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Dean's EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Young people are doing great things in the School of Social Ecology! Our students who were selected for the Dean's Excellence Scholarship Fund for their academic accomplishments and dedication to the community are Sylvia Ho, Elizabeth Munoz, and Carolina Sarmiento. Established in 2007 by individual private gifts, this award recognizes students who successfully blend their academics and community work. Many Social Ecology students perform thousands of hours of community service and share their knowledge with others. The following scholarship recipients exemplify the School of Social Ecology's values in academic excellence, citizenship and social responsibility:



Sylvia Ho, a senior Psychology and Social Behavior student, not only values her education but also the education of others. This is evident in her various community activities, ranging from book drives for elementary students to serving as a mentor to high school students. As co-founder of Tzu Chi Collegiate Association at UC Irvine, Sylvia promotes the organization's values of love

and compassion for others. This year, she is coordinating a walk-a-thon to raise awareness of environmental issues. Currently, Sylvia is the Vice President of Community Service for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, which enables her to organize events such as preparing meals at the Ronald McDonald House and cleaning up the Santa Ana Zoo. Sylvia believes it is important to encourage others to give back to the community. In addition, she maintains a 3.7 GPA while working on campus at the Institute of Brain Aging and Dementia.



Elizabeth Munoz, a Psychology and Social Behavior senior, is a first-generation college student who discovered her passion while volunteering in the community. Originally planning to study engineering, Elizabeth's educational path quickly changed after helping out the elderly in a local nursing home. She saw first hand the needs of this popula-

tion, so she decided to research gerontology under Professor Susan Turk Charles. Now the most important piece of advice Elizabeth

gives other students she tutors and mentors is to get involved in the community. One way students can get involved is to participate in the multiple events Elizabeth organizes with the Latino Community Service student group. Opportunities include volunteering at homeless shelters, giving out box lunches to low-income elderly and helping at soup kitchens. She is most proud of the Health Care Fair she organized that gave free check-ups by UCI medical students to low-income Santa Ana residents. In addition, Elizabeth is an honors student who still finds time to volunteer twice a week to assist an elderly Irvine resident with grocery shopping and housework.



Carolina Sarmiento, a graduate student in Planning, Policy & Design, believes art and culture are interconnected with urban planning. In order to have effective planning, Carolina says cities need to understand the community's culture and receive feedback from residents. However, Carolina saw this was difficult to accomplish in a community with structural disadvantages and growing

inequalities. Therefore, she founded the Centro Cultural de Mexico, a self sustaining community center in Santa Ana. Using her knowledge of urban planning and art, Carolina has shaped the Center into a unique and useful resource for residents. Originally offering classes in dance, theater, and music, the Center has expanded to include literacy, English and GED classes. Residents of all ages benefit from the Center, which has become a healthy environment for at-risk youth and a venue for public city-planning forums.

Support Students!

Social Ecology 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. There are a variety of ways to support students - through outright gifts of cash, securities, or real estate, or through planned gifts such as bequests and life-income gifts. Scholarship gifts in any amount are welcomed and greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Deborah Sarkas, Director of Development, at (949) 824-1874 or dsarkas@uci.edu.

Victoria Basolo has been appointed Associate Director for Policy Research Initiatives for the UC Center Sacramento for academic year 2008-09. In this capacity, she will teach courses at the Center, undertake research in her field of expertise, and assist in ongoing UCCS research activities. A key objective of the UCCS Policy Research Initiatives program is designed to better link California policy-makers to University of California faculty expertise.

New Chairs announced for the departments of CLS and PSB. Professor **Simon Cole** will be the Chair of CLS and Professor **Pete Ditto** the Chair of PSB, effective July 1, 2009.

Professor **Pete Ditto** has accepted the position of Chair of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior effective July 1, 2009. Professor Ditto will replace Professor Dave Dooley, who has been the chair for the past three years.

PPD Chair, **Dave Feldman**, has been appointed to a U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) team charged with analyzing ways to expand and improve climate services within NOAA, with the goal of establishing a National Climate Service.

The Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA) Director **Richard Matthew** presented on "Environment and Conflict" and "Environment and Peacebuilding" at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Barcelona in October. This Congress, which takes place every four years, is the largest environmental meeting in the world. It brings together more than 8,000 of

the world's leading decision makers in sustainable development from governments, NGOs, business, the United Nations and academia.

Joan Petersilia and **Susan Turner**, Co-directors of the Center for Evidence-Based Corrections have received a three-year contract renewal for \$1.9 million from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to continue the Center's work in evaluating evidence-based correctional programming in the state. To learn more about the Center, visit ucicorrections.seweb.uci.edu

Henry Pontell was inducted as a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology at the annual conference held in St. Louis on November 12th. The award recognizes major contributions to scholarship in the field, as well as to the career development of other criminologists and the organizational activities of ASC.

Dan Stokols, Chancellor's Professor of Social Ecology, co-edited a special issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine on the "Science of Team Science." The issue is aimed at understanding and enhancing the results of collaborative research and training programs. Complex problems like global warming, AIDS, cancer, food security and terrorism require greater collaboration among scientists trained in different fields.



Make a Difference.

Become a Mentor!

The School of Social Ecology seeks alumni and community members with experience in various career fields: law, criminology, business, education, psychology, social work, urban planning and more. If you would like to help a student with career goals by sharing your experiences and advice, please consider becoming a mentor. The Mentor Program allows you to have a direct impact on our students and has proven to be beneficial for both mentors and mentees. For more information, please visit www.socialecology.uci.edu/mentor or contact Patricia DeVoe at pdevoe@uci.edu or (949) 824-1278.

Urban Water Research Center

The Urban Water Research Center held its gala event on September 12 to connect UCI faculty and students with government agencies, business leaders and the community who are concerned with water issues. The documentary film, "The American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?" was premiered and clearly demonstrated the need for collaboration among academia and the water community to solve global water-scarcity problems.



Special guests, actress Jane Seymour and California Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, attended to show support for the efforts of the Center and community water leaders. To view additional photos of the gala, please visit www.uwrc.uci.edu

Former UN Undersecretary and Peace Dignitary Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, visits with Dean C. Ronald Huff and CAHS Co-chair Sandi Jackson.



special events

Water Conference

The International Conference on Water Scarcity, Global Changes and Groundwater Management Responses was held December 1-5 at UC Irvine. The conference was convened by UNESCO, USGS and the UCI Urban Water Research Center for the purpose of bringing together scientists, policymakers, and educators to work together on solving global water issues. More than 300 people from 53 countries participated in the conference. One of the most important outcomes of the conference is the Irvine Action Framework, a document that summarizes the content of the conference and provides a set of recommendations for action addressed to international institutions. The document was presented at the 5th World Water Forum in Turkey in March. The Irvine Action Framework and conference papers and information are available at www.waterunifies.com.



Jean Fried, UCI Professor and UNESCO Senior Consultant

Human Security Award

Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole, co-founders of Invisible Children, were honored on October 29 with the Human Security Award. Their nonprofit organization is dedicated to raising awareness among young people and support for the children of Uganda. The Human Security Award is sponsored by the Coalition Advocating Human Security (CAHS), a friends organization of the University of California Irvine's Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA). To learn more about their efforts, please visit www.cusa.uci.edu.



Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole are presented with the 2008 Human Security Award by CAHS co-chairs Sandi Jackson and Susan Samuelli, Dean Ron Huff of UCI's School of Social Ecology and CUSA Director Richard Matthew

The 2008 Medal Awards Ceremony

This year's event, co-chaired by Dr. and Mrs. Hazem Chehabi (Biological Sciences, '99), "A Celebration of Stars," was held on October 4 to honor Carol and Ralph Cicerone, James Mazzo and Stanley van den Noort for their important contributions to UCI. The event broke a new fundraising record, with \$2 million generated in gifts and pledges. Net proceeds will support student scholarships and fellowships. At the event, Chancellor Michael V. Drake, M.D. announced UC Irvine's "Shaping the Future" campaign to raise \$1 billion to support students and innovative research in various areas such as the environment, energy and health. Please visit www.ucifuture.com to learn more about the campaign and how you can contribute to creating a brighter future for UCI and our region.

special events

Social Ecology Student and Alumni Mixer

The Social Ecology Student Association and ASUCI hosted a student-alumni mixer on November 12. This informal gathering brought together students and alumni who share an interest in Social Ecology career fields. If you would like to attend an upcoming mixer or help a Social Ecology student in need of career guidance, please contact Patricia DeVoe at pdevoe@uci.edu or (949) 824-1278.

Alumni Resources

Have a class note to post or need to request a transcript? Then visit the School of Social Ecology Web site at www.socialecology.uci.edu/relations to access various resources such as career services, an alumni directory and event calendars.

Partners in Giving



Peter Fischler, Social Ecology '80

How did alum, Peter Fischler (Social Ecology, '80), fit our organization into his philanthropy? By establishing a living trust. Through a living trust, his financial support for scholarships in Social Ecology and Athletics will continue in perpetuity. As a Social Ecology student, Peter conducted a cross cultural study of college students' social attitudes under the supervision of Professor Gil Geis. He also was on both the swimming and water polo teams and was active in ASUCI. Peter believes his education in Social Ecology and involvement in Athletics were extremely valuable. After graduation, these experiences influenced his decision to earn an MBA in international business and work in finance. The School of Social Ecology greatly appreciates Peter's continuing support, which enables us to attract the best students to UCI.

A Legacy of GIVING

A popular way to make a gift to the School of Social Ecology is through a charitable provision within your revocable living trust. The revocable living trust is created during your life primarily to control the disposition of your estate after your death. As part of your charitable estate planning, you can designate a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a specific asset for the benefit of our School while retaining control of your assets during your lifetime.

Here is some sample bequest language that can be included in your trust. You may wish to share this with your legal advisors:

I give to the School of Social Ecology at the
University of California,
Irvine the sum of \$ _____
(or ____% of the residue of my estate,
or the property described herein)
to be used for _____ (specify purpose).

For more information, please visit www.giftlegacy.uci.edu or contact Deborah Sarkas, Director of Development at (949) 824-1874 or dsarkas@uci.edu.





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WOMEN IN WATER

The Urban Water Research Center will host the 2nd Annual Women In Water Forum, featuring Pat Mulroy, General Manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the Las Vegas Valley Water District and a distinguished panel of professional women from a variety of water-related fields who will discuss Southwest water scarcity issues. It will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30pm near the UCI campus. There is no charge to attend, and it is open to the public. Please visit, www.uwrc.uci.edu or call (949) 824-3442 for more information. Please RSVP by May 6.

May 22

GREEN DEVELOPMENT:
A SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS

You are invited to a solutions oriented conference that will move beyond identifying the science that explains environmental degradation and explore best practices that minimize the human carbon footprint and other societal impacts. The program will examine case studies of successful initiatives in the business sector and in the university and point to concepts and principles that explain winning results.

This event is open to the public at no charge. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.newkirkcenter.uci.edu



May 30

SOCIAL ECOLOGY
MENTOR-MENTEE PROGRAM
25TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 25th year of the Social Ecology Mentor-Mentee Program. Were you a part of this program as a student? Then join us Saturday, May 30 at the UCI Student Center for panel discussions and interaction with current students in the program. Please contact Professor John Dombri at jddombri@uci.edu for more information or to RSVP.

Events Calendar Online

We have many events and lectures that are open to the public. Please visit www.socialecology.uci.edu/events to learn more.