The Viewpoint of Rejection

By Richard Manly

S tacy L. Young rejects the idea that we know all there is to know about rejection.

This Communication Studies faculty member is an expert on hurtful communication who has followed her research into the many ways people communicate and respond to relational rejection.

Although there are many ways to convey rejection, “My research leads me to conclude it doesn’t matter how you say it – in other words, the wrapping paper may be nice on the outside, but in the end what is inside the package is still the same. However, what your relationship is to the person at the time of the rejection can make a big difference. The closer you are to the rejector, the less likely you are to believe in it,” she said.

That poses a problem for the person who is trying to fend off unwanted relational advances. The other person continues to pursue because they cannot take the rejection seriously. If they were to approach a stranger with the desire to pursue a relationship and the stranger says, “Leave me alone,” they would accept that.

But if they pursue a friend or someone they already have some level of connection to, when that person resists, the tendency is for them to just keep on trying. As a society, we tend to sympathize with the plight of the valentine. “What tends to happen to a would-be lover is an inability to see things as they are,” she explained. “People tend to read into relationships whatever worldview they possess. For instance, my niece has a crush on a boy at her school. He asked her to sit by him. For her, just like with us all, we are searching for clues and it is easy to think that other’s actions mean something, when maybe they do and maybe they don’t.”

Rejection takes many forms. Sometimes it is as simple as avoiding a phone call or e-mail. Sometimes there is rudeness involved. “Look at such classic lines as, ‘It’s not you; it’s me,’” she said. “The media keeps telling us not to give up and to keep on trucking. Love conquers all. But there is no graceful way to exit a relationship.”

Rejection cuts across ages. “It is not just a young person’s problem,” she explained. “We are socialized to frame rejection differently as we get older. We put rejection into such contexts as, ‘it didn’t hurt me; it made me mad!’ Younger people feel hurt. Anger becomes a more common response to rejection as we age.

The times we live in shade our judgment of how we interpret rejection. “Nowadays, we still have a strong emphasis on being a couple,” she said. “People pursue a relationship even when there is no evidence a relationship is possible or even desirable. Rejection is not as dramatic as it was during the Elizabethan period and ‘Romeo and Juliet.’ But even in the 21st century, there is a strong push to be a couple.”

With cell phones and e-mail and faxes, there are more ways than ever to dump someone. “Look at the popular TV commercial that features a young woman deleting ex-lovers from her cell,” she said. “With such new developments as online dating, we are forced to be more direct in our rejection. Up to now, we have relied on verbal or written modes of communication. Now we have text messages. There are not only more ways to connect, there are more ways to disconnect.”

American culture prefers direct expression but not all cultures feel that way. “Other cultures do not privilege straightforward communication,” she said. “Even though we say we prefer direct expression, we don’t. We avoid and hope the problem goes away. Nothing is more painful for people than sitting down with another person and telling them you don’t like them.”

Young earned two bachelor’s degrees from USC, one in French and one in communication studies. She later received her master’s from San Diego State and her Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 2000, the year she joined CSULB.

Knowing what she does about rejection sensitizes her. “When I overhear a rejection in a restaurant, I resist the impulse to get involved. I have definitely thought, ‘Oh, you’re not handling this well.’ My students think I must be very effective but I’m not always. I just know when I’m doing it wrong,” she laughed.

Young’s advice is that we all need to learn to be better listeners if we’re going to deal with rejection. “Getting the perspective of another person can help too. Rather than retreating into denial, ask: What underlies the message? Why is it said and why said now? If you view rejection as a question rather than an answer, you’ll be better off. But it is important not to dwell on rejection, because that is very unhealthy. The key is to see what you can learn from the experience and then move on – but you have to do both: learn so it is productive and move on so it is constructive.”
Mahoney Named Provost for Cal State East Bay

By Rick Gloady

Michael Mahoney, dean for the College of Engineering at CSULB, was named the new provost and vice president of academic affairs for Cal State East Bay.

Scheduled to begin his new post March 1, Mahoney will be leaving the CSULB campus after more than 35 years of service, 14 as a faculty member and more than 11 as an administrator.

“Af ter being selected provost for CSU East Bay, several thoughts went through my mind including, ‘I don’t want to leave CSULB!’ Mahoney said. “On the other hand, an exciting thought was the great challenge facing me as provost of a good university with many challenges, but one that is definitely on the upswing. I also thought a lot about the great people that I met at East Bay and how I would enjoy working with them for a great cause.

“My experiences as a department chair, academic vice chair, associate vice president for Academic Information Technology and dean at CSULB will definitely help me as I hope to help solve some of the same problems that CSULB has encountered and some that it has solved,” he added. “In particular, my experiences with student and faculty recruitment, supporting student organizations, shared governance, alumni and local industry will help the most. I will be able to understand what the deans at CSU East Bay deal with on a daily basis.”

Mahoney first joined the CSU system as a lecturer in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department at Cal State Long Beach in 1980. He received his appointment as an assistant professor in 1982, an associate professor in 1987 and full professor in 1992. He was named an associate dean for the CSULB College of Engineering in 1994 and served in that role until he was named dean in 2000.

Patricia Guthrie, director of the CSUEB Women Studies program and chair of the provost search committee, said committee members were impressed that in his current position as a college dean Mahoney holds office hours for faculty and students. “He struck us as somebody who is accessible,” she said. “He demonstrated an appreciation for faculty work, and he has a history of recognizing the role of faculty.” His experience with the CSU system and fundraising were other strengths the eight-person search committee noted, Guthrie said.

Mahoney earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in mathematics from University of California at Santa Barbara, and he taught there as a lecturer before joining Cal State Long Beach.

“I am really going to miss CSULB, especially the students, faculty and staff whom I’ve worked with,” Mahoney explained. “So many people have helped to make this campus one of the top three public master’s comprehensive universities in the west and it’s been wonderful to be a part of it. Fortunately, President Alexander and incoming Provost Gould are such strong academically oriented leaders that CSULB will only increase its reputation as an outstanding university.

“Still, I’m delighted to stay within the CSU system. I believe it is the greatest education system in the entire world,” he continued. “I got a warm, positive feeling from all of the students, faculty and staff I met during my visit (to Cal State East Bay). I look forward to getting started.”

Job Fair Set for Feb. 28

The Career Development Center (CDC) will host the Engineering, Science and Technology Job Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from noon to 4 p.m. in the ballroom of the University Student Union.

More than 70 companies and organizations will attend the annual event. Among the list of participants include The Boeing Company, Conexant Systems, County of Orange, Kiewit Pacific, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Port of Los Angeles, Rudolph and Sletten, CALTRANS, State Water Resource Control Board and WorleyParsons.

Available positions range from internships and part-time to full-time opportunities. While juniors, seniors, and alumni are especially encouraged to attend, students of all academic levels will have the opportunity to interact with employers.

During the weeks prior to the job fair, the Career Development Center will offer workshops for resume, interview and job fair preparation.

To view a complete list of employers and workshops, visit www.careers.csulb.edu or contact the CDC at 562/985-4151.

VSP Vision Benefits Update

Effective Jan 1, VSP became the new CSU vision care provider (previously MES). Currently some CSU employees are experiencing difficulty in accessing and/or verifying vision benefits/eligibility via the VSP Web site. This problem is related to the manner in which the State Controller’s Office (SCO) provides enrollment information to VSP.

The Chancellor's Office is working with VSP to resolve this issue as soon as possible. Until we receive notification that the problem has been resolved, please call VSP toll-free at 800/877-7195 when it is necessary for you or your vision care provider to verify your eligibility. The VSP representative will need the employee/subscriber’s name and Social Security number.

Employees also are able to complete an online member registration to create a user identification (ID) and password to view vision benefits and search provider listing. Upon completing the online enrollment process, providers will be able to verify eligibility electronically. Online registration requires members to enter the employee/subscriber’s name and Social Security number.

(Note: The CSU vision benefit provider listing will not be displayed online.)

To access the online registration forms, use the following direct Web link: www.vsp.com/member/html/register-member-info.jsp.

For questions, call Benefits Services at 562/985-2381, or contact Nikco Moore via e-mail at nmoore@csulb.edu.
Lesley Farmer capped seven years as a member of the Educational Psychology, Administration and Counseling Department last fall with the publication of her 20th book, *Collaborative Leadership and Support: Working with Administrators and Support Personnel*.

“This new book talks about how to foster collaborative leadership between administrators and librarians,” said Farmer, who joined the university in 1999. “What hasn’t been stressed up to now is what library media teachers can do for administrators. When librarians fight to survive in a Google world, tapping their expertise to further the school community’s mission is a good way to become indispensable.

For example, if a grant proposal needs background research, the library media teacher can do that. If an administrator needs a paper on the benefit of instructional design or school reform, a library media teacher can do that. It’s all about what each stakeholder brings to the table. And in light of a shrinking state education budget, this book is especially timely.”

In her new book, Farmer urges greater cooperation between librarians and their administrative and service support staff counterparts.

“If we work together, we can exert more leverage on the many issues that face us in the 21st century,” she said. “Test scores won’t improve if schools do not pay attention to the whole student, and that includes what library media teachers have to offer.”

Farmer is the author of such titles as *Technology-Infused Instruction for the Educational Community: A Guide for School Library Specialists; Student Success and Library Media Programs: A Systems Approach to Research and Best Practice; Digital Inclusion, Teens, and Your Library: Exploring the Issues and Acting on Them; and How to Conduct Action Research: A Guide for Library Media Specialists*. Other titles include *Teaming with Opportunity: Media Programs, Community Constituencies, and Technology and Collaborative Learning Activities in the Library Media Center*.

In 2005, she was awarded the Gold Disk Award from Computer-Using Educators, and was invited to teach library science courses at the University of Hong Kong. She earned her B.A. in English from Whitman College and her master’s in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She served a stint in the Peace Corps where she worked in Tunisia. She received her doctorate from Temple University in Philadelphia in 1981 and later joined Virginia Commonwealth University before serving as K-12 library director and adjunct faculty at San Jose State.

Odyssey Announces Spring 2007 Events

Continuing with its theme for 2006-07, “The Ethics is Personal,” hosted by the Colleges of Business Administration and Engineering, Odyssey launches its spring 2007 events on Wednesday, Feb. 21, with guest speaker William Draves, president of the Learning Resources Network (LERN) and co-author (with Julie Coates) of *Nine Shift: Work, Life and Education in the 21st century*. Draves will discuss *Nine Shift* and the similar forces to 100 years ago that have the potential for restructuring society by 2020. The event will take place from 2:30 p.m. in the Engineering/Computer Science Building (ECS), Room 105.

Other upcoming Odyssey events include the band Negativeland performing “It’s All in Your Head” on Wednesday, March 7, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall. Tickets are $10.

On Thursday, March 8, the Lauda Wellness Lecture will take place featuring Dr. Allen Arnette, Dr. Mark deDuBovay and Dr. Sarah Sandell. The topic will be “Medication, Herbs, and Supplements: Clearing Confusion to Promote Safety and Optimize Health.” The event will begin at 6 p.m. in The Pointe.

On Wednesday, March 21, Holocaust survivor Laura Hillman will speak from 2:30 p.m., with the location to be announced. This event is part of *Long Beach Reads One Book Week*.

On Thursday, March 22, there will be a conference titled “Eurasian Women and Self-Reliance: Religion and Education in the Contemporary World” held from 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. in The Pointe. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise specified. Seating availability is first come, first seated. Please note that dates/times/venues for Odyssey events are subject to change.

For further information, contact Rachel Brophy, student programs coordinator, at 562/985-4546.
CSULB Receives Grant from Dept. of Education

CSULB has been awarded a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education through its Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program. The university will receive $574,995 annually for five years to address academic and professional obstacles often experienced by Latino students.

The resources will allow CSULB to support activities in three specific areas: improvement in academic advising and mentoring opportunities for Latino students; professional development opportunities for faculty and staff to develop more culturally relevant advising and instructional strategies for Latino students; and enhancement of institutional research capabilities to better measure and follow Latino student academic progress.

CSULB has experienced a steady increase in the enrollment of Latino undergraduate students, growing from 6,323 in 2001 to 7,496 in 2005. Through its various campus initiatives, the university also has recently improved its one-year retention rates for both first-time freshmen and transfer Latino students to 80 percent and 91.3 percent, respectively. Furthermore, the six-year graduation rates for first-time Latino freshmen and four-year graduation rates for transfer Latino students improved by 15 percent and 12.5 percent, respectively, during the five-year period that began in 1999.

These increases have helped CSULB’s graduation rates for Latino students exceed that of the national average for public universities. “This grant will further allow us to make continued strides in addressing the academic and professional success of our Latino students,” said CSULB President F.ard Hollingsworth, president and CEO of Gateway Cities Partnership, Inc. The panel participants represent U.S. Coast Guard, U.S Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and private industry. They will offer the most up-to-date information possible on a rapidly changing topic, making this a unique opportunity for audience members to ask questions and gain valuable knowledge.

The event is for individuals involved with and affected by trade and transportation, including representatives of longshoremens, truckers, ocean carriers, marine terminals, freighter forwarders, custom brokers, intermodal marketing companies, distribution centers, shippers, community leaders, government agencies and elected officials, as well as the general public.

For more information, call the CITT office at 562/296-1170.

Fitness Opportunities for Staff, Faculty

The following activities and programs are available (for a nominal fee) to CSULB staff and faculty through the Department of Recreation and Club Sports:

- Deep water exercise
- Shallow water exercise
- Lap swimming
- Yoga
- Pilates
- Line dancing
- Circuit workouts on weight machines
- Walking
- Cardio kickboxing
- Faculty/staff fitness program
- Golf lessons
- Surfing lessons

For more information or to sign up, stop by the Recreation Office in Physical Education, Room 20 or call 562/985-2370. You may also visit its Web site at www.csulb.edu/reoc.
President’s Commission Seeks Nominations

The President’s Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) at CSULB is seeking nominations for its Fifth Annual Advancement of Women Awards.

The commission will honor a student, staff member, faculty member and an administrator who have actively contributed to the advancement of women at the university.

All women and men who are current members of the campus community are eligible for the award (with the exception of current PCSW commissioners).

Each winner will receive a plaque and will be recognized at the Spring Women’s Research Colloquium on Tuesday, March 27. In addition, the winners’ names will be included on a perpetual plaque displayed in the Women’s Resource Center.

Nominations must include an extensive letter detailing the work that the candidate has done for women at CSULB and why that work is significant. Pink nomination forms were distributed campus wide in mid-January. Additional forms may be obtained by contacting the Office of University Ombuds at 562/985-9001.

The deadline for receiving nomination forms is Friday, Feb. 23, and all nominations should be mailed to the Women's Resource Center, LA-3, Room 105, or e-mailed to mgchavez@csulb.edu.

For more information about the awards or the nominating process, contact the University Ombuds at 562/985-9001.

Foundation Announces Scholarships for 2007-08

The CSU Foundation recently announced the availability of dozens of endowed scholarships to students for the 2007-08 academic year.

Through the CSU Office of the Chancellor, there is more than $350,000 in funds accessible to students who will be attending one of the system’s 23 campuses throughout California. Students may submit their scholarship applications to their campus financial aid offices as early as March.

In most cases, systemwide scholarships require that students maintain full-time status during the academic year in which the award is received. Eligibility is re-verified each semester during the scholarship award period.

Applicants who have not previously received a systemwide scholarship will be given priority over equally qualified applicants. Those under consideration for more than one scholarship during the same year will be considered first for the scholarship of greatest value.

Among the 2007-08 academic scholarships available to CSU students are:

- The Dale M. Schoettler Scholarship for Visually Impaired Students – There are 46 $5,500 scholarships available for visually impaired students, as verified by physicians at CSU campuses.
- The William Randolph Hearst/CSU Trustees’s Award for Outstanding Achievement – One scholarship of $6,000 and 22 $3,000 scholarships are available for students who have overcome adversity, demonstrated financial need and have attributes of merit, including superior academic performance, exemplary community service and significant personal achievements. Campus presidents nominate one scholarship recipient per campus.
- The Nathaniel R. and Valerie Dumont Scholarship – Six $4,000 scholarships are available for students with financial needs, especially those with visual or physical impairments. Each eligible campus may submit up to two applicants.
- The Gregson Bautzer University Fund Scholarship – Two scholarships valued at $2,000 per academic year for four years are available for California Academy of Mathematics and Sciences students only who attend any CSU campus.
- The Glenn and Dorothy Dumke Fellowship – One $1,000 fellowship is available for a graduate student in public policy, American history, economics, archival management or government who conducts a research project on California in the CSU library/archival collections.
- The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers – Robert M. Odell Endowment Scholarship in Public Administration – Four $1,600 scholarships are available for undergraduate or graduate students in public administration at eligible campuses.
- The Wilson C. Riles Education Scholarship – Four $1,000 scholarships are available for first-generation college students enrolled in a CSU teaching credential program at eligible campuses.
- The Angelina Aliberti Ruggie and Lawrence L. Ruggie Endowed Scholarship – Two $1,250 scholarships are available for students studying the humanities at selected campuses.

2007 Water Polo Championship

CSULB and the City of Los Alamitos will host the 2007 NCAA Women's Water Polo Championship at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos, May 11-13. The top eight teams in the nation will compete for the national championship.

All-session tickets are $40 for adults and $20 for youth and students and are on sale at The Walter Pyramid box office. If still available, single session tickets will go on sale May 11.

For more information, call 562/985-4949 or visit www.longbeachstate.com.

Earning Staff Applause honors in this issue are (l-r) Paul Johnson, Facilities Management; Dave Kelly, Advanced Media Production; Bob Rodgers, Audio Visual Services; and Ed Price, Advanced Media Production. Not pictured are Mat Kaplan, University College and Extension Services; Janice Mandel, Government and Community Relations; Pam Jesse, Housing and Residential Life; and Latoria Rams and Nash Carrillo, Parking/Transportation and Event Services.
$3 Million NASA Award Given to Study Air Traffic

By Shayne Schroeder

CSULB has received a four-year, $3 million NASA award to establish a consortium of universities and private industries to collaborate on a project that will look at the possibility of increasing air traffic up to three times without building new airports.

The project is titled “Metrics for Operator Situation Awareness, Workload, and Performance in Automated Separation Assurance Systems,” and CSULB is the lead in the consortium that includes faculty from Cal State Northridge, San Jose State and Purdue University along with The Boeing Company. Boeing is creating the ability for consortium members to work together and run simulations of aircraft flying in designated airspace sectors via the Internet.

“This grant is the result of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, signed into law in 2003, which led to the formation of the Joint Planning and Development Office,” said Tom Strybel, CSULB psychology professor and co-principal investigator for this project along with Kim Vu, an assistant professor of psychology at the university. “This office is charged with developing the vision for the 2025 Next Generation Air Traffic System, or NGATS, and the research required to achieve that vision.

“With this grant, we are interested in evaluating the impact of new automation concepts and technologies on pilots and air traffic controllers. The goal of NGATS is to increase air traffic capacity (more airplanes in the sky) without building more airports,” Strybel added.

“Another possible impact of automation is that some responsibilities of air traffic controllers will manage traffic on their own workstations.”

The FAA forecasts that the demand for flying will increase significantly over the next two decades, and it hopes to increase airspace capacity and put more airplanes in the sky by getting them closer together without sacrificing safety.

“The obvious question is how many more airplanes?” Strybel pointed out. “They expect new technology will allow greater efficiency, but it has been my experience that even when technology works, it is not always the panacea we had expected. Sometimes the introduction of new technology creates more work.”

Currently, according to Strybel, planes must have a cushion of three to five miles laterally and 1,000-3,000 feet vertically. As a psychologist, Strybel’s focus will be on areas—workload and situation awareness among air traffic controllers and pilots.

“We want to measure workload, or mental effort, and determine if it is manageable under new automation concepts,” Strybel said. “Workload is always an issue for air traffic controllers and pilots because of the demands made on them. Situation awareness is being aware of the information in your environment, understanding it, making good predictions on the basis of that information and being able to anticipate future events. Pilots call this ‘having the picture.’”

To illustrate how these concepts will be studied, the consortium selects an airspace such as Dallas-Fort Worth for which it has a simulation airspace model and then creates a traffic scenario. Pilots will “fly” in the airspace, and air traffic controllers will manage traffic using desktop computers with networked simulation software. At CSULB, these simulations will be run in the Center for the Study of Advanced Aerodynamic Technologies, which currently has 24 high-end workstations donated by The Boeing Company.

“Consortium members can be in different locations but can participate together and collaborate with NASA Ames Research Center, which developed the simulation software and agreed to share it with the consortium,” said Strybel. “For example, one pilot at CSULB could be flying an aircraft arriving into Dallas-Fort Worth. Pilots on other workstations, possibly at other universities, would be flying either arriving, departing or en route aircraft. All pilots would be communicating with air traffic controllers over the Internet. Air traffic controllers will manage traffic on their own workstations.”

With these simulations, the consortium can evaluate new automation concepts to determine their impact on workload, situation awareness, capacity and safety.

“Some people have said that, from a situation awareness standpoint, if you give pilots an air traffic controller-type of display, they should be more aware because they can see more of what’s going on in the airspace,” Strybel noted, “but this display might require that pilots spend more time looking down at the display instead of out the window, possibly reducing situation awareness.

“Another possible impact of automation is that some responsibilities of air traffic controllers could be transferred to pilots,” he continued. “Presently, air traffic controllers are responsible for maintaining separation among all aircraft; pilots must obtain air traffic controller approval for their initial flight plan and any changes to their flight plan. With new automation tools, some responsibility for separation could be transferred to pilots to alleviate some workload on the air traffic controller and giving them more time to manage traffic flow in the sector. These are the types of issues we will be examining.”

The consortium will be developing new ways of measuring pilot and air traffic controller situation awareness and workload.

“I would like to be able to, by developing and validating these metrics, let the results themselves show how new automation technologies will affect pilots and controllers in terms of their job performance,” said Strybel.

CSULB Selected for Carnegie Academy

CSULB was one of 87 higher education institutions or networks of institutions worldwide selected to participate in a new program that has the goal of improving undergraduate and graduate education through The Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL).

The CASTL Institutional Leadership Program is a three-year partnership between Carnegie and selected colleges, universities and higher education organizations with a strong commitment to the careful examination of teaching and learning. Participants were selected for their ability to influence education in 12 areas, ranging from assessment and accountability to undergraduate research.

CSULB is working on the program theme “Student Voices in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.” Western Washington University serves as the coordinating institution and the other schools directly involved with this particular theme are Elon University, Illinois State University, North Seattle Community College and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

At a Carnegie convening in November in Washington, D.C. the members of this theme developed the charge: “We commit to engaging students as collaborative partners in improving teaching and learning. We charge ourselves to create models that re-conceptualize learning spaces and roles. We will investigate, expand, share, and reflect upon experiences of learning founded on participation, reciprocity, and trust toward the development of student voices.”

“This is really about encouraging students to be more involved in their education,” said Betsy Decyk, a lecturer in the departments of psychology and philosophy and psychology at CSULB and one of the Carnegie Project campus leaders. “At CSULB we have sponsored student/faculty conversations on collaborative learning and we will be developing other programs as well.”

Other CSULB faculty leaders for the project are Terre Allen, director of the Center for Professional Development, Alan Colburn in science education, Julie Rivera in Chicano and Latino studies and Nancy Strow Sheley in English and liberal studies.
Daffodil Days Support American Cancer Society

Since 1996, the CSULB community has raised more than $40,000 for the American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Days to support cancer research and patient services.

The 2007 campaign is underway, offering a variety of daffodil bouquets and gifts ranging from $10 to $100 that can be ordered until Feb. 21 for delivery during the week of March 12.

Contact campus campaign coordinator Lori Evans of University Relations and Development at 985-5489 or llevans@csulb.edu for more information or to order.

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Babette Benken, Mathematics, Statistics and Mathematics, presented research papers titled “Addressing mathematical achievement through teacher knowledge: The creation of a professional mathematics community continuum,” and “So when do we teach mathematics?: A study of the impact of mathematical anxiety on teacher practice in an urban high school,” at the national meeting of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators in Irvine in January. Also, she presented a workshop on functions at the California Mathematics Council Southern Section’s annual meeting in Palm Springs in November.

Paul Boyd-Batstone, Teacher Education, was the featured speaker on Jan. 20 at Bank Street College Graduate School of Education in New York for its seventh annual series on “Excellence in Language Instruction: Conversations with Experts.”


Hamid Rahai, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, and his graduate students Ayaz Alwary, Eyass Khansa and Daniel Carpio, co-authored a paper titled “Near-Filed Characteristics of a Jet with a Coil-Insert Injector” presented at the 2006 ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition held Nov. 5-10 in Chicago.

Fran Siegel, Art, was selected as the official U.S. representative at the IX International Biennial of Cuenca, Ecuador due to open April 11. The project, including a full catalogue, will be funded by the U.S. State Department’s office of cultural affairs. Siegel will create a site-specific installation integrating light with architecture. The project’s curator, Kristina Newhouse, who received her MFA in ceramics at CSULB, serves as the Torrance Art Museum’s curator.


Victor C.X. Wang, Professional Studies, published an article titled “The Instructional Patterns of Online Educators in China” in Asian Journal of Distance Education, 2006, 4(1), pp. 43-55. This article reports the results of a study designed to investigate the instructional patterns of Chinese online instructors in terms of Western (i.e., United States) constructivist approaches and problem-based learning models as reflected also in the humanistic, progressive, analytic and radical approaches of teaching. Online instructors from major universities in Beijing and Shanghai, China, volunteered to respond to a survey comprised of 19 statements about their teaching patterns.

AUTHOR of the month


ROBERT EISEMANN, PROFESSOR, RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Published in October by Sterling Publishing, The New Testament Code demonstrates a connection of words and phrases between the New Testament and the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1,000 pages of new research. In identifying the scrolls as the literature of “the Messianic Movement in Palestine,” Eisenmann — who broke the monopoly over the Dead Sea Scrolls and was the first to identify “the James Ossuary” as a fraud — demonstrates the integral relationship of James the brother of Jesus to the Righteous Teacher of the Dead Sea Scrolls, decoding many famous and beloved sayings in the Gospels such as “Every plant which my heavenly father has not planted shall be uprooted.”

In doing so, he decipher the way the picture of Jesus was put together in the Gospels, in the process clarifying the real history of Palestine in the First Century and, as a consequence, what can be known about the real Jesus of that time. At the same time, he unravels the real code behind a pivotal New Testament allusion like “This is the Cup of the New Covenant in my Blood,” connecting it to “the New Covenant in the Land of Damascus” and “drinking the Cup of the Wrath of God” in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Coming as the long-awaited sequel to his James the Brother of Jesus, The New Testament Code explores the relationship of “the New Covenant in the Land of Damascus” of the Dead Sea Scrolls to “the Last Supper” in the Gospels and “the Cup” connected to both. Did Paul know the meaning of the famous Damascus Document (discovered in a Synagogue Repository in Old Cairo in 1897), “to set the Holy Things up according to their precise specifications” — or the reverse of it, as Peter was presented as discovering in the Books of Arts — “to make no distinctions between Holy and profane”?
Wednesday, Feb. 7
The Ninth Annual Center for International Trade and Transportation State of the Trade and Transportation Industry Town Hall Meeting, 8-8:30 p.m., Carpenter Performing Arts Center. Admission/parking are free, but seating is limited. For information, call 562/296-1170.

Thursday, Feb. 8
LGBT Resource Center and Athletics Department: LGBT Community Group Day at Women's Basketball game, 7 p.m., Walter Pyramid. For information/tickets, e-mail kchun@csulb.edu.

Friday, Feb. 9
Women's Basketball vs. Cal Poly SLO, 7 p.m., Walter Pyramid. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

Saturday, Feb. 10
Women's Tennis vs. CSU Northridge, noon, campus courts. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

Feb. 14-15
Cabaret Series: Beta Malone and Kevin Earley, "Love is in the Air. Dinner at 6 p.m., performance at 7 p.m., Carpenter Performing Arts Center. For information/tickets, call 562/985-7000.

Thursday, Feb. 15
LGBT Resource Center holds Spring Open House, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For information, call 562/985-4585.

Saturday, Feb. 17
Men’s Volleyball vs. Cal Baptist, 7 p.m., Walter Pyramid. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

Sunday, Feb. 18
Long Beach Community Concert Association presents "Mac Frampton and Company: American Portrait," 2 p.m., Carpenter Performing Arts Center. For information/tickets, call 562/985-7000.

Saturday, Feb. 24
Homecoming 2007... "Back to 49er Days"

The CSULB Alumni Association, 49er Athletic Association, and Associated Students Inc. invite alumni and friends to celebrate Homecoming 2007 with the theme "Back to 49er Days... The Dawn of Tradition." Homecoming 2007 will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, from noon-4 p.m. in parking lot 13 which is adjacent to The Mike and Arlene Walter Pyramid. Theme attire or CSULB logo is appreciated.

The CSULB Alumni Association, 49er Athletic Association, and President's Office will co-host a group tent, celebrating 49er Pride and Tradition for members, the campus community, and friends. A chicken and rib barbecue buffet will be served from 1-2:30 p.m., with meal tickets costing $10 for children (under 12), $20 for adult members and their guests, and $25 for non-members. Included with your meal ticket is the opportunity to win two tickets and dinner to Pageant of the Masters, and two tickets to Jewels of the Night among other prizes. A commemorative giveaway also will be provided.

Game ticket packages are also available which include a meal ticket and a ticket for the men’s basketball game vs. UC Davis. The cost is $10 for children (under 12, admitted free with the purchase of a meal ticket), $27 for adult members and their guests, and $32 for non-members.

Homecoming features many free activities for the whole family including campus tours (1 and 2 p.m.), private tours of the Japanese Garden (12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m.), the wiener dog stampede/race (12:30 p.m.), interactive games, alumni historical and athletic photo gallery, face painting, caricature artist, and entertainment featuring The Jeff Severson Band.

Homecoming festivities will be followed by a men’s basketball game vs. UC Davis at 4:05 p.m. at The Walter Pyramid. To participate in the pre-game activities, purchase meal ticket packages or make shuttle bus reservations, contact Janet Gonzales at 562/985-7022 or via e-mail at jgonza49@csulb.edu. For game ticket information only, call The Walter Pyramid box office at 562/985-4949.