Teaching awards go to three in Science & Math

Three professors from the College of Science and Mathematics were selected to receive the university’s 2003-2004 Distinguished Teaching Award: Matthew J. Moelter, physics; Robert K. Smidt, statistics; and Nanine A. Van Draanen, chemistry.

Moelter joined the faculty in 1998, after seven years’ teaching at the University of Puget Sound. He teaches introductory to advanced courses in physical science, general physics, physics on the computer, modern physics, thermal physics, quantum physics lab and solid-state physics lab.

Smidt has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1978. He has taught more than 20 different courses, including applied multivariate statistics, probability theory and mathematical statistics, experimental design, linear models, and statistical uses of the computer. He helped design and initiate Cal Poly’s statistical consulting service, open to all members of the campus community who need help in research design and data analysis.

Van Draanen is a 1985 Cal Poly alumna. She came to Cal Poly to teach in 1996, after serving several years as a scientist for Burroughs Wellcome Co. and Glaxo Wellcome Inc., where she earned a 1994 Excellence Award and a 1990 Special Performance Award. She teaches a variety of freshman- through senior-level chemistry classes, including general chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemical pharmacology and drug development.

The three were honored at the June 12 Commencement ceremonies.

Erickson, La Vine, Pinkin named Outstanding Staff

Three longtime employees were chosen to receive the 2003-2004 Outstanding Staff Award: Carol Erickson, administrative coordinator in the Statistics Department; Lori La Vine, instructional technician in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department and a California State Employees Association steward; and Bob Pinkin, equipment technician in the Graphic Communication Department.

Erickson has been at Cal Poly for 14 years. Nominators said, “She is always pleasant, patient and enthusiastic, and if she were more efficient, a fusion reaction might spontaneously take place.”

La Vine came to Cal Poly in 1989 and was recognized for her “leadership as a staff member in an academic unit, dedication, initiative, perseverance, and her promotion of safety awareness on and off campus.”

Pinkin is celebrating his 17th year at the university. “He is respected not only for his skill and expertise, but more importantly for his character, integrity, work ethic and attitude in relating to the people around him,” according to a colleague.

Two receive university’s first Research Award

Two longtime professors known internationally in their fields have been named to receive Cal Poly’s Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Award for 2003-2004, the first year for the award program.

BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Professor Charles Burt and Art and Design Professor Joanne Ruggles were recognized for outstanding accomplishments in research and creative endeavors. They were honored at morning commencement ceremonies June 12.

“This new award acknowledges the important place of research, creative and scholarly activity in the careers of Cal Poly’s outstanding and dedicated teaching faculty,” President Baker said.

“Professors Burt and Ruggles’ work in diverse fields graphically illustrates the scope and breadth of our faculty’s professional interests and competencies.”

Burt was honored for leadership and accomplishments related to irrigation, canal modernization, and efficiency in the use of water resources.

“His contributions to Cal Poly through the creation and leadership of the Irrigation Training and Research Center has brought worldwide recognition to Cal Poly’s leadership in this field,” one colleague remarked.

A Cal Poly alumnus, Burt has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1978.

Ruggles, who joined the faculty in 1973, was singled out for outstanding accomplishments as an artist and a teacher.

“She is internationally recognized for her creative work in depicting the human figure and form,” one colleague said.

Another said, “Her widespread peer recognition for the importance of her work is matched only by her recognized talent to inspire and challenge students toward new ways of thinking.”

The new award is intended to support research and other creative endeavors and to encourage faculty efforts toward professional growth and achievement.

Leave solicitations

Lorene Cabrera in Grants Development and Olivia Morales in Political Science have qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and sick leave to help them remain in full-pay status during an extended leave.

Those interested in donating should request a Catastrophic Leave Donation form from the solicitation coordinators: for Cabrera, Carol Brookshire at ext. 1508 or cbrooksh@calpoly.edu; for Morales, Trish Neal ext. 2984 or tneal@calpoly.edu.

State employees, depending on unit, may donate a total of 40 hours (units 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, E99, C99, M80 and M98), 32 hours (Unit 4) or 16 hours (other state employees) of sick leave and vacation credits per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more.

Quotes inspire artwork

Drawings by fourth-year art and design student Paul Barrett, inspired by quotations taken from a wide range of sources, are on display through Oct. 1 in the UU Gallery. The “Wearing Shoes With No Socks in Cold Weather” exhibit is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday. For more information, contact Natalie Mathews at ext. 6119 or uugallery@asi.calpoly.edu.

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President's Service Award winners announced

A faculty member, four students and several campus and community organizations were honored with the Cal Poly President's Service Awards for their significant community service during the past academic year.

Awards are given to individual students and faculty members as well as campus groups and community organizations. This marked the 18th year of the President's Service Awards program. Winners received a plaque at a recent campus ceremony.

• Alpha Kappa Delta Phi won the Greek Community Contribution award.
• Kara Edwall, a biology major, received the Innovation in Service, Student, award.
• The Cal Poly Women's Center won the Innovation in Service, Organization, award for its Run to Remember event.
• Brian Dietterick, a faculty member in Natural Resources Management and director of the Swanton Pacific Ranch, received the award for Significant Contribution by a Faculty Member.
• Harriett Ross, a staff member in the Biological Sciences Department, won the Significant Contribution, Staff, award.
• Michelle Gluekert, a city and regional planning student, and Danielle Gissing, a nutrition major, each received a Significant Contribution, Student, award.
• Students in Free Enterprise won the Significant Contribution, Organization, award.
• York Shingle, a student majoring in business, won the Emerging Service Leader award.

The following organizations received special community-partner recognition:

• Newman Catholic Center: Outstanding Community Outreach award.
• El Camino Homeless Organization: Outstanding New Community Partner.
• Janna Nichols of United Way of San Luis Obispo County: Outstanding Community/Campus Collaboration award.

Human Resources sets new office hours

Effective July 1, Human Resources office hours will be 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. The change is part of an effort by HR to restructure internal operations to achieve work efficiencies that will better serve the campus community during current budget difficulties.

Although HR staff members will continue to be available during office hours to assist faculty and staff members on a walk-in basis, employees are encouraged to schedule appointments to ensure more effective service. Employees are also encouraged to visit the Human Resources Web site at http://www.adp.calpoly.edu/hr/index.html, which provides comprehensive information on employee benefits, employment and other human resources programs, as well as access to the "HR Virtual Advisor," an online query system that gives answers to human-resources-related questions.

Position Vacancies

STATE The official listing of staff vacancies is posted on Cal Poly's online employment system, www.calpolyjobs.org. To apply, go to that site and complete the online application. Applicants needing computer/internet access and/or assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 2236 for information on available resources.

• #100377-Licensed Vocational Nurse 10/12, Student Affairs, Health Services, $2,086-$2,606/month. Extended closing date: Tuesday (June 29).
• #100326-Team Leader (Library Assistant III), internal candidates only, Academic Affairs, Library, $3,018-$3,987/month. Closes Monday (June 28).
• #100327-Administrative Support Coordinator II, internal candidates only, Administration & Finance, University Police, $2,798-$4,188/month. Extended closing date: Monday (June 28).
• #100328-Student Services Professional IB, College of Engineering, Advising Center, 12-month temporary position (possibility of extension based on funding), $2,797-$3,753/month. Closes July 12.
• #100336-Administrative Support Assistant II, internal candidates only, College of Architecture & Environmental Design, City & Regional Planning, temporary, half time through 6/3/05, $1,136.50-$1,704.50/month. Closes June 29.
• #100223-Associate Planner (Administrator II), Administration & Finance, Facilities Planning & Capital Projects, temporary, half time, through 6/30/07, $30,000-60,000/year (commensurate with experience and background of selected candidate). Open until filled.

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• #100324, Head Wrestling Coach (10-month, full-time position), Intercollegiate Athletics. Closes June 30.
• #100322, Part-time Lecturer Pool, Architectural Engineering Department (ext. 1314). Closes June 30.
• #100272, Part-time Lecturer Pool, Chemistry & Biochemistry Department (ext. 2694). Closes July 16.

FACULTY (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 7107). All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes.)

• Conference Specialist, Conference Services, $39,732-$45,000/year. Open until filled; review began June 11.
• Coursera Assistant II, EL Corral Bookstore, $13.28-$19.30/hour. Open until filled; review began June 11.
• Controller, Accounting & Business Services, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled; review began May 28.
• Outreach Counselor/Advisor, Educational Talent Search, $16.41-$21.65/hour. Open until filled; review began May 28.
• Trust & Endowment Associate, Accounting & Business Services, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled; review began June 11.

Consultant to head FS&N

Doris Derelian, a consultant in health professions training and a past president of the American Dietetic Association, has been named head of the Food Science and Nutrition Department effective July 1.

Derelian, from Fallbrook, earned a doctorate from UCLA in 1993 and a law degree from UC Davis in 2001.

Cal Poly Report schedule

The summer Cal Poly Report appears online every other Wednesday. Articles should be e-mailed by 4 p.m. the Friday before publication to polynews@calpoly.edu, subject line: "For Cal Poly Report."