

HighSights

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Alum Receives PRSA Award

On May 11, 2007, CSUB alum [Amber Chiang](#) (Communications, 1996) received the Professional of the Year award from the Central California Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America at the chapter's



L-R: Dr. William Andrews, President, Bakersfield College; Amber Chiang; Jill Wagner, President, PRSA Central California Chapter and Director of Campaign Communications, Fresno State.

annual awards ceremony in Fresno. Amber is the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Bakersfield College. Prior to Bakersfield College, she developed messaging for First 5 California and Girl Scouts, Joshua Tree Council.

Kern Press Club Awards Winners

At the May 18, 2007 Kern Press Club Awards Banquet, several Communications graduates picked up awards for their amazing efforts in the fields of journalism and public relations: [Megan Moore](#) (KGET-TV), Best One-Hour Newscast; [Amber Chiang](#) (Bakersfield College), Best Newsletter; [Lisa Wuertz](#) (*Northwest Voice*), Best Light Feature and Best Sports Feature (while working at *Mas Magazine*);

[Jason Gutierrez](#) (editor of *Bakersfield Life*), General Excellence Magazine Award.

In addition, two former Communications students took home awards: [Ralph Bailey](#) (KNZR), Best Radio Talk Show, and [Gloria Bratton](#) (KBAK-29), Best TV News Graphics. Former *Runner* newspaper editor [Steven Mayer](#) (*Bakersfield Californian*) shared his win for Best Spot News with fellow reporter Shellie Branco. *Runner* reporter [Evelyn Martin](#) won for Best Feature Story in the college newspaper category. Professor [John Emig](#) did a great job putting the multi-media show together for the evening's event at Maxwell's. Communications. Professors [Mary Slaughter](#), [Donna Simmons](#), and [Judith Pratt](#) served as judges in the new category, Best Web Site.

More Alumni News

[Miguel Becerra](#) (Sociology 2005) will enroll in the Latin America Studies Master's program at UC, Santa Barbara in September. Miguel was admitted to another four of the seven schools to which he applied. Indi-



ana, Florida, Arizona, and UCLA all offered him graduate financial assistance, but UCSB's offer was the most generous. It includes waiver of tuition and fees

along with an \$18,000 per year fellowship. Miguel finished his B.A. in Sociology and minor in Psychology, graduating *cum laude*. As an undergraduate, Miguel was a grader for two Spanish faculty at Bakersfield College and translated many political science and business journal articles for Professor Stanley Clark. Since graduation, he has been working steadily in social work programs, recently at the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault and currently in Adult & Aging Services for Kern County. Miguel has traveled extensively to visit his brother and sister-in-law in Russia and many international student friends in France, Belarus, and other parts of Europe.

Call for Nominations

The Committee on Academic Requirements and Standards (CARS) has recommended to the Senate Executive Committee that the Committee on Gender, Race & Ethnicity (GRE) become an elected committee. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences: must elect four (4) members:

- **Two (2) faculty members representing disciplines in the Humanities** (Art, Communications, English, History, Liberal Studies, Modern Languages & Literature, Music, Philosophy & Religious Studies, Theatre) to serve a one-year term from June 2007 through June 2008.
- **Two (2) faculty members representing disciplines in the Social Sciences** (Criminal Justice, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology & Anthropology) to serve a two-year term to begin in June 2007 and expire in June 2009.

Faculty members to the GRE Committee are to be representatives of studies in gender, race, ethnicity and other dimensions of human diversity. Nominate faculty who are both eligible to serve and willing to be nominated. Please secure each nominee's consent before submitting names. Nominations must be received via e-mail to pnewberry@csub.edu by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 25.

Student Poster Presentation

You are invited to attend a session showcasing student projects from three research methods classes on Tuesday, June 5, from 3-5 p.m. in the Student Union Multi-Purpose Room. Light refreshments will be served. Organized by Sociology & Anthropology

Faculty [Edna Molina](#), [Karen Stocker](#), and [Vandana Kohli](#).

Senior Art Exhibition

Existence as Art: Senior Exhibition 2007

May 24 - June 9

Todd Madigan Gallery

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 24, 5-9 p.m.

The Art Department and the Todd Madigan Gallery at CSUB are proud and pleased to present sculptures, paintings, photographs, and collages, in several styles, by the hands of 23 students. Lots of energy, lots to look at, and lots of humor and unusualness. The artists: [Deon Bell](#), [Corky Blain](#), [Andrew Borrego](#), [Amber Brenner](#), [Patricia Burnett-Corrigan](#), [Kenneth Campbell](#), [Alan Ceccarelli](#), [Stephanie Darling](#), [Roberto Escudero](#), [Giovanni Mia Floresta](#), [Arjay Gomez](#), [Miguel Gonzalez](#), [Elva Victoria Gutierrez](#), [Nyoka Jameson](#), [Chris Kwon](#), [Rachel Larsen](#), [Ricardo Limas](#), [Velquiz Ramos](#), [Armando Rubio](#), [Rebecca Schramm](#), [Rebekah Smith](#), [Theresa Tate](#) and [Roberto Vargas](#).

The gallery will also be open after the campus Commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Normal hours are 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and 1-5 p.m. on Saturday.

Philosophers' Café

The Mystery of Evil:

Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

Friday, May 25, 3-4 p.m.

Russo's Books at the Marketplace

The Philosophers' Café consists of academics, students, philosophers, and non-philosophers in the CSUB and Bakersfield community who meet and discuss fundamental issues in our contemporary world. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact Dr. Yaw Frimpong-Mansoh at 661-654-6912. The Philosophers' Cafe is co-sponsored by the Philosophy & Religious Studies' Club and Russo's Books.

CSUB Women's Choir

Thursday, May 24, 7 p.m.

First Congregational Church

Real Road at Stockdale Highway

Admission is \$10 general, \$5 students & seniors.

Theatrefest Presents

John Ford's

'Tis Pity She's a Whore

Directed by Dr. Kenneth Elliott

May 24-26, 8 p.m.

May 27, 2 p.m.

'Tis Pity She's a Whore is a play that is as shocking today as it was when it was originally performed in the 1630s. This story of an incestuous love affair between a brother and sister that ends in violence is the most popular and frequently revived play by Ford, who is considered by many scholars to be the last major dramatist of the English Renaissance. It is a withering indictment of an utterly corrupt and hypocritical society populated by vivid characters who are driven by powerful emotions. Admission is \$10 general, \$5 students, \$8 seniors and CSUB faculty & staff.

Happy Birthday!

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- 24 Brett Schmoll, English & History
- 27 Liora Gubkin-Malicedem, Philosophy & Religious Studies
- 27 Karen Hartlep, Psychology

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