On July 1st Professor Scott Bollens assumed the Warmington Chair. This endowed chair was created in 1989 with a gift from Lori and Bob Warmington and named for their three children Drew, Chace, and Erin. Their gift was intended to attract a scholar of distinction whose research focuses on pathways to a stable world and greater international cooperation. He is the second faculty member to hold the post, following Professor Helen Ingram’s retirement.

Professor Bollens studies the role of urban policy and governance in societies that face severe challenges of ethnic polarization. The chair appointment will facilitate his future research plans and expand its reach. Possibilities for future in-country field research include a study of how the post-war reconstruction of the city of Beirut has influenced the political viability of Lebanon, and an investigation of how western European cities are addressing issues of Islamic immigration and identity. Professor Bollens is considering hosting a seminar in Irvine to bring together experts and practitioners from numerous divided and contested cities he has studied over the past 15-years.

“This Scott Bollens’ appointment to the Warmington Chair will enable him to continue efforts to better understand conflicts in cities around the world and identify methods to encourage their peaceful resolution,” said C. Ronald Huff, Dean of Social Ecology.

“I am honored to receive this appointment and thrilled about this opportunity to further my research,” said Professor Bollens. “I look forward to years of fruitful endeavors as the chair holder. As countries across the world become more globally connected and more urban, we are being increasingly called upon to examine cities and urban regions as critical laboratories for addressing social and economic fractures at national and international levels.”

In the course of his research, Bollens has interviewed over 220 local political and community leaders in Jerusalem, Belfast, Johannesburg, Nicosia, Barcelona and Spain’s Basque region, and Sarajevo and Mostar in Bosnia-Herzegovina (formerly Yugoslavia). His research assists scholars, international organizations, and grassroots organizations to help them understand how and why cities emerge as important “peace-promoting” actors in some cases while other cities are misplaced and neglected in the peace building process.

This spring, Professor Bollens published Cities, Nationalism and Democratization (Routledge Press) – the third book in a series he has written on cities in western and southern Europe, the Middle East and Africa. In addition to his book publication, he is in the process of writing a set of 6 articles for journals in the fields of urban studies, ethnic politics, social science methodology, and the design and technology of peace-promoting cities.
Clean Water at Our Beaches

Do you ever wonder what UC Irvine is doing to keep our beach water clean? Do you ever worry about contaminated beach water? UC Irvine professor Sunny Jiang is dedicated to ensuring clean beach water. Her research helps determine whether or not the water is clean or dirty. Professor Jiang holds appointments as a professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering and in Social Ecology. She is also an affiliate of the Urban Water Research Center. Professor Jiang analyzes the bacterial indicators in beach water. Traditionally, these indicators would show whether or not the water is clean. When the indicators show a high level classifying the water as “dirty,” she helps identify the pollution source. This information is communicated to environmental managers who, in turn, can treat the pollutant. When the indicators show a low level of pollution, it would classify the water as “clean.” Her research also tries to quantify the link between human health and beach recreation in polluted water. Professor Jiang would like to develop an internet-based surveillance system that would survey people for information on the relationship between beach recreation and human health. For more information on water research and what UCI professors are doing, please go to the Urban Water Research Center website at http://www.uwrc.uci.edu.

Welcome Back Students

The fall quarter got off to a “social” start this year. Student Services hosted a Social Ecology New Student Reception in the Social Sciences Plaza on September 27, to welcome incoming Social Ecology students. New and continuing students had the opportunity to meet representatives from the UCI Career Center, Social Ecology Student Services and numerous faculty, many of whom attended and extended a warm welcome. Everyone participated in prize drawings, enjoyed refreshments, and was given free goodies such as t-shirts, hats, notebooks, and pens.

PPD had a back to school gathering on October 11, at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary Duck Club. Students had the opportunity to become better acquainted with one another, and meet faculty and community planners. It was a well attended and fun event.

Social Ecology Students pose with Peter the Anteater

Masters in Urban Planning Students

2007 Environmental Analysis and Design Graduate Helps Orange County Homeless

Kim Pham wanted to make a difference in Orange County. She wanted to help those in need and that’s exactly what she did. Who said one person can’t make a difference?

In the winter of 2006, Kim started her Field Studies program working 20 hours/week to launch UC Irvine’s food salvaging program. This program donates excess food on campus to local charities in Orange County, thereby diverting excess food waste from landfills.

A lone student on a quest to organize a food salvaging program on the UC Irvine campus, she began her project by researching other university programs, interviewing managers and employees, taking extensive notes, and traversing the entire campus in an effort to garner support for her idea.

She met with UC Irvine administrators and made a proposal for our campus to partner with Feed O.C., a branch of America’s Second Harvest Food Bank. After several months of meetings, phone calls, e-mails and interviews, everything converged in her (and our) favor. In February 2007, UC Irvine began donating excess food to Hope House, a drug rehabilitation program and one branch of Feed O.C.’s vast O.C. network. Kim has also helped introduce this program at Starbucks’ stores, Souplantation locations, and the UC Irvine University Club.

Kim was the 2007 recipient of the Honorable William M. Monroe Field Study Prize. She is presently attending UCLA, pursuing a degree in law. We wish her the very best and offer her our heartfelt thanks for the environmental contribution she made to our campus and the O.C. community.

Kim Pham and Judge Bill Monroe
On September 1st, the Planning, Policy, and Design Department (PPD) welcomed new faculty member and department chair, David Feldman. Professor Feldman came to UC Irvine from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he provided academic leadership as chair of the political science department and taught classes in environmental policy, comparative public policy, and ethics and public policy. Prior to his academic appointment, he served on the research staff of the Energy, Environment, and Resources Center at UT - a multi-disciplinary research institute – for 10 years. The School of Social Ecology and the PPD Department, in particular, will benefit greatly from Professor Feldman’s depth of knowledge and breadth of experience.

PPD continues to have a strong presence in the community-at-large. Students in the department contribute in numerous ways including helping write successful grant proposals for state funds to ease traffic on neighborhood streets, among other projects. In the MURP studio course, students work as a team to tackle significant local planning issues.

“I know that our department has a lot of community involvement and participation. One of my goals is to keep that participation strong, and to further our community involvement. I also want to see us continue to move ahead as a strong intellectual community, exploring opportunities to further connect our diverse, innovative work in the fields of planning, policy, and design,” said Professor Feldman.

The department is developing a new program, a bachelor’s degree in urban studies, the only program of its kind in Orange County, and one of very few in the country. “I feel this program will be very popular with students,” said Professor Feldman. He would like to manage and sustain program growth by adding more faculty and, as permitted, additional students. A new Master’s Degree in Public Policy is also imminent, in conjunction with the School of Social Ecologies. This program will take full advantage of the strong, problem-focused orientation of our faculty, and their skills in understanding the challenges in implementing policy change at the community, national, and international levels. Professor Feldman also intends to keep the department strong by listening to the concerns of both the faculty and staff. “I think it’s important for the faculty and staff to be able to communicate with me about any concerns they may have -- they are instrumental to the success of our mission.”

MARLON BOARNET has been appointed a member of the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council Committee on Relationship Among Development Patterns, Vehicle Miles Traveled, and Energy Consumption. The committee will include reviewing the evidence on statistical associations between population density and car travel and evaluating the scope for using land use policy to address questions of greenhouse gas emissions and global warming.

In August and September 2007, ROSS CONNER gave a series of workshops in New Zealand and Australia at the annual meeting of the Australasian Evaluation Society. In October, he was in Moscow and St. Petersburg, where he presented a keynote address on “Evaluation and Politics,” gave a workshop on “Community Health Evaluation,” and participated in meetings with groups of evaluation research professionals from Russia and the Newly Independent States.

SUSAN BIBLER COUTIN’S book Nations of Emigrants: Shifting Boundaries of Citizenship in El Salvador and the United States has been published by Cornell University Press. She analyzes the case of emigration from El Salvador to the United States to consider how current forms of migration challenge conventional understandings of borders, citizenship, and migration itself.

MARTHA FELDMAN was presented with the UCI Associated Graduate Students Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award. She was chosen the campus wide tenured-faculty winner from among 40 nominees, whose names were submitted by students and recent alumni.

RON HUFF delivered an invited presentation on gangs and public policy to state legislators, governors, and their staff at the Council of State Governments meeting in Quebec City, Canada on August 14th. He also presented a paper on gang member identification, law enforcement databases, and public policy at the European Society of Criminology’s annual meeting in Bologna, Italy, on September 27th.

VAL JENNESS received the Distinguished Article Award from the Sociology of Law section of the American Sociological Association for “The Reconstitution of Law in Local Settings: Agency Discretion, Ambiguity, and a Surplus of Law in the Policing of Hate Crime”, recently published in the Law & Society Review.

ELIZABETH LOFTUS has been appointed to the National Research Council’s Committee on Military and Intelligence Methodology for Emergent Physiological and Cognitive/Neural Science Research.

SAL MADDI was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the International Council on Psychology, August 12th, in San Diego. His talk was on Hardiness: The Courage to Grow through Stresses.

JOE DIMENTO’S book entitled: Climate Change: What It Means for Us, Our Children, and Our Grandchildren, was recently published by The MIT Press.

Criminology, Law, and Society continuing lecturer Judge TAM NO-MOTO SCHUMANN, of the Superior Court of Orange County, was elected President-Elect of the American Judges Association (AJA) at that organization’s recent annual meeting in Vancouver. Judge Schuman has been a member of AJA since 2003, and has served on the Board of Governors as Secretary, and as Vice President of the Association.
URBAN WATER RESEARCH CENTER

The Urban Water Research Center’s inaugural banquet was held under the stars at the beautiful and historic Mission San Juan Capistrano on June 1st. UWRC Director William (Bill) Cooper welcomed 135 guests assembled to hear keynote speaker Timothy Brick, Chairman of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW

On June 5th, the Center for Psychology and Law held its 2007 Prominent Speaker at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach. K&L Gates Law Firm procured the Honorable Slade Gorton, former United States Senator of the State of Washington and a member of the 9-11 Commission as the guest speaker and a reception followed, hosted through the generosity of Christopher Damon Haig, The Yocca Law Firm, and K&L Gates.

NEWKIRK CENTER

On Wednesday, October 17, the Newkirk Center and the Center for Psychology and Law presented, “Evaluating the Reliability and Admissibility of Fingerprint Evidence,” featuring Professor Simon Cole.

The third annual Allen Lecture Series event, “The Health Status of Americans: Challenges and Opportunities,” featuring Chancellor Michael Drake was held on Thursday, October 18.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

BUS TOUR 2007

The Changing Face of Orange County Bus Tour, a project of the UCI Community Outreach Partnership Center, is now in its fifth year. The tour is designed to introduce new graduate students in the Department of Planning, Policy, and Design to community planning and policy efforts underway to address economic and social equity concerns in Orange County. The intent of this program is to impress upon participants the need to consider equity issues in their planning education and professional development.

This year’s tour focused on the need for affordable housing in Orange County and included stops in the Cities of Irvine and Anaheim. In the City of Irvine, participants visited the Montecito Vista Apartments, a work force housing complex produced by the Jamboree Housing Corporation, a non-profit housing development organization. A presentation by Jamboree Housing Executive Director Mary Jo Goelzer offered a first-hand account of the efforts required to successfully cultivate, negotiate, finance, manage, and sustain this project and others like it in Orange County.

In Anaheim, participants heard from representatives of The Kennedy Commission and Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD) on a campaign to build affordable housing in the resort area of the City of Anaheim. Participants were given a tour of the resort area, listened to a presentation which outlined proposals supporting and opposing the campaign, and were encouraged to think about the role of planning in helping cities negotiate public and private interests.
On November 1st and 2nd, UC Irvine welcomed law school students and faculty from the Institute for Comparative Law, Waseda University, (Japan) for a joint graduate conference on crime, law, and society. This inaugural conference of doctoral students from a leading university in Japan together with UC Irvine graduate students presented research on corporate governance and economic crime; individual lawbreaking; regulation; sanctioning issues; and legal theory and practice. They discussed their work with foreign delegates over a two-day period. The common thread among these presentations was their analyses and implications for comparative and international work in their respective areas.

A special thank you to Toshiba American Electric Components in Irvine for their financial support of the conference.
DALE GLASER ('79) received his Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and is now a principal of Glaser Consulting where he performs duties as a statistician/methodologist. He is also an adjunct faculty/lecturer at San Diego State University, University of San Diego, and Alliant International University, teaching statistics, research methods, and testing and measurement at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Recently, he was elected President of the San Diego chapter of the American Statistical Association.

PAUL K. SONG ('85) has joined Ross, Dixon, and Bell, LLP as a senior associate in its Orange County office.

A forthcoming article in Criminal Justice Education identifies JODI LANE ('98), currently Associate Professor of Criminology at the University of Florida, as a female academic star; one of the top 20 young female scholars in the field of criminology.

ERIN MILLER ('07) is in Ghana, serving in the Peace Corps. She will be working on several environment-based sustainability projects over the next 27 months.

CHRISTIE GARDINER, a Criminology, Law, and Society student is one of five graduate students nation-wide to be awarded a dissertation grant from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Her dissertation is entitled, From Inception to Implementation: How the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 Affected the Case Processing and Sentencing of Drug Offenders in One California County.

DEAN’S EXCELLENCE Scholarship Fund

Many Social Ecology students go out into the community and help those in need. As academics blends with community work, there are many students performing thousands of hours of community service each year. Some students serve as mentors to disadvantaged kids while others volunteer at local homeless shelters. The Dean’s Excellence Scholarship Fund recognizes students who participate in some form of service during their college experience and excel in academics. These students are making a difference in other people’s lives, and you can make a difference too by giving to the Dean’s Excellence Scholarship Fund.

For more information, please contact Deborah Sarkas, Director of Development, UCI School of Social Ecology, (949) 824-1874 or dsarkas@uci.edu.

Best Year End Charitable Gift Ideas

GIFT-GIVING TO THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL ECOLOGY

• Give securities that have grown in value (owned more than one year)
• Give through your IRA if you are over age 70
• Contribute appreciated real estate
• Make a gift that retains lifetime income for you or others
• Give surplus life insurance

For more information on year end charitable giving strategies, please contact Deborah Sarkas, Director of Development, UCI School of Social Ecology, (949) 824-1874 or dsarkas@uci.edu.
Through the Field Study Program, Social Ecology undergraduates completed 94,571 service learning hours in FY 2006-07. 888 students worked in two states and seven counties. These student contributions were recognized by two community organizations: Girls Incorporated and THINK Together. In April, Girls Incorporated of Orange County recognized their University partners in education at their Volunteer Appreciation Reception. During the event, Orleda Roa, volunteer coordinator, recognized the Social Ecology Field Study Program as a major contributor of high quality volunteers and interns. Many of our graduates have continued with Girls Incorporated, either by accepting a job offer or continuing their volunteer work. This past summer, the teachers and students at THINK Together expressed their appreciation by personally delivering handmade cards from the students whose lives have been improved through the mentorship of the undergraduates completing their field work at THINK Together. These examples illustrate how students and their faculty mentors, through the Social Ecology Field Study program, are making a difference in the local community and beyond.

If your organization would like to host students for the field study program, contact the Director of Field Study Ashley Vikander at abvikand@uci.edu.

If you’d like to help a student with his/her academic and career goals, share your experiences and advice, consider being a mentor. We’ve received positive comments on the mentor program:

“My mentor is amazing. I can connect with her very well; I greatly value her advice and opinions, and her guidance is extremely helpful,” says student Caroline Chu.

“My student is very goal oriented and has many questions; it’s been a pleasure helping her out,” says alum Dan Castaneda.

Currently, we need mentors in Orange, Los Angeles, and San Diego counties who are in the psychology or criminal law field. If you’d like to help a student and mentor, please contact Kristine Ramos at ramosk@uci.edu.
UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15
UCI CHANCELLOR’S DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

A UCI Chancellor’s Distinguished Lecture entitled “The Climate Challenge: Answers from Technology, Business and Society,” will be held on January 15, 2008 in the Crystal Cove auditorium in the UCI Student Center. The lecture will be given by Dr. Ernst von Weizsäcker, professor and dean of the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

February 27
THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM LECTURE SERIES

The Community Outreach Partnership Program will have its 2nd lecture for the 2007-2008 “Changing Faces of Orange County,” Lecture Series on February 27, 2008. This event will be at the UCI University Club, reception from 6-7pm and lecture from 7-8:30pm. Professor Perlita DiCochea, Assistant Professor at Santa Clara University will speak on, “Transnational Bioregionalism: Implications for Water Policy on the Borderlands.”

March 1
SAVE THE DATE!
HOMECOMING 2008

Come back to UCI for Homecoming on March 1, 2008. There will be carnival games, food, and musical and dance performances. For more information visit the UCI Alumni Association site at http://www.alumni.uci.edu/.

Stay in Touch!

HAVE NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?
If there is any news you would like to share with Social Ecology alumni and friends or if you have recently moved, please send information to Kristine Ramos at ramosk@uci.edu.