AT THE LEADING EDGE
The Work of Our Faculty

California Lutheran University

2013-2014
At California Lutheran University, our faculty remain focused on discovery and the future. They lay claim to their profession not as dispensers of cold facts, but as researchers and innovators who bring their subjects to life. They strive to instill in each generation of students the same sense of purpose they bring to their own work, the same desire for knowledge of what’s coming next, and the same need for greater understanding.

This is why our students are such active participants in their own education. They see their professors as both leaders and fellow learners who guide them into chosen fields where passion fuels their pursuits.

We admire our faculty for their boldness, for daring to illuminate, to push the boundaries of knowledge past the conventional. They teach at the leading edge, helping students to become the creators and leaders of a future where our understanding of the world – and ourselves – will be greater than today.

It is with great pride that we honor their achievements and recognize their commitment to ever-expanding scholarship.
At California Lutheran University, we see neither trade-offs nor separation between the roles of researcher and educator. These are two facets of a single dedication, and it is faculty members’ own growth through scholarship that allows them to challenge and champion students in their college journeys.

One way that our professors engage students beyond the classroom is through faculty-mentored undergraduate research and creative projects. This past summer, the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship awarded 27 such projects across the academic disciplines. Funding for the summer’s projects came from 14 Swenson Science Summer Research Fellowships, five Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURFs), four Darling Summer Research Fellowships, three Pearson Summer Scholarships and a California Wellness Foundation Fellowship.

2013-14 projects included:

- “The Effects of Culturing Stem Cells in Various Polyacrylamide Hydrogels” by Jeremy Anderson ’14 with faculty mentor Chad Barber (Biology);
- “Applying Recent Advances in Palladium-Catalyzed Direct Arylation Conditions to Chain Growth Polymerization” by Hillis Johnson ’15 with John Tannaci (Chemistry);
- “The Acute Effects of Warm-up Modalities With and Without Whole Body Vibration Upon Force/Velocity, and Muscle Activation Characteristics During Repeated Counter Movement Vertical Jumps” by Cristian Plascencia ’14 with Hugh Lamont (Exercise Science);
- “Developing College Skills for Individuals with High-Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Pilot Program” by Kathryn Lundi ’15 with Jodie Kocur (Psychology);
- “A Phenomenological Study of a Place-Based Simulation to Advance Undergraduate Understanding of Public Relations” by Kate Cabebe ’14 with Jean Sandlin (Communication);
- “Applications of Gersgorin Disc Theory to the Detection of Hofp Bifurcations” by Morgan Swaidan ’14 with Chris Brown (Mathematics);

Students who conduct summer research are immersed in a strong and diverse scholarly community. They attend regular meetings with faculty mentors, weekly peer-support gatherings and formal, biweekly professional gatherings. Students present each step of their projects, critically evaluate the work of others, receive guidance on career pathways and mature as individuals. Many go on to publish their results and co-present with our faculty members at professional conferences throughout the country.
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2014 President’s Award for Teaching Excellence

Joan Frances Wines
B.A., M.A., University of Detroit
M.A., Ph.D., University of Southern California

Joan Wines, a longtime professor of English at Cal Lutheran, was honored last spring with the 2014 President’s Award for Teaching Excellence. The award was created in 1995 to recognize professors who are held in high esteem by their peers, students and the rest of the university community.

Wines began teaching at Cal Lutheran in 1976 and became a full-time faculty member in 1989. From the beginning, she has been an inspirational teacher and supportive mentor dedicated to helping students produce their best work. One student writes, “Dr. Wines is a fabulous professor. She is genuinely interested in seeing her students succeed and spends as much time as is necessary making sure they produce the best work. She is not a pushover and requires her students to put in the same level of work in composing the piece as she dedicates to helping you refine it. I certainly hope to encounter many more professors like her in my future studies.”

Conducting and presenting instructional technology research with a Cal Lutheran administrator since 1990, she was the first in both the Cal Lutheran and University of Southern California English departments to integrate computers into writing instruction. Wines co-founded the multimedia program at CLU in 1996, an ambitious undertaking given that the University had only recently incorporated the Internet and a campus network. She has secured numerous grants for technology as well as for faculty and program development. After co-directing the Center for Teaching and Technology, which helped faculty integrate technology into their courses, she directed its successor, the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), until 2012 and continues to organize the weekly CTL lunch series she initiated in 2002.

While teaching her first college courses at the University of Detroit, Wines provided job training and placement services for incarcerated young adults through a Ford Foundation program and served as a substitute teacher in inner-city elementary schools. She brought her passion for helping disadvantaged youths to USC’s Neighborhood Initiative program and to Cal Lutheran, where she helped start the Math-Science Upward Bound program in 1992.

Wines helped establish and also directed CLU’s Writing Center and has worked extensively with international students there and in English courses. She served as chair of the English Department from 2006 to 2013 and has been the faculty adviser for the university’s award-winning literary publication, Morning Glory, for 18 years.

She co-organized the 2008 Huntington/CLU International Aldous Huxley Symposium and has been a docent of Muenster’s International Aldous Huxley Society since 2009. In addition to an extensive list of academic publications, she has authored books of poetry and written and directed children’s plays.

Wines holds a bachelor’s degree in English and a master’s degree in Middle English literature from the University of Detroit as well as a master’s degree and a doctorate in English from USC.
Gerhard Apfelthaler, Ph.D., Dean, School of Management

AWARDS

APPOINTMENTS
• Editorial Board Member, Journal of Learning and Teaching in Higher Education.

PRESENTATIONS
• “Managerial Cognition, the Global Mindset and Change” presentation co-authored with M.J. Shane at the 13th International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organizations, Vancouver, Canada, June 2013.
• “Cross-cultural Difference and Cross-cultural Competence” presentation at the Austrian CFO Forum, Stegersbach, Austria, April 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

Michael Arndt, M.F.A., Professor, Theatre Arts

APPOINTMENTS
• Artistic Director, Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival.

EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES
• Directed The Tempest by William Shakespeare for the 2013 Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival.
• Across the Oceans, adaptation of original theatre piece, Under Fire, staged by Kevin Kern at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, Fall 2013.
• “From Hell to Healing: The Art of Vietnam Vets,” four photographs taken in Vietnam entered and displayed at the Bell Arts Factory Gallery and in the Administration Building of the Ventura County Government Center as part of exhibits done in association with the City of Ventura’s Big Read project under a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, March 2014.
• Wrote and directed a theatre piece, Under Fire: Stories of Combat Veterans across Generations, performed at Ventura College, Ventura, Calif., April 2014.

Jamie Banker, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate Psychology

PRESENTATIONS
• “Partner Relationships: A risk and a protection for postpartum depression” presentation at the Postpartum Support International Conference, Minneapolis, Minn., June 2013.
• “Pituitary disorders and the family” webinar as part of the Pituitary Network Association Webinar Series, November 2013.
• “From life-threatening childbirth to normal motherhood: The social invisibility of maternal morbidities among women giving birth in the U.S.” Co-authored with A. Nack (CLU) and C. Morton (Stanford University), presented by C. Morton at the Museum of Motherhood Annual Conference, New York, N.Y., March 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

Chad Barber, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biology

APPOINTMENTS
• National Academy of Sciences Teaching Fellow (2013-14).

PRESENTATIONS
In helping students to discover their purpose, it is fundamentally important to encourage them to widen their focus. While it is important to discover what you want to do in life and to learn how to do it, it is even more important to know why – purpose is about the heart, spirit and passion within your chosen work and daily activities.

ELIZABETH BRENNAN
Associate Professor,
Graduate School of Education
The most important advice that I offer students is based in my own experience: don’t panic if you haven’t “found your purpose” by the time you graduate. Your purpose is not static, but changes as you move through life. After a career in television, I went back to school at 39 and got my MA and PhD. And, lo and behold! Here I am, teaching religion at Cal Lutheran, and loving every minute of it. It’s never too late to do something new, to “re-purpose” your life.

Peter Carlson
Visiting Assistant Professor, Religion
Scott Chien-Hsiung Chiu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English
PRESENTATIONS

Heidi Coronado, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education
PRESENTATIONS
• ‘Chicano/Latino Identity Exploration: Creating Safe Spaces Through Indigenous Pedagogy’ presentation at the National Association for Ethnic Studies Conference held at Mills College, Oakland, Calif., April 2014.
• ‘Inlak’ech and the Power of Testimonios: The Stories of First and Second Generation Youth from Central American Descent’ presentation at the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2014.

Michael Cosenza, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education
APPOINTMENTS
• President, Southern California Professional Development School Consortium.
• Member, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing CalTPA Steering Committee.
• Member, Ventura County Office of Education, Higher Education Advisory Board.
• Board Member, Ventura County Catholic Charities.

PRESENTATIONS

Erik Diaz, M.F.A., Assistant Professor, Theatre Arts
EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES
• Scenic Designer, Big Nate – The Musical, The Omaha Theatre Company/Rose Theatre, Omaha, Neb., November 2013.
• Scenic Designer, Miracle on 34th Street, Stoneham Theatre Company, Stoneham, Mass., November 2013.
• Scenic Designer, Leo Leonni’s Frederick, The Omaha Theatre Company/Rose Theatre, Omaha, Neb., March 2014.
• Scenic Designer, Romance Language, Seven Angels Theatre Company, Waterbury, Conn., March 2014.
• Scenic design for Marry Me A Little, New Repertory Theatre, Boston, Mass., was part of the design expo at the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) National Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, March 2014.

Rachel Casas
Assistant Professor, Graduate Psychology

Romans 12:6 says that ‘we have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.’ I believe that one of my most important responsibilities as a professor at CLU is to help students discover their gifts, because through doing so, they also learn to discover their passion and their purpose.
Part of my goal as a professor and mentor in helping students discover their purpose, is to nurture their interests. Because theatre is comprised of so many different areas, sub-disciplines, and specializations, it’s important to help the students discover their passion and desire within the industry. That may mean encouraging them to investigate a class they may not have chosen to take on their own or exposing them to another area within theatre that you can see an interest in.

ERIK DIAZ
Assistant Professor, Theatre Arts


**Rainer Diriwächter, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Psychology**

**APPOINTMENTS**
- Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Integrated Social Sciences*.
- Editorial Board Member, *Culture and Psychology* (Sage Publications).
- Editorial Board Member, *Integrative Psychological and Behavioral Science* (Springer Publications).

**HARRY DOMICONE, PH.D., PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**MORRIS EAGLE, PH.D., DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR-IN-RESIDENCE, GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY**

**AWARDS**
- The Robert Wallerstein Annual Lectureship, Department of Psychiatry, University of California, San Francisco, March 2014.

**APPOINTMENTS**
- Reviewer, *Psychoanalytic Psychology*.
- Reviewer, *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*.

**PRESENTATIONS**
- “American and French psychoanalytic formulations of infantile sexuality” and “Theories of therapeutic action” presentations at the Division of Psychoanalysis, American Psychological Association Conference, New York, N.Y., April 2014.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**ARACELI ESPINOZA, PH.D., ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLICATIONS**
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Rafaela Fiore Urizar, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Languages and Cultures**

**PRESENTATIONS**
- “El tango como herramienta subversive en la literatura argentina” (“Tango as a Subversive Tool in Argentinean Literature”) presentation at the XIII International Congress of Hispanic Literature, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, March 2014.
- “Memorias en crisis en dos obras latinoamericanas: cuando recordar se aleja de la palabra” (“Memories in Crisis in Two Latin American Works: When Remembering Drifts Away from Words”) presentation at the XXXII International Congress of The Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, Ill., May 2014.

**Karrolyne Fogel, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Mathematics**

**APPOINTMENTS**
- Co-organizer, Pacific Coast Undergraduate Mathematics Conference held at Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., March 2014.

**PRESENTATIONS**
- “Advising Required Senior Projects and Capstone Courses” invited panelist at the Project NExT workshop at MathFest 2013, Hartford, Conn., July 2013.

**Julia Fogg, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Religion**

**PUBLICATIONS**
- “Antioch” and “Liberation Theology.” Bible Odyssey website project by the Society of Biblical Literature, an interactive encyclopedia that combines both scholarship and contemporary application.

**Gregory Freeland, Ph.D., Professor, Political Science**

**APPOINTMENTS**
- Board President, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE).

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Michael Gagliardo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Mathematics**

**PRESENTATIONS**
- “Mathematics and Architecture” presentation at the Mathematica Eclectica Colloquium held at Cal State University, San Bernardino, October 2013.

I believe the most important factor in helping students discover their purpose is letting them understand that individuals adopt, pursue or fulfill their purpose through many different paths in their lives and that very often their purpose in life changes. Purpose is a force that pushes your existence, but is not an unyielding one. What is important is that all your goals are aligned with having a meaningful existence that goes beyond the self.

**RAFAELA FIORE URIZAR**
Assistant Professor, Languages and Cultures
• “The Mathematics of Why Maps Look Strange” presentation at the Channel Islands Math Colloquium held at Cal State University, Channel Islands, Camarillo, Calif., March 2014.

William B. Gartner, Ph.D., Visiting Professor, School of Management

AWARDS

APPOINTMENTS
• Editorial Review Board Member, *Entrepreneurship: Theory and Practice*.
• Editorial Review Board Member, *Journal of Business Venturing*.
• Editorial Review Board Member, *Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*.

PRESENTATIONS
• “What do entrepreneurs talk about when they talk about failure?” presentation with A. Ingram at the Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference, Lyon, France. June 2013.
• “Future of entrepreneurship research in Europe” plenary session presentation at the AEI 2013: 8th Congress De L’Academie De L’Entrepreneuriat Et De L’Innovation, Fribourg, Switzerland, October 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

Virginia Gean, MBA, Visiting Lecturer, School of Management

PRESENTATIONS
• “From Boarding House to the Boardroom: A personal interview with Truett Cathy” presentation at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nev., February 2014.

PUBLICATIONS
• “Interaction of Multiple Failures – A Linear Path to Our Financial Crisis” *Journal of Accounting and Finance*. Vol 13 (6), 2013.

Daniel Geeting, D.M.A., Professor, Music

EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES
• Featured clarinetist in the Faculty/Student Clarinet Concert, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, Calif., September 2013.

Molly George, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice and Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Marylie Gerson, Ph.D., Professor, Psychology

PRESENTATIONS
• “A brief self-administered treatment to build resilience in recovering substance abusers” presentation with A.F. Waters at the American Psychological Association Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 2013.
• “Expressing gratitude to increase resilience and thriving in recovering substance abusers” presentation with A.F. Waters at the Association for Psychological Science Convention, San Francisco, Calif., May 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

Michael Gerson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

Rahuldeep Singh Gill, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Religion

PRESENTATIONS
• “The Sikh Case for Interfaith” webinar presentation hosted by Interfaith Youth Core, September 2013.
• “Guru Nanak and This American Moment” presentation at the Guru Granth Sahib Conference, San Jose, Calif., September 2013.
• “The Sikh Case for Peace” presentation at Claremont Lincoln University, Claremont, Calif., October 2013.
• “Memory as Benevolence: Towards a Sikh Ethics of Liberation” presentation for the Elijah Interfaith Institute Conference, Munich, Germany, May 2014.
• “Re-reading the Vars of Bhai Gurdas Bhalla” presentation at the International Sikh Studies Conference held at the University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2014.

PUBLICATIONS
In the actual doing or making of art, encouraging students to experiment usually leads them to choosing content motivated by distinctive interests. What they care about becomes clear as they invest time, materials, and themselves—therefore the creative process serves as a catalyst for personal transformation, assisting the self to purpose.

LARKIN HIGGINS
Professor, Art

Herbert Gooch, Ph.D., Professor, Political Science

APPOINTMENTS
• Executive Board Member, Lutheran College Washington Semester Consortium.
• Advisory and Planning Board Member, Ventura County Leadership Academy.
• Board of Advisors, Naval Postgraduate School Center for Asymmetric Warfare (NPA/CAW).
• Board Member, Ventura County Transportation Advisory Board.
• Ventura County Advisory Council (VCAC), Office of State Senator Fran Pavley.

PRESENTATIONS
• “California Budget: Realities and Aspirations” keynote address at the annual meeting of the Ventura Council of Governments, Simi Valley, Calif., June 2013.

PUBLICATIONS
• “2014: Political Forecasting for Ventura County,” article for The Ventura County Reporter, January 2, 2014.

David Grannis, M.F.A., Assistant Professor, Communication

APPOINTMENTS
• Judge, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 35th College Television Awards, Broadcast News Category.
• Judge, Broadcast Education Association Faculty Television Awards, Documentary Category.

PRESENTATIONS
• “Streaming Live Events at CLU: Lessons Learned, Our Five-Year Saga” presentation at the Association of Lutheran College Faculties Conference held at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, October 2013.
• “Advocacy Groups in Censorship” panel presentation at the Broadcast Education Association Conference, Las Vegas, Nev., April 2014.

Veronica Guerrero, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, School of Management

APPOINTMENTS
• Board Member, Funeral Consumers Alliance of Southern California (FCASC), an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that promotes and protects a consumer’s right to choose meaningful, personalized and affordable end-of-life arrangements through research, education and outreach.
• Executive Board Member, Women’s Economic Ventures (WEV), an organization that provides training, consulting, coaching and loans to small businesses in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

PRESENTATIONS
• “Higher Education and Negotiation Competence” presentation with J. Richards at the American Marketing Association’s Summer Marketing Educators’ Conference, Boston, Mass., August 2013.

Dan Hamilton, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Management

PUBLICATIONS
Grady Hanrahan, Ph.D., Professor, Chemistry, and Associate Provost of Experiential Learning, Research and Faculty Development

**PUBLICATIONS**


Michael Hart, M.A., Instructor, Music

**APPOINTMENTS**

- Board Member, Scandinavian American Cultural and Historical Foundation.
- Adjudicator, Heritage Music Festivals.

**EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES**


Steven Hawkins, Ph.D., Professor, Exercise Science

**PRESENTATIONS**

- “Mechanical characteristics of younger and older subjects’ patellar tendon via acoustoelasticity analysis of ultrasound images” presentation with M. LeBlanc and K. Evans at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Ind., June 2013.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Timothy Hengst, M.A., Professor, Multimedia

AWARDS
- The Association of Medical Illustrators Lifetime Achievement Award for 2013, the Association’s highest honor.

APPOINTMENTS
- Executive Director, Kingsmen Shakespeare Company.
- Advisory Board Member, Oxnard High School Multimedia Business Academy.

EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES
- Two digital photo collage pieces selected for the annual Thousand Oaks Art Association Members Show at the Thousand Oaks Art Gallery, Fall 2013.

Kirstie Hettinga, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Communication

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

Larkin Higgins, M.F.A., Professor, Art

PUBLICATIONS
- in an attempt to empty the square, a new artist’s book, now housed in Special Collections-Artists’ Books at Otis College of Art and Design, June 2013. Combining poetic language and abstract visuals, the book has the “square” – a word that has resonated with the Arab Spring – written and literally cut into its pages.

EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES
- “Soil Culture, Frankenstein—Grafted” print/broadside was included in the 2013 Poets House Showcase in New York City and added to the Poets House collection.
- Invitational Solo Exhibit, Counterpath, Denver, Colo., April 2014. Logographic pencil drawings and other visio-textual art.
- Poetry reading (April 10) and performance of “Parking Lot Lines” (April 14), a two-and-a-half hour durational performance art piece, at Counterpath, Denver, Colo., 2014.

Jodie Kocur
Assistant Professor, Psychology

In order to discover their purpose, students need to be given an opportunity to learn about what their community and their world need, in addition to learning about what their personal strengths and passions are. I try to give them a safe place in my work with them to talk about both.
Haco Hoang, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Political Science

PRESENTATIONS
- “Enhancing the Civic Capacity of Environmental Justice Communities” presentation at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association meeting, Vancouver, Canada, October 2013.
- “Promoting Environmental Health in Farmworker Communities” presentation with J. Cooney at the International Conference on Health, Wellness and Society, Vancouver, Canada, March 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

Carol Jacobson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

APPOINTMENTS
- Chair, Resurrection Lutheran Church Altar Guild.
- Candidacy Committee Member, ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod.
- Steering Committee Chair, East Bay Lutheran Parish, Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes.

PRESENTATIONS
- “Where Call and Culture Mix” presentation at the ELCA Diocesan Ministry Formation Event held at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., January 2014.

Cynthia Jew, Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Education

APPOINTMENTS
- Consultant, Santa Clarita Charter Schools.

PRESENTATIONS
- “Cultural Proficiency and the Use of Data” presentation at the Cultural Proficiency Institute, Camarillo, Calif., June 2013.

Kyle Johnson, D.M.A., Lecturer, Music

APPOINTMENTS
- Sub-Dean, Ventura County Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

PUBLICATIONS

EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES
- Featured organist and choir director, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Worthington, Ohio, October 2013. Two original pieces, Lamb of God and Lord, We Pray, included one written for the occasion, were performed.
- Featured composer/pianist at the premier performance of his original two-part (soprano-alto) choral arrangement Christ. Whose Glory Fills the Skies performed by The Chancel Choir of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks, Calif., March 2014.

Kristopher Karsten, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biology

APPOINTMENTS

PUBLICATIONS

Louise Kelly, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Exercise Science

APPOINTMENTS

PRESENTATIONS
- “Home-based Strength Training Program Does Not Reduce Obesity or Risk for Type 2 Diabetes in Obese Latino Boys” presentation at the National American College of Sports Medicine Conference, Orlando, Fla., May 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

Jason Kingsbury, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Chemistry

PUBLICATIONS
SCIENCE FOR A PURPOSE
Interest in the sciences at California Lutheran University is at an all-time high. Since 2008, the University has experienced a 77 percent increase in students enrolling in science programs. Today one in four students at Cal Lutheran is a science major.

Nationwide, there is a growing demand for graduates who are well-versed in the sciences. At the federal level, the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology has challenged universities to enroll one million STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) undergraduates in the next decade. Statewide, STEM employment has increased by 25 percent.

With the demand for science professionals greater than ever, Cal Lutheran has the opportunity to prepare more students for careers in research, healthcare, business and academia – work that has both an immediate and lasting impact.

A foundation in the sciences builds critical-thinking skills that enable graduates to go out into the world and solve pervasive problems. At Cal Lutheran, we foster students who are:

- Ethical and focused on achieving public good.
- Ready to make a difference in their careers and in the community.
- Well-rounded, blending perspectives, practices and disciplines that result in creative and innovative thinking.

Exercise Science Professor Michele LeBlanc believes Cal Lutheran’s experiential learning approach enhances the student experience. “Students become excited about science when they actively participate in the learning process. As faculty, we are committed to providing personal attention to our students, challenging them to think critically, use complex equipment, and pursue and even publish their own research. Because of these experiences, they will be well prepared to successfully pursue careers in science.”

For Biology major Yesenia Ibarra, this approach led to a personal discovery. “Cal Lutheran has given me the opportunity to learn how to do research, and I found that I love doing research. That is why I have decided to apply to a dual-degree training program so that I can continue to do research and also become a doctor to help serve the underserved population in my hometown.” Yesenia plans to become a cardiologist and conduct research in the biomedical field.

Cal Lutheran is preparing graduates, like Yesenia, to be catalysts for change, helping them pursue their passions to discover their purpose, and follow that purpose to transform their community—and the world.
Eric Kinsley, D.M.A., Senior Lecturer, Music

APPOINTMENTS
• Director of Music, St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES
• Featured pianist, Faculty Recital, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, Calif., January 2014.

Jodie Kocur, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Psychology

PRESENTATIONS
• “Parents’ Experiences with Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Postsecondary Education” presentation with E.V. Peña at the American Psychological Association Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 2013.

PRESENTATIONS

Michele LeBlanc, Ph.D., Nena Amundson Professor of Biomechanics; Professor, Exercise Science

PRESENTATIONS
• “Mechanical characteristics of younger and older subjects’ patellar tendon via acoustoelasticity analysis of ultrasound images” presentation with S. Hawkins and K. Evans at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Ind., June 2013.
• “Functional movement biomechanics differences between individuals with femoracetabular impingement and osteoarthritis” presentation with B. Truver, S. Hawkins, M. Bahk, and M. Mirisch; “Effect of fatigue on patellar tendon strain in healthy subjects” presentation with M. Soucy and S. Hawkins; and “Differences in bone density and muscle strength between mechanical and biological osteoarthritis” presentation with K. Prosser, M. Bahk, M. Mirisch and S. Hawkins at the Southwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine meeting, Newport Beach, Calif., October 2013.

Jacqueline Lyons, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English

PUBLICATIONS
• “Adorable Airport” and “To Fall” (poems). Ocean State Review, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2013.
• Review of Peter O’Leary’s Phosphorescence of Thought (The Cultural Society, 2013), Colorado Review/Center for Literary Publishing.
• Review of Brian Teare’s Companion Grasses (Omnidawn, 2013), Colorado Review/Center for Literary Publishing.

Valeria Makarova, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Management

APPOINTMENTS
• Executive Committee Member, California Coast Venture Forum/Clean Business Investment Summit (CCVF/CBIS).
• Clean/Green Workforce Committee Member, Workforce Investment Board of Ventura County.

David Marcey, Ph.D., Fletcher Jones Professor of Developmental Biology

APPOINTMENTS
• National Academy of Sciences Teaching Fellow (2013-14).

PRESENTATIONS
• “Spreading the PULSE (StP): Ambassadors and Toolkits to Catalyze Change” presentation at a conference on...
Vision and Change in Undergraduate Biology Education: Chronicling the Changes, Inspiring the Future, organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) with support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), Washington, D.C., August 2013.

• "Enhancing the Role of Faculty as STEM Department Change Agents in the 21st Century" presentation at the Association of American Colleges and Universities/Project Kaleidoscope National Conference, San Diego, Calif., November 2013.

• "Enhancing the Role of Faculty as STEM Department Change Agents in the 21st Century" presentation at the National Association of Biology Teachers Annual Conference, Atlanta, Ga., November 2013.

• "The CLIC Model of Undergraduate Biology Flipped Classrooms" invited lecture at the University of San Diego, Calif., March 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

• "The Effects of the SUN Project on Teacher Knowledge and Self-Efficacy Regarding Biological Energy Transfer are Significant and Long-Lasting – Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial" with A. F. Batiza, M. Gruhl, B. Zhang, T. Harrington, et al., CBE Life Science Education, June 3, 2013.

José Marichal, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Political Science

APPOINTMENTS

• Chair, Western Political Science Association Social Media Task Force.

PUBLICATIONS

• "De volta à névoa: o futuro do Facebook." Brazilian journal, PolÍTICs, June 29, 2013.


• "Politics on Facebook: Microactivism and Expressive Political Performance." First Monday, Vol. 18, No. 12, December 2013.


Maura Martindale, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education

APPOINTMENTS
- Peer Reviewer, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs Grants, May 2014.
- Site Reviewer, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, May 2014.

PRESENTATIONS
- “Common Core State Standards: Students with Hearing Loss who Communicate via Listening and Spoken Language” presentation at the No Limits for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children Conference, Culver City, Calif., April 2014.

Charles Maxey, Ph.D., Professor, School of Management

APPOINTMENTS
- Board Member, Museum of Ventura County.
- Board and Executive Committee Member, the Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA).
- Board Member and Chair of the Personnel Committee of the Board, Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF).
- Board Member, Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County (EDC-VC).
- Executive Committee Member, Ventura County Civic Alliance.

Michael McCambridge, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education

PRESENTATIONS
- “Active Collaborative Transformative learning and teaching: teaching theatre skills and subject matter” featured speaker presentation at TheatreFest 2014, Dallas, Texas, February 2014.

Robert Meadows, Ed.D., Ph.D., Professor, Criminal Justice

PUBLICATIONS

Ryan Medders, M.S., Instructor, Communication

PRESENTATIONS
- “Free the Files: An Experiential Learning Project during the 2012 Election” panel presentation at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013.

Alexis Miranda, Ph.D., Professor, Graduate Psychology

APPOINTMENTS
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development.

PRESENTATIONS

Marja Mogk, Ph.D., Associate Professor, English

PRESENTATIONS
- “How to overcome study abroad as ‘tourism’ vs. experiential education in a global context: the expectations and changing dynamics of today’s students” presentation with L. Loberg and S. Shaker-Sullivan at The Comparative International Education Society (CIES) Western Regional Conference, held at the University of California, Los Angeles, November 2013.

Nancy Myers, M.A., Senior Lecturer, Graduate School of Education

AWARDS
- Camarillo Youth Services Recognition Award for work with the Raising a Reader Program at the Camarillo Library Youth Services Department.
- Distinguished Leadership Religious Education Award from the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, May 2014.

APPOINTMENTS
- Advisory Board Member, Teaching Education Careers Academy (TECA), Oxnard Union High School District.
- Reviewer, Content Advisory Committee for the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) Reading.
- Director, California Reading and Literature Project (CRLP).
- Book Evaluator, Goleta Public Library Notable Children’s Book Project.

PRESENTATIONS
- “Teacher Researchers and Our Cycle of Investigation” presentation at the California Reading and Literature Project (CRLP) Statewide Directors’ Meeting, San Diego, Calif., October 2013.
Adina Nack, Ph.D., Professor, Sociology

APPOINTMENTS
- Advisory Board Member, The Positive Education Action Research Laboratory, University of Toliara, Madagascar.
- Board Member, Council on Contemporary Families.
- Chair, World AIDS Day Planning Committee: HIV/AIDS Coalition of Ventura County.

PRESENTATIONS
- “From life-threatening childbirth to normal motherhood: The social invisibility of maternal morbidities among women giving birth in the U.S.” Co-authored with J. Banker (CLU) and C. Morton (Stanford University), presented by C. Morton at the Museum of Motherhood Annual Conference, New York, N.Y., March 2014.

PUBLICATIONS
- “‘I’m Not That Type of Person’: Managing the Stigma of Having an Abortion” article co-authored with K. Cockrill. Deviant Behavior, Vol. 34, Issue 12, August 2013.

Leanne Neilson, Psy.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

APPOINTMENTS
- Board Member, Alliance for the Arts.
- Advisory Board Member, Women’s Economic Roundtable.

David Nelson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, History

PUBLICATIONS

Dru Pagliassotti, Ph.D., Professor, Communication

APPOINTMENTS
- Editorial Board Member, The Journal of Neo-Victorian Studies.
- Editorial Board Member, The Revenant.
- Reviewer, Journal of Graphic Novels and Comics.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

Ryan Medders

Instructor, Communication

Taking action is the best way to help you discover your purpose. For example, by participating in a travel seminar students have the opportunity to make a positive difference in their community and the world.
Computer Science is becoming an integral part of modern life. It is critical for current and future generations to understand what Computer Science is, how Computer Science transcends, and in what ways Computer Science better and enriches life.

CHANG-SHYH PENG
Professor, Computer Science

Andrew Pattison, M.P.A., Visiting Instructor, School of Management

APPOINTMENTS

- Steering Committee Member, Ventura County Leadership Academy (VCLA).
- Board Commissioner, Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura.

PRESENTATIONS

- “The Effect of Acquired Information and Information Sources on Learning as Policy Belief Change and Belief Reinforcement” presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Ill., April 2014.

PUBLICATIONS


Edlyn Vallejo Peña, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education

AWARDS

- 2014 El Concilio Latino Leadership Award for service to the Ventura County educational community.

APPOINTMENTS

- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Parents’ Experiences with Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Postsecondary Education” presentation with J. Kocur at the American Psychological Association Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

Chang-Shyh Peng, Ph.D., Professor, Computer Science

APPOINTMENTS
- Editor, Global Science and Technology Forum (GSTF) Journal on Operating Systems and Programming Languages.
- Program Committee, 2014 International Conference on Web Information Systems and Technologies.

PRESENTATIONS
- “Augmented Reality on Android” presentation at the International Conference on Computer Science and Information Technology, Dubai, October 2013.

Moses Penumaka, Th.D., Director, Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM), Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

APPOINTMENTS
- Management Board Member, Asia Project of the Graduate Theological Union (GTU).

David Powell, Ph.D., Professor, School of Management

APPOINTMENTS
- Member, the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Competencies Taskforce.
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Public Affairs Education (JPAE).
- Site Council President, Saugus Union School District.

PRESENTATIONS
- “Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes in Graduate Professional Accreditation” presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), Washington, D.C., October 2013.

Mindy Puopolo, Psy.D., Associate Professor, Graduate Psychology

PRESENTATIONS
- “Transforming IPV through Reflective Functioning Skill Building” panel presentation at the American Psychological Association Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

Eva Ramirez, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Languages and Cultures

PRESENTATIONS
- “Parodia y humor en La mejor novela este siglo y otros textos de Oscar de la Borbolla” (Parody and Humor in The Best Novel This Century And Other Texts by Oscar de la Borbolla) presentation at the XIII Congreso Internacional de Literatura Hispánica, Cartagena, Colombia, March 2014.
- “Corridos y canciones: el orgullo de ser mexicano de acá de este lado” (Baliads and Songs: Pride of Being Mexican On This Side Of The Border) presentation at the Southwest Council of Latin American Studies Conference and Annual Meeting, Coronado, Calif., March 2014.

David Powell
Professor, School of Management

Listening is the most important factor in helping students discover their purpose. Discovering one’s purpose is a journey, and listening to students as they communicate their experiences and goals is the only way to know what their journey has been like so you can help them take the next step.
To help our students discover their purpose, I think it’s important to help them find the intersection between their motivations, strengths, potential, and enjoyment.

THERESA ROGERS  
Assistant Professor, Biology

Bryan Rasmussen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English
PRESENTATIONS

Craig Reinhart, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Computer Science
APPOINTMENTS
- Chair, Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Computer Society, Buenaventura section.
- Officer, Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, Buenaventura section.

Karen Renick, Ph.D., Professor, Languages and Cultures
APPOINTMENTS
- Editor-in-Chief, Pi Delta Phi (National French Honor Society) International Newsletter

L. Jeanne Ricci, M.A., Lecturer, Graduate School of Education
APPOINTMENTS
- Co-President, Delta Kappa Gamma.
- Board Member, Phi Delta Kappa.
PRESENTATIONS

Judith Richards, MBA, Visiting Lecturer, School of Management
PRESENTATIONS
- “Higher Education and Negotiation Competence” presentation with V. Guerrero at the American Marketing Association’s Summer Marketing Educators’ Conference, Boston, Mass., August 2013.
- “MBA Education and Negotiation Competence: Examining the Impact of Experiential Learning on Negotiation Self-Efficacy in a Multi-cultural Environment” virtual presentation at the World Universities Forum held at the University of Lisbon, Portugal, January 2014.

Jane Rider, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Exercise Science
PUBLICATIONS
**Linda Ritterbush, Ph.D., Professor, Geology**

**PRESENTATIONS**
- A three-dimensional comparison of ontogeny in two morphotypes of Cambrian Agnostid arthropods presentation with D. Field at the Southern California Academy of Science 2014 Annual Meeting held at California State University, Channel Islands, Camarillo, Calif., May 2014.

**Diane Rodriguez-Kiino, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education**

**AWARDS**
- Fulbright Scholarship, given by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, to serve as an educational ambassador for the United States to Japan, teach a collegiate course that examines the multicultural landscape of American higher education, and establish dialogue and long-term cooperative relationships with Japanese officials and other Fulbright Scholars.

**APPOINTMENTS**
- Board Member, Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Theresa Rogers, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biology**

**APPOINTMENTS**
- National Academy of Sciences Teaching Fellow (2013-14)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Jean Kelso Sandlin, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Communication**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Ian Scheu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education**

**APPOINTMENTS**
- Board of Regents Member, St. Rose of Lima School, Simi Valley, Calif.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Christine Sellin, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Art**

**APPOINTMENTS**
- Research Associate, UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.
- Editorial Board Member, Canadian Association for the Advancement of Netherlandic Studies.

**Mary Jo Shane, Ph.D., Lecturer, School of Management**

**PRESENTATIONS**
- "Managerial Cognition, the Global Mindset and Change" presentation co-authored with G. Apfelthaler, presented by G. Apfelthaler at the 13th International Conference on Knowledge Culture and Change in Organizations, Vancouver, Canada, June 2013.
- "Understanding our personality strengths and challenges to improve teaching and learning" presentation at the Organizational Behavior Teaching Society (OBTS) Annual Conference, Asheville, N.C., June 2013.

**Ryan Sharma, Psy.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate Psychology**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Terry Spehar-Fahey, MBA, Lecturer, Art**

**EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES**
- Invited participant in the CLU Faculty Art Show, Kwan Fong Gallery, Thousand Oaks, Calif., September 2013.
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Harry Starn, M.S., Director of Distance Learning and Director of the Financial Planning Program, School of Management

APPOINTMENTS
• Board Member, Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) Board’s Council on Education.

Bruce Stevenson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, English

APPOINTMENTS
• Associate Editor, International Journal of Civic, Political and Community Studies.

PRESENTATIONS
• “Puritan Origins of the American Left and Right” presentation with J. Wines at the Eleventh International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Budapest, Hungary, June 2013.

Walter Stewart, Ph.D., Professor, Languages and Cultures

PUBLICATIONS
• Sweet Deadly Dreams. Xlibris, 2013.

Russell Stockard, Jr., Ph.D., Professor, Communication

PRESENTATIONS
• “Crisis as a Hacking Problem” presentation with J. Marichal at the OurMedia Conference, held at Dublin City University, Ireland, June 2013.
• “Sports, Race, Identity and Nation Branding by BRICS: Brazilian Soccer Diplomacy and Haiti” presentation at the 38th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association in Grand Anse, Grenada, June 2013.
• “Sports, Race, and Nation Branding: Brazilian Soccer Diplomacy” presentation at the International Communication Association Pre-Conference on BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and Nation Branding, held at Westminster College, London, England, June 2013.

Linda Sundstrom, D.P.A., Assistant Professor, School of Management

APPOINTMENTS
• Member and CLU Representative, Ventura County Emergency Planning Council.

John Tannaci, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Chemistry

PRESENTATIONS
• “Experiential learning and workforce development” invited presentation at the iDEA Hub Symposium, Ridgecrest, Calif., May 2014.

CHRISTINE SELLIN
Associate Professor, Art

Art history is really about the study of the history of visual ideas, or the study of creative thinking and visual strategy. I want students to think creatively and analytically, to engage themselves and their constituencies more deeply into whatever they are most absorbed in. Studying art history involves learning about history, government, architecture, religion and psychology, in addition to art. This kind of cross-disciplinary investigation adds value, grows imagination and creates opportunity – personally, communally, professionally.
Victor Thasiah, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Religion

PRESENTATIONS
- “Rwandan Lutheran Political Theology” presentation at the Remembering the Past, Living the Future: Lutheran Tradition in Transition Conference held at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, October 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

Sam Thomas, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Religion

APPOINTMENTS
- Editor, Marginalia Review of Books, an online publication for essays and reviews in history, theology and religion.
- Editorial Board Member, Bible Odyssey, an NEH-funded project of the Society of Biblical Literature to bring the best in critical, academic scholarship to a wide public.
- Board Member, Abundant Table Farm Project.

PRESENTATIONS
- “Subjunctive Worlds: Metaphor and Performativity in Qumran Ritual Texts” presentation at the 8th Meeting of the International Organization for Qumran Studies, Munich, Germany, August 2013.
- “Engaging Students in Food Justice through Experiential Learning” presentation at the American Academy of Religion Western Region Meeting, Los Angeles, Calif., March 2014.

Janice Tucker, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education

APPOINTMENTS
- Advisory Board Member, California Reading and Literacy Project (CRLP).

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

I think one of the most important tools in helping students discover and live their purpose is getting them to understand not to take their experiences for granted. In teaching critical thinking, we often privilege this action as questioning but it can be a part of the creative process, too. As the British writer Neil Gaiman said, ‘You can take for granted that people know more or less what a street, a shop, a beach, a sky, an oak tree look like. Tell them what makes this one different.’

RUSSELL STOCKARD
Professor, Communication
Jennifer Twyford, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate Psychology

APPOINTMENTS
• Editorial Board Member, Journal of School Violence.
• Editorial Board Member, Contemporary School Psychology Journal.
• Ad hoc Peer Reviewer, Psychological Sciences Journal.
• Consultant and Program Evaluator, Ventura County Education Office/School Violence Prevention and Intervention Program.

PRESENTATIONS
• "Latino youth on probation, positive psychology, and protective factors against recidivism: A first look" presentation with L. Buckley.
• "Linking results of screening to improvement treatment utility" presentation with K. Eklund.

PUBLICATIONS

Vlad Vaiman, Ph.D., Professor, School of Management

APPOINTMENTS
• Board Member, Organizational Effectiveness: People and Performance journal.
• Board Member, Ventura County Economic Development Agency (VCEDA).
• Steering Committee Member, City of Thousand Oaks Vision 2064.

PRESENTATIONS
• "Global Talent Management" presentation with D. Collings and H. Scullion at the 2nd annual EIASM Workshop on Talent Management, Brussels, Belgium, October 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

Sometimes education is more about un-learning than learning; growth—as a deeply personal experience—involves understanding the very nature by which we perceive and know the world.

RYAN SHARMA
Assistant Professor, Graduate Psychology

Alicia Vargas, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

**APPOINTMENTS**
• Guest Editor, *Currents in Theology and Mission*.

**PRESENTATIONS**
• “Galatians and Power” round table discussion, ELCA’s unit on Justice for Women, Minneapolis, Minn., Summer 2013.

John Villalpando, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Mathematics

**PRESENTATIONS**
• “The minimum cardinality of the range of irreducible L(2,1)-colorings” presentation at the Forty-Fifth Southeastern International Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Computing held at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla., March 2014.

William Watkins, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Management

**APPOINTMENTS**
• Commissioner, Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura.
• Technical and Research Advisory Group Member, State Department of Housing and Community Development. In this capacity, he will assist with the development of the 2015-2025 California Statewide Housing Plan.

**PRESENTATIONS**
• Ventura County Housing Conference keynote presentation at the Simi Valley Business Forum, Simi Valley, Calif., September 2013.
• “Restoring Opportunity to Ventura County” keynote address at the Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business Annual Meeting, Somis, Calif., October 2013.
• “Seeking an Energy Balance” presentation at the 43rd Annual Business Outlook Conference presented by the Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA), Camarillo, Calif., October 2013.
• “Ventura County Economy” presentation at the Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles, Calif., December 2013.
• “Oregon Annual Forecast” presentation, Bend, Ore., January 2014.
• Tri-Counties Journalism Education Association (TCJEA) presentation as part of a Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco initiative, Thousand Oaks, Calif., March 2014.
The most important factor in helping students discover their purpose is experience. Without many experiences students aimlessly attempt to make themselves fit without passion. Providing students with a wide range of experiences, from social to academic, provides the opportunity for students to determine their passions which in turn leads to students discovering their purpose.

Joan Wines, Ph.D., Professor, English

APPOINTMENTS
- Editorial Board Member, Sage Publications.
- Judge, Midwest Book Awards.

PRESENTATIONS
- “Puritan Origins of the American Left and Right” presentation with B. Stevenson at the Eleventh International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Budapest, Hungary, June 2013.
- “Odd Man Out: Huxley’s Distinctive Responses to WWI” presentation at the International Huxley Symposium, Balliol College, Oxford University, England, September 2013.
Theologian Frederick Buechner has written that one’s purpose or “vocation” is where our greatest joy meets the world’s greatest need. Giving students the opportunity to explore where that intersection lies for them is, in turn, my own vocation as a professor.

ALICIA VARGAS
Associate Professor,
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Paul Witman, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Management

APPOINTMENTS
• Founding Associate Editor, Information Security Education Journal.

PUBLICATIONS

Akiko Yasuike, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Sociology

APPOINTMENTS
• Main Divisional Editor for Sociology Section, Journal of Integrated Social Sciences (JISS).

PRESENTATIONS
• “Children of a Global Age: The Experiences of Undocumented Students” presentation at the Western Social Science Association Conference, Albuquerque, N.M., April 2014.
GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Center for Economic Research and Forecasting (CERF) Consulting Projects

Dan Hamilton, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Management
William Watkins, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Management
- $15,000 contract from Waterman Gardens.
- $12,475 contract from the Southern California Association of Governments.

Other Program Grants

Chad Barber, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biology
- $3,000 grant from Los Robles Medical Center to fund the 2nd annual Cell Biology Symposium.
- $2,000 grant from the Community Leaders Association to fund the 2nd annual Cell Biology Symposium.

Nathan Carlson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Hala King, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Mathematics
- $2,000 ‘Math for America’ seed grant from the American Institute of Mathematics (AIM) for the Thousand Oaks Math Teachers’ Circle.

Rachel Casas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate Psychology
Grady Hanrahan, Ph.D., Professor, Chemistry, and Associate Provost of Experiential Learning, Research and Faculty Development
Haco Hoang, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Political Science
- $100,000 grant from the California Wellness Foundation to measure the impact of pesticide exposure on neurobehavioral outcomes of community residents in Ventura County, California.

Debby Chang, B.S., Lecturer, Languages and Cultures
- $1,000 grant from the Community Leaders Association for the university’s annual Chinese New Year celebration.
Scott Chien-Hsiung Chiu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English
• $1,500 grant from the Community Leaders Association to enable student Writing Center tutors to help seniors at University Village document their life stories in words, photos and recordings.

Sergio Galvez, Director, Upward Bound Programs
• $25,000 grant from Edison International for “STEMing Your Education.” This grant will provide deeper enrichment for students in CLU’s three Upward Bound programs in the areas of science, math, engineering and technology.

Kenneth Gardner, M.F.A., Professor, Theatre Arts
• $1,000 grant from the Community Leaders Association to fund a community day of dance in conjunction with “Thrill the World,” a worldwide event celebrating Michael Jackson.

Rahuldeep Singh Gill, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Religion
Colleen Windham-Hughes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Religion
• $8,000 grant from the Teagle Foundation, administered by Interfaith Youth Core, to incorporate interfaith pedagogical strategies more deeply in the religion curriculum.

Timothy Hengst, M.A., Professor, Multimedia
• $500 grant from the Community Leaders Association to host the third annual Conejo Valley Film Festival.
• $1,500 grant from the City of Westlake Village for Kingsmen Shakespeare Company “Shakespeare Educational Tours” in local schools.
• $7,500 grant from the City of Thousand Oaks Community Event Endowment Fund for the Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival.

Jodie Kocur, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Psychology
• $2,000 grant from the Community Leaders Association to develop a College Skills Program for Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Jacqueline Lyons, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English
• $1,000 grant from the Community Leaders Association to develop an Interpretive Garden Tour, in conjunction with the CLU SEEd (Sustainable Edible Education) Project Garden.

David Marcey, Ph.D., Fletcher Jones Professor of Developmental Biology
• $287,186 grant from the National Science Foundation to support the project “A Vision for Change: Using an ATP (Ambassador Training Program) to energize Departmental Transformation.” Two co-principal investigators, Nitya Jacob (Emory University) and Alix Fink (Longwood College), assisted with the grant which funds a major thrust of the Partnership for Undergraduate Life Sciences Education (PULSE), a national initiative.

Michael McCardlebridge, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education
• $2,500 grant from the Community Leaders Association to fund Project ACT – Active, Collaborative Teaching, in local schools.

Andrew Pattison, M.P.A., Visiting Instructor, School of Management
• $1,000 grant from the Community Leaders Association to fund Ventura County sustainability-related policy research.

Michael Pearce, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Art
• $1,000 grant from the Community Leaders Association to help bring sculptor Paul Lucchesi to campus as an Artist-in-Residence to complete a bronze statue of Richard Pederson, who donated the land on which CLU is located.

Nelson Pizarro, DBA, Assistant Professor, School of Management
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Bryan Rasmussen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, English
• $1,500 grant from the Community Leaders Association to expand educational efforts related to CLU’s bee sanctuary in the SEEd (Sustainable Edible Education) Project Garden.

Christine Sellin, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Art
• $1,745 grant from Nederlandse Taalunie, The Hague, to present an Early Modern Handwriting/Archival Strategies Workshop at the Historians of Netherlandish Art Conference 2014.

John Tannaci, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Chemistry
• $4,000 grant from Amgen for a summer undergraduate research fellowship in chemistry.

Victor Thasiah, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Religion
• $5,000 Wabash Center Summer Fellowship grant to conduct research in Rwanda on political theology after genocide, August 2013.

Jennifer Twyford, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate Psychology
• $1,000 grant from the Community Leaders Association to train doctoral students to facilitate healing circles with offenders and people affected by their crimes at the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Facility.
TRIBUTE TO A MAN OF FAITH AND REASON

Jarvis Streeter, Ph.D., Professor of Religion
B.A., University of Southern California
M.Div., Luther Theological Seminary
S.T.M., Yale University Divinity School
Ph.D., Southern Methodist University

It may be that a professor’s door is always open to students, but the well-worn phrase doesn’t capture the late Jarvis Streeter’s enthusiasm for hearing out students and for educating them wherever he found them. He was with them as an actor in plays, as a guitar player in their rock bands, and occasionally as the ordained pastor who officiated at their weddings. Discussions in the religion classes he taught for 25 years at Cal Lutheran, such as the course on Faith and Reason, led naturally to wide-ranging conversations during office hours in which personal stories and deep convictions were shared.

As for his door in Soiland Humanities Center, it was sometimes closed, and, especially in Streeter’s last two years of life, you could say it spoke the louder when it was, since passers-by had a better look at the messages on it. Not long after Streeter was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2011, the lifelong student of physical sciences began posting on the door observations that he presented as his “laws.”

In earlier years, according to a colleague, Streeter had displayed a quote on the door from philosopher William Clifford’s Ethics of Belief, an admonition that read, “It is wrong always, everywhere, and for anyone, to believe anything upon insufficient evidence.”

Clifford’s words sat well with Streeter because of his fascination with science, theology and their interconnected histories, but more fundamentally because of his long-held belief in rationality as an antidote to human error and self-deception. Streeter’s laws, particularly the second one, reflect the profound truth that strong opinions often hide profound ignorance.

Rationality and evidence-based thinking served Streeter well in life and through his illness. He retained hope for longer life without indulging in exaggerated hope, pointing out that his diagnosis made the odds “very high that you don’t live very long.” The same intentionally cultivated habits of mind spared him from feelings of anger and resentment. “Why not me?” he would say. “Am I so special that I shouldn’t get cancer? I’m just another person.”

Streeter was open to any discussion of the disease and mortality. As he talked more about the subject with students, friends and a Ventura County Star reporter, he heard back from numerous people who reported that his words had moved them and even spurred them to reevaluate their priorities in life. It was another form of teaching.

Completing a book during the same period, Streeter argued that the truest and most beautiful thing about the universe, as well as the ultimate good, is love. Living a good life, he said, means, more than anything else, surrounding yourself with people you love and who love you, and behaving in all of the ways that the emotion requires. This was the last of the messages he left on his door, above the two laws, and in a size anyone could read without coming near to it: “Love Recklessly.”
Streeter’s law #1: In the end, most people believe what they want to believe, not what a rational analysis of the facts would lead them to believe.

Streeter’s law #2: The less people know about something, the more they typically think they know about it.

LOVE RECKLESSLY