



College of Social Sciences

California State University, Fresno

Mock Trial Team Competes in Nationals

College of Social Sciences Newsletter

Gordon Park Mock Trial Team Coach

From February 13-15, the Fresno State campus hosted one of three west coast mock trial Regional tournaments with 26 teams fighting it out to win one of the top eight spots to qualify to compete at the National Finals opening round tournament over March 20-22. This was the second year that AMTA (the college mock trial governing association) honored Fresno State with hosting one of the prestigious regional qualifying tournaments, based upon the success of last year's tournament.

Despite it being a holiday weekend, over 130 attorneys and judges from Fresno, Tulare and Kern counties again volunteered to score one or more rounds of trials. As a result, for the second year in a row, the competing schools, coaches and AMTA representatives awarded the Fresno Regional the highest possible rating and Fresno State will likely again be asked to host an even bigger regional qualifying tournament next year.

The civil case this year involved a claim of defamation filed by a politician against a TV news network for wrongfully accusing the plaintiff of murder. After the four rounds of jury trials, one of two Fresno State teams competing at the Harvey Wallace Northern California College Mock Trial Regional at Fresno State managed to overcome tough competition to finish as one of the top eight teams along with Arizona State, Cal, UCLA, UC Irvine (2 teams); Stanford, and UC Santa Barbara.

Additionally, three Fresno State students won awards as Outstanding Witnesses or Lawyers. Craig Waters

earned the highest Outstanding Witness award (one of only 11 out of 300 student witnesses) for having been ranked as the #1 witness by all four judges. Candace Clark, playing TV reporter Regan Thomas, also won an Outstanding Witness award. Finally, Kayla Griffith won one of 17 Outstanding

two very close ballot losses to UCLA (the ultimate tournament champion). They also lost to Stanford by one ballot and to UC Irvine (who took 2nd place) by two.

Almost the entire FSU team of 32 students will likely be returning next year, except for the few who graduate, and the kids are already talking about "just wait till next year!"

The Fresno State teams are coached by part-time criminology college instructor and full-time civil trial attorney, Gordon Park of Mc Cormick Barstow; civil trial attorney Steve McQuillan of Jacobsen, Hansen, Najarian and McQuillan; civil attorney Paul Whitfield of Mc Cormick Barstow; Deputy District Attorney

Chris Irwin, and FSU Criminology professor and ex-Marine JAG Dr. Mark Stevens.

Finally, the success of the Regional Tournament at Fresno State and our mock trial program has much to do with the incredible support, both moral and financial, from the campus administration, Kent Karsevar of the Foundation, and ASI. In particular, Dean Luz Gonzalez has been a tremendous help to the team this year in obtaining travel funding for teams to compete at invitational tournaments at Harvard, Iowa, Illinois, UCLA, UC Irvine and Middle Tennessee State. ASI provided additional funding for the program to be able to host a first class Regional with impressive signs and banners. Their support is much appreciated by the team.



Lawyer awards out of 300 student attorneys.

Another two Fresno State teams competed at the Claremont regional on February 20-22. One team was composed of mock trial veterans, and the other of almost all fresh-men/women. Both faced tough competition from UCLA, USC, Arizona, Arizona State, Claremont, Uni of Irvine, among others. The veteran team lost two ballots by a total of 4 points (a very narrow margin) and ended up winning 3 ballots and losing 5. In order to qualify for nationals, a team had to finish in the top 8 and that required a final tally of 5 wins, and 3 losses. The Freshman team came closest, losing a controversial trial to Scripps College at the end.

In the National Finals tournament in Irvine, CA the team that qualified in the Fresno regional went 3-4-1, suffering

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The World is our classroom

Research Activities

Melanie Ram

Department of Political Science

Melanie contributed two chapters--one on Romania and a co-authored chapter on the Roma--to the book *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe* (Routledge, 2009, ed. Bernd Rechel).



Ephraim Smith

Department of History

Dr. Ephraim Smith's documentary "Power for the Parkinsons," narrated by Walter Cronkite, premiered in prime time on Detroit Public Television in April, 2008. This program has been re-broadcast by six other PBS stations. This project was funded in part by grants from the New York Community Trust, the Ohio Humanities Council (a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities), and by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



Walter Cronkite in studio

Smith has also completed a sixty-one minute sequel, "The Parkinsons," also narrated by Walter Cronkite. In October, 2008, Dr. Smith completed a third program (56 minutes) featuring three historic REA films from 1940 and 1941.

His web site (powerforparkinsons.com) is an important resource for film historians and those interested in rural life in Depression-era America. The web site includes eighty-two minutes (largely "outtakes") of free streaming video.



The Parkinson family and film crew

Bridget Conlon

Department of Sociology

Bridget coauthored an article entitled, "Identity maintenance and cognitive test performance" that was recently published in *Social Science Research*.



She also recently presented a paper entitled, "Does where you live affect how you feel?" at the *Pacific Sociological Association*. And Bridget received a scholarship to attend the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) this summer in Ann Arbor, Michigan for a short workshop on categorical data analysis.



Franklin Ng

Department of Anthropology

Franklin recently published "From Laos to America: The Hmong Community in the United States," in *Emerging Voices: Experiences of Underrepresented Asian Americans*, ed. Huping Ling (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2008).

Xuanning Fu

Department of Sociology

Xuanning published two articles in well known academic journals this year. The first, "Racial and Educational Homogamy: 1980 to 2000" was published in *Sociological Perspectives*.



The second, "Intermarriage and Segmented Assimilation: U.S. Born Asians in 2000" appeared in the *Journal of Asian American Studies*. This second article was co-authored with Melanie Hatfield, our Outstanding Student for 2006-07.



Debbie Helsel

Department of Sociology

Debbie had an article, "Afterbirths in the Afterlife: Cultural Meaning of Placental Disposal in a Hmong American Community," published in *Annual Editions: Human Sexualities* (McGraw-Hill, 2009).



Thomas Holyoke

Department of Political Science

Tom authored the article "Interest Group Competition and Coalition Formation" published in the April 2009 edition of the *American Journal of Political Science*.

He was also lead author of "Policy Dynamics and the Evolution of State Charter School Laws" in the January 2009 edition of *Policy Sciences* with Jeffrey Henig of Columbia University, Heath Brown of Roanoke College, and Natalie Lacireno-Paquet of WestEd Learning.



Ed Nelson

Department of Sociology

Ed had his, *SPSS for Windows 16.A Basic Tutorial* (2008), published by McGraw-Hill.

Maria Lopes

Department of Chicano & Latin American Studies

For more than three years, Maria has been doing research on the commercial relations between Mexico and the United States, during the last decades of the nineteenth century and until after the Mexican Revolution (1910-1917). In her three latest publications she explores new dimensions in this bi-national connection: "Revolución y ganadería en el norte de México", in *Historia Mexicana*, vol. 57:3 (January-March, 2008); "Orden, progreso y centralismo, Chihuahua (México) bajo el mandato porfiriano (1876-1910)", in *Historia Unisinos*, vol. 12: 2 (May-August, 2008); and "El intercambio en la frontera norte de México: comercio internacional en ámbito regional (1850-1884)", in *Secuencia. Revista de Historia y Ciencias Sociales*, vol. 72 (January-April, 2009).



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She is currently collaborating with a

colleague from El Colegio Mexiquense in Toluca (Mexico) on research centered on understanding the dynamics of livestock exchange in the U.S.-Mexican border, from 1880 to 1960.

Elizabeth Swearingen

Women's Studies Program

Elizabeth has co-written and produced an original performance piece entitled "Intersecting Paths: Mormonism and Feminism." The work debuted in the fall of 2008 at an event in the local community, and it was performed on campus on March 24th as the premiere Women's Studies event for Women's History Month.

Matt Jendian

Department of Sociology

Matt's book, *Becoming American, Remaining Ethnic: The Case of Armenian-Americans in Central California* (2008), was published by LFB Scholarly Publishing.



Roksana Badruddoja

Women's Studies Program

Roksana's article, "Queer Spaces, Places, and Gender: The Tropologies of Rupa and Ronica," was published by one of the most prestigious journals in the field, the *National Women's Studies Association Journal*.

Linda Vang

Department of Sociology

Linda, a part-time lecturer, is graduating this semester from the CSUF/UC Davis Joint Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership. Her dissertation is entitled, *Toward an Understanding of Registered Nurses' Experiences in the Instruction of Advance Care Planning to Patients in a Home Health Setting: A Mixed Model Approach*.



Va Nee Van Vleck

Department of Economics

Va Nee recently co-authored an article and book chapter essay. The article is entitled, "Alert eyes and DWIs: An indirect evaluation of a DWI witness reward program in Stockton, CA" and appeared in *Accident Analysis and Prevention*. The book chapter, "Brewing Trouble: Some Employment Implications of Regular Malt Liquor Beer Consumption," appeared in Brown-Miller, A.(ed), *The Praeger International Collection on Addictions*, Vol 1. *The Many faces of Addiction*.



Our Students

Department of History

The Department of History is proud to announce the graduation in May 2009 of its first cohort of the Teaching Option of the Master's Degree in History. Funded in part by a Teaching American History Grant, the cohort are all credentialed, full-time Social Science teachers. With three years of seminars behind them, the cohort is thrilled to be completing their culminating projects. Congratulations!

Women's Studies Program

Students in POWER: The Women's Studies Student Organization, with assistance from the WS Senior Seminar students, put on yet another highly successful production of the *Vagina Monologues* on February 14 and 15. The show is one of the largest campus-wide events bringing in more than 500 audience members. The event also included two additional educational events, including a film about rape in the Congo. This organization is advised by Dr. Janet Slagter.

Department of Anthropology

On April 30-May 3, seven Fresno State anthropology majors and one alumna will travel to the *Southwestern Anthropological Association* annual meeting to present results of research

they have conducted on 2008-2009 Institute of Public Anthropology (IPA) projects. Student Kimberly Arnold organized the panel. She and three others – Dalitso Ruwe, Ashlee Dotson and recent graduate, Alecia Barela – will present papers about the Library

Study, a year-long IPA study of student life meant to help the Henry Madden Library design better services for students. Students Jamie San Andres and

Felicia Salcido will present a paper about a recent IPA collaboration with the architects and designers who organize the local ArchHop series (www.archop.org). Presenta-

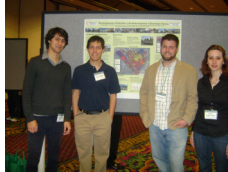


Fresno State Anthropology major Elfege Franco helps architect Kiel Famellos-Schmidt during construction of the February 2009 ArchHop exhibit.

tions by David Moore and Elfege Franco will focus on the value of anthropology to interdisciplinary team work and in business. The students are all presenting papers on research in which they have personally participated under the supervision of IPA Directors, Prof. Jim Mullooly and Prof. Hank Delcore. The student travel is supported by an Instructionally-Related Activities Grant from Associated Students. Prof. Delcore will accompany the students to Las Vegas through the support of the Coleman Foundation and the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Department of Geography

The Geography department undergraduate students, Jorge Baltazar, Stephan Noori, and Phillip Siegrist presented a poster titled "The Introduction of Districts in a Multi-Use Land Area for the Purpose of the Redevelopment of Downtown Fresno" at the Association of American Geographers (AAG) 2009 Annual Conference. Dr.



Derya Ozgoc-Caglar from the Geography Department has supervised their research and poster preparation. The group analyzed the concept of district designation to improve the development of downtown Fresno in their research.

Their research is also accepted for the Twenty-Third Annual California State University Student Research Competition that will be held May 1 and 2, 2009. It is the only project accepted from the College of Social Science. CSU Fresno will be represented with eight projects in the competition.

Department of History

On April 16, 2009, Vernon Creviston, who will be graduated from the Department of History MA program in May, presented a paper at the *Western Social Science Association* annual conference. His paper examined American reactions to British imperial policies during the American Revolution as part of broader ongoing discussion of the debate over the powers of the central government.

American Humanics Next Generation Leaders Program

Nine Fresno State students were among the 190 students selected nationwide for the American Humanics Next Generation Leaders Program (NextGen), a competitive internship scholarship program for students enrolled in American Humanics Programs on more than 64 colleges and universities in the United States during the 2008-2009 academic year.

NextGen, funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, is designed to help a diverse group of students with demonstrated leadership potential complete their requirements for certification in nonprofit management and leadership and encourage the recruitment and retention of skilled and diverse next generation nonprofit leaders. Through 2012, American Humanics plans to award a total of \$4.5 million to 1,000 NextGen Leaders who will conduct internships totaling over 300,000 hours with more than 500 different nonprofits nationwide, including Youth and Human Service Agencies, Food Pantries, Homeless Shelters, Foundations, International Organizations, Advocacy Groups, and many more.

Fall 2008 Awardees:

Quincy Ariz, a senior graduating in May with a major in Health Science (Community Health Option), has been interning with Planned Parenthood Mar Monte (supervisor: Alan Gilmore, Director of Education).

Melissa Freeman, a junior majoring in Business Administration and Linguistics and Craig School of Business Honors Student, has been interning with Fresno Nonprofit Advancement Council, assisting with a capacity-building program for nine local nonprofit organizations funded by First5 of Fresno County (supervisor: Kate Henry, Director).

Janet Jones, a post-baccalaureate student with an M.S. degree in Counseling, has been interning with Hands On Central California (supervisor: Cathy Caples, Executive Director).

Maggie Simms, a senior majoring in Sociology, has been interning with Animal Rescue of Fresno (supervisor: Kendra Rodgers, Board Member)

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Spring 2009 Awardees:

April Bejarano, a senior graduating in May with a major in Sociology and Chicano & Latin American Studies, will be conducting an internship with the American Humanics Nonprofit Administration Program at Fresno



L to R: Fresno State 2008-2009 NextGen Leaders, Maggie Simms, Janet Jones, and Quincy Ariz with Dr. Robert F. Long (past vice president for programs in the Philanthropy and Volunteerism Program at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation).

State, coordinating the planning for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Program (August 21, 2009) and assisting with the development of the Sustainability Partnership Project, a team-centered, assessment and implementation experience that will utilize campus and community resources and existing university-community partnerships to enhance the organizational capacity of the nonprofits in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Maria De La Cruz, a graduating senior with a major in Sociology, has interned with Boys2Men Girls2Women Foundation and United Way of Fresno County and will likely be conducting an internship with Reading and Beyond.

Elizabeth Kuykendall, a senior majoring in Nonprofit Administration, is interning with Community Food Bank, assisting with the implementation of the 2009 Hunger Study and volunteer coordination (supervisor: Leslie Gacad, Volunteer Coordinator).

Walter Ramirez, a senior, majoring in Political Science (with minors in Communication and International Political Economy), has interned with Latino Environmental Advancement Policy Institute and Latino Issues Forum, and will be selecting his 2009 internship site.

Kau Vue, a post-baccalaureate student with a B.A. in Political Science, is interning with Reading and Beyond, assisting with grant research and writing and the development of an advocacy program (supervisor: Matilda Soria).

The internships require a minimum commitment of 300 hours and the students will receive a scholarship of \$4,500, along with access to and support from a network of nonprofit leaders who will serve as career coaches.

Dr. Matthew A. Jendian, director of the American Humanics Nonprofit Administration Program at Fresno State, said, "I am privileged to work with some of the best and brightest students on our campus through the American Humanics Program. Over the first six rounds of reviews from 2007-2009, nineteen Fresno State AH stu-

dents have been among the 469 NextGen Leaders, securing \$85,500 in scholarships. The NextGen Program allows our students the opportunity to put what they learn into action in service to their community while earning some funds to support themselves and their education costs. Without this program, some of our students would not be able to complete the 300-hour internship required for AH National Certification."

Departmental Outstanding Students, 2008-2009

African & American Indian Studies

Valerie Jean-Pierre - Undergraduate Student

Anthropology

Galen Lee - Undergraduate Student

Chicano and Latin American Studies

Erika Lua - Undergraduate Student

Criminology

Cynthia Benzler - Undergraduate Student

Kori Ryan- Graduate Student (Grad Medalist)

Economics

James Daniel Brisky JR - Undergraduate student

Geography

Stephan Noori - Undergraduate Student

History

Amy Noel - Undergraduate Student

Nate Jones - Graduate Student (Outstanding Thesis)

Political Science

Omar Gutierrez - Undergraduate Student

Sociology

Geneva Skram - Undergraduate Student

Women's Studies

Ashley Fairburn - Undergraduate Student

Conferences and Lecturers

2009 Chicano and Latin American Studies Central Valley Conference

Department of Chicano and Latin American Studies

Drs. Maria Lopes, Cristina Herrera, and Ramon Sanchez organized the 2009 Chicano and Latin American Studies Central Valley Conference, *Independencia en las Américas: History, Impact, and Consequences* (Friday) March 27, 2009, California State University, Fresno campus.

This conference is a part of our ongoing CLAS Central Valley Latin American Project, which aims to address social, historical, and cultural issues affecting Latinos/as in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

The conference keynote speaker, Dr. Miguel Tinker-Salas, is one of the nation's foremost authorities on political issues confronting Mexico and Latin America and has published extensively on Latin American and Latino subjects. Some of his recent publications are *The Enduring Legacy: Oil, Culture, and Citizenship in Venezuela, 2009*, a forthcoming book about the US/Mexico border during the Porfiriato, and the article "Mexico 2006-2012: High Stakes, Daunting Challenges". Dr. Tinker-Salas has been awarded the Arango Professorship in Latin American History, the Howard Fellowship, and National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship.

African and American Indian Studies

On March 14-15 and 28-29, the Cherokee Nation presented a history course on their culture, nation building, ethnic cleansing and forced relocations. The course was conducted by at-large tribal council member Julia Coates, Ph.D. Dr. Coates is also an Assistant Professor of Native Studies at UC-Davis. The purpose of the course is to maintain a sense of community and cultural connections with the Cherokee diaspora.

Principal Chairman Chad Smith, M.P.A., J.D., made a presentation on the last day concerning citizenship and the freedman issue.

Allen Carden Department of History

Allen spoke at the annual *Fresno County Bar Association Law Day Banquet* on May 8. In light of the Lincoln bicentennial this year, Carden's lecture focused on the legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

African and American Indian Studies

On Saturday, April 4th



From left to right; Professor Kenneth Hansen, Chairman Chad Smith, Council Member/Professor Julia Coates.



and the 18th the Fresno State Powwow was held at O'Neill Park. A powwow is a religious, social and cultural gathering, complete with dancing, drumming, food, crafts, regalia, and other Indigenous customs. The activity is primarily organized by the First Nations Student Organization under the guidance of the AAIS Program. Dr. Simba, Dean Gonzalez, Diane Jauregui, Dr. Ettner, and others were honored at the event for their support. This year's powwow was sponsored by AAIS, COSS, ASI, IRA, Chukchansi Gold Casino, Fajita Fiesta Restaurants, the American Indian Store, Warrior Masonry, and others.

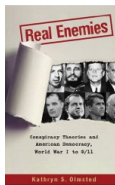
Women's Studies Program

The program hosted its sixth brown bag series in honor of Women's History Month in 2009. Among the five events, "Methods of Our Lives" showcased Women's Studies majors Ashley Fairburn and Mandy Greaves and their original research from the Feminist Methodologies class. Greaves spoke about the intersections of feminism and Catholicism and Fairburn spoke about theoretical discourses around sex work. And a powerful lecture was given at a second brown bag by Dr. Helene Joseph-Weil from the Music Department at CSU-Fresno lectured "THE WORLD OF ASCENCION: A Musical Translation."

The program thanks all in the College who helped make these and the other Women's Studies events in Spring 2009 a success

Department of History

The History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) hosted its 11th Annual Graduate History Symposium on Saturday, April 25. The symposium included presentations by a dozen students from across the country, including of course our own students, and featured a keynote address by Dr. Kathryn Olmsted, author of *Real Enemies: Conspiracy Theories and American Democracy, World War I to 9/11* (Oxford UP, 2009).



Department of Political Science

On February 4 the Political Science Student Association and the Department of Political Science sponsored a public forum on water politics in California's Central Valley at the campus's Satellite Student Union. Representatives from agriculture water districts in the west, east, and south sides of the valley faced off against leaders of environmental organizations, debating the preservation of the Smelt in the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta, restoration of the Chinook Salmon in the San Joaquin River, and the growing lack of water available for agriculture use due to the on-going drought before a capacity crowd of over 400 concerned individuals and local government officials. The forum was presided over by U.S. District

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Colleagues:

Thanks to all of you who submitted to the spring 2009 newsletter. The next issue come out sometime during the fall 2009 semester. Once again, I will be sending out a call for submissions nearer the date, but if you have something already lined up please feel free to email it to me at:

brajones@csufresno.edu

Enjoy your summer!

Cheers

Brad

Corrections

In the December issue I wrote that "David Schettler" presented at the AAIS panel discussion on the election of President Barack Obama. Dr. Meta Schettler was the actual presenter. My apologies for the confusion.