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## MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - Spring Dance Production Meeting, GH 144, 10-11am



## FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

**UC President on State Budget Revision** – “On Thursday, May 15, 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger announced two revised state budget scenarios and the consequences of each to the University of California system. The scenarios are based on the budget propositions that Californians will vote on May 19. If the proposition passes, the budget reduction for the University in 2009-10 will be \$240 million. If the propositions fail, the net state budget reduction will grow to \$322 million, or 10 percent. Taken with the state’s underfunding of student enrollments and inflationary costs, the budget gap grows to \$531 million....” For the latest news and information regarding the budget, visit the UC San Diego [“Budget Line”](#).

**Benefits News & Reminder** - \*Effective May 1<sup>st</sup> the buyback rules for service credit have changed. Provisions now exist to allow employees to use 403(b), 457(b), and DC Plan funds or money from other eligible employer plans for buyback of UC Retirement Plan (UCRP) service credit for leaves of absence and redeposit of contributions. The length of time that may be “bought back” has also been expanded. (Although the rules were effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, the link to the [Buyback Booklet](#) is still pointing to the August 2004 edition. The new one will be available on-line shortly.) \*If you were enrolled in UC’s Flexible Spending Accounts (Health Care Reimbursement Account – HCRA and/or Dependent Care Reimbursement Account – DepCare) in 2008, you have until June 15<sup>th</sup> to submit your reimbursement claim forms, along with all required documentation for eligible expenses incurred during the period of **January 1, 2008, through March 15, 2009**. All claims must be sent to SHPS for processing and postmarked by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call SHPS at 1-800-678-6684 for questions.

**Planned Phone Outage** - The campus telephone system will undergo a major maintenance upgrade on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Campus telephone service will be unavailable for about two hours beginning at 11:00 p.m. After the upgrade, you may have to reset the "Accept 2nd Call" feature, enable the "Follow Me" (\*2\*) feature, or enable the "External Call Forward" (\*23\*) feature. If you have questions about this upgrade, please contact the ACT Help Desk as soon as possible at [acthelp@ucsd.edu](mailto:acthelp@ucsd.edu) or at (858) 534-1853.



## ADMINISTRIVIA

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day, University Holiday

May 29<sup>th</sup> - Drop without penalty of "F" grade - end of 9th week (undergraduates)

Final Exam Schedule – [available online](#) now.

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Department Undergraduate Graduation Ceremony

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

Directing Professor **Robert Castro** has been awarded a Hellman Fellowship for 2009-10. The Hellman Fellowship Program was established at UCSD in 1995 through the generosity of Chris and Warren Hellman and is designed to provide financial support and encouragement to young faculty in the core disciplines who show capacity for great distinction in their research and creative activities. Forty-two proposals were submitted by Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences faculty, of which twenty-one were selected for funding.



Acting Professor **Kim Rubinstein** will be presented with the Faculty Mentoring Award this year from the Graduate Student Association at their annual awards ceremony. The Award is designed to acknowledge the work of those individuals who contribute significantly to the quality of the graduate student experience. The Graduate Student Community Awards Reception is open to all (students, faculty, and staff) and all are welcome to attend. When: Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00pm. Where: Price Center West Ballroom. Semi-formal attire encouraged.

Dance professor **Patricia Rincon** will direct the 10<sup>th</sup> annual [\*Blurred Borders Dance Festival\*](#) that will feature faculty members **Allyson Green** and **Eric Geiger** as well as numerous alumni and current students. The Festival is an annual cross-cultural event created to foster the artistic and intellectual exchange of ideas of progressive international, national, and local artists. This edition of *Blurred Borders Festival* returns with a blend of potent dance theatre and creative video dance that deals strongly with border crossings - human, age, gender, and physical borders. Presented by Patricia Rincon Dance Collective, and sponsored by the San Diego City College Department of Visual & Performing Arts, at the Saville Theater, C Street at 14<sup>th</sup> Street, downtown San Diego, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:00pm.

**Allan Havis**'s play [\*Ladies of Fisher Cove\*](#) has just finished a three week run in New York.



## ONSTAGE

*Coming Soon...*



[\*New Directions\*](#) - *MFA Student Choreographers' Showcase*.

Co-Directed by **Allyson Green & Margaret C. Marshall**.

MFA Student Choreographers: **Alicia Peterson Baskel** and **Rebecca Salzer**

Undergraduate Choreographers: **Trixi Anne Agiao, Katie Lorge, and**

**Morgan McGreevey**

This season marks the beginning of the department's new MFA in Dance/Theatre. To celebrate this step forward we've changed the series name to *New Directions – MFA Student Choreographers' Showcase*. Please join us as we highlight works by our first class of graduate students while carrying on the tradition of presenting some of the most promising undergraduate choreographers. Don't miss these exciting new interdisciplinary artists as they strive to redefine the boundaries of dance and dance/theatre.

June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in the Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre

## ALUM UPDATES



MFA acting alum **Quincy Bernstine** ('99) won the 64<sup>th</sup> annual [Clarence Derwent Award](#) presented by the Actors' Equity Foundation to honor "the most promising female and male performers on the New York metropolitan scene." She will be presented with the award in a ceremony on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan at Equity's Eastern Regional Board meeting. Quincy was recognized for her work in the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Ruined*. (Playbill writeup [here](#).) Quincy was in Washington, D.C., recently to participate in hearings on rape and violence against women in conflict zones such as Congo and Sudan before the Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy, Human Rights and Global Women's Issues, and the Subcommittee on African Affairs, chaired by Senators Barbara Boxer of California and Russ Feingold of Wisconsin. The *New York Times* has an [article here](#).

Dance alum **Deborah Lohse's** (BA '01) [ad hoc Ballet](#) premiered the dance-theater piece *Her* with commissioned music by composer Stefan Weisman at the SoHo Joyce Theatre last week. "Scenes of misplaced desire and coerced intimacy begin to penetrate the performance leading to a spontaneous public confession."

**Lila Rose Kaplan** (MFA '08) writes: "Second Stage is producing [her play] *Wildflower* as part of their Uptown Series. I'd love to share this production with you. It's my Off-Broadway debut. We have a 4 week run with a possible extension. If you buy your tickets now, we are more likely to extend. Please buy them now!" Directed by Giovanna Sardelli. July 13<sup>th</sup> - August 8<sup>th</sup>. More [here](#).



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