



Peer Advising Press

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Spring Luncheon — Wednesday, May 9

The end-of-semester luncheon will be held in PSY 206 from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. So that there will be enough food, please email (mdeegan@csulb.edu)

or leave a phone message (562-985-1395) by Monday, May 7 if you plan to be there.

Dr. Green's Department News

Faculty members occasionally take sabbatical leaves. The leaves allow them a semester to focus on research and to absorb changes in their fields. The great thing about these leaves is that the faculty members return, typically recharged with renewed enthusiasm. Recently, Psychology faculty members have been taking leaves of a different sort, accepting invitations to work elsewhere. This year Dr. Bill Kelemen is on leave to become Chair of the Department of Psychology at Texas State University at San Marcos, and Dr. Bianca Wilson is on leave as a fellow at the Williams Institute in the UCLA School of Law to address issues of social justice. Next year Dr. Hannah-Hanh Nguyen will take leave for a position in the School of Business Administration at the University of Hawaii. The bad thing about these leaves is that the new positions can become permanent and the faculty members would not return. We hope they will return, but as the budget situation in the CSU continues to deteriorate it is possible that they will not.

Budgetary issues are leading the University to place increasing emphasis on advising at all levels, starting before entry into CSULB and then emphasizing the importance of meeting with an advisor at least once every semester until graduation. With the Highly Valued Degree Initiatives as a driving force, rules are changing with respect to GE, impaction, majors and minors, and repeat/delete. The new rules are supposed to speed progress towards the degree. Peer Advisors help everyone keep up with the changing rules. In this new environment, the training and knowledge of the Peer Advisors is increasingly important in helping students (and faculty) navigate the path to the Bachelor's degree. Their work is sophisticated, helpful, and appreciated. Special thanks go to their mentor Amy Jennings, our Undergraduate Coordinator, for keeping everyone on top of the changes and for making the needed adjustments – all with a positive attitude and a sense of good cheer.

--Ken Green

Eight New Peer Advisors

Alexis Nakamura aspires to pursue a Masters in I/O Psychology to become either an I/O psychologist or human resources manager. She volunteers at the Homeless Drop-In in Long Beach, prepping/serving food and sorting donated clothes. She works as an administrative assistant in the Student Union.

Cristina Demarti has worked as a medical assistant and as an interior designer. Her goal is to become a marriage and family therapist.

Hanna Addressi has worked as a camp counselor and as a retail cashier. She acted as a research assistant with Dr. Kelemen. She would like to be a high school counselor.

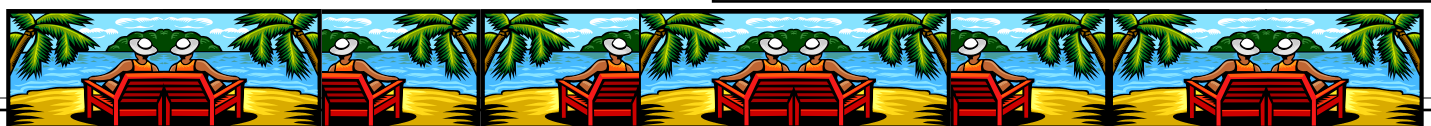
Jennifer Robles is debating between I/O psychology and forensic psychology as a career. She works as a recreation leader for the City of Bell Gardens, and works as lifeguard during summers. She volunteers in various capacities at her church.

Jessica Valdez's career goal is to become a speech language pathologist in a school environment. She has volunteered with eighth graders in a charter school. She has worked various jobs, including Baskin Robbins (mmm!).

Margaret Schreiber volunteers at the Women's Resource Center on campus, planning events for Sexual Assault Awareness month. She moved to Paris for six months to work for the Disney Resort there. She hopes to eventually manage her own business, using fine and performing arts to guide, counsel and help underprivileged children succeed.

Richard Granados has worked in his family's realty business. He has volunteered his organizational skills in a variety of charity fundraising drives. He plans to pursue a career in some form of counseling.

RoseAnn Knight has volunteered in a variety of roles for an array of charities. She is employed as Facility Chair for the Associated Students USU Board of Trustees. She anticipates eventually obtaining licensure in occupational therapy.



Spring 2012 Peer Advisors

Front, from left: Chelsea Ordiway, Sara Sagui, Marisa Garcia, Maritza Marquez, Jaquelyn James, Katherine Cuellar

Middle, from left: Ashield Cabrera, Nicole Herschler, Allison Vrieze, Geanne Weaver, Stephanie Arriaga, Madeleine Emanuel

Back, from left: Mathew Gonzales, Gabriel Marmolejo, Bradley Reynolds, Jeton Uzosike



Eight Peer Advisors Retiring

Ashield Cabrera sees peer advising as good experience for a possible career goal of school counseling. She has volunteered for several organizations, such as the American Cancer Society. She has been the (much appreciated!) student assistant in the Psychology department office for three and a half years.

Madeleine Emanuel volunteers as an intern at the Thomas House shelter, planning events and supervising the children. She is preparing for a career in the field of substance use/abuse in a rehab facility or hospital, studying psychopharmacological factors of adolescent or college-age patients. She works at Starbucks.

Marisa Garcia is interested in working with kids with disabilities, giving them tools to successfully gain independence. She volunteers at the Boys & Girls Club. She has worked as a trainer at a local amusement park.

Nicole Herschler sees herself working as a therapist in private practice, so plans to pursue her MFT. She has volunteered as an assistant instructor in martial arts and with an organization that helps the homeless. She works as a tutor for sixth graders in math and English enrichment.

Gabriel Marmolejo works as a teaching assistant, helping struggling students. He also tutors one-on-one.

Maritza Marquez is torn between becoming an occupational therapist or a college advisor. She has volunteered with organizations such as the Los Angeles Food Bank. She works as a sales consultant for Best Buy.

Allison Vrieze has volunteered in child care at her church and currently mentors a student through BLAST. She works as a nanny. She'd like to participate in research on the effects of child abuse and to counsel children and families.

Geanne Weaver would like to become a high school counselor. She has volunteered at Morongo Basin Mental Health, attending outings with the children in the program. She has also taught Sunday School at her church. She worked with students at Copper Mountain College as a tutor and in their high school completion program.

Eight Peer Advisors Returning

Bradley Reynolds hopes to become a licensed psychologist to work with adolescents with major anxiety disorders. He has volunteered coaching high school track and field and has worked in retail.

Chelsea Ordiway has volunteered with church and with Girl Scout activities. She has worked in restaurant service jobs. She is interested in doing research in health and evolutionary psychology and in practicing psychotherapy.

Jaquelyn James has decided to pursue medical school, completing research on the topics of addiction, preventative health, stress reduction and drug therapies. She has been heavily involved in student government. She created a conflict management/leadership workshop which she was privileged to present to the Associated Students Assembly in Washington, D.C.

Jeton Uzosike works at the Club Sports and Recreation office here on campus. She has volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club. She is interested in acquiring a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Counseling.

Katherine Cuellar wants to volunteer with an Orange County probation program for youths. She works at Petsmart. Her career goal is to become a clinical psychologist.

Mathew Gonzales would like to become a school counselor. He has volunteered as an assistant high school tennis coach. He believes peer advising will be a great aid in learning to work with students.

Sara Sagui has worked various jobs — as a nanny, an office assistant and in restaurant service. She has volunteered with beach cleanups and with her church. She hopes to pursue a Masters in Social or Developmental Psychology.

Stephanie Arriaga would like to get an MA in occupational therapy, allowing her to practice in a hospital setting, working with injured, disabled or surgically recovering children. She volunteers with library reading programs, and has worked various office positions.

Don't forget to email Marilyn (marilyn.deegan@csulb.edu) with updates to your family situation, your education, your job and other newsworthy items. We want to hear all about it!

*Keep in touch with former classmates
and with us! Send your updated infor-
mation about family, jobs, addresses
and especially emails to Marilyn at
Marilyn.deegan@csulb.edu for
inclusion in the next newsletter.*

We appreciate all of you!

*And don't forget
the potluck on
Wednesday, May 9
12:30 to 2 in Psy 206.
Come and eat free!*



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