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## Suicide Prevention: Faculty and Staff Can Help

*How faculty and staff can help students who show signs of trouble.*

by Ricardo Duran

The suicides of two students in two months at UCR residence halls has brought into sharp focus the role the entire campus plays in addressing mental health issues.

"The important thing that has been raised in people's consciousness is that mental health issues are not only the Counseling Center's concern but they are a campus-wide concern," said Brad Compliment, director of the UCR Counseling Center.

On Jan. 9, 19-year-old Stephanie "Stevie" Seligman of Los Altos, Calif. was found in her room in one of the Pentland Hills Residence Halls where she succumbed to self-induced asphyxiation, according to a UCPD report. Five weeks later, 18-year-old Ronald Mendoza of Nutley, N.J. was found hanging in his dorm room in the East Lothian Residence Hall.

In both cases, while friends and acquaintances were taken by surprise, the students had written about their frustrations online, according to news reports.

The deaths highlight the importance of awareness across the campus to the sometimes subtle signs of distress that may precede a crisis situation.

According to the Jed Foundation, a nonprofit national organization that focuses on university suicide prevention, the majority of the approximately 1,100 students nationwide who commit suicide annually showed signs of an intention to take their own lives.

"The bottom line is that we can do all the prevention we want, and we should do a lot of it, but we can't guarantee anything," Compliment said. "All we can do is educate ourselves and become more keenly aware of the signs and symptoms of mental health issues."

To that end, the Counseling Center offers presentations to faculty, staff and student groups on campus on how to deal with depression in students. In addition, Chancellor France Córdova has called for the formation of a Task Force on Student Welfare to examine what the campus is doing, and what more it can do, to prevent suicides. The task force is made up of key staff members who deal directly with students, Counseling Center officials, faculty and students, and experts from other campuses.

The task force is looking at two issues, said Chairman Jim Sandoval, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

"One group is looking at program content, what we're doing in training residence assistants, teaching assistants, faculty and frontline staff, to see if we're doing what we need to do and what more we can do," Sandoval said.

The second group is looking at how to most effectively communicate with the campus community with a focus on reaching students.

As the number and severity of mental health issues among college students increases, campuses are beginning to respond by looking at mental well being as one aspect of student needs that can affect other areas, much as they do with physical health issues.

"We should begin to consider how faculty and staff look at students and underscore the importance

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of considering them as whole persons with mental health issues," said Compliment. "We should be willing to talk about mental health issues on a campus-wide basis with a focus not so much on mental health disease, but on mental health, growth and development.

The Counseling Center has developed a one-page document titled "Helping Friends in Need" with tips on how to detect signs of trouble. To get a copy of the sheet, contact the Campus Counseling Center at (951) 827-5531 or visit [www.counseling.ucr.edu](http://www.counseling.ucr.edu). Because depression and suicidal thoughts often go hand in hand, here are some of the warning signs for depression which may lead to suicidal behavior:

- Sadness or anxiety;
- Feelings of guilt, helplessness or hopelessness;
- Trouble eating or sleeping;
- Withdrawing from friends and/or social activities;
- Loss of interest in hobbies, work, school or other interests;
- Increased use of alcohol or drugs;
- Anger.

Specific signs of potential suicide include:

- Talking openly about committing suicide;
- Talking indirectly about "wanting out" or "ending it all;"
- Taking unnecessary or life-threatening risks;
- Giving away personal possessions.

Sometimes situations can trigger someone to fall into a potentially suicidal spiral. Such situations may include:

- Stressful events, such as a failed examination or failure to get a job;
- Crises in significant social or family relationships;
- Interpersonal losses;
- Changes in body chemistry;
- High levels of anger or anxiety.

If you notice any of these warning signs in a friend or a loved one, you have reason to be concerned, said Compliment. The first step in helping is to talk to someone know who can help you. On campus, these include the Counseling Center, residence hall staff, professors, teaching assistants or the Dean of Students office.

Ways to address these concerns include the following:

- Be honest and express your concerns. For example, ask, "You seem down lately; is something bothering you?"
- Ask directly about thoughts of suicide. For example, "Have you been thinking about hurting yourself?" If the answer is yes, it's important to contact someone who can help immediately.
- Listen and offer emotional support, understanding and patience.
- Convey the message that depression common and treatable, and suicidal feelings are real, preventable, and treatable.
- Offer to accompany your friend to see a counselor at the Counseling Center or to another person who can help.
- If you discover your friend has a specific timetable or plan for harming him or herself, don't leave them alone. Get someone to stay with them or offer to accompany them to the Counseling Center or hospital emergency room.

### **Online Resources**

Faculty and staff orientation: [www.counseling.ucr.edu/facstaff.htm](http://www.counseling.ucr.edu/facstaff.htm)

Assisting the Emotionally Distressed Student: [www.counseling.ucr.edu/handbook.html](http://www.counseling.ucr.edu/handbook.html)

The Jed Foundation: [www.jedfoundation.org](http://www.jedfoundation.org)

The National Mental Health Association: [www.nmha.org](http://www.nmha.org)

The National Institute of Mental Health: [www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov)

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## Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture Series Features Poet Billy Collins

*Second of three speakers is the former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins*

UC Riverside will welcome former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins on Tuesday, March 14, as the second of three speakers in the 2006 Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture Series. Collins, who earned his graduate degrees at UCR, will speak at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 in the University Theatre.

The first speaker was Richard R. Schrock, an MIT professor who spent his undergraduate years at UCR and recently shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. The third speaker will be The Honorable Joseph Ghougassian, Ph.D., J.D., former Ambassador of the United States to the State of Qatar. His lecture will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 18.

The lectures are free and open to the public, and followed by receptions on the patio outside University Theatre. In addition to formal public presentations, each visit by a distinguished lecturer will include associated events, such as seminars with undergraduate and graduate students and visits with faculty.

Sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor, the distinguished lecture series is an annual event featuring personalities from the letters, the sciences, the arts and other sectors of society. It was conceived to stimulate the region's intellectual community, to inspire students to think beyond the lecture hall and lab, and to involve members of the community in the academic life of the UCR campus. The theme this year is, "Beyond Boundaries: Explorations and Experimentation in Science, Art, and Statecraft."

Billy Collins was United States Poet Laureate from 2001 to 2003. He is a professor of English at Lehman College, City University of New York. Collins received his master's degree in English and Ph.D. in romantic poetry from UCR in 1965 and 1971, respectively. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA.

Collins is known for an accessible style of writing. His books of poetry include "Nine Horses;" "Sailing Alone Around the Room: New and Selected Poems; Picnic, Lightning;" "The Art of Drowning," which was a finalist for the Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize; "Questions About Angels," which was selected by Edward Hirsch for the National Poetry Series; "The Apple That Astonished Paris;" "Video Poems;" and "Pokerface."

Collins lives with his wife, Diane, an architect, in Westchester County, NY.



Billy Collins

## Google Desktop 3 Presents Security Risk

UCR staff, faculty and students who have downloaded Google Desktop 3 are being asked to disable a search feature that raises serious security and privacy issues by potentially allowing outside access to information stored on their computer.

Google Desktop is different from the search engine that many people use when they are searching for information on the Web. Google Desktop 3, which is a beta or test version of the product, provides full text search over e-mail, files, music, photos, chats, and viewed Web pages

The "share across computers" feature on the recently released Google Desktop version 3 introduces the ability to search content from desktop to desktop and could allow files on an indexed computer to be copied to Google's servers.

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"We recommend that individuals seriously consider the potential for information stored on their computers to be accessed by others if they enable this feature of Google Desktop on their computers," said Larry McGrath, director of Computing Support Services. "While some of the features of Google Desktop version 3 are enticing to faculty, students, and staff, it is important to understand how information is collected, stored and shared through this application, and the potential privacy risk to individuals."

Employees of the university who have confidential data on their work or home computers should not enable this feature. There are both privacy laws and university policies that could be violated through the installation of this feature.

More information is available at Computing & Communications frequently asked questions Web site at [cnc.ucr.edu/security/desktop/index.php?content=googledesktop3\\_faqs.html](http://cnc.ucr.edu/security/desktop/index.php?content=googledesktop3_faqs.html) and a Web site for information about policies about protecting data at [www.cnc.ucr.edu/avc/index.php?content=security](http://www.cnc.ucr.edu/avc/index.php?content=security). Google offers a references site at <http://desktop.google.com/features.html#searchremote>.

## Web Site Offers Online Viewing of Payroll and Tax Information

As of March 1, 2006, UCR employees can access their earnings statements online at the UC For Yourself (UCFY) Web site located at <https://ucfy.ucop.edu/ucfy>.

To access the earnings statement, log in to the site and click on the "View Your UC Pay Advice" link. From now on, new earnings statements will be added after each payroll compute.

Employees can also get a duplicate or extra copy of their W-2 form at the UCFY site. The campus is also participating in a pilot program and has contracted with TALX Corporation, an application service provider that allows employees to import their W-2 information directly into their tax returns using any the following tax preparation software programs:

- Intuit's TurboTax desktop software
- TurboTax for the Web
- ezTaxReturn.com
- CCH CompleteTax

There is no direct link from the UCFY Web site for this service; the interface is directly managed by the tax preparation software. The TALX site provides verification by Social Security Number (SSN) and a PIN code which, for new users, is set to the last 6 digits of their SSN. Users are encouraged to reset your PIN as soon as you can. The TALX Web site has a customer service number which is available via the tax preparation software.

For more information contact the payroll office at extension 2-3307.

## Faculty Invited to Attend Socratic Dialogue

UCR faculty are encouraged to attend a Socratic Dialogue titled "UCR International Planning and Strategy," which will be held on 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 22nd, in Bourns A-265.

During the dialogue eight UCR faculty, selected by the academic senate for their experience, expertise and interest in international initiatives at UCR, will discuss and debate a vision, mission and strategy for international initiatives at the university.

Faculty in the audience will be invited to participate in the discussions. The session will be moderated by Joe DiGregorio, chair of the International Advisory Committee to the EVC and Provost. DiGregorio has moderated 15 similar Socratic sessions over the past eight years throughout the United States and Europe.

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While there are currently a large number of successful international programs and ongoing activities across the campus, UCR would like to increase involvement in international initiatives and to secure worldwide visibility and reputation in international areas.

Input from all UCR faculty is a vital part of this process.

There will be no formal presentations delivered during the Socratic session. Instead, faculty on the panel and in the audience will spontaneously discuss and debate how UCR can become a truly global research university. Results of the discussion during the Socratic Dialogue will be included in the final report of the International Advisory Committee.

For more information contact Joe DiGregorio at [joedee@ucr.edu](mailto:joedee@ucr.edu) or 2-6106.

## UCR/CMP Launches New Web Site

UCR/California Museum of Photography (UCR/CMP) has redesigned its Web site to make it easier for virtual visitors to browse the museum's exhibitions, examine the extensive permanent collection and study the large array of educational materials.

UCR/CMP's new Web site brings the diverse collections together to form a larger, more unified resource. Visitors can now search all the collections simultaneously for specific topics, locations and subjects.

Since the early 1990s, UCR/CMP has utilized new computer and communications technologies to document, analyze and participate in the social, political and cultural expressions as technology races ahead.

To date, 13,000 pages of content have been added. These include more than 374 microsites and the major collections including Keystone-Mast, Ansel Adams: Fiat Lux, Will Connell, Osvald Siren, Olindo Ceccarini and Bingham Camera Collection. In addition, more than 40,000 artifacts have been digitized, including photographs, cameras, publications, and numerous short videos and QuickTime VRs. New images are continually added.

Online visitors can also shop at the UCR/CMP store, which offers prints from the collection. Information: (951) 784-3686.

## Be a Part of UCDC

UCR economics professors Richard Sutch and Susan Carter pictured with students participating in the UCR-UCDC academic internship program during the Winter Quarter 2006. During their quarter in Washington, DC, Sutch and Carter are teaching course electives at the UC Washington Center and conducting research. Fall 2006 applications are now being taken from faculty and students. For more information, visit [washingtongcenter.ucr.edu](http://washingtongcenter.ucr.edu) or contact Trina Elerts at (951) 827-2634.



Richard Sutch and Susan Carter (center) with students in Washington D.C.

## Research & Scholarship

The UCR Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics (IGPP), one of the leading groups in the world doing theoretical modeling of the interaction between the solar wind and the interstellar medium, hosted the Fifth Annual International Astrophysics Conference titled "The Physics of the Inner Heliosheath: Voyager Observations, Theory and Future Prospects." The event, which is being held in Hawaii, started on March 3 and will continue through March 9, 2006.

During the conference, more than 70 national and international astrophysicists focused on the crossing by the Voyager 1 spacecraft in December 2004 of the heliospheric termination shock - the cocoon-like boundary where solar wind particles slow down to below supersonic speed (with respect to the sun) due to interactions with the galactic interstellar medium.

The cocoon is a barrier that prevents interstellar high-energy particles from irradiating life on Earth. Voyager 1, the farthest-reaching spacecraft in the solar system, has essentially found the skin of this cocoon. The spacecraft now has gone through the cocoon and "left the womb," exposing itself to interstellar cosmic radiation.

Understanding the heliospheric termination shock helps scientists better understand the cosmic radiation in the interstellar medium to answer questions such as what the radiation is really like and how much energy is associated with it.

**Thomas Stahovich**, UCR associate professor of mechanical engineering, has received a \$40,000 grant from Microsoft Research to develop ways to use Tablet PC technology to tutor engineering students on the fundamental principles of analog circuit analysis.

Stahovich's project, titled "A Pen-based Circuit Analysis Tutor," is one of 11 projects funded from more than 165 proposals submitted from 18 countries. A panel of 40 people reviewed the projects from a wide cross-section of disciplines. The awards are part of Microsoft's \$500,000 Tablet PC Technology Curriculum and Higher Education Program to enrich the classroom experience in higher education.

The project will build upon technology Stahovich has been developing for several years that allows the Tablet PC to interpret hand-drawn circuit schematics. In the current work, Stahovich will create an intelligent tutoring system to teach students the fundamental principles of circuit analysis. The tutor will be used in the Electrical Engineering 001A course at UCR.

To use the system, the student will draw a circuit and write the governing equations. The system will then examine the circuit and equations and provide suggestions if there are errors.

"The system will, in effect, look over the student's shoulder, give feedback, and offer guidance if the student gets stuck," Stahovich said.



Thomas Stahovich

UCR researchers have discovered a molecular mechanism that directs the fate and function of cells during animal development. The findings could hold promise for the advancement of cancer and stem-cell research.

The journal *Science* published the research in its Feb. 24, 2006 issue. UCR Biochemistry Professor **Frank Sauer**, with German colleague Elisabeth Kremmer of the Institut für Molekulare Immunologie in Munich and fellow UCR researchers Tilman Sanchez-Elsner and Dawei Gou authored the paper.

Titled "Noncoding RNAs of *Trithorax* Response Elements Recruit Drosophila Ash1 to Ultrabithorax," the paper explains how proteins, known as epigenetic activators - such as Ash1 from the fruit fly *Drosophila* - bind to their target DNA and activate genes that determine what function a cell will have in the body.

"The fact that these epigenetic activators, such as Ash1, turn on the expression of specific target genes has been known for some time. However, the mechanisms by which epigenetic activators recognize and bind these target genes was not yet known," said Sauer.

Examining old-growth redwoods in the California counties of Humboldt and Del Norte, soil scientists **Robert C. Graham** and graduate student Heather A. Enloe (now at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Wyoming) found soils up to one meter thick formed in bowl-like crotches and on massive limbs within the canopy of the forests.

These soils, called arboreal soils, are more than 50 meters above the forest floor and composed entirely of organic matter consisting of partially to wholly decomposed plant material such as fern biomass, redwood leaves and bark.

"In the forest canopy ecosystem, these arboreal soils are important habitats and sources of water and nutrients for desiccation-sensitive organisms, including epiphytic plants, which are plants that derive their moisture and nutrients from the air and rain, and usually grow on other plants," said Graham, professor of soil mineralogy in the Department of Environmental Sciences.

The researchers, who were assisted in their work by Stephen C. Sillett of Humboldt State University, report that the arboreal soils on limbs dry out more quickly than the soils in crotches because the limbs, unlike the crotches, allow drainage.

Published in the Feb. 2, 2006 online issue of the *Soil Science Society of America Journal*, the authors also found that the soils' ability to retain plant-available water and nutrients increases as the soil materials become more decomposed.

## Awards & Honors

Six faculty members and one graduate student in UCR's Department of Entomology have been honored for their research and contributions to the field of entomology at the 2006 meeting of the Entomological Society of America Pacific Branch, which was held March 5-8 in Hawaii.

"It is because of efforts like theirs that our department continues to be one of the best in the country," said Ring T. Carde, chair of the Department of Entomology. "We are proud of their service and contributions to entomology and pleased that the Entomological Society of America Pacific Branch is recognizing them."

The UCR honorees and their awards are:

- Professor **Michael E. Adams** received the Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology, sponsored by Bayer CropScience. This award recognizes and encourages innovative research in the areas of insect physiology, biochemistry and toxicology in the broad sense.

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- **Jeremy Allison**, a graduate student, was presented with the John Henry Comstock Outstanding Graduate Student Award, recognizing outstanding graduate students in entomology in the Pacific Branch.
- **Beth Grafton-Cardwell**, cooperative Extension integrated pest management specialist, won the Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management. Sponsored by Syngenta Crop Protection, this award is given based on outstanding contributions which have a direct relation to integrated pest management.
- **John H. Klotz**, associate extension urban entomologist, was chosen for the Recognition Award in Urban Entomology, which encourages and recognizes outstanding extension, research and teaching contributions in urban entomology. The award, sponsored by S.C. Johnson and Son, consists of an inscribed plaque and an award amount determined by the interest earned from the endowment.
- **Robert Krieger**, cooperative extension toxicologist, received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension, given to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in an extension program that exhibits creativity, program impact, achievement and program delivery.
- **Jocelyn G. Millar**, professor of entomology and chemical ecology, was presented with the C.W. Woodworth Award accompanied by a \$1,000 honorarium, which recognizes an individual Pacific Branch member for outstanding accomplishments in entomology within the region over the past 10 years.
- **Timothy D. Paine**, professor of entomology and entomologist, won the Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching, given to an individual who has excelled through innovations in developing new courses, programs and teaching methods.

Adams, Grafton-Cardwell, Klotz, Krieger and Paine will be entered into the national competition for the corresponding awards. Allison is one of five graduate students selected nationally for the John Henry Comstock Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

The Entomological Society of America is the largest organization in the world serving the professional and scientific needs of entomologists and people in related disciplines. Founded in 1889, it now has more than 5,700 members.

## People

**Dan Rios**, a facilities coordinator for the Department of Biology, has retired from UCR after nearly four decades of service to UCR. Rios started at UCR in 1968 as an electronic technician. He has served as a soft ball coach for his community and enjoys off roading in his Jeep, prospecting and photography.

## UCNews

### UCTV Available on Google Video Service

University of California Television (UCTV) has announced that more than 1,000 hours of UCTV programming is now available to be downloaded and viewed for free on the Google Video service.

UCTV brings to Google Video its largest collection of educational video content, with UCTV programs from the 10-campus University of California system in subjects such as public affairs, science, health and medicine, humanities and the arts.

Google Video, available at [video.google.com](http://video.google.com), is the world's first open online video marketplace, where users can search for, watch and even buy an ever-growing collection of TV shows, movies, music videos, documentaries, personal productions, and more.

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UCTV is a 24-hour satellite channel that broadcasts educational and enrichment programming from the University of California's 10 campuses, three national laboratories that UC manages for the federal government and affiliated institutions of the university. It is available to more than 16 million households nationwide via Direct Broadcast Satellite, online at [www.uctv.tv](http://www.uctv.tv) and cable TV (visit [www.uctv.tv/cable](http://www.uctv.tv/cable) for details).

## Regent Parsky Testifies on Compensation Issues

UC Regent Chair Gerald L. Parsky testified February during an informational hearing on UC compensation practices before the Senate Education Committee. Regent Judith Hopkinson, chair of the Regents' new Special Committee on Compensation, Speaker Emeritus Robert Hertzberg and Regent Joanne Kozberg, co-chairs of the Task Force on UC Compensation, Accountability and Transparency also testified.

UC President Robert C. Dynes also testified, as he did during the committee's first hearing on the issue Feb. 8.

Regent Parsky focused on the role of the Regents, why UC compensation practices went awry and what is being done to ensure there is compliance with Regents' policy, including transparency to the public. The testimony of Regents Parsky and Hopkinson, and President Dynes are available online at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/compensation/hearings.html](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/compensation/hearings.html).

An audio clip of the proceedings is also available at [www.ucop.edu/ucophome/busfin/legislative/ExecComp2.asf](http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/busfin/legislative/ExecComp2.asf).

## UC, Monsanto Reach \$100 Million Settlement in Growth Hormone Patent Case

The University of California has reached a settlement with Monsanto Co. to resolve claims that the company infringed on UC's patent for the recombinant DNA used to make somatotropin, a dairy cow growth hormone.

Bovine somatotropin is used to enhance milk production and serves as an important tool to help dairy producers improve the efficiency of their operations.

Under the settlement, Monsanto will pay UC an up-front royalty of \$100 million in partial consideration for an exclusive license to the university's patent rights to the recombinant DNA to make the bovine growth hormone (bGH) protein also known as somatotropin - sold under the Monsanto brand name POSILAC® bovine somatotropin, - as well as a covenant not to sue in related patent rights.

The settlement also includes an ongoing royalty of 15 cents per dose of POSILAC® to a dairy cow with a minimum annual royalty of \$5 million for the life of the last to expire of the university's exclusively licensed patents.

The isolated DNA was a discovery by UC San Francisco scientists Walter L. Miller, Joseph A. Martial and John D. Baxter.

Monsanto's license is subject to certain rights maintained by the U.S. government because the university's work was performed with federal funding. The university also retains certain non-commercial rights to practice the invention for research and educational purposes.

The university's patent will expire in 2021; however, a new patent claiming the protein made as a product of the recombinant DNA would run until 2023. The settlement includes licensing fees and royalties to the 2023 expiration of UC's patent rights.

The settlement resolves claims filed against the agricultural products company in a February 2004 lawsuit.

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## UC Regents to Meet at UCLA, March 15, 16

The University of California Board of Regents will meet on Wednesday, March 15, and Thursday, March 16 at Covell Commons on the UCLA campus in Los Angeles.

The March 15 meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with public comment, followed by a discussion of the status of contract competition and other matters at the UC-managed department of energy laboratories. The regents will later meet in closed session to consider action on the appointment of an interim director for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Discussion items will also include presentations on expanding educational opportunities for UC undergraduates, travel advisory policies for UC Education Abroad Programs and management efficiencies.

During the afternoon, regents will meet in closed session to consider action on the compensation structure for the university's president and chancellors, job slotting for board officers and designated positions at UC medical centers and the Berkeley and Livermore national laboratories, and compensation for senior management.

The regents' finance committee will also meet in closed session to discuss real estate, legal and personnel matters. The educational policy committee will convene in closed session to receive information about private support and endowed chairs.

The March 16 meeting will begin at 9 a.m. with public comment, followed by an open session of the regents' special committee on compensation. Compensation-related items up for discussion include updates on UC's 10-year audit and the state audit, a status report on the regents' task force, annual reports on corporate board service by UC executives and a summary of UC compensation policies.

Also in open session, the regents will also consider action on a compensation structure for the president and chancellors, and job slotting approvals for certain designated positions, neither of which includes action on any salary increases. Other items to be considered for action include adoption of a policy related to negotiated separations, the annual performance review of board officers and future reinstatement of employee contributions to the UC Retirement Plan.

In the afternoon, as continued business from its Jan. 19 meeting, regents will consider action on possible divestment from companies with business ties to the Sudan government and acts of genocide.

### Who Says?

*"It doesn't strike me as being motivated by intelligence concerns. I think it's about calling back power to the executive branch."*

**John Cioffi**, UCR assistant professor of political science and a nonpracticing attorney, on the National Security Agency's surveillance program, which has become the subject of a controversy over whether wiretapping is an illegal abuse of executive authority.  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUN

*"The whole project was designed to present data in raw form rather than highly manipulated. That makes it more difficult. You have to do a little work to use this."*

Economics Professor **Richard Sutch**, who along with Economics Professor Susan Carter, was editor in chief of the five-volume "Historical Statistics of the United States," an expansion of previous compilations that were published by the United States Census Bureau in 1949, 1960 and 1975.  
NEW YORK TIMES

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*"I would think it would have little chance of going anywhere unless there was a secession of South Carolina from the union."*

**Edwin Gaustad**, professor emeritus of history and religious studies, on workability of moving like-minded Christians to South Carolina with the intention of passing laws that line up with their biblical principles and interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

USA TODAY

*"Leaf blowers run for only a few minutes a week per house. People are interested because it is very noticeable. The cloud of dust looks bad. But in the big scheme of things, it's not significant."*

**Dennis Fitz**, assistant research engineer at CE-CERT, on the results of a recent study that found that there is so little dust stirred up by leaf blowers that authorities don't need to regulate it.

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*"Basically, he's just got to convince them that he's a real Republican and it's not clear whether he can do that."*

**Shaun Bowler**, UCR professor of political science on Gov. Schwarzenegger's somewhat shaky standings at the recently held state Republican convention.

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## Did You Know?

Did you know that the concrete "C" on the Box Springs mountains above the campus stands for California? Poured by Yeager construction, it measures 132 feet by 70 feet. Typically painted gold, it has also been painted white, green, pink and striped like a zebra. It has been turned into a zero, a C+ and part of the name "McCarthy" during a visit of Senator Eugene McCarthy. One time, pranksters painted it the exact brown of the hillside, and the C disappeared. Luckily, they left a ransom note.



The Big "C" in the 1950s

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## CampusCalendar

### Lectures, Seminars and Colloquiums

No matter where your interest lies, a wide array of lectures, colloquiums and seminars are offered year round on campus.

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Lecture: **Globalization and Social Inequality: Implications for Economic Democracy**, by Salvatore Babones, University of Pittsburgh. 3-4:30 p.m., Watkins Hall 2145. Free. Information: (951) 827-2062.

Colloquium: **The Olmec and Beyond**, by Michael D. Coe, professor emeritus of anthropology at Yale University. 4-5:30 p.m., HMSS 1500. Free. Information: (951) 827-5524.

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Colloquium: **Social Spaces of History: Gender, Erudition, and the Italian Nation**, by Stephanie Jed, associate professor of Italian and comparative literature, UCSD. 3-4 p.m., Humanities and Social Sciences Building 2412. Free. Information: (951) 827-1423.

Lecture: **The Threat of Late Blight to Potato and Tomato Production in Russia**, by Alexei Kravtsov, postdoctoral researcher in the plant pathology department at UCR. 4-5 p.m., Boyce Hall 1467. Free. Information: (951) 827-4764.

Lecture: **Women with Words**. 8-10 p.m., The Barn. Poets Madya Del Valle and Tamara Blue will poetically articulate their views on womanhood, issues of sex, and racial stereotypes. Free. Information: (951) 827-2772.

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Colloquium: **Traveling Images of War: Representation and Transnational Commemoration in Contemporary Vietnam**, by Christine Schwenkel, Ph.d., UCI. 1-2:30 p.m., Humanities & Social Sciences 1500. Free. Information: (951) 827-5524.

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Lecture: **North African Women Filmmakers Tell Their Own Story**, 4-5 p.m., Humanities & Social Sciences 1500. Raja Labadi Bousseadra, lecturer of African American Literature at the Higher Learning Institute of Advanced Languages, University of Carthage, Tunisia, North Africa will focus on contemporary film making and the strategies developed by North African women that rarely if ever get seen in the U.S. Free. Information: (951) 827-4332.

Lecture: **Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture Series**, Billy Collins, US Poet Laureate 2001-2003 and New York State Poet Laureate 2004-2006. 6-7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Free. Information: (951) 827-3144.

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Lecture: **Identification and Characterization of Pre-Sporangium Stage Sporulation Genes in the Plant Pathogen Phytophthora Cinnamomi**, by Reena Narayan, UCR Department of Plant Pathology. 4-5 p.m., Boyce Hall. Free. Information: (951) 827-4764.

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Lecture: **Seeing One’s Place in History: Buddhist Historiography as an Ethical Genre**, by Professor Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison. 4:30-6 p.m., Humanities & Social Sciences Comparative Literature Seminar Room 2412. Free. Information: (951) 827-4530.

Lecture: **The Design of New Medical Schools in the 21st Century**, by University Distinguished Service Professor Barbara Starfield, Johns Hopkins University. 5:30-6:30 p.m., UCR Extension Center Room E. Free. Information: (951) 827-4334.

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Lecture: **Chancellor’s Distinguished Lecture Series**. The Honorable Joseph Ghougassian, Amabassador and Coalition Provisional Authority Deputy Senior Advisor to the Iraq Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in 2003-2004. 6-7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Free. Information: (951) 827-3144.

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Lecture: **Love is never abstract: Bioregionalism, Narrative Discourse, and the Value of Nature**, by Scott Slovic, University of Nevada, Reno. 4-6 p.m., Humanities & Social Sciences 1500. Free. Information: (951) 827-4332.

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Lecture: **When and Where Queer Theory (Does Not) Meet Disability Studies**, by Chris Bell, Nottingham Trent University. 4-5:30 p.m., Humanities & Social Sciences 1500. Free. Information: (951) 827-4332.

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Lecture: **UCR Libraries’ Author Series**, Poet Gary Young, author of “No Other Life” and “Pleasure.” 3:15-4:30 p.m., Tomas Rivera Library Special Collections 4th floor. Free. Information: (951) 827-3233.

**Getting Personal**

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