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Eight UCR Faculty Members Named 2005 AAAS Fellows

By Iqbal Pittalwala

The American Association for the Advancement of Science has named eight UC Riverside faculty members as 2005 AAAS fellows, bringing the total number of UCR faculty who have been recognized with this distinction to 129.

"UCR congratulates the eight faculty members who've been awarded the AAAS fellow distinction," said Charles Louis, vice chancellor for research. "Their election reflects the high quality of their work and shows that research being done on our campus is receiving national attention."

Election as a fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers. This year, AAS bestowed the honor on a total of 376 members for their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. New fellows will be honored during the Feb. 18, 2006 AAAS annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo.

The UCR honorees are:

- **Michael F. Allen**, chair and professor of plant pathology and director of the Center for Conservation Biology, was honored for distinguished research in mycorrhizal biology, contributing to understanding the effects of mycorrhizal fungi on ecosystem dynamics and for exemplary service to the academic community.
- **Julia N. Bailey-Serres**, professor of genetics, was chosen for fundamental contributions to understanding the program of transcriptional control in plants that is activated under hypoxia, heat, cold and osmotic stress.
- **Daniel R. Gallie**, professor of biochemistry, was honored for seminal contributions to understanding the post-transcriptional regulation of protein synthesis and molecular response mechanisms of plants to environmental stress.
- **Timothy D. Paine**, professor of entomology, was honored for significant contributions to ornamental/urban landscape entomology, forest entomology and pest management administration.
- **Thomas C. Patterson**, distinguished professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology, for distinguished contributions to anthropology, especially theories of class and state formation, South American archaeology, critical analyses of archaeological theory and history of the discipline.
- **Richard C. Sutch**, professor of economics and director of the Center for Social and Economics Policy Research, for distinguished contributions to economic history, particularly for studies on the emancipation of slaves in the United States and the history of saving and retirement.
- **Chandra M. Varma**, distinguished professor of physics, for distinguished contributions to the quantum statistical theory of strongly interacting particles, particularly to theories of superconductivity, magnetism and disordered systems.
- **Zhenbiao Yang**, professor of plant cell biology, for pioneering research in plant cell biology that contributes to the present understanding of molecular mechanisms underlying cell polarity, cytoskeletal dynamics and cell morphogenesis in plants.



(Top row, left to right) Michael F. Allen, Julia N. Bailey-Serres, Daniel R. Gallie, Timothy D. Paine
(Bottom row, left to right) Thomas C. Patterson, Richard C. Sutch, Chandra M. Varma, Zhenbiao Yang.

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The tradition of AAAS fellows began in 1874. The American Association for the Advancement of Science is the world's largest general scientific society, and publisher of the journal, *Science*. Founded in 1848, AAAS includes some 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals. The non-profit AAAS is open to all and fulfills its mission to "advance science and serve society" through initiatives in science policy, international programs, science education and more.

UCR Thanksgiving Food Collection Drive

by Kim Lane

It's the season for giving and UCR Staff Assembly's Welfare Committee and Physical Plant are getting into the spirit by asking members of the campus community to donate non-perishable food items that will be used to provide dinner to campus colleagues who need a little extra help this Thanksgiving.

"Trends in the national economy suggest that from a financial standpoint, this will be a difficult holiday season for many families," said Bill Schmechel, chair of the Staff Welfare Committee of the Staff Assembly. "The UCR community has demonstrated its exceptional generosity for past holiday food drives and we're hopeful that this year's drive will be even more successful."

Suggested donations include canned cranberry sauce, gravy, assorted canned vegetables, cake or corn-bread mix, cereal, boxes of stuffing or mashed potatoes, cooking oil, beans and rice.

Food bins are located at the A & I Residence Hall, Bannockburn K101, on the 2nd floor of Batchelor Hall, the Counseling Center, Crest Family Housing, Highlander Hall, Hinderaker Hall, Housing Services, International Village, Lothian Hall, Pentland Hills and the lobbies of Physical Plant, Rivera Library, the Science Library, Stonehaven, Student Life, UCR Extension, the University Office Building and the University Theatre. The final day to donate is Nov. 18.

In addition, Physical Plant will station donation drop-off trucks in Lots 1 and 30 at 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14.

Supermarket gift cards or certificates are also needed to provide families with perishable items such as turkeys and hams. Send the gift cards or certificates directly to Bill Schmechel, 209 University Office Building or Monica Wicker, 211 University Office Building.

The committee is also seeking the names of families who might be candidates for a food basket. To make a nomination, fill out the form, which is available at www.staffassembly.ucr.edu/announce/Food_request_form.doc and return it via e-mail to william.schmechel@ucr.edu. All nominations will be confidential. Food will be distributed on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 22 and 23. Remaining food will be offered to charities.

For more information contact Bill Schmechel at (951) 827-4810 or william.schmechel@ucr.edu, or Monica Wicker at (951) 827-4811 or monica.wicker@ucr.edu.

One, Two, Three in a Row on the Downtown Mall

by Kris Lovekin

Riverside's downtown mall is turning into a center for arts and culture, and UCR is magnifying that phenomenon by surrounding the established UCR/California Museum of Photography with two new arty next-door neighbors.

UCR will move the Sweeney Art Gallery from campus to the Walling building, which is next to UCR/CMP. On the other side is the Rouse building, a former department store that will serve as home to the Barbara and Art Culver Center of the Arts.

"We're excited to see these facilities falling into place next to each other because of the additional space and energy it will provide to UCR arts programs in the downtown area," said Joel Martin, interim dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.



The Walling building is the new home of the Sweeney Art Gallery.

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The Sweeney Art Museum will have temporary space in the Surge building on campus until it can reopen downtown in February or March next year, after some retrofitting of the new building. The Culver Center is expected to open in 2008 after significant construction work on the inside of the historic building.

Juan Felipe Herrera, who is the Tomás Rivera Professor in Creative Writing, is the faculty director of the Culver Center. He will help with raising additional funds to complete the Culver Center building campaign. In September, Herrera helped select the Los Angeles firm of Chu + Gooding Architects as the design team to build the Culver Center.

Jim Isermann, associate professor of art history, will serve as the faculty director of the Sweeney Art Museum.

"We are thrilled to not only be moving into a larger, well appointed space and to be part of the downtown arts community, but to increase the audience for our programs," said Isermann.

Jennifer Frias, curatorial manager for the Sweeney, said that she is in temporary office space in the Surge building on campus until the reopening downtown.

"This is an adventure for us," she said as she moved boxes of materials from Watkins House to the Surge building recently. "But I am really looking forward to getting into the new downtown location and working closely with our new neighbors."

Cohen Speaks About Need for Medical School

The lecture is the first in the seminar series, "Design of New Medical Schools in the 21st Century."

by Iqbal Pittalwala

On Oct. 31, Jordan Cohen, M.D., president and chief executive officer of the Association of American Medical Colleges, shared with the campus the advantages and challenges of starting a new medical school, a topic of significance to inland Southern California and of special interest to UCR.

Speaking to an audience of more than 80 people during the first of the "Design of New Medical Schools in the 21st Century," seminar series, Cohen noted that increasing diversity in the physician pool is a high priority for the AAMC and stressed that UCR was ideally suited to acquire a medical school, given the rich diversity of inland Southern California.

Cohen touched upon the major challenges in medical education that the United States faces in the future: ensuring the adequacy of the overall physician workforce; keeping the distribution of generalist and specialist physicians fairly even; securing a uniform distribution of physicians in the country; increasing the racial and ethnic diversity among medical students and aligning the curriculum with the needs and expectations of the public.

Physicians need to value professionalism, be guided by their moral compass and serve as role models, Cohen emphasized. The recruitment in medical schools of students from rural locations could provide a possible remedy for the uneven geographic distribution of physicians, he added.

Cohen ended his lecture with a list of challenges that he believes an institution such as UCR will face in starting a new medical school. These include the need for hard money to support education and build facilities, such as seminar rooms, sophisticated information technology infrastructure and simulation laboratories. Basic science and clinical faculty who have a passion for education, adequate clinical sites and a diversity of patients are also necessary, said Cohen.

The next speaker in the seminar series is Dr. Steven A. Schroeder, distinguished professor of health and health care at UC San Francisco. He will speak at UCR on Jan. 23. For more information on the seminar series, visit www.newsroom.ucr.edu.



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Professor John Cioffi is Supremely Interesting

by Kris Lovekin

UC Riverside's political scientists are busy this election season. And no one more so than **John Cioffi**, an assistant professor of political science who gave a talk Oct. 26 to the Citizens University Committee about the political maneuvering related to recent Supreme Court nominations.

His title, "Supreme Court Nominations as Kabuki Theatre," echoed a remark from Sen. Joe Biden, D-Delaware, who was describing the closely choreographed dance of probing questions by senators and the delicate dodging and weaving done by Supreme Court nominees.

"The fight has evolved to become a fight over procedure," said Cioffi, who has been at UCR since 2001. "It's not limited to the Republican nominees and it's not a new thing. It goes back at least to the (Sandra Day) O'Connor nomination."

He said O'Connor declined to respond to some questions posed by the senators, which raised eyebrows at the time. But the same reticence on the part of Antonin Scalia didn't seem to be considered unusual.

Cioffi attributed the trend to the Robert Bork nomination, which failed. He said Bork was loquacious and was judged to be arrogant and extreme.

"It forced the parties to seek nominations who are reticent before the Senate committee and who have little or no paper trail," Cioffi said.

Recent nominees Harriet Miers whose nomination was withdrawn, and Chief Justice John Roberts were similar in one respect. Neither had served as a judge before.

But, he said, that is where the similarity ends.

While Roberts' nomination flew through the process, the naming of Miers caused a near meltdown. She was judged and found wanting, especially by conservatives.

"All of a sudden, the professional legitimacy of the Supreme Court is in question," said Cioffi. "President Bush stepped right back into charges of political cronyism."

Why didn't Bush find a clone of Roberts?

"You can't pull two of those rabbits out of a hat," said Cioffi. "They don't exist in plentiful numbers."

During the presentation, Cioffi presented his opinion about other recent appointees to the court including:

- Anthony Kennedy -- He was a real unknown, so much so that investigators had to question his priest to get any sense of who he was.
- David Souter -- He was so new to the 1st District Court of Appeals, he had virtually no paper trail.
- Clarence Thomas -- The furor swirled around personal, not jurisprudential issues.
- Ruth Bader Ginsberg -- Her background as a law professor, an ACLU attorney and on the DC Circuit left little to the unknown. A thick paper trail.
- Steven Breyer -- A Harvard law professor and circuit court judge. A thick paper trail.
- John Roberts -- A fascinating nominee, with tremendous legal experience arguing cases, but almost no paper trail. The larger, substantial arguments attributed to him are not his own views. He is, said Cioffi "the Elvis of the Supreme Court."

Cioffi, who practiced law in New York before joining UCR's faculty, said recently that he will be watching as President Bush's next nominee to the highest court, Samuel Alito, goes through the nomination process at a time when the electorate and the government are politically polarized.

"If confirmed, he will be the tipping point on the court," Cioffi said.

Cioffi's research has appeared in the *Law & Policy*, the *Journal of Law and Society*, and the *American Journal of Comparative Law*.



John Cioffi speaks to Joseph Turner, an aide to State Assemblyman Ray Haynes following Cioffi's presentation to the Citizens University Committee.

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Mandatory Online Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

The new mandatory online sexual harassment prevention training is available to UCR supervisors and faculty. Provided by the UC Office of the President, UCR has instituted the new online training to help comply with the state law, California Assembly Bill 1825. The law requires employers with 50 or more employees to provide supervisors at least two hours of mandatory training in sexual harassment prevention by Jan. 1, 2006.

A personalized e-mail with information about the Workplace Answers program, as well as registration and instructions on how to access the online training has been sent to supervisors and faculty. Anyone who received the e-mail must complete the online training within 45 days of receipt of the e-mail.

Supervisors and faculty, who received in-person sexual harassment training between 2003 and 2005 are not required to participate in the online training in 2005.

However, after Jan. 1, 2006, the law requires that every supervisory employee must be trained once every two years. New supervisors are required to be trained within six months of assuming supervisory duties.

The new online training provided by Workplace Answers is the only UC online training that satisfies the requirement of AB 1825. In-person two-hour training is available upon request.

If you have any questions about training contact the Title IX/Sexual Harassment Office at ext. 27070.

Research & Scholarship

UCR's Institute for Research on World-Systems has been awarded a National Science Foundation Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) research grant for a project called "Global state formation: modeling the rise, fall and upward sweeps of large polities in world history and the global future."

The three-year project will receive \$450,000 to study the growth of cities and polities in the world over time. The project will help to inform policy-makers about how the past illuminates the future of global governance.

Professors **E.N. Anderson** from the Department of Anthropology and **Christopher Chase-Dunn** from the Department of Sociology, are co-principle investigators with Peter Turchin from the University of Connecticut.

More information about the project is available at irows.ucr.edu/research/research.html

While particles that are common in the universe are defined as matter, their antiparticles are called "antimatter." Led by **Allen Mills**, professor of physics, a team of physicists has come up with a new approach to studying the elusive antimatter.

They are able to see for the first time in the laboratory that positronium atoms - each of which are made up of an electron and its antimatter counterpart, called the positron - become more unstable than usual after colliding with one another, turning into gamma radiation. In their experiments, the researchers obtained positrons from a radioactive form of sodium. They emptied the positrons out of a "magnetic bottle" onto a small spot on a target surface comprised of a thin piece of porous silica. There, the positrons combined with electrons to spontaneously form a high concentration of unstable positronium atoms.

The newly formed atoms quickly took up residence in the pores of the target and began to collide with one another, producing energy in the form of gamma radiation, a powerful type of electromagnetic radiation.

A research team, led by **Christopher Amrhein**, professor of soil and environmental sciences, is able to improve water quality by 90 percent in the rivers flowing into California's Salton Sea by using two kinds of water-treatment chemicals -- alum and polyacrylamide -- that remove phosphorus and silt from the water. Both phosphorus and silt contribute to algae growth, odors, low-dissolved oxygen and fish-kills in the sea.

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Unless measures are taken, evaporation will cause the sea to be too salty for fish to survive. This will result in the loss of fish-eating birds that frequent an area. Every year several endangered bird species and millions of waterfowl visit the area.

The Salton Sea at one time attracted more visitors than Yellowstone National Park, said Amrhein.

Awards & Honors

Arturo Gómez-Pompa, distinguished professor emeritus of botany and University Professor, has been selected as the 2006 recipient of the David Fairchild Medal for Plant Exploration for his lifetime of work in tropical ecology, ethnobotany, floristics and the conservation, restoration and management of tropical forests.

Gómez-Pompa, the eighth recipient of the annual award, was nominated for the award by an international panel of botanists and plant explorers.

He was one of the first voices to draw attention to the problem of rain forest destruction and to offer solutions. He was also one of the first scientists to recognize the potential value of computers in tracking botanical information. The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Gómez-Pompa has authored or co-authored more than 200 books, papers and articles, and taught botanical courses at UCR for nearly 20 years.

Consisting of a bronze medal, a cash award and a citation lauding the recipient's exploration, the Fairchild Medal is awarded to a scientist who has demonstrated distinguished service to humanity by exploring remote areas of the world, discovering new plant species, bringing into cultivation new and important plants, and playing crucial roles in the conservation of endangered plant species. Gómez-Pompa will receive the award on Feb. 3 in Florida.



Arturo Gómez-Pompa

UCR Assistant Professor of Music **Tim Labor** has been nominated for an Ovation Award for his sound design of the Open Fist Theatre Company's production of "Papa."

Labor, a longtime professional sound designer specializing in music, composition, and sound installation and technology, is in competition with six other sound designers in the intimate theater category.

Established in 1989, the LA Stage Alliance Ovation Awards are the only peer-judged theatre awards in Los Angeles. Members of the Los Angeles Theatre Alliance vote on the award.

People

Professor of Music **Walter Clark** has returned from London and New York, where he gave the keynote address at two events organized around the publication of his book, "Enrique Granados: Poet of the Piano," just published by Oxford University Press.

Clark is the founder and director of the UCR's Center for Iberian and Latin American Music. His book tells the story of one of Spain's greatest composers, best known for his "Goyescas," a set of piano pieces and an opera inspired by the art and times of Francisco Goya. Granados attended the 1916 premiere of "Goyescas" at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, and then gave a recital at the White House for President Woodrow Wilson. On his return voyage to Spain, however, his ship was attacked by a German submarine. Granados and his wife drowned in the English Channel.

Clark's book launch events were sponsored by the Iberian and Latin American Music Society in London, in collaboration with the Spanish Embassy and Cervantes Institute, as well as the Foundation for Iberian Music, in collaboration with the Spanish Consulate in New York.

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Robert Nava, assistant vice chancellor for principal gifts in the Office of Development, has accepted a position as associate vice president of development in the Department of Institutional Advancement at the University of Texas, El Paso (UTEP). He will begin his new job Jan. 2, 2006.

Nava began his career at UCR in 1987 as the director of Chicano Student Programs. Since then he has held a number of leadership positions, including assistant vice chancellor for governmental and community relations and interim vice chancellor for university advancement.

UCNews

UC, California Utilities Partner to Improve Math and Science Education

The California Utility Diversity Council, a committee of the California Public Utilities Commission, today announced it will invest \$1.365 million in the University of California-led Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement program, marking the beginning of a new partnership to improve, over the next three years, math and science education for disadvantaged K-12 students in California.

The Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement program (MESA) will use the funds -- which were contributed by various investor owned utility companies through the California Utility Diversity Council (CUCD) - to develop the skills and knowledge of tomorrow's engineers and scientists.

Using \$645,000 in financial contributions and \$720,000 in-kind for internships, this work will take place in three key focus areas: K-12 academic preparation; college matriculation support and paid internships designed to encourage MESA graduates to pursue careers in the energy, telecommunications and water management industries.

UC Long-Range Guidance Team Offers Web Chats

The University of California Long-Range Guidance Team held the first in a series of Web chats on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2006. The Web chats are designed to provide updates on the team's progress and to seek comments from UC critical stakeholders about the issues they feel the university will face in the year 2025.

The Nov. 2 Web chat was open to UC faculty members. Additional Web chats are schedule for alumni from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, for staff from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11 and for students from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

More information and a transcript of the Nov. 2 faculty Web chat is available at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/uc2025/webchats.

Who Says?

"I think the public is rightly concerned about new technologies. Maybe they ought to be more concerned than they are."

Carl Cranor, professor of philosophy, on the health risks posed by cell-phone towers. Cranor served on a state science advisory committee for a study of electromagnetic fields.

THE PRESS ENTERPRISE

"A greater awareness always helps. No food, no water, no nothing from sunrise. With all these activities always going on (at schools), and standardized tests, the best thing that can be done is developing a greater awareness."

Michael Feener, professor of religious studies, on how teachers and parents and children should be aware that some students might be observing the fast during Ramadan.

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

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"Teens no longer have the same need to escape from their lives with their parents. Today, rebellion isn't the same."

Scott Coltrane, associate director of the Center for Family Studies, on how parents are portrayed on MTV.

THE PRESS ENTERPRISE

"Typically, California voters are in the middle on things. The governor really is in that area."

Shaun Bowler, professor of political science, on how Schwarzenegger's pick-and-choose approach to governing has largely reflected the views of most Californians - socially liberal and fiscally conservative.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

"It's imperative that we prevent this pest from migrating from urban areas into agricultural areas because the result could be devastating to California crops."

Entomologist **Beth Grafton-Cardwell**, on the Diaprepes root weevil, a serious foe of citrus and nursery crops that was recently found in southern California.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS NETWORK

"Home-schooled students deserve a chance to be considered for the UC system and accepted if they are qualified. Since other high school students have their transcripts to show that they took the required courses, home-school students should have a chance to show what kind of work they did during their high school years."

UC Riverside spokeswoman **Kris Lovekin**, on how UCR will become the first UC campus to specifically recruit home-schooled and other nontraditionally educated students.

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

"College radio stations aren't driven by anything other than the art, so we are not limited to playing songs that will get more listeners in hopes of making us more money. I think the reason commercial radio stays away from a lot of longer songs is because they're selling a product, and an eight-minute song is too long of a product to sell."

Walter Douglas, KUCR general music director, on how songs of six minutes or longer are more likely to find playtime on college radio stations.

THE PRESS ENTERPRISE

"Spider silks would be very useful for human application such as in making medical sutures or high performance ropes or even used in ballistic applications such as filling bulletproof vests. This could explain why, for more than a decade, many scientists have been trying to characterize spider silk."

Cheryl Hayashi, assistant professor of biology, on why she and other scientists are trying to manufacture a man-made spider silk material.

SCIENCENTRAL NEWS

"You could be the first person to step onto Mars. Somebody your age undoubtedly will be the first."

UCR Chancellor **France Cordóva**, speaking to a group of elementary- and middle school-age students who were taking part in an event designed to encourage young girls to pursue a career in engineering and science.

THE PRESS ENTERPRISE

"I thought they were going to throw me off the council at one point."

EVC **Ellen Wartella**, when as a member of Kraft's advisory council, she told company executives and her fellow council members stated that the idea that Kraft wasn't advertising to children under six was "at best disingenuous and at worst a downright lie."

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Did You Know?

The collections of the UCR/California Museum of Photography are the largest and most comprehensive photographic resources in the West. Of the four interlinked subcollections, the Bingham Technology Collection includes 9,000 cameras and apparatus. With prints by artists such as Ansel Adams, the University Print Collection includes more than 20,000 photographs from the 1840s to the present. For more information visit www.cmp.ucr.edu.

CampusCalendar

Space Science and Engineering Day Brings 1,000 Young Students to UCR

Faculty and staff were invited to take part in the annual event that is designed to encourage girls to become scientists and engineers.

UCR staff member **Ricardo Duran**, left, and daughter **Teresa-Maria Duran**, 6, right, sample the edible rocks at the 13th Annual Space Science and Engineering Day on Sunday, Oct. 30. The Xerox Corporation, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), the Bourns College of Engineering chapter of the Society of Women Engineers and the Riverside Astronomical Society sponsored the event.

Close to 1,000 attended. Although the majority were Girl Scouts, children of UCR faculty and staff were also invited to participate in an afternoon of hands-on learning activities and presentations ranging from JPL space missions to rewarding careers in engineering. Astronomical Society members provided telescopes to view the sun. Dean Reza Abbaschian and UCR

Chancellor France Córdova attended the event, and shared their enthusiasm for science and engineering with a large crowd of elementary and middle school girls and boys.



Photo by Peter Phun

UCR is featured on UCTV

UC Riverside will be showcased in two programs that will be aired Wednesday, Nov. 16 on UCTV, a 24-hour educational channel that broadcasts interviews, lectures, documentaries and performances from the campuses and national laboratories of the University of California.

At 4 p.m. UCTV will broadcast "Teacher's P.E.T" Professional Education for Teachers." The program will include **Juan Felipe Herrera**, who holds the Tomás Rivera Endowed Chair, in a presentation called: "A Natural History of Chicano Literature."

Herrera is the author of numerous poetry and children's books, including "Calling The Doves," which won the Ezra Jack Keats Award, and "Crashboomlove," which earned the Americas Award. He also wrote "Upside Down Boy," which was adapted into a musical in New York City, and "Laughing Out Loud, I Fly," winner of a Pura Belpré honor award.

At 8 p.m. on Nov. 16, "State of Minds: Fall 2005," a magazine show anchored by UC Berkeley's George Strait will include a story on a summer "nanocamp" at UC Riverside.

UCTV is available to Inland area residents on Charter digital cable channel 95 and nationwide on Dish Network satellite channel 9412.

For more information about additional broadcasts of these programs, visit the UCTV Web site at uctv.tv.

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SCCUR Attracts 600 Students from 90 Colleges and Universities

Judges for the 13th Annual Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research, hosted by UC Riverside, have accepted 525 research presentations in disciplines ranging from art history to zoology. The presentations represent the work of more than 600 students from 90 colleges and universities across the nation who will meet on campus on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Biotechnology executive and entrepreneur Tina Nova, a 1982 doctoral graduate from UCR, will give the keynote address. Nova is the chief executive officer of Genoptix, Inc., the fourth biotechnology firm she co-founded in the San Diego area. Nova is a member of the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee, which oversees \$3 billion in funding for stem cell research.

"Dr. Nova exemplifies the drive, intelligence and excellence we hope that events such as this will nurture in the young people who participate," said conference organizer Chris Foster, director of undergraduate research at UCR's Bourn College of Engineering. "I think the conference experience will also make some of these excellent students consider UCR for their graduate careers."

More information about the conference is available at sccur.ucr.edu.

A complete listing of events at UCR is located at www.events.ucr.edu.