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## **Dear Friends and Colleagues,**

Welcome to the start of the Fall 2013 semester. It is hard to believe that I have only been here a little over 18 months. A lot has happened in that span of time. We have things to celebrate and things to consider as we move forward guided by our Strategic plan, Vision 2017.

This is the first of what I hope will be frequent letters to all the faculty, staff and students in the Division of Academic Affairs. This will be an opportunity to highlight accomplishments, address campus topics, and invite feedback from this vibrant and diverse community.

The campus is buzzing with the energy of over 31,300 new and returning students. Long time faculty and staff tell me that this is the busiest fall semester they can remember. Students were sitting under trees or on the grass enjoying the sun or talking with friends. It was heartening to see so many faculty, staff, and student assistants focused on promoting student success. A big “thank you” to all of you who helped staff the Fall 2013 Welcome Tables, the Ask Me campaign, the EOP Town Halls, advising, and other activities designed to provide a helping and caring welcome for all of our students.

Again, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all of the members of the division of Academic Affairs. You are the heartbeat of the SJSU community.

With warmest wishes,

Ellen

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## Appointment of Deputy Provost

We have a lot to celebrate this fall. Join me in celebrating the addition of new members to the division of Academic Affairs. I am delighted to introduce [Andy Feinstein](#) as the Deputy Provost, my senior advisor and member of the [Academic Affairs Leadership Team](#). His numerous responsibilities will include managing budget planning and resource allocation; strategic planning and implementation; overseeing student learning and success; coordinating Academic Affairs enrollment management; and many others.

## Welcome to the Spartan Faculty

I wish to extend a special welcome to our new tenure track hires here at SJSU.

Michelle Huang

Hospitality  
Management  
Nutrition, Food

## Program Leadership

In the College of Applied Arts and Sciences, long-time professor **Katherine Abriam-Yago** has been named the Director of the School of Nursing.

In the College of Education, **Arnold Danzig** has been hired as the long-awaited professor and Director of the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Martin Luther King Library

We also have the celebrations of the [Tenth Anniversary of the Martin Luther King joint library](#). Events begin on September 5th with a kick off at 11am.

Join Mayor Reed and President Qayoumi as we celebrate this award-winning partnership and open a times

Collette LaSalle	Science, Packaging School of Library and Information Science
Tonia Rocca	School of Library and Information Science
Michelle Chen	School of Library and Information Science
Joel Busch	Accounting and Finance Management and Information Systems
Scott Jensen	Educational Leadership Elementary Education
Vicky Park	Aerospace Engineering Biomedical and Materials Engineering
Sumer Seiki	Computer Engineering
Kamran Turkoglu	Computer Engineering
Folarin Erogbogbo	Design
Meikang Qiu	Design
Younghee Park	English
Christian Friessler	Chemistry
Joshua Nelson	Computer Science
Mark Thompson	Computer Science
Alberto Rancon	Computer Science
Duc Tran	Computer Science
Thomas Austin	Mathematics
Elizabeth Gross	Economics
Robert Ragan	Economics
Rui Liu	

capsule that was buried at the old King Library in 1969. Docent led tours of the library will be available after the event as well as a month long series of events.

**Mel Chin**, the internationally recognized artist & creator of *Recolecciones: The King Library Art Collection* returns to King Library on September 6th for a special event exclusively for the campus. His 34 thought-provoking art installations continue to draw visitors to the King Library 10 years after its opening in August 2003. This event is open to the entire campus and is part of a series of events celebrating the King Library's 10 Year Anniversary.

When: Friday, September 6, 2013 at 11:00 am.

Where: King Library, 150 E. San Fernando St., room 225/229 (2nd floor).

## Resources for Faculty

Whether you are brand new or returning faculty we have a variety of resources at your disposal. We have resources to help you with [technology](#) and resources to help you with your [teaching](#) and [research](#). Please take advantage of the many workshops and tutorials available.

David Schuster

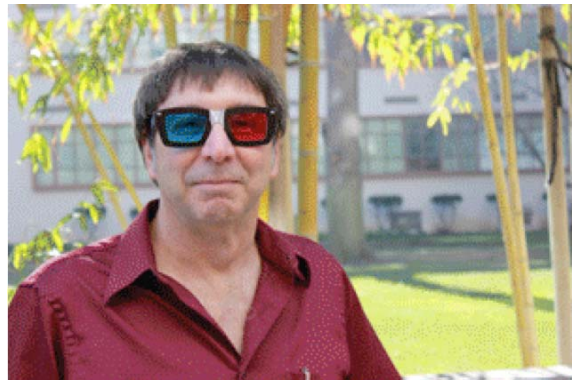
Psychology

Jeremiah Still

Psychology

Megan Theile

Sociology



## Fall Provost's Forum

Please join me for the Fall Provost's Forum on Wednesday, September 18 in MLK 225-229 from 12:00 - 1:00pm.

### Upcoming Topics

Future letters will address the long awaited report on the National Science Foundation on the feasibility of the SJSU-Udacity pilot courses for under represented students. While we might have predicted some of the outcomes, disaggregating the data will provide more detailed analysis and opportunities for improvements. The pilot was a bold step, necessary to provide real answers rather than unfounded assumptions about different delivery modes for higher education. The report on

## Outstanding Faculty

We have every right to be proud of the recognition received by our faculty staff and students during the first part of 2013. Many of our faculty earned national and campus attention for their outstanding contributions. The university's most prestigious awards were presented at the Faculty Service Recognition luncheon on April 23, 2013.

President's Scholar Susan Shillinglaw

Outstanding Professor Alejandro Garcia

Distinguished Service Brad Stone

Outstanding Lecturer Kathleen Normington

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the assessment is expected by  
the end of the month.

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