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1. SJSURF Workshop: Room to Negotiate: Practical Strategies for Positive Results, April 3, 2009

We are pleased to present Bradley Davis, AAVP for San Jose State University Office of Faculty Affairs, and his workshop on negotiating skills. Participants in the workshop will learn about interest-based and positional negotiation and acquire a pragmatic framework to prepare for and conduct meetings, implement agreements and track progress. Attendees will gain a greater understanding of the interests, constraints, and perceptions of the parties to negotiation, and learn to listen, empathize, communicate, engage and negotiate successfully. This workshop will benefit all faculty, staff and students of SJSU.

The workshop will be held on April 3, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in MLK Library Room 255/257. Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP by March 31st. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Nancy Riley at nriley@foundation.sjsu.edu or 924-1305.

2. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA or Stimulus Act) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. This Act will provide large increases in Federal funds for research, education, and job development. These funds will be administered by the following mechanisms: formula grants, state discretionary funds, and competitive grants. To maintain full transparency and accountability, a central [Recovery](#) website has been developed. In addition, all Federal agencies will post information regarding their implementation of ARRA funds on agency-specific [web pages](#). For more information on ARRA, please visit the [SJSURF website](#) or contact Jerri Carmo at jcarmo@foundation.sjsu.edu.

3. SJSU Student Research Forum: April 7, 2009

The SJSU Research Foundation and the SJSU Office of Graduate Studies and Research are pleased to host the 30th Annual SJSU Student Research Forum on April 7, 2009 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in Engineering Building 285/287. Please join us at this event to congratulate three outstanding students and their faculty mentors from the Colleges of Humanities and the Arts, Science, and Applied Sciences and Arts. The students are being honored for their excellence in student research. There will

be a reception and poster session following the awards ceremony. The three winners and their faculty mentors are:

John Shrader, Mass Communications
The Barry Bonds Home Run Chase
Faculty mentor: Dr. Robert Rucker

Julie Chun, Art History
Reexamining Korean Modernist Painting Under Japanese Colonialist, 1920-1945
Faculty mentors: Dr. Anne Simonson and Dr. Beverly Grindstaff

Andrew Ingram, Chemistry
Advancing the Use of Chiral Europium and Terbium Complexes in Circularly Polarized Luminescence
Faculty mentor: Dr. Gilles Muller

4. Silicon Valley Leadership Group Federal Stimulus Funding Symposium: March 27, 2009

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group will host a Federal Stimulus Funding Symposium at the San Jose City College Theatre on March 27, 2009 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be breakout sessions in to discuss the following:

- Technology & broadband
- Energy / environment
- Public infrastructure
- Health and health IT
- Education / workforce

For more information and to register please go to: <http://svlg.net/events/fedstimulus/>.

5. Intel ISEF 2010 Call for Judges

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF), a program of the Society for Science and the Public, will be held at the San José Convention Center May 9-15, 2010. In addition, three of the major Intel ISEF events will be held at the San José State University (SJSU) Event Center. It will attract over 1,500 pre-college students from more than 50 countries, all of whom have already won regional or national science fairs. The fair provides these students with the opportunity to showcase cutting-edge science projects, compete for over \$4 million in awards and scholarships, and network with fellow young scientists and industry veterans.

Roy Okuda, SJSU Professor of Chemistry and Intel ISEF Judging Chair, is looking to recruit 1,000 judges who hold a PhD, MD, or 6+ years professional experience. For more information about judging categories and duties, please go to <http://isef2010sanjose.org/> and click "Judges". If you have any questions or would like to participate as a judge, you may contact Dr. Okuda at okuda@sjsu.edu or 924-2525.

6. More Humanities Funding and Better Proposals required to address Current Need

According to Fred Winter, Senior Director of Advancement and Leadership Development at the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) FY 08 budget level of \$144.4 million is insufficient to address the current needs of campus activities in the humanities. The [Humanities Indicators Project](#) is one way a case for a large increase can be made

by providing “the academic community and public at large with an online source of information, including statistical data, about the humanities in the United States.” In addition, Barbara Ashbrook, Assistant Director at the Division of Education Programs for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), shared tips on writing successful NEH proposals:

- Ask for samples of successful proposals.
- Read the program guidelines carefully.
- Speak to a program officer early in the process.
- Submit a draft proposal for review and take into account the program officer's suggestions.
- Don't forget to explain the significance of the project and its scholarly content.
- Include a work plan or schedule of activities.
- Avoid political advocacy.

Ashbrook also recommended reapplying, which she says increases the chances of being funded, as well as serving on a NEH review panel to learn best practices for applying for NEH grants.

7. Higher Education Confident about Establishing Energy Programs on Campus

The proposed doubling of the Department of Energy (DOE)'s budget by FY 12 as part of the America COMPETES Act, and the additional \$40 billion the agency received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), were a major topic of discussion at GRC's 2009 Proposal Development Workshop. Experts believe this increase is reinforcing President Obama's climate and energy agenda, which he proposed during the 2008 [campaign](#). The enormous increases have many GRC institutions inquiring about ways to acquire funding for establishing energy-related programs on campus. [National Council for Science and the Environment \(NCSE\)](#) Executive Secretary David Blockstein and Donald Cotton, Associate Provost for Research at Lamar University, led a discussion about the administration's alternative energy priorities and ways to establish energy initiatives on campus.

Blockstein began by explaining the mission of NCSE and upcoming events to gather diverse institutions, communities, and individuals to discuss higher education's role in energy and environmental issues. David believes factors such as price, supply, security, and greenhouse gas emissions are leading factors that have made renewable energy a national priority. He also challenged audience members to think about how their institutions can be a part of President Obama's pledge reduce fuel emissions by 80 percent by 2050 and asked, Will it be enough?

Blockstein says higher education should be confident about the new administration's first actions on energy. He pointed to basic research funding receiving a 40 percent increase at DOE's Office of Science and the number of energy and environmental appointees with academic backgrounds, including Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, who was previously a scientist at the University of California Berkley.

Finally, Blockstein warns institutions not just to look to DOE for energy funding opportunities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency have individual energy programs as well as a partnership program with DOE called [AgStar](#). He highlighted opportunities within the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development have as part of the America COMPETES Act. In closing, he advised GRC institutions to take advantage of the growing number of energy-related STEM and workforce development initiatives within the Department of Education and the National Science Foundation.

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8. Fellowships

SJSURF receives notification of fellowship opportunities for faculty and students. This month's highlights include:

Program: Transatlantic Academy
Agency: German Marshall Fund of the United States
Next Deadline: Apr 10, 2009
<http://www.transatlanticacademy.org/>
<http://www.gmfus.org>

Program: Fellowships and Faculty Research Awards
Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities
Next Deadline: May 05, 2009
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/grants.html>

Program: Fellowship and Internship Programs
Agency: Smithsonian Institution
Next Deadline: May 04, 2009
<http://www.si.edu/ofg/fell.htm>

Program: Collaborative Visiting Fellowship Program
Agency: Social Science Research Council
Next Deadline: Mar 20, 2009
<http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/esrc/>

Program: FLETC College Intern Program
Agency: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Next Deadline: May 08, 2009
http://www.fletc.gov/tmd/college_intern_program.htm

Program: American Competitiveness in Chemistry- Fellowship (ACC-F)
Agency: National Science Foundation
Next Deadline: Apr 01, 2009
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503237

Program: Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan
Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Research Programs
Next Deadline: May 5, 2009
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fellowships-japan.html>

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