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TO: SJSU Campus Community
FROM: Carmen Sigler, Provost and Vice President
Division of Academic Affairs
Jerri Carmo, Deputy COO
SJSU Research Foundation
RE: 2009 Early Career Investigator Awardees

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Susan Lambrecht from the College of Science, and Ms. Danelle Moon from the University Library have both been chosen to receive the San José State University Research Foundation Early Career Investigator Award for 2009.** Their selection is 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. Our two recipients are exceptional examples of individuals who have achieved this level of success.

Dr. Susan Lambrecht joined the Department of Biological Sciences in 2003 and since then has provided leadership in the area of plant biology, with her research activities focused on plant adaption and plant communities. Her productive research program and curricular innovation activities are supported through external funding from Li-Cor Biosciences, and she was also named 1 of 3 Co-Principal Investigators on the \$1.3 million Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant awarded to SJSU in 2008. Dr. Lambrecht's work is frequently presented at local and international meetings, and in peer-reviewed professional journals, with three additional manuscripts currently submitted and in-review. Co-authors on seven of those manuscripts are her SJSU research students. Dr. Lambrecht is a reviewer for 11 professional research journals and reviews grant proposals for the National Science Foundation.

Ms. Danelle Moon has served as Director of Special Collections at the University Library for the past four years, and in that time she has demonstrated exceptional scholarship and research activity. She has published extensively, not only in peer reviewed journals, databases, and encyclopedias,

but has also authored 2 book chapters. In addition, Greenwood Press, a major publisher of reference books internationally, has asked her to submit a book proposal on women in the Civil Rights movement. Ms. Moon has secured a \$152,000 a National Historical Publications and Records Commission grant from the National Archives (only 10 awards were made nationally) to catalog the University archival collections. This will greatly expand access and awareness of San Jose State University's unique holdings, particularly, in its role as the oldest CSU campus. Ms. Moon has been instrumental in ensuring SJSU presence on the Online Archives of California, which has already brought new scholars from across the United States to visit the King Library to further their research. Ms. Moon has presented and shared her scholarly results at over 15 association conferences across the country. These include the Society of American Archivists, the Social Science History Association, the Oral History Association, and the Society of California Archivists. Her presentations and scholarship involve themes such as race, diversity, gender, and class, all areas that are of particular interests as the University focuses on inclusive excellence.

The SJSU Research Foundation has established two Early Career Investigator Awards in order to encourage participation beyond those colleges where large numbers of faculty have traditionally participated. One award will go to a faculty member in the Colleges of Science and Engineering and another for a faculty member from all other colleges. Each awardee will receive a cash award of \$1,000 to be used at their discretion.

Please join us in congratulating the extraordinary achievements of Dr. Susan Lambrecht and Ms. Danelle Moon, two outstanding members of the San José State University faculty.