



“Town meets Gown”

Spring 2010

The Center for Community Engagement at CSUCI and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, with the Camarillo Council on Aging are conducting a series of discussions sure to be of interest to residents of the greater Camarillo area. The series will begin February 2nd, and will continue the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month through May. A University Professor will conduct each two-hour session; scheduled from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Topics sure to be of interest are listed in this brochure. All of the meetings will be held at the Pleasant Valley Senior Center, 1605 Burnley St., in Camarillo. A fee of \$5.00, per meeting, will include stimulating conversation with light refreshments.

Sign up for this event at the Senior Center or call 482-4881. More information is available at 484-2046 or waltrobbins@verizon.net.

Presented by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Center for Community Engagement at CSUCI, with the Camarillo Council on Aging.
The Pleasant Valley Senior Center has provided the meeting space.
Mc Donald's has provided coffee.



TOPICS FOR TOWN MEETS GOWN MEETINGS 2010 SPRING SEMESTER

1605 Burnley St., Camarillo, CA 93010
(Corner of Carmen Dr. & Burnley St.)

February 2, 2010 – 7:00 / 9:00 pm

Aging Positively

Rather than fighting the aging process, it is much better to discover strategies for aging positively! We will examine aging from biological, psychological, and social perspectives, and discuss strategies for alleviating stress and adding well years to your life.

Dr. Christy Teranishi Martinez is a developmental psychologist who specializes her research and teaching on identity development and relationships. Last summer, she taught an international study abroad course on Positive Psychology in Peru.

February 16, 2010 – 7:00 / 9:00 pm

Health Reform: What Now?

For more than 60 years Washington has struggled with developing a health care policy that extends coverage to all Americans. Did we get it right this time?

Sean Kelly is Associate Professor of Political Science at CSUCI. He worked in the U.S. Senate on the Clinton health care proposal and brings a unique perspective on the latest attempts to cut the Gordian knot that is health policy reform.

March 2, 2010 – 7:00 / 9:00 pm

Paradoxes in Mathematics

From anything false we can infer anything else. Why does the Turtle win the race over Achilles? Is infinity the end of everything? Historically speaking, paradoxes in mathematics have been of a peculiar interest. During this talk, philosophical arguments behind the mathematics will be discussed. The audience does not need to understand advanced mathematics at all since the presentation will be made at a philosophical level with interesting discussions.

Dr. Jorge Garcia was a professor at National University of Mexico (UNAM) where he did his BS. Once he had an MS at Center for Advanced Studies and Research, he traveled to Madison Wisconsin to obtain an MA in Math and completed his Ph.D. dissertation on Stochastic Integrals and Large Deviations. He joined the CSUCI faculty team in 2003.

March 16, 2010 – 7:00 / 9:00 pm

Topic TBA

Dr. Dawn Neuman, a native of southern California, earned BA and MA degrees in Biology at the California State University, Long Beach, and a PhD at the University of Washington. Her scholarship has been focused in three areas; (1) plant responses to the environment, (2) interactions between roots and shoots, and (3) plant hormone physiology. She is the author of numerous scientific articles and has served as a reviewer for journals in plant ecology, chemistry and molecular biology as well as for the NSF and the USDA. Dr. Neuman was named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the California State University, Channel Islands in July 2008.

April 6, 2010 – 7:00 / 9:00 pm

Sexuality

Julia Balén is Faculty Director for CSUCI's Center for Multicultural Learning and Engagement. She has been involved in social justice issues since she was 16. Before her academic life she taught carpentry skills to women and underprivileged teens, ran businesses large and small, and best of all, delivered singing telegrams.

April 20, 2010 – 7:00 / 9:00 pm

The Ethics of Multitasking

OK, so you can walk and chew gum at the same time. But, can you drive, listen to the radio, respond to the GPS system, sip on your coffee, navigate the rush hour, and respond to your ringing phone? This discussion centers around the trade-offs we make at work and at play when multitasking.

John Griffin, Business is a professor of business at CSUCI.

May 11, 2010 – 7:00 / 9:00 pm

Culture Wars at School and Work:

Freedom of Expression v. Freedom from Harassment Lawsuits demanding the right to express controversial slogans such as "Be Happy Not Gay" (anti-homosexual expression) and "Growing Growing Gone" (pro-life expression) have become increasingly common. The talk will provide real-world applications on how to deal with divergent values at our schools and in the workplace, and how to reconcile -- or at least attempt to balance -- competing civil rights claims.

Panda Kroll, Esq., is an associate of the David Karen Law Offices and has lectured at CSUCI in Business Law and Critical Thinking.