Jennifer Andersen (English) will serve as director of the NEH funded project “From Ancient Greece to the Contemporary Middle East: Dialogues on the Experience of War.” Beginning this summer, Jenny will train eight group leaders in discussion and facilitation techniques for meetings on the experience of war that will be held throughout the region. Military veterans will participate both as facilitators and as participants. Events for the CSUSB campus and the general public are planned, as well. The project is interdisciplinary in scope. Partners working on the project include Terry Smith (Theatre Arts), Marci Daniels (Veterans Success Center), Cathleen Lucas (Office of Research and Sponsored Programs) and Joe Notarangelo (San Bernardino Valley College).

For more details, click on the link below
http://news.csusb.edu/2016/04/07/csusb-professor-awarded-neh-grant-to-present-dialogues-on-the-experience-of-war/

Congratulations to Our CSU & Campus Award Winners

Dany Douelri
2015-2016
Faculty of Year Award for Advising
California State Student Association

Dany was the Golden Apple Award Winner this year, too! He joined the World Languages and Literatures faculty in 2001.

Cynthia Cotter
2015-2016
CSUSB Outstanding Lecturer

Cindy has been a lecturer in the Department of English for over 20 years. She is also a CSUSB alumna.
College of Arts and Letters
Outstanding Faculty Awards Reception
Dean Ballman hosted the College Faculty Awards Reception at her home on May 5, 2016.

Outstanding Faculty Teaching
Luz Elena Ramirez
English

Outstanding Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activities
Heather Hundley
Communication Studies

Outstanding Faculty Service
Thomas McGovern
Art

Outstanding Lecturer
Carol Damgen
Theatre Arts
On May 12, Dean Ballman and Dean Larry Rose of the College of Business and Public Administration hosted a meeting of the department chairs from both CAL and CBPA to discuss opportunities for collaboration. A dynamic and invigorating session followed in which the chairs from both colleges discussed the need for more cross-disciplinary programs to prepare students for a rapidly changing 21st century society and economy. Obstacles to collaboration were identified including the way FTEs are allocated under the current system. The group will meet again in the fall to continue plans for collaborative ventures which may include team teaching, project-based learning, and physical and virtual spaces for sharing ideas.

Stan and Ellen Weisser Establish Theatre Arts Endowment

The Ellen Weisser Endowed Theatre Showcase was unveiled in a surprise ceremony on June 4 at the Ronald E. Barnes Theatre on campus. The endowment honors the CSUSB alumna and chairperson of the CSUSB Philanthropic Board Ellen Gaynor Weisser. The endowment, which will provide supplemental funding for a theatre production each year, was a surprise wedding anniversary gift from Weisser's husband of 50 years, Stan Weisser. The gift honors CSUSB’s 50th anniversary, as well.
Spring Faculty Colloquium

The College of Arts and Letters hosted the Spring Faculty Colloquium on April 22. The purpose of the quarterly colloquium is to encourage collaboration among faculty members and to provide an open forum to share research and scholarly activities. The colloquium featured four faculty presenters: Allen Menton (Music) presented “Musical Theater or Theatrical Music: An examination of the collaborative process in writing music for the theater;” Jessica Lewis Luck (English) “The Protosemantic in Sound Poetics, or Dada vs. Mama;” Jennifer Andersen (English) “The Job Market for Humanities Majors According to Three Late Renaissance Plays;” and Arturo Fernández-Gibert “State Power and Power of the State: Catalonia and Scotland at Europe’s Crossroad.” In addition to faculty, staff and students, President Morales was also in attendance.

Communication Studies Symposium

The fourth annual Communication Studies Symposium was held in the Santos Manuel Student Union on May 2. More than 200 students, alumni, faculty and staff joined President Morales, Dean Ballman and Department Chair Michael Salvador for a gala awards luncheon in the Events Center. The luncheon was followed by presentations by members of the Department of Communication Studies Alumni Council Inaugural Alumni. These new council members include:

Charles Box ’04 – Recruitment Manager, The Creative Mind Group
Heather Crow ’03 – Co-Executive Producer for “Ladies of London” (BBC and Bravo TV)
Angela Gillespie ’99, ’08 – Senior Creative Services Coordinator, CSUSB Strategic Communications
Melanie Hunter ’10 – Senior Publicist, Chic Little Devil Style House
Ashley Jones ’08, ’11 – Press Aide, Office of Assembly Member Cheryl Brown
Kelly Koehler ’07 – Account Supervisor, Westbound Communications
Bonnie McCracken ’06 – Senior Product Marketing Manager, Microsoft
Lou Monville ’94 – Vice President, OPR Communications; CSU Trustee
Carmen Murillo-Moyeda ’99, ’03 – retired CSUSB Media and Public Relations Specialist
Brian Nettles ’97 – Producer, NFL Network and Fox Sports Network
Nicole Nichols ’91 – Executive V.P. for Communications & Strategy, Oprah Winfrey Network
Alissa Ochoa ’14 – Promotions Manager, 99.9 KOLA-FM
Ginger Ontiveros ’92 – Executive Director, Victor Valley College Foundation
Jacob Poore ’08 – Program Manager, Coyote Advertising
Christina Rodrigues ’05 – Producer/Videographer, UCR
Elena Rosa Maris, ’10, ’13 – Ph.D. student, University of Pennsylvania
Kiko Velarde, ’02 – Supervising Producer and Emmy-winner, Jay Leno’s Garage
The Department of English celebrated 50 years at CSUSB with a reception on April 30, 2016. Current and former faculty, alumni, and friends of the department were encouraged to dress in ‘60s-style attire or as their favorite literary character. The night included food, drinks and fun. For more photos of the event, please visit the English Department blog: https://engblog.csusb.

**Arts and Music Festival**

Art, music and creativity came together for the fourth annual Arts and Music Festival held on May 13, 2016.
Annie Buckley (Art) received a $500 Community-Based Research Grant from the Office of Community Engagement for an exhibition of works, the Prison Arts Collective.

David Carlson (English) recently published *Imagining Sovereignty: Self Determination in American Indian Law and Literature*, University of Oklahoma Press.

J. Logan Clark (English) has had his Inland Empire regional short story, “Venganza,” accepted for publication in the *Badlands Literary Journal*, 2017.

Thomas (T.C.) Corrigan (Communication Studies) tied for First Place in the CSUSB Spring Faculty Showcase for his pedagogical innovations in COMM 309: Digital Media and Communication.

Carol Damgen (Theatre Arts) is performing in *Les Liaisons Dangerous* as a guest artist at Cal Poly Pomona. She is also portraying "Lady Capulet" in *Romeo and Juliet* at the Courtyard Shakespeare Festival on the campus of Cal Baptist University.

Jane Chin Davidson (Art) was invited to participate in a panel discussion on “What can contemporary art do to push acceptance along culture and gender spectrums” at Gallery de Fox, Orange County Center for Contemporary Art.

Laura Eddings (English) won Second Place at the 2016 CSUSB Spring Faculty Showcase for her excellent presentation on “#academicconversation.”

Liliana Gallegos (Communication Studies) was invited to deliver the keynote speech for the MEChA Chicano Latino Graduation ceremony at her alma mater, Southwest High School in San Diego.

Chad Luck (English) was invited to present at The German Association for American Studies at the University of Osnabrück. The title of the presentation was “Debt Reckoning: Equity, Property, Bartleby.”

Thomas McGovern (Art) and Andrew Oakes (Art) completed a Community-Based Research project by producing the yearbook for the Anderson School for Students with Special Needs (City of San Bernardino).

Ahlam Muhtaseb (Communication Studies) was selected by the largest Muslim advocacy group in the United States (Council on American Islamic Relations) to serve on the advisory board for the Los Angeles Chapter.

Michaela Popescu (Communication Studies) and Alexandru Roman (Public Administration) won the California State University Grant to develop an online certificate in Social Media and Entrepreneurship.
Acto Latino & Los Amigos (World Languages and Literatures) Student organizations presented “Teatralidad Desbordada Textualidades y representaciones escénicas”, theatre workshops.

Acto Latino visited Colombia this quarter, as well, to perform their plays.

April Baca (Art, ‘16) is the CAL Undergraduate Student of the Year 2016.

Chloe Diaz (Theatre Arts, ‘16) and Professor Carol Damgen (Theatre Arts, B.A. ’03, M.A. ’06,) presented the results of their research at the Meeting of the Minds symposium. Diaz and Damgen were recipients of a Faculty-Student Grant this year.

Allyson Jeffredo (MFA Creative Writing ’16) authored a chapbook of poetry, Songs After Memory Fractures, that will be published by Finishing Line Press.

Jacob Poore (Coyote Advertising) was elected to the American Advertising Federation, District –15 executive board. He will hold the office of secretary for the 2016-2017 term.

Daiana Rodriguez (MFA Creative Writing ‘16) and Aldon Stiles (MFA Creative Writing ‘16) are the Felix Valdez Award winners for 2016.

Guadalupe Rincon (English, ‘16) is the CAL Graduate Student of the Year 2016.

Tania Quesada, the ASC for World Languages and Literatures, was selected as the 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student in the Department of Health Science and Human Ecology.

Club de Cine Iberoamericano (World Languages and Literatures) hosted guest speaker Dr. Cony Martinez, Founder and Director of the Cinemas Culturas Film Festival Inland Empire. She presented “Cinema & the Latino Diaspora: Let’s create our own Hollywood.”

The Department of World Languages & Literatures, the Center for International Studies and Programs, and the Career Center hosted the workshop “Finding a Job/Internship at a Japanese Company.” Mr. Douglas Erber, President of Japan America Society of Southern California, and Mr. Yu Tanabe, Vice President of Kintone Consulting Group, Cybozu Corporation, spoke at the event.

Twenty-three students from the Art Department won Addy awards at the American Advertising Federation-Inland Empire Student Competition. Award winners were: Sarah R. Bither, Gracie Berumen, Samantha G. Boysen, Tori Jeanette Church, Chelsea Conan, Erica Jean Dostal, Sara Escoto, Nely Garcia, Roberto Gutierrez, Samantha Harry, Veronica Lee, Sumer Mauerhan, Karli Maxfield, Jocelyn D. Mireles, Jake Moody, Aracely Muñoz, Julio Oruña, Joceline Seres, Roxanna Suarez, Christina Trejo, Eddie Villanueva, Paige A. Vukovich and Ting Yin.
College of Arts and Letters
Commencement
June 18, 2016
8 p.m.
Citizens Business Bank Arena

English
2016 MFA Second Year Reading
Thursday, June 16, 2016
6:00pm
Santos Manuel Student Union Theatre

RAFFMA
46th Annual Student Art Exhibition
June 20-July 28, 2016
Opening Reception: 46th Annual Student Art Exhibition & Awards Ceremony
Friday, June 17, 5-8 pm

Kids Discover Egypt
2 Day Art Workshop
July 25-26
July 27-28
9 am- 3:30 pm

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Faculty and Staff 2016 Service Award Honorees

5 Years
Nate Dubbs, Art
Alysha Timmons, WLL

10 Years
Michael Beckley, RAFFMA
Catherine Erickson, TA
Crystal Escalera, TA
Sara Flis, TA
Olga Valdivia, Art

Thank you for your service to CSUSB & the College of Arts & Letters!