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Jason Dorwart Nominated for the UC San Diego Diversity Award



Congratulations to **PhD Student Jason Dorwart** for being nominated through the university-wide nomination process to receive a 2016 UC San Diego Diversity Award!

In October, the 2016 Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Diversity Award Program was announced to the campus community. The announcement invited and encouraged nominations to recognize those individuals, departments and organizational units who have made outstanding efforts in furthering diversity, equal opportunity and affirmative action at UC San Diego during 2016.

The awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 1:30 pm, Price Center West Ballrooms. There will be a reception immediately following.

Pat Rincon Acknowledged by The Chancellor's Associates Faculty Excellence Awards



Professor Pat Rincon was chosen as one of the revered recipients of The Chancellor's Associates Faculty Excellence Awards for 2016-2017.

Pat was nominated based on her countless achievements, sterling reputation, and the powerful impact she has made on students as well as the academic community.

In recognition of her outstanding devotion to public service and the arts, The Chancellor's Office has selected Professor Rincon for Excellence in Community Service.

The formal presentation of the awards will be conveyed at the Chancellor's Associates Faculty Excellence Awards event Thursday, April 6, 2017 5:30-8:00pm.

UC San Diego & Theatre/Dance Department are proud to honor Pat among our most prominent and distinguished faculty.

Alumni News

Rachel Axler Nominated for Three Emmy Awards & Distinguished Alumni Award



MFA Playwriting alum Rachel Axler, a critically acclaimed television writer and playwright, received three Emmy Awards for her work on "The Daily Show" and HBO's "Veep." She began her distinguished writing career as a playwright. Her play "Smudge" premiered Off-Broadway at the Woman's Project Theatre where it received critical praise. Axler has also written for several popular television shows, including "How I Met Your Mother," "New Girl" and "Parks and Recreation."

[Click here](#) to read more about Rachel's achievements in the UC San Diego News Center.

This marks the 39th year that UC San Diego Alumni has recognized outstanding alumni who have brought honor and distinction to UC San Diego.

This year's five honorees are not only inspiring and talented, but continue to break boundaries around the world. They include a revolutionary cancer researcher, a world-renowned artist, the first U.S. Chief Data Scientist, three-time Emmy winning writer Rachel Axler and a leading scholar in global public health.

Congratulations Rachel!

N'Jameh Camara and Gabriel Lawrence in The Acting Company's "Julius Caesar"

The Acting Company begins its 44th consecutive season and its national tour with two productions in repertory: Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar' with two **MFA Acting alums**, **Gabriel Lawrence** as Julius Caesar and **N'Jameh Camara** as Calpurnia along with the world premiere of 'X: Or, Betty Shabazz v. The Nation'.



Both productions will be staged in an artistic and educational collaboration with nearly 30 universities, colleges, and community partners across the country. "Julius Ceasar" opens tonight as the tour starts in Arizona this week.

For more information about these productions [click here](#).

Neil Patel Production Designs on Hulu & Much More!

MFA Scenic Design alum Neil Patel has been busy of late.

Neil was the production designer for the 2nd season of 'The Path' for Hulu.





Neil is designing an art exhibition for the Moscow-based VAC Foundation in Venice that opens in April as part of the Venice Biennale.

Neil was the production designer of the feature film 'Aardvark', with MFA scene design alum Caleb Levenson as art director, starring Zachary Quinto and Jenny Slate, opening this spring.

Neil was the scene designer for 'The Lion' currently running at the Geffen Playhouse.

Also, keep an eye out during the Oscars for a commercial directed by Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg that Neil designed.

This fall Neil is the set designer for the Anne Bogart-directed opera 'Alcina' at the Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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