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Area Chair's Corner



This year marks my 20th year at Cal Poly and, while some things never change (for example, the enthusiasm of alumni and their fond memories of Cal Poly), nevertheless, changes are inevitable. Four accounting professors and one law professor have declared their intentions to retire at the end of this academic year, and we have hired two new faculty members to start in September. We are also recruiting for a third person.

Jim Anderson, Dan Bertozzi, Zaf Iqbal, Jack Robison and I will be retiring at the end of spring, but we have all indicated a desire to return, on a part-time basis, for a few years, at least. They can't totally rid themselves of us!

In the fall Arline Savage and Jap Efendi will be joining the accounting faculty. Both Arline and Jap have indicated that they will attend this year's Spring Banquet on May 15 so they can meet alumni and recruiters who return for that event. Please join us to honor the current junior and seniors, bid a fond farewell to retiring faculty and give a warm welcome to our new faculty. This will be a truly unique banquet that you will not want to miss!

Silent Auction!

Richard and Angelie Hanley, from KPMG, have generously donated to the Accounting Area a LeRoy Neiman limited edition serigraph signed by the artist and numbered 34 of 300. It is his "Valhalla, PGA 2000" and measures 34 ½ inches by 28 ¼ inches. The work is in excellent condition and framed in conservation framing. It had a list price of \$7,000 at the time of purchase. The Accounting Area is conducting a silent auction for the piece, with a minimum bid of \$5,500. Bidding will close May 14, 2004. If you wish to place a bid, please contact Mary Beth Armstrong at marmstro@calpoly.edu.

Meet the Faculty

Each newsletter we will be featuring an Accounting Area faculty member.



Chris Carr is an associate professor of business law. Chris grew up in the Midwest ("the Great Plains of Nebraska"). He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for his undergraduate studies and completed his law degree at the Santa Clara University School of Law. He also holds an MA in political science from UCLA.

This is Chris' sixth year as a full-time faculty member at Cal Poly. Prior to joining Cal Poly he practiced business and commercial law. He teaches business law, international business law, and business, government and society at both the undergraduate and MBA levels.

His research focuses on three areas: legal system comparison and ADR; trade secrets and the U.S. Economic Espionage Act; and international law. One of his published articles appeared in the *Kentucky Law Journal* ("The Privatization of Business and Commercial Dispute Resolution: A Misguided Policy Decision") and was listed on the Social Sciences Research Network's (SSRN) Top Ten Download list for "Law & Finance: Theoretical All Time Hits" and "Negotiation & Dispute Resolution All Time Hits."

The past five years he has also been the lead faculty advisor for the Cal Poly Orfalea College of Business International Career Conference (www.icc.calpoly.edu).

In his spare time, Chris enjoys spending time with his wife and their 3-year-old daughter, traveling, hiking, basketball, museums, foreign films, music, wine tasting, and reading.

Alumni News

Jeanne Yamamura (1975) recently won the B.J. Fuller Excellence in Teaching Award (2002) & was awarded a research fellowship for spring 2003 by the Economic Research Center of the School of Economics at Nagoya University.

Allison (Stone) Miller (1986) moved to Sonoma, California to work for Sebastiani Vineyards in 2000 as their controller. In addition, she and her husband Al, whom she married in 2002, had a daughter, Brianna Elyse Miller, who was born on August 18, 2003.

After working for several years in finance in Santa Barbara, **Carla Ortega (1988)** graduated from UCLA Law School in 1994. Since 1995 she has been employed by the U.S. District Court. As a staff attorney she works solely on capital habeas cases. She has been married since 1994 and lives in the Santa Clarita Valley with her husband and their two children, Claire (age 3) and Mason (age 2).

Debbi Moreno (1989) is currently employed by Amgen, Inc. in the Corporate Financial Planning & Analysis (FP&A) group as a Senior Business Analyst. She works as a project manager on system implementations for the FP&A group. She is married and has two daughters - Nichole (11) and Alyssa (8), and currently lives in Ventura.

Angelica (Angie) Roldan (1992) is now working for Pricewaterhouse Coopers in San Jose, California as a Tax Manager in the State and Local Tax Group.

Susan Denise Pyeatt (1998) is living in San Diego since graduation. Just recently she left Deloitte to take a job with the state.

Scott Hendricks (1996) is currently working as an Accounting Supervisor for Capital Group. He and his wife, Jennifer, now reside in Orange County and recently had their first baby boy!

Scott K. Choppin (1994) formed his real estate development company, Urban Pacific Builders, LLC in 1999 and focuses on development in the urban housing arena. Scott and his wife Becky (Rebecca Dart, Bus. 1994) have two sons, Sean Patrick and Dylan, and live in the Belmont Shore area of Long Beach, CA.

After graduating from Cal Poly **Julie Carolan (1995)** joined KPMG's San Jose office where she worked for 3 years and obtained a CPA license. In February 1999, she joined Power-One, Inc. in Camarillo, CA working on all aspects of financial reporting.

Jason Dudum (2000) started a financial and insurance planning company with his brother. They represent over 30 companies with products including life, disability, health insurance, along with retirement plans and group benefits.

Jonathan Faerber (2000) recently married **Leena Swanson (2000)** and is currently a Senior Associate at KPMG LLP, but is leaving audit and transferring into Transaction Services (M&A Support).

Christine Patten (2002) currently works for Richardson & Co. She has started the credential program at Sacramento State University to become a teacher.

So What's New With You?

Everyone wants to know how his or her friends are doing. Please share with other *On Account* readers what you are doing. Please mail this form to:

Accounting Area
Orfalea College of Business
Cal Poly
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

You can also email your news to: emcgover@calpoly.edu

Your Name: _____ Alum? Yes / No Year: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Alum? Yes / No Year: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Your Employer: _____

Your Title: _____

News About You: _____

Accounting Awards Banquet and Day in the Park

Saturday, May 15, 2004

Plan now to attend this annual event. Be sure to reserve a place at this year's Awards Banquet and Day in the Park by returning your reservation form by Monday, May 3, 2004. The reservation form is on the back of this newsletter.

Daytime Activities

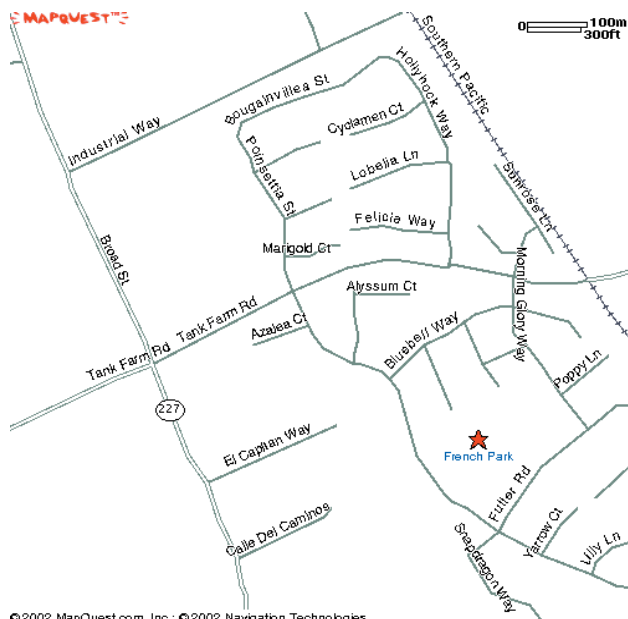
The annual Day in the Park will be held at French Park, which is about 3 miles from downtown San Luis Obispo. Come and enjoy BBQ prepared by the Accounting Area faculty. There will be opportunities to play volleyball and plenty of time to socialize. Day in the Park will begin at 11:00 AM and last until about 2:00 PM. Dress is casual; hats and sunscreen are recommended.

Directions

To French Park from Downtown San Luis Obispo:

Take BROAD ST. (CA-227) South.
Left on TANK FARM RD.
Right on POINSETTIA ST.

French Park is at the corner of Poinsettia St. and Fuller Rd. Parking is located on Fuller Rd.



Evening Activities

This year's Awards Banquet is at Embassy Suites. Social hour will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and the awards presentation. Dress is business formal. For hotel reservations (mention CPAC and receive a discounted rate), please contact Embassy Suites at:

333 Madonna Rd
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
(805) 549-0800

Directions

To Embassy Suites from US-101:

Take MADONNA RD. exit.
Left on MADONNA RD.
Left on DALIDIO DR.

Embassy Suites is at the end of Dalidio Dr.

