Hazen and Salma Chehabi are making a difference through their charitable support in the School of Social Ecology. Hazen (M.D., Director, Newport Diagnostic Clinic) and Salma (M.Sci. ’99) have provided significant financial support and both the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs and the Urban Water Research Center have been the beneficiaries of their generosity. To advance the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs, their gift enabled the project to produce a state of the art review of literature, experts, and experts on the historical performance of seismology, trends in services, demand, and what needs to be done to meet the demand in both stable and fragile states. The project also looked at how to continue sustainable development, conflict resolution, and post-conflict reconstruction initiatives. Their gift enabled UCI to support the Ph.D. students, develop a global network of researcher here, and hold a workshop in Washington, D.C.

The Chehabs’ most recent gift was designated for the Urban Water Research Center to support the Water Oil Treatment Collaborative Project. This project involves raising water recycle from oil when processed for their oil. That water then is used for agricultural purposes, resulting in water savings for water scarce areas in Middle Eastern and Mediterranean countries.

Dr. and Mrs. Chehabi graciously agreed to serve as the 2008/09 UCI Medal co-chairs and Dr. Chehabi serves as a trustee on the UCI Foundation Board. Mrs. Chehabi is currently an undergraduate student in the School of Social Ecology and majoring in Psychology and Social Behavior.

The School of Social Ecology is one among many charitable interests of the Chehabis on campus and in the greater community. They are truly loyal friends of the School, and we are most grateful for their continuing support.
SCOTT ROLLINS was awarded the Best Article of 2007 from the Journal of Urban Affairs for his work entitled "Urban Governance at the Nationalist Divide: Coping with 65-years help advance our School in immeasurable ways. We are grateful for their contributions.

Kitty Calaway and Dan Stoklos have been named as UC Irvine Chancellor’s Professors. This prestigious designation is used to recognize scholars who have made significant contributions to the University and the discipline. The award recognizes excellence in scholarship and enhances the University’s standing as an academic leader.

The 17-member task force is charged with reviewing the issue and the exchange of ideas concerning the involvement and education of civil society in the understanding and resolution of social problems. It is given in honor of Professor Jenness, many contributions to advancing understanding and enlightenment policy in the justice system, both for the academic community and the larger public.

Elizabeth Loftus was elected "Honorary Laureate" by the International Academy of Sciences in 2007. Past laureates include Sir Karl Popper and Carl Sagan. Current laureates are E.O. Wilson and Richard Dawkins, as well as several Nobel Prize winners. Professor Loftus also received an honorary degree from the University of Oslo and will travel to Oslo in September to receive her honor.

Henry Pontell has been elected to the 2008 cohort of American Society of Criminology Fellows.

Roxane Cohen Silver received the American Psychological Association’s Award for Distinguished Service to Psychological Science in December 2007. She was also selected as a 2008 American Psychological Association Fellow of Basic Research in Psychology.

Joseph B. Gittler Award is given to recognize "the significant scholarly achievement by the Society for the Study of Social Problems member for her work on hate crime and prison violence. The award recognizes creative and rigorous research that improves organizational and community wellbeing.

Susan Turner received the 2008 Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contributions to Psychology from the American Psychological Association. This award is given to one developmental psychologist every two years from the largest national organization of psychologists. It is arguably the highest honor someone can receive during the relatively early (fifth to sixth years of a P.S.) of their career.

If you would like more information, please contact Professor William Cooper at wcooper@uci.edu.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards, scholarships and fellowships:

Chancellor’s Club Excellence Fellowship – Lindsay Melby
Dan Oliver Water Saline and Policy Award – Philip Goldberg and J. Anner Hoep
Martha Newkirk Award for Excellence in Research by a Graduate Student – Phil Goodman
Arnold Binder Award – Lori Sexton
Melville Smith Pontell Memorial Fellowship – Andrew Peterson
Gil Gee Excellence in Graduate Research Award – Phil Goodman
Gil Gee Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award – Kevin Morgan
Psychology and Social Behavior Excellence in Research – Zheng B and Jake Bills
Ellen Greenberger Excellence in Graduate Research – Nathalia Carole
The Architecture Foundation of Orange County Prize – Eastin from the Newkirk Center; and Jean Martinez, Assistant Professor of Political Science

The following students were recognized:

– Kirstin Morgan
– Lori Sexton

& Waldon, LLP for sponsoring this event.

The Newkirk Center event was presented, “Methods and Madness: The humble Polar Explorer” and discussed by Dr. Park Dietz, event sponsor Gary Weisberg and Distinguished Professor Elizabeth Loftus.

The Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA)/named British polar explorer and environmental leader Robert Swan for a single presentation during his Voyage for Cleaner Energy. The Voyage for Cleaner Energy sailed more than 60,000 miles, including stops worldwide lecture series, and sailing expedition that included stops in the U.S., Russia, Europe, China, and India.

The event was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2) Building on the UCI campus.

STEWARDSHIP STARS

The Stewardship Star Program recognizes individual and group efforts that are effective in inspiring all important relationships with others.

Congratulations to Richard Matthew and Bryan McDonald from the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs, Sea Dr. Hamit and Melissa Noble, and fourteen other recipients, President Emeritus Dowell Thrailkill, President, Vice President, Dean, and Director of Graduate Services, for being evaluated and recognized.

The presentations are on exercise and promoting a healthy diet. The presentations will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2) Building on the UCI campus.

ALUMNI NEWS

Victoria McRae (’95) was chosen as the Irvine Police Department 2007 Officer of the Year.
Each year the Alumni Association recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff. The recipients of this award demonstrate heartfelt dedication and commitment to UC Irvine.

The recipient of this year’s 2008 Laurels and Laurels Distinguished Social Ecology Alumni Award was Dr. Joan Petersilia, (Ph.D. Social Ecology ’78). As you know, Professor Petersilia is one of the world’s leading scholars in the field of criminology, one of a small number of scholars who has had highly significant influence on public policy and practice. She founded and co-directs the Center for Evidence-Based Corrections at UC Irvine. The Center’s mission is to help policymakers, including the state of California, apply state of the art, evidence-based approaches in reforming our criminal justice and corrections policies and programs. In addition, and at the request of the Governor’s Office, Joan spent the entire Fall Quarter “on loan” to the Governor’s Office as the key adviser on the subject of correctional reform. Prison expansion and overcrowding as well as the threat of federal intervention and control of California’s correctional system. The release of large numbers of prisoners into our communities following the completion of their sentences poses the question of whether they will be responsible citizens or will commit new crimes. She has carefully analyzed our system and has made sensible and cost effective recommendations for improvement without posing increased risks to public safety. Her recent book, When Prisoners Come Home: Parole and Prisoner Reentry, has been widely acclaimed. She has received many awards and recognitions, including the Margaret Mead Award from the International Community Corrections Association, the Peter Leipke Award from the American Correctional Association, the Paul Topputo Award from the Western Society of Criminology, the Charles Award from the American Library Association for an Outstanding Academic Book (When Prisoners Come Home), and several teaching awards at UCI.

Joan Petersilia
Social Ecology students study for classes, enjoy college life, and still find time to perform important and meaningful service in the community.

Criminology, Law, and Society student Kirstin Morgan travels to Los Angeles every weekend to work with middle school youth in the Young Heroes program. The City Year program is administered by Americorps, which funds many similar programs across the U.S. The focus is on community building, self-esteem, and young people being role models for each other and the community. Each Saturday, they discuss different topics and see how they are changing their environments to community building to drugs and alcohol. Once they discuss a topic, they go into the community, work on the topic, and afterwards reflect and discuss their experiences. For example, when they discussed environmentalism, the students went out to the park and did a park cleanup while others did some gardening. Another topic they discussed was homelessness. The students went out to the community and helped clean up and paint a local homeless shelter. This program is very special to Kirstin since she herself was a Young Hero. When she was in middle school, she was one of these students helping her community; now she is a Team Leader and coordinator to these youths. Her career goal is to earn a Ph.D. in criminology and conduct research on gangs and juvenile delinquency. The Young Heroes program attempts to teach them the value of community building, community service, and their ability to change the world. All things that she believes is essential to addressing the problems of gangs and juvenile delinquency.

Psychology and Social Behavior student Cynthia Luu-Cox volunteers in the Santa Ana Unified School District, teaching children the importance of health promotion. Cynthia, together with UCI Public Health Lecturer Dr. Zuzana Bic and Lorena Alvarado, described herein) to be used for the School of Ecology donors Endowment Scholarship.

For more information please contact: Deborah A. Secker, director of development at (949) 824-1874 or dsarkas@uci.edu. Support the Donor’s Endowment Scholarship Fund through a BEQUEST in your will or trust. You will recognize Social Ecology students community volunteer service.

The presentations are on exercise and promoting a healthy diet. Cynthia taught this class when it was first offered and she developed an understanding of the importance of promoting healthy lifestyle choices that are appropriately guided to one’s target population. This year as the volunteer class assistant, her goal is to impart this knowledge and its importance to other students in the class. She finds it beneficial for children to know the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, eating right, and exercising regularly.

Planning, Policy, and Design student Adam Meyers participates in the Big Friend/Little Friend program operated through the Joint Family Services of Orange County. This program is similar to a Big Brother/Big Sister program, where one mentors and spends time with a child. Adam has been a Big Friend for almost a year and a boy he lives without a father. They hike together, attend sports games, go to the movies, and especially enjoy going to the arcade. Adam strives to be a positive role model and a friend with whom his Little Friend can connect. He enjoys sharing his experiences with his Little Friend and giving him insights about college. Even though it is a year away, he is looking forward to the full engagement his Big Friend/Little Friend relationship.

The University in the Community

The honors and awards program is designed to recognize outstanding student achievement. Each year the Alumni Association recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff. The recipients of this award demonstrate heartfelt dedication and commitment to UC Irvine. Each year the Alumni Association recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff. The recipients of this award demonstrate heartfelt dedication and commitment to UC Irvine.
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