From the Department Head...

I am extremely excited and humbled to be taking the headship of the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of Oregon. While I have had an official line in ES only since the Fall of 2009, I have been fortunate to be part of the Ethnic Studies community since my arrival to the UO in 2000. Ethnic Studies will always be a nurturing homebase for me, much more than an academic unit; rather it has been a close community of scholars and colleagues who consistently work collectively toward common goals. We have an incredible teaching and classified support staff; generations of student community of activist-scholars who unequivocally express gratitude for our constantly challenging them and who in turn, challenge their professors to teach with utmost care, intellectual rigor, applicable social relevance and praxis.

I look forward to building on our past successes, and carrying on the important, hard work that previous directors/head, and more truly ALL of us have so arduously and successfully established.

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It is clear we face even more challenging times ahead. Continued discriminatory anti-immigrant policies continue to impact our political and educational arenas; the direct attacks on Ethnic Studies in Arizona with the passing of HB2281 will require the need to address recent and spreading attacks on ethnic studies programs and curriculum across the nation. We will have to contribute to academically resist and challenge on-going backlash assaults on important democratic gains for educational inclusiveness, excellence, equity, and transformation, once again under unreasonable assault. Likewise continued economic hardship has resulted in student fee hikes, extraordinary family burdens, less financial support for students and for innovative campus programming—the sense of scarcer resources all around. Indeed, there will undoubtedly be new and daunting challenges we must collectively face and resolve.

And yet this most recent, growing cohort of admitted first year students is heralded as the “smartest” and most diverse in memory. And Ethnic Studies’ extended collaborative networks with other campus units and student units will be key to our growth. These are accomplishments we truly hope to benefit by and capitalize upon, as we think about the role of the ES Department in moving and leading the campus forward into the 21st century.

We know there will be new challenges we must collectively solve and I am confident that we are up to the task. This year, I intend to focus on further developing and growing the undergraduate major; to make ES more broadly visible for all students seeking excellent courses and professors, continuing to excite passions for learning and research. Students in the past often comment on the uniqueness of their ES major. Many express they developed valued, supportive relationships with their faculty, receiving mentorship well beyond their expectations, challenging them to grow, which has been key to their retention and successfully achieving their degrees, with many pursuing graduate studies and empowering careers. The Ethnic Studies major/minor emphasizes critical thinking, personal agency, imagined possibilities, new horizons, and we hope to bring many more folks into the ES community to take advantage of our opportunities, our offerings, interactively sharing in our successes as a critically important part of the UO campus community!

**LOOK FOR ALUMNI UPDATES THROUGHOUT THIS NEWSLETTER!**

**ALUMNI: What are YOU doing now?**

*Alumni Questionnaire: Please fill out and return to us at the address on the back cover or email to ethnic@uoregon.edu. Your story could be in the next edition!*

Name: ____________________________

Class of: __________________________

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Zip code: ________________________ E-mail: ___________________________

What would you like to share with the Ethnic Studies Department and other alumni?

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The Ethnic Studies Department has moved once again. We are now in the Alder Building, 818 E. 15th Avenue. Come see our new location, just west of Knight Library and North of the College of Education.

In the summer of 2010 we moved from McKenzie Hall to Esslinger Hall. When the space in the Alder Building opened up we couldn’t resist the sunny collegiate ambiance. Our new location has a very spacious conference room where we are able to hold our Ethnic Studies seminars, events, and meetings.

The Alder Building was built in 1947 and housed both a sorority and a fraternity until only a few years ago. It’s a bright white and green greek revival styled building with three stories and a slightly ominous basement. The building has two fireplaces, bright open spaces, and many offices throughout the three stories. And this spacious building is shared between the Ethnic Studies Department, The Creative Writing Program, Arabic Languages Program, and College Honors Program.

You can find our main office and conference room on the first floor and our faculty and staff offices on the second floor. We are quite happy in our new home, and look forward to many gatherings with the broader ES community.

Come by for a visit!

Left: Alder Building

Bottom left: McKenzie Hall

Bottom right: Esslinger Hall
On Tuesday November 15 at 4 PM in the Knight Browsing Room, the Ethnic Studies Department will welcome Professor David Gutierrez of UC San Diego to deliver the first annual Peggy Pascoe Memorial Lecture. The title of his talk is “Scylla, Charybdis, and ‘Path to Citizenship’: Reflections on the History of the Citizenship Controversy.”

The lecture is named for Peggy Pascoe, a University of Oregon Professor of History and Ethnic Studies who passed away on July 23, 2010 at her home in Eugene. Peggy was an extraordinary scholar across her twenty-five year academic career. Her most recent book, What Comes Naturally: Miscegenation Law and the Making of Race in America (Oxford, 2009) offers a far-reaching and nuanced history of interracial marriage from the Civil War to the 1960s. A bold and beautifully written account of the mutually constitutive nature of racial and gender formation, the book won five prestigious national prizes.

Peggy was a committed member of the ES faculty, helping advocate for departmentalization and mentoring numerous junior faculty.

The annual lecture series will allow ES and the university community to remember a consummate scholar and friend, and the tremendous influence she had on so many here.

Professor Gutierrez was a longtime colleague and friend of Peggy’s. They completed their Ph.D.’s in history at Stanford in the 1980s together, and were colleagues for several years at the University of Utah.

Peggy Pascoe Memorial Lecture
By Daniel HoSang

Presents

David Gutierrez:
“Scylla, Charybdis, and ‘Path to Citizenship’: Reflections on the History of the Citizenship Controversy”

November 15th, 4pm.
Knight Browsing Room
Knight Library.

Angela Morill, Class of ’05

After graduating from UO in 2005 I went to graduate school at University of California-San Diego’s Ethnic Studies Department. I wrote my MA thesis on “Decolonizing Klamath Termination” and am currently a Ph.D. candidate finishing my dissertation, Native Futures: The Secession of the Modocs, the Native Mother, and Other Im/possibilities. I recently moved back to Oregon to take the position of Visiting Instructor of Native Studies in the Ethnic Studies program at Oregon State University. I am teaching both Ethnic Studies and Native Studies classes to undergraduate and graduate students. I am still close with many of the students I met at UO in the Ethnic Studies department and was lucky enough to go to graduate school with two of them, Ma Vang (2005) and Kit Myers (2006). I loved my time at University of Oregon and am so excited to be home and teaching in Oregon.

Danaan Andrews, Class of ’09

I’m getting my masters degree in Thai studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok Thailand and writing my thesis on advertising, Whiteness and hegemony.
Brian Klopotek published a new book this year titled *Recognition Odysseys: Indigeneity, Race, and Federal Tribal Recognition Policy in Three Louisiana Indian Communities*. It is published by Duke University Press. It has received a great number of accolades already and a copy can be found in the ES library.

Michael Hames-García recently published a new book titled *Identity Complex: Making the Case for Multiplicity*. *Identity Complex* is published by the University of Minnesota Press, which also published an early book by Professor Hames-García, *Fugitive Thought: Race, Prison Movements, and the Meaning of Justice*.


Lynn Fujiwara is the chair elect of the Section on Asia and Asian American Studies of the American Sociological Association. She is currently working on two projects, *Queering Asian American Feminisms: the Sexual Politics of Representation and Resistance* and *Family Citizenship and The Politics of Removal: The Implications of Deportations in Post 9/11*.

Irmary Reyes-Santos is on leave Fall term 2011. In the summer of 2010 she was a visiting scholar at the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute. She is currently completing an article, “A Comparative Study of Dominicans in Washington DC and the Bronx” based on research she conducted at the Institute. She also developed a Global Seminar in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, intending to be inaugurated in 2012-2013.
Congratulations to the 2011 Ethnic Studies majors & minors:

Grace Bounds, Kelsey Card, Jairo Castañeda, Nicholas Copenhaver, Laura Davis, Brennan East, Jonanthon Gee, Ariana Kammerzelt-Murphy, Sara Karimi, Aldalberto Montes Contreras, Anna Nakano-Baker, Hoang Pham, Katherine Prince, Akira Robinson, Lidiana Soto, Anandi Stork, Byron Sun, Amy Thomas, Lily Velasco-Adania, Mark White
With the generous donation of Mr. Jon Ballew of Eugene, the Ethnic Studies Department, has been able to award the Marian Ballew Thomas Memorial Scholarship to majors and minors over the past five years. The scholarships are designed to recognize undergraduate students who are engaged in studies that further the development of their social awareness and analytical skills and who are actively engaged in community service.

The Ethnic Studies Department is currently soliciting applications for the 2012 Marian Ballew Thomas Memorial Scholarship.

Open to Ethnic Studies majors and minors, the award is designated for undergraduates engaged in studies that support the development of social awareness and analytical skills. Preference will be given to students who need financial help with their tuition and/or who have documented community service, and/or are minoring in natural sciences, social sciences, peace studies, education, business or planning and public policy. Up to two awards of $500 each will be given this year.

Applications must include:
- a short personal statement (two to three pages in length) addressing the applicant’s focus of study and relevant community work; transcripts; and two letters of reference.

To receive full consideration, applications must be delivered to the Ethnic Studies Department by the deadline. Please contact Donella-Elizabeth Alston or Lynn Fujiwara in the ES department for exact deadline and for more information.

**Niva Bennett, Class of ’06**

Hi Everyone!

I am currently a first year law student and Wayne Morse fellow at the University of Oregon School of Law. Since 2006 I have worked for the federal government and received a Master’s degree in Pacific Islands Studies. I hope to facilitate connections between the law school, Ethnic Studies students and undergraduate students of color in general. I am happy to be back in Eugene and I look forward to connecting with everyone again!

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