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*Donor Spotlight***Dr. Hazem and Mrs. Salma Chehabi**

Hazem and Salma Chehabi are making a difference through their charitable support in the School of Social Ecology. Hazem (M.D., Director, Newport Diagnostic Clinic) and Salma (Bio 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' micro-finance project agenda, their gift enabled the project to produce a state of the art review of literature, reports, and expert views on the historical performance of microfinance, 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 coordinate sustainable development, conflict resolution, and post-conflict reconstruction initiatives. Their gift enabled CUSA to support two Ph.D. students, develop a global network of senior researchers, and hold a workshop in Washington, D.C.

The Chehabis' most recent gift was designated for the Urban Water Research Center to support the "Olive Oil Treatment Collaborative Project." This project involves reusing water residue from olives when pressed for their oil. That water then is reused 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.



*Dr. Hazem and Mrs. Salma Chehabi*

**2008  
Commencement**

The School of Social Ecology held two commencement ceremonies on Friday, June 13, 2008. The first ceremony included graduates in Psychology and Social Behavior and in Social Ecology. A total of 444 undergraduates participated in that ceremony, along with 15 members of the platform party. The second ceremony included 377 graduates in Criminology, Law and Society; Applied Ecology; Environmental Analysis and Design; Public Health Science; and Public Health Policy; as well 26 who received the Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) degree and 19 platform party members. The inspirational keynote speaker at both ceremonies was Professor Ralph ("Ray") Catalano, Professor of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley, who taught in Social Ecology for 17 years prior to joining the Berkeley faculty. Both ceremonies nearly filled the Bren Events Center with family members and others who joined in honoring our most recent graduating class.

A separate University-wide graduate commencement ceremony was held for the first time in UCI's history on June 7, 2008. All Social Ecology graduate degrees other than the MURP degree were conferred at that ceremony.

Congratulations to all the undergraduate and graduate degree recipients in the Class of 2008! We wish you all the very best!

Congratulations to **PROFESSOR EMERITUS ARNOLD BINDER** and **ALISON CLARKE-STEWART** upon their retirement from UC Irvine. Professor Binder's service to the University spanned over 40-years and Professor Clark-Stewart's service for 25-years. Their combined service of 65-years helped advance our School in immeasurable ways. We are grateful for their contributions.

**SCOTT BOLLENS** 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 Group-Based Claims*.

**KITTY CALAVITA** and **DAN STOKOLS** have been named as UC Irvine Chancellor's Professors. This prestigious designation is used to recognize scholars who have demonstrated unusual academic merit and whose promise for scholarly achievement makes them of exceptional value to the university.

**VAL JENNESS** was awarded the 2008 *Pacific Sociological Association Distinguished Practice Award* for her work on hate crime and prison violence. The award recognizes creative and rigorous research that improves organizational performance, contributes to community betterment and/or eases human suffering. She is also the first recipient of the *Joseph B. Gittler Award*. This award was established to recognize "the significant scholarly achievement that a Society for the Study of Social Problems member has made in contributing to the ethical resolution of social problems." It is given in honor of Professor Jenness' many contributions to advancing understanding and enlightened policy in the justice system, both for the academic community and the larger public.

**ELIZABETH LOFTUS** was elected "Humanist Laureate" by the International Academy of Humanism 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 doctorate from the University of Oslo and will travel to Oslo in September to receive her honor.

**JODI QUAS** received the 2008 Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution 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 (within nine years of a Ph.D.) part of their career.

**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 in part for her work as an advisor to the US Department of Homeland Security. She was also selected as a 2008 American Psychological Association Decade of Behavior Distinguished Lecturer, nominated by the American Educational Research Association. Finally, she has been re-elected as Faculty Chair for our School for 2008-09.

**BILL THOMPSON** was appointed by California State Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez as his representative to California's new Crime Laboratory Review Task Force. The 17-member task force is charged with reviewing California's crime laboratory system and recommending ways to improve it. The task force is charged with reporting its findings to the state legislature by July 1, 2009.

**SUSAN TURNER** received the Richard A. McGee Award from the American Justice Institute. This award recognizes her distinguished research in criminology and its value and usefulness to many agencies and practitioners.

**DIEGO VIGIL** has been awarded the Robert Textor and Family Prize for Excellence in Anticipatory Anthropology for his work on urban youth and youth gangs.

## Save the Date **International Water Summit** December 1-6, 2008

Mark your calendars for the 2008 International Water Summit on Water Scarcity, Global Changes, and Groundwater Management Responses presented by UNESCO and UC Irvine.

This Conference will bring together leading water management and climate change experts, scientists, engineers, policymakers, lawyers, economists, and executives of water services of local and regional authorities. A variety of topics will be discussed on water scarcity including innovative and appropriate technologies to address the issue and the exchange of ideas concerning the involvement and education of civil society in the understanding and evaluation of water scarcity.

We are expecting representation from over 100 countries, with between 200-300 attendees.

Some keynote speakers include Dr. F. Sherwood Rowland, (UCI, Nobel Prize in Chemistry); Dr. Perry McCarty (Stanford University), 2007 Stockholm Prize in Water (the water equivalent of the Nobel Prize); Dr. Gatzke Lettinga, The Netherlands, (2006 USC Tyler Prize); Dr. Paul Westerhoff, Arizona State University, (2007 Paul M. Busch Award, Water Environment Federation); and Dr. James Barnard, 2007 Clarke Prize (National Water Research Institute).

If you would like more information, please contact Professor William Cooper at [wcooper@uci.edu](mailto:wcooper@uci.edu).

## Congratulations to the following students who received awards, scholarships and fellowships:

Chancellor's Club Excellence Fellowship  
– **Lindsay Malloy**

Don Owen Water Science and Policy Award  
– **Phillip Gedalanga and J. Aaron Hipp**

Martha Newkirk Award for Excellence in Research by a Graduate Student – **Phil Goodman**

Arnold Binder Award – **Lori Sexton**

Michelle Smith Pontell Memorial Fellowship  
– **Andrew Peterson**

Gil Geis Excellence in Graduate Research Award  
– **Phil Goodman**

Gil Geis Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award – **Kirstin Morgan**

Psychology and Social Behavior Excellence in Research – **Zheng Bi and Jada Bittle**

Ellen Greenberger Excellence in Graduate Research  
– **Nathalie Carrick**

The Architecture Foundation of Orange County Prize for Excellence in Urban and Regional Planning  
– **Amy Ablakat**

Jarvis Peterson Award – **Anaid Yerena Rascon**

PPD Advisory Board Scholar – **Jessica Debats**

The Honorable William M. Monroe Prize for Excellence in Field Study – **Calvin Law**

Strauss Endowed Scholarship in Social Ecology  
– **Kimberly Wyant**

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Victoria Hurtado** ('93) was chosen as the Irvine Police Department 2007 Officer of the Year.

## NEWKIRK CENTER EVENT

On Wednesday, March 12, the Center for Psychology and Law and the Newkirk Center presented, "Methods and Madness: The Humble State of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology," featuring Park Dietz, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.

Thank you to Gary C. Weisberg with Palmieri, Tyler, Wiener, Wilhelm & Waldon, LLP for sponsoring this event.



L to R – Newkirk Center Director Joseph DiMento, featured speaker Dr. Park Dietz, event sponsor Gary Weisberg and Distinguished Professor Elizabeth Loftus



The Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA) hosted British polar explorer and environmental leader Robert Swan for a single presentation during his Voyage for Cleaner Energy. The Voyage for Cleaner Energy is a five-year, 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 Stars Program recognizes individual and team efforts that are effective in nurturing all important relationships with donors.

Congratulations to Richard Matthew and Bryan McDonald from the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs; Joe Di Mento and Elizabeth Eastin from the Newkirk Center; and Jean Martinez, Assistant Director of Graduate Services, for being nominated and recognized.







# Lauds & Laurels

'08

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 Lauds and Laurels Distinguished Social Ecology Alumni Award was Dr. Joan Petersilia, (Ph.D. Social Ecology '91). 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 advisor on the subject of correctional reform. Prison expansion and overcrowding have been posing daunting challenges and

consuming ever-increasing portions of California's state budget, 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 Lejins Award from the American Correctional Association; the Paul Tappan Award from the Western Society of Criminology; the Choice Award from the American Library Association for an Outstanding Academic Book (*When Prisoners Come Home*); and several teaching awards at UCI.



Joan Petersilia

# The University in the Community

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 youths in the Young Heroes program. The City Year program is administered by Americorp, 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 ranging from environmentalism to community building to drugs and alcohol. Once they discuss a topic they go out 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 clean up 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 those students helping her community; now she is a Team Leader and can relate 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 youths the value of community building, community service, and their ability to change the world - all things that she believes are essential to addressing the problems of gangs and juvenile delinquency.

Psychology and Social Behavior student **Cynthia LaCoe** 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 Alvarez of the Nutrition Network in the Santa Ana School District

developed a new class at UC Irvine entitled, "All for Health and Health for All." This class provides students with the opportunity to design lessons in health promotion and present the information to elementary school students, teachers, and parents. The presentations are on exercise and promoting a healthy diet. Cynthia took this class when it was first offered and she developed an understanding of the importance of promoting healthy lifestyle options that are appropriately geared 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 Friends program operated through Jewish 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 to a boy who 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 male role model and a friend with whom his Little Friend can connect. He enjoys sharing his experiences with his Little Friend and giving him insight about college. Even though there is a 16 year age gap between Adam and his Little Friend, they developed a close bond. Adam finds this program very rewarding and enjoys being part of the local community.

## SUPPORT

**Support the Dean's Excellence Scholarship Fund through a BEQUEST in your will or trust. You will recognize Social Ecology students community volunteer service.**

**Here is the language that will make it possible:**

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**For more information please contact:  
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## Honors & Awards

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* 2007 Top Research Universities faculty productivity index reported the School of Social Ecology Department of Planning, Policy, and Design as fifth in ranking among all U.S. planning programs. This is a great recognition of our talented faculty.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 12

**URBAN WATER  
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The Urban Water Research Center will host its 2nd annual banquet on Friday, September 12 with the world premiere of the documentary film, "The American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?" featuring Jane Seymour. For more information, please email [uwrc@uci.edu](mailto:uwrc@uci.edu).

### September 24

**2008 FORENSIC  
SCIENCE SERIES EVENT**

The Newkirk Center will host, "Neurolaw: Revolution and Retreat Functional Neuroimaging as Evidence: Admissibility, Probative Value, Juror Bias," featuring Emily R. Murphy, Ph.D. For more information, please visit: <http://www.newkirkcenter.uci.edu/>. This event will be held at the University Club at 5:30 p.m.

### October 3-4

**2008 UCI MEDAL  
CEREMONY**

Save the Dates! "A Celebration of Stars," will be held on campus over the course of two spectacular evenings on October 3 at the Barclay Theatre and October 4 at the Bren Events Center. The incredible evenings' events will offer moving tributes to Medal recipients, a wonderful dinner with colleagues and friends, and memorable entertainment. This is a celebration not to be missed and, by joining your friends and colleagues at this premier event, you will help UC Irvine advance its exceptional programs and expand educational opportunities for its best and brightest students.

If you would like send us any exciting updates or news to share with Social Ecology alumni and friends or if you've recently changed your information please send to:

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