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NEW ADEP DIRECTOR

ADEP staff welcomes Dr. Bruce Gillies as the new director for the ADEP program this summer. He is thrilled to be working with the staff and getting to know more about the faculty and students.

Born in Lagos, Nigeria, Gillies grew up in different parts of the world. Graduating from High School in Fremont Michigan, he has lived in various parts of the States – 17 years in San Diego and 3 years in Memphis and he has been to Nicaragua, Venezuela, Arcadia, Puerto Rico, and Indonesia. He also served in the U. S. Navy for 21 years and retired in 2000 as a Master Chief (E 9). He then worked for Fortune 500 companies like Countrywide. Furthermore, he has taught at various schools in Memphis, San Diego, and Ventura County and has worked as Faculty Advisor and Acting Dean of Adult Education. As an experienced professional, Gillies plans to contribute to the already growing reputation of the ADEP program.

Working as the new ADEP director is exciting for Gillies. He hopes to live up to the staff's reputation. "It's going to be fun," said Gillies who strongly believes in his philosophy: "if you are not having fun working, then you are doing something wrong".

Gillies has enjoyed working for ADEP so far. His favorite part of the job is working with people who have such wide experience and knowl-

edge at CLU and in the world of academia. He also believes working at Cal Lutheran is a great opportunity where the campus contributes to the surrounding community. "The Lutheran experience, I think, is important – having that connection to the education aspect of it is important," said Gillies. He said that he can't wait to get to know more about the wonderful faculty, staff, and students at Cal Lutheran.

Moreover, with his philosophy in mind, he plans to make sure that ADEP continues to be a successful one. This includes making sure the students are well taken care of by the faculty and staff who are helping them with their needs. He also believes it is essential for the students to graduate with a degree that will help them advance with the current technology and knowledge about the industry overall.

Currently, he teaches several classes for MBA and one class for ADEP which is called Organizational Development. He has taught other classes such as Business Statistics and Business Communication. Gillies thinks students at CLU are dedicated, diverse, and eager to learn; they come from different places with various experiences that are brought to the classroom.

He also added that teaching adult students in general is different because their learning habits are unique in a way that they relate to their past experiences and they learn from them.

Gillies also hopes to implement new changes for the ADEP program. He would like to continue to grow the size of students as well as the faculty while making sure both understand the goal of ADEP. "It is important for the faculty and staff to show the students that they are an integral part of the learning process," said Gillies. He believes showing these students the importance of having them in the program and the experience that comes along with it are necessary for attracting new customers – the prospects. Most importantly, he hopes to make certain of the visibility of the ADEP program as it expands. "It's really a unique model," said Gillies who thinks that the ADEP program often "gets lumped into the undergraduate or graduate programs." Therefore, the ADEP team must be careful in marketing the product.

His current schedule includes updating the ADEP homepage by adding new programs that will provide more of an overall organizational aspect. Along the way, the ADEP



Bruce Gillies

Director for the
Adult Degree Evening Program

team is in the process of discovering the needs of the students because "their needs are what drive everything" such as classes and the program itself.

Gillies currently resides in Oxnard with his family. His hobbies include sailing, hiking, biking, and motorcycle riding. He concluded with a personal message: "Don't be afraid to come to me with concerns, comments, or recommendations," said Gillies to the ADEP students and faculty because "we are a team".

Gillies graduated from Alliant International University (formerly United States International University) in San Diego where he received his Doctorate of Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

DID YOU KNOW?

Now, ADEP students have their own customizable web portal. Just use your ID and password to log in and the portal will bring you to the page that is designed just for the ADEP students.

PROFESSOR SINCE 1997

Dr. Chang-Shyh Peng has been teaching at CLU since 1997 for all programs including ADEP. He grew up in Taiwan and went to a well-known university called National Taiwan University. He then served in the army for two years in Taiwan and then came to the United States. He attended University of Texas for both M.A. and Ph.D. and he transferred to Nebraska for his first job as a professor. He currently serves as chair and professor for the Computer Science Department.

He enjoys teaching, especially for the ADEP program. In fact, he started teaching ADEP classes the first day he arrived to campus. "It was funny," he said, "every Computer Science faculty left the day I came." His first year at CLU was challenging for him because he was busy picking up the pieces and revising the courses.

He believes that ADEP students know very well why they are here. He thinks that these particular students are differ-

ent because they want to learn not just the theoretical foundation but also the application so that they can build better application with good solid analytical skills and better performances as well. Moreover, most of the ADEP students are serious and they pay great attention to the course taking. "Everyday I walk into the classroom, I expect to learn something new from the students," said Peng who believes that teaching ADEP classes are nothing but enjoyable and a learning experience. He also makes sure he brings some knowledge to the classroom. Nevertheless, he thinks that studying in an environment where there is advanced communication between the students and professors really keeps the teachers moving ahead and it makes the Computer Science curriculum up-to-date on a daily basis.

Peng has a special message for the ADEP students. He would like to encourage them to think outside the box. He

thinks it is necessary to consider not only the daily occurrences in United States, but also, what's going on in the outside world. He personally believes we have been focusing too much on what is going on internally and therefore, we lost track of what other parts of the world and industry are doing in relation to Computer Science. He added that it is always important to consider what may happen in the future because computers and technology are always changing.

Peng enjoys working at CLU because of its location and size which all contribute to the close-knit environment between the teachers and the students. His hobbies, apart from computers, include music. He loves listening to pop and classical music and most of all, he enjoys spending time with his son. He also travels to Taiwan almost every year.

Peng currently resides in Thousand Oaks with his family.



Dr. Chang-Shyh Peng

Chair and Professor
Computer Science Department

NEW ADEP LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

Did you know about the new program for the ADEP students? Starting this summer, new Liberal Studies program is launched especially for those who are interested in becoming teachers. Classes will be held at night once or twice a week which makes it

convenient for those who work during the day. Also, after completion of four 11-week terms, students will earn both the BA degree and a preliminary teaching credential.

Taught by the eminent professors who have extensive

amount of professional experience in the field both in and out of classroom, students will gain not only the exceptional experience but will be also knowledgeable about the field.

Cal Lutheran is one of the top universities in California that

offers the best Education Program for prospective teachers. For more information, contact the ADEP Office at 493-3127 or visit www.clunet.edu/adep.

Congratulations to all the graduates of 2005. Hope you find success and happiness in all you do.



DR. KLASSEN TEACHES COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. Myungsook Klassen grew up in Seoul, Korea with a large family of five siblings. She attended Sogang University in Korea for her Bachelors in Chemistry. Then, she came to the United States to pursue her Masters in Physical Chemistry at Ohio State University. There, she had a chance to use the micro computer PDP 8 in the Physical Chemistry lab. She became so interested in computer programming that she instantaneously decided to pursue her graduate work in Computer Science. She finished her Ph.D. in Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She taught in Hong Kong for two years and Taiwan for seven years where she worked as assistant professor and associate professor respectively. Finally, she came to California and went straight to Cal Lutheran where she's been teaching for six years.

Pursuing a teaching job for Klassen was an interesting journey. Her father was a lawyer and she grew up watching him reading books all the time. Her father thought that being a lawyer would require intensive reading and writing and discouraged the family from becoming lawyers. Furthermore, according to Klassen, lawyers, professors, and doctors are seen as prestigious in Asian society so her mother wanted at least one to become a doctor. She was so aggressive in pushing all of her children that in the end, no one actually became one. But the children were all very good students and three siblings

and herself earned Ph.D.s and became professors in Biology, Physics, Economics and Computer Science.

Klassen is content with what she has become. Currently, she serves as an Associate Professor and Director of the Computer Science Graduate Program. "I don't know why, when I was growing up, I thought it was the best job a female can have!" said Klassen who always dreamed of teaching at a small school. "That's what I always wanted," she added.

Her most important responsibility as a Director is to make sure that the Masters program in Computer Science is running smoothly. The program is fairly new and thus, it needs a lot of advertising. In addition, there are only a few professors for the program. Therefore, it has been the biggest challenge for Klassen, especially in promoting the product to the community. Although she is busy, she enjoys working. Her favorite part of the job is the freedom and flexibility that it provides. "I don't need to come in at 9 a.m. sharp and stay at the office until 5 p.m.," said Klassen. Moreover, she believes the highlight of being a Computer Science professor is that she is forced to learn a lot of the latest happenings in Information Technology and Computer Science in general and she looks forward to it.

She enjoys interacting and teaching for both the daytime and evening students although they are different in many ways. She thinks the daytime students are unique

because they are in the process of figuring out what they want to learn and they just take in what is given to them from the professors. Therefore, she believes teachers in general take a more active role in teaching and giving more guidance as well as instruction. "But they are really nice!" said Klassen who has very good interaction with the day time students. On the other hand, she considers the evening students like the ADEP to be more responsible, hardworking, and demanding. She believes they know exactly what they want and why they are here and therefore, they pay serious attention to the happenings that evolve around computers. Further, most of them are working adults and so, they demand of the teachers what they want to learn - something they can relate to or be useful and applicable to their current job. Klassen thinks these students have experience and they know what the real world is like which push them to become active learners. Such qualities also applied to the Masters students who Klassen sees as hardworking and smart. In fact, she is pleased with the quality of students she has been receiving for the program. Both the professors and students share their experiences in the classroom and as a result, this greatly contributes to the interactive learning environment.

Klassen currently resides in Thousand Oaks. Her hobbies include hiking and gardening and she hopes to pick up on playing the piano again.



Dr. Myungsook Klassen

Assistant Professor and Director
Computer Science Department

She would like to leave some words of advice for the ADEP students. She said that in terms of computers and technology, it is important for students to know that the professors cannot teach all the available technology because it is always changing. Therefore, the important thing is to know the basic concept and one technology thoroughly because it will make it easier for learners when making transitions from one technology to another new technology. As a professor, Klassen knows that there are so many new concepts to learn everyday, however, "to focus on learning good fundamentals and a few technology tools related to those fundamental concepts" is what's important.



CHECK YOUR CLUNET EMAIL REGULARLY!

NEW LOOK, NEW OFFICE

The ADEP reception area in Alumni Hall was recently renovated. Although room A 120 and the Hall was scheduled for a remodel five or six years ago, it did not happen because of other priorities. This summer, the ADEP team had an opportunity to brainstorm about the remodel with the help from Leanne Neilson who worked to find the money to do it.

“We’re very excited about the

remodel,” said Darla Arcuri, who always wished to see the office look “more professional” rather than like “an elementary school.” Moreover, a more sophisticated bulletin board was setup to complete the pictures and some new plants were put in around the hall for decoration.

As for the staff, they have new furniture installed. Other modifications included two

student worker spots in the hallway, a new space for both a potential Administrative Assistant and adjunct faculty to use. Also, the entire space was carpeted with new oak base boards which contributed to the new professional look.

The project was aimed to be completed by June 24, however, according to Darla, the construction was ahead of schedule. The ADEP team

moved in to the new office on June 22 and they all were very excited. An open house was held during summer to celebrate the new look of the Alumni Hall and Room A 120.

Stop by and say Hi!



WHAT IS GRADQUEST?

Every term, Cal Lutheran holds information meetings called GradQuest to inform prospective students about the different programs offered on campus. These free 90 - minute information sessions are held at three various locations—Thousand Oaks, Ventura, and Woodland Hills.

GradQuest is a great way to meet with professors and staff who are willing to answer

questions that you may have about various programs. There will also be counselors to represent each program and you can make a follow-up appointment if you wish. They can also provide you with basic financial aid and loan information.

GradQuest is designed for students who are interested in Cal Lutheran’s evening bachelor’s degree completion,

graduate programs, certificate and credential programs. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested in GradQuests, send an email to clugrad@clunet.edu or contact Rebecca at (805) 493-3290, rgibb@clunet.edu. For more information, visit www.clunet.edu.

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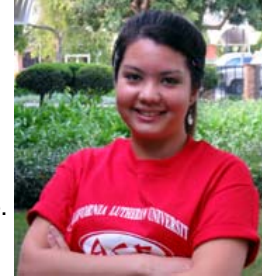
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If you have any article ideas or suggestions for “The Source”, please contact the Graduate and Adult Programs Marketing office.



Hazel Zaw, Editor



More renovation pictures of the ADEP Hallway



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Thurs, October 6 at 6 p.m.**
Ventura Campus
- **Tues, October 11 at 6 p.m.**
Woodland Hills Campus
- **Tues, October 18 at 6 p.m.**
Thousand Oaks Campus



If you are an ADEP student and have any concerns, contact Darla at (805) 493-3160, arcuri@clunet.edu or Grace at (805) 493-3126, gestufko@clunet.edu. They are willing to talk with professors and students about the issues.