week sessions – June 26-Aug. 18, $130; July 5-7 session is $80 due to short holiday week; Contact: Jennifer Hilt-Costello, jhilt@csulb.edu, 562/985-4336

Track and Field
Ages 8+
Session: June 19-23; Contact: Andy Sythe, asythe@csulb.edu, 562/985-4666

Volleyball Girls
Ages 12+
Skills Camp (two sessions) – July 22-25 and July 28-31, $395 overnight, $395 day; Setters Camp – July 25-28, $395 overnight, $295 day; Team Camp (two sessions) – July 22-25 and July 28-31, $395 overnight, $295 day; Kids Camp (ages 7-11) – July 25-28, $175; Contact: longbeachball@hotmail.com, 562/985-7302

Volleyball Boys
Ages 10-17
Better/Hitters/Libero Camp – July 31-Aug. 3, $395 overnight, $395 day; The Complete Player Camp – Aug. 3-6, $495 overnight, $395 day; Contact: Alan Knipe, aknipe@csulb.edu, 562/985-1738

Water Polo
Sessions: July 8-9, July 15-16, July 22-23; Phone: 562/985-8279

Athlete Academy
Ages 12-18
Sessions: TBA; Contact: Eric Burkhardt, eburkhs20@csulb.edu, 562/985-5480

Young Artists’ Camp
Ages: 9-15
Session: July 31-Aug. 18, $350; Contact: Stephanie Butler, perample@hotmail.com or call 562/985-4877 on Tuesday/Thursday from 1-3 p.m. for information.

Academic Enrichment
Ages 3-12
Session: June 26-July 21, Monday-Friday, approx. $425; Contact: 562/985-4668 or 985-7351

Math Camp
Grades: Entering grades 6-8
Session: July 24-Aug. 4, $250; Contact: 562/985-4798

Young Scientists’ Camp
Grades: 4-8
Session: Aug. 7-18, $275; Contact: 562/985-4801

Young Writers’ Camp
Grades: 1-2
Session: July 3-July 21 and July 24-Aug. 11; Cost: $300/1st student, $275/2nd-3rd student, faculty/staff; Contact: 562/985-8664 or 985-1606

Camp Nugget
Ages: 5-12
A low-cost summer day camp for children with special needs and disabilities. Session: June 26-July 21, $300; Contact: 562/985-7909.

Winter Camps for Kids

Contact Information

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