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## Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I was proud to recognize our talented campus authors at the 2nd Annual Authors Awards on October 28th. We had 28 books written or edited by campus authors this year. There were many interesting works on fascinating topics. More than one author purchased works by other faculty authors in a wonderful cross-fertilization of interests and ideas. [Professor Richard Craig](#) gave a wry and realistic keynote about the process of his book published by Oxford University Press, and the challenges he encountered. Many of those present could identify with the various stages and perplexities of his efforts.

The next day, an overflow crowd attended the [University Scholars Series](#) in the Martin Luther King Library. [Dr. Carlos Sánchez](#) gave an excellent presentation on the history of philosophy in Latin America. The discussion and dialogue engendered from Professor Sánchez' talk was lively and engaging. This is one of the reasons the Provost's Office hosts this series so that all on campus have the opportunity to learn more about the scholarly and creative work of our talented faculty.

As always, there are changes on campus. Some of our colleagues are taking on new responsibilities. Chief Operating Officer [Jerri Carmo](#) is leaving us after a long and devoted tenure in the [Research Foundation](#) to join Lawrence Berkeley National Labs. We will miss her dearly. I have appointed [Dr. Pam Stacks](#) (Associate Vice President, Graduate Studies and Research) as the Interim COO while we launch a national search for this important position. Please take a few minutes to read the profile on Jerri in this newsletter.

Dr. Mark Novak has announced his return to the professoriate in Sociology after a long and innovative tenure as Dean/AVP for the College of International and Extended Studies. I will be working with the Senate to launch a national search. Deputy Provost Dr. Andy Feinstein will serve as the Interim Dean of CIES until the new dean joins the campus.

Be sure to [click here](#) for the schedule of events for International Education Week. There are cookies, quizzes, lunches, a study abroad fair, cricket, and movies. Be sure to sample the many offerings!

Warmly,  
Ellen Junn, Provost

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## Upcoming Events



### Company One: Macbeth

[View event flyer here](#) (PDF).

**November 15 - 23**, University  
Theater



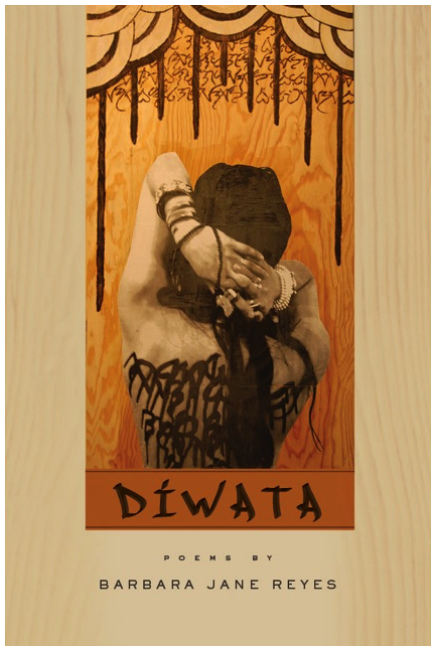
## Jerri Carmo

**SJSU Research Foundation  
Interim Chief Operating  
Officer:**

**Powering Faculty Research**

*By: Jennifer Bennett*

After 27 years at San José State University, Jerri Carmo is spreading her wings. Jerri will be working as the Senior Business Manager for the Environmental Energy Technologies Division at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory beginning December 2.



## Barbara Jayne Reyes – Reading and Book signing

Ms. Reyes is the author of [Diwata](#), winner of the Global Filipino Literary Award for Poetry, and a finalist for the California Book Award. An Oakland resident, she teaches in the university of San Francisco's Yuchengco Philippine Studies Program and serves on the board of the Philippine American Writers and Artists. **November 20, 7:00pm in MLK 229.**



## Educated Person Dialogue

What does it mean to be an educated person? Join your colleagues for brown-bag lunch and discussion facilitated by Annette Nellen, Professor, College of Business. This

Jerri graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in psychology and began working at San José State shortly after. Jerri has stayed for so many years at San José State because her job has been so fascinating she said. Jerri started at SJSU in 1985 as a contracts and grants analyst at the Research Foundation. "Over these years I've learned so much about so many things, in all sorts of academic disciplines," she said.

"One of the things that has always been my philosophy here at San José State is that I just want the faculty to worry about and concentrate on their research, and just let us do everything else, because it's the actual research that is the most important part. To know that in just one small way, when you see maybe images of the rings of Saturn and knowing that we managed a contract from JPL for one of our professors in the College of Engineering, [Essam Marouf](#), and we've been managing that contract for him for many, many years, then actually seeing that work, it's thrilling," she said. "It's really neat knowing that even though no one would every know you as having touched that, in some small way we did...I feel very proud about that kind of thing."

The university's research enterprise has grown from \$7 million to \$65 million annually since Jerri began. San José State University is #2 in the CSU for securing externally funded contracts and grants. "Over the years, we've



semester, our conversations will center on recent articles about contemporary higher education, teaching and today's students. [Readings are posted on our website](#) – they are selected with a broad audience in mind. (Ideally, read them in advance, but if you can't, come anyway!) November 21st  
Topic: The role of social media in higher education. **November 21, 12:00 - 1:00pm in IRC 101.**



### **Silicon Valley Leadership Symposium**

Ajit Manocha, CEO Global Foundaries, Inc. **November 21, 12:00-1:00pm in ENG 189.**



### **Women's and Men's Glee Club Concert**

Directed by Dr. Jeffrey Benson.  
**November 25, 7:30-9:00 at Music**

seen San José State become a different kind of university – because the faculty who are teaching here are great, because they're involved in their own research." She said the Research Foundation operates to be in line with the university and has very deliberate strategic planning to continue to serve the university.

As the Interim Chief Operating Officer of the SJSU Research Foundation since October 2012, Jerri has been responsible for all the sub components of the Research Foundation, including managing the external funds that are received for research projects. Jerri is also the current president of the Auxiliary Organizations Association and will complete her term at the end of 2013.

[Click here for the full story.](#)

## **Advising**

### **Remaining Advisor Information Sessions & Advisor Connection Sessions from Lael Adediji**

- **Advisor Connection #3:** Wednesday, November 20, 1:00 - 2:00pm in SSC 603. [RSVP here](#) by November 13.
- **Advisor Update Session:** This session will provide a recap of important issues and changes that occurred throughout the Fall 2013 semester and will preview upcoming changes for Spring 2013. This session will take

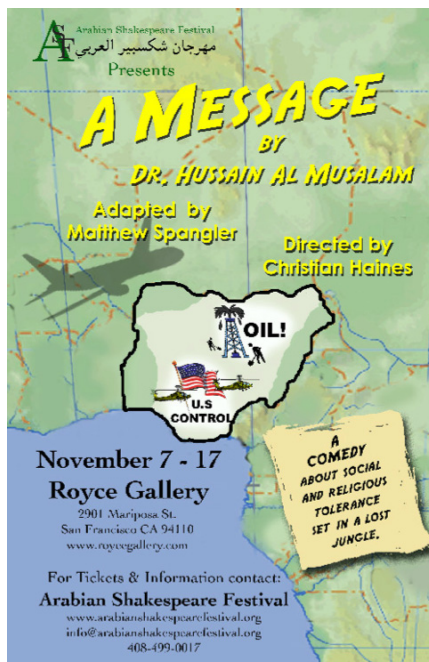
concert Hall.

## Kudos



### Dr. Annette Nellen honored with the prestigious Arthur J. Dixon Memorial Award.

Dr. Nellen was named as the 2013 recipient on November 6, 2013, by the [Tax Division of the American Institute of CPAs \(AICPA\)](#) at the annual meeting of the AICPA's Fall Tax Division meeting in Harbor, MD by Thomas Purcell, professor of accounting at Creighton University. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the accounting profession in the area of taxation. Congratulations Annette! [Click here for the full story.](#)



### Matt Spangler's new play

place on Tuesday, December 3, from 12:00 - 2:00pm in Eng 285/287. (Refreshments from 12:00-12:30pm; Presentation from 12:30-2:00pm). Please [RSVP here](#) by Friday, November 22.



## Provost allocations for Library Materials

In February 2013, the [University Library Board](#), a special agency of the [Academic Senate](#), approached the Office of the Provost to address the need for library funds to support faculty research. The Office of the Provost responded with \$100,000 in supplemental funds for the 2012/13 academic year. Library liaisons immediately notified their departments, and an application process was instituted to expedite purchasing and subscriptions for library resources based upon faculty requests. Within a month, requests poured in from departments across campus. Resources acquired included access to 17 online journals, four database subscriptions, 45 eBooks, and 39 print books. To see the complete list of materials purchased, [click here](#) (PDF).

## opened November 7<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco.

Congratulations to Dr. Matthew Spangler on the opening of his play at the [Arabian Shakespeare Festival](#). The [San Jose Mercury News](#) features a [front page article](#) on Dr. Spangler's new play adaptation, *A Message*, adapted from Kuwaiti playwright Hussain Al Musalam's play of the same name. The article includes an interview with Dr. Spangler. *A Message* runs through November 17 at the Royce Gallery in San Francisco. For more information, visit the [Arabian Shakespeare Festival website](#).



### PHAP Fellowship | CDC

Congratulations to **Jessica Ponce** (2012 Salzburg Scholar, 2013 BS in Health Science), who has been awarded a prestigious two-year fellowship with the Public Health Associate Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A competitive nationwide program, PHAP Fellows are placed in local, tribal, or state health departments. One of 135 fellows (out of 4,400 applicants) who were selected this year from around the

## Deadlines

### Library Materials for 2014

The Office of the Provost has once again allocated \$100,000 in library funds to support faculty research needs for the 2013/14 academic year. The deadline to request library materials is **November 15**. The funds are limited, and may be used to secure books, e-books, databases, and journals that will be added to the holdings at the University Library. Faculty and staff should use the following form to identify specific materials that support their scholarship. The form to request materials is located [here](#).



### Fall 2013 Textbook Alternatives Project (TAP) Grant Application

At SJSU, 1 out of 3 students report not buying a required textbook because they can't afford it—a problem that continues to grow. Now is your chance to become part of the solution. Receive a \$1,000 stipend from Affordable Learning Solutions to develop your own Textbook Alternatives Project.

[Go to the TAP website for details on how to apply](#). Applications are due on **Wednesday, November 27**, and projects must be completed by the

country, Jessica will be working at the Washoe County Health District in Reno, NV as a Disease Intervention Specialist in its Sexual Health Program for one year and then in its Tuberculosis Program for the second year. Contact [Jessica Ponce](#) for more information.



**Board Member | KFLA**  
**Bill Reckmeyer** (Director, SJSU Salzburg Program; Professor of Leadership & Systems, Anthropology) has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Kellogg Fellows Leadership Association (KFLA). Bill was a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow (1988-1992) and has served as a special advisor to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation on numerous projects since then, including contributions as a member of the Kellogg National Task Force on Leadership in Higher Education (1998-2000).

## Did you know?

beginning of the Spring 2015 semester. Thank you for making education more affordable for our students!



## The Office of the Provost and Research Foundation Honor SJSU Researchers

The [Early Career Investigator Awards](#) were presented to **Camille Johnson** (Organization and Management) and **Juneseok Lee** (Civil and Environmental Engineering). The principle speaker was our master researcher, **Kevin Jordan**. Additional researchers interacted with participants at stations located throughout the ballroom to answer questions and discuss their work:

- **Rusty Fairey** – Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program
- **Virginia San Fratello** – Architectural Research, sustainable Design
- **Craig Clements** – Research in Fire Weather
- **Wendy Quach** – Preparing





- SJSU launched a [Clinical Laboratory Scientist Training Program](#) after Silicon Valley pharmaceutical and biotech companies voiced a pressing need for lab workers who can take products from inception through the FDA approval process and then to market.
- On an annual basis, SJSU confers more than 1,000 bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering and 400 bachelor's and master's degrees in the sciences and mathematics.
- National STEM programs active at SJSU include [Minority Access to Research Careers](#), the [NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#), [Math Engineering Science Achievement \(MESA\)](#) and [Project Lead the Way](#).
- The Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering's [Global Technology Initiative](#) provides students the opportunity to gain a global perspective on technology and business developments through annual study tours to Taiwan, China and India, all

Speech specialists to use  
Augmentative and Alternative  
Communication

- **Karen Singmaster** - Multiple grants to provide scholarship and research opportunities for STEM students.
- **Brian Maurer** (Biological and Agricultural Sciences) was selected as one of two Student Research Competition Awardees for "Optimization of a Novel Technique to Measure Bulk Viable Biomass Based on the Hydrolysis of Fluorescein Diacetate by Ubiquitous Enzymes.
- **Daniel Nguyen** (Physical and Mathematical Sciences) also won for his work on Highly Efficient Light-Driven P450 Biocatalysts.

For the full report, please visit the [Research Foundation](#) website.

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