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TO: SJSU Campus Community

FROM: Carmen Sigler, Provost and Vice President
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Jerri Carmo, Deputy COO
SJSU Research Foundation

RE: 2008 Early Career Investigator Awardee

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Daryl Eggers has been chosen to receive the San José State University Research Foundation Early Career Investigator Award for 2008.** His selection was made at the recommendation of the Early Career Investigator Subcommittee of the Research Foundation Board of Directors.

The SJSU Research Foundation Early Career Investigator Award recognizes tenure-track SJSU faculty who have excelled in areas of research, scholarship or creative activity as evidenced by their success in securing funds for their research, peer-reviewed publications and other scholarly and creative activities at an early or beginning point in their career at SJSU. Dr. Eggers is an exceptional example of someone who has achieved this level of success.

Dr. Eggers has a very active research group with ten students working in his laboratory this academic year. The Eggers laboratory concentrates on understanding the dominant forces in *protein folding*, which is of great interest as more scientists have observed that *misfolding* of proteins may contribute to the pathology of certain human diseases. His current and former students have made 23 presentations based on research projects completed under his supervision, with 4 additional presentations planned before the end of this semester. In addition, he has given research seminars at several sites outside of California including Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and one of the prestigious Gordon Research Conferences. This summer Dr. Eggers is scheduled to present a poster at the 20th International Conference on Chemical Thermodynamics in Warsaw, Poland. Future plans include publishing multiple papers each year for the next several years.

Dr. Eggers joined the Chemistry Department in 2002 and since then he has been especially active in writing grant proposals to support his research, three of which he wrote *prior* to the official start of his appointment. As a result, Dr. Eggers has now accumulated \$729,000 in external funding for his laboratory. He is one of four investigators from SJSU funded by the National Institutes of Health Minority Biomedical Research Support - Support of Continuous Research Excellence (NIH MBRS-SCORE) program. Also, Dr. Eggers received a Major Research Instrumentation award from the National Science Foundation in August of 2007 for the purchase of two state-of-the-art calorimeters. The NSF award is a tribute to Dr. Eggers' perseverance and determination since he applied three consecutive years before obtaining this grant.

Daryl Eggers has made a major contribution to the research productivity and scholarly capabilities of the SJSU Chemistry department while serving as an impressive ambassador for the University. Dr. Eggers will receive a cash award of \$1,000 to be used at his discretion, and will be publicly recognized at the SJSU Research Foundation Annual Board of Directors meeting and dinner.

Please join us in congratulating the extraordinary achievements of this outstanding member of the San José State University faculty.