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Newly elected Trustees to be sworn-in Jan. 4

A swearing-in ceremony for Dr. Anita Grier, Lawrence Wong, Esq., and John Rizzo, the three newly elected Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District, will be held Thursday, January 4. It will begin at 5 P.M. in the auditorium of the Hiram W. Johnson State Building, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Nearly 600 attend CCSF Job Fair



Photos by Monica Davey

Rita Jones (right, above), Dean of Library Services, and Librarian James Lim explain to a prospective applicant what careers are available in Library & Learning Resources and Library Information Technology departments. Dr. Chi Wing Tsao (below, right), Dean, School of Math & Science, explains the requirements to a prospective faculty member at the Job Fair. A record 570 potential applicants attended the Job Fair December 8 at Radisson Miyako Hotel.



Many individuals throughout many departments contributed to the success of the Job Fair.

CCSF Departments represented included: Behavioral Science, Latino American Studies, Diagnostic Medical Imaging/Radiation Oncology Technology, Vocational Nursing, Physical Education and Dance, Art, English, Foreign Languages, Graphic Communication, Library, Language Center, ESL, Business, Biology, CNIT, Earth Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Math, Physics, Astronomy, African American Scholastic Program, Asian American Student Success Program, Career Development and Placement Center, EOPS, Transfer Counseling, Student Health Center, Automotive/Trade Skills, Health Care Technology, and African American Studies. Contributing to the success of the fair were Workshop Presenters **Jackie Reza** and **Greg Johnson**: Equivalency Committee members **Glenn Nance**, **Ophelia Clark** and **Maria Heredia** answered questions; Graphic Artist **Mark Albright** and photographer, **Monica Davey** were official photographers; and **Steven Brown** and the Environmental Horticulture Dept. The National Chinese Newspaper, *Sing Tao* was on site to interview **Clara Starr**, Dean of Human Resources, and other CCSF staff members.

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Prepare for NCTT winter conference

City College's Institute for Convergence of Optical and Network Systems (ICONS) will host the National Center for Telecommunications Technologies (NCTT) 2007 Winter Conference at the CCSF Downtown Campus on January 12 and 13. It will be an opportunity for more than 80 community college and industry participants to network and learn from each other. The theme of the conference is "Showcase Solutions and Trends in ICT Education." Pictured above at the recent IEEE Globecom Expo are CCSF's Pierre Thiry, Chair, Computer Networking and Information Technology (CNIT) Department; James Jones of Photisis Consulting; Nim Cheung, President of IEEE Communications Society; and Tim Ryan, Network Manager, Information Technology Services (ITS), City College of San Francisco.

Culinary Arts students in KRON video; department graduation held Dec. 17

Two students in CCSF's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies Department — **Richard Ju** and **Elizabeth Blanco** — are featured in a promotional segment on KRON-TV, Channel 4 to run **Wednesday, December 20** at 12 NOON on Bay Café with host **Joey Altman**. The segment, which also aired December 17, documented the students as they went about attending class in Fall 2006. Blanco is an incoming freshman and Ju graduated at a Departmental ceremony held December 9 in the Diego Rivera Theatre.

Other members of the Fall 2006 Culinary Arts graduating class are: **Jason Albino**, **Ivailo Angeuelov**, **Jose Avila**, **Mohammed Bejaoui**, **Isaac Carter**, **Setiawan Cahyadi**, **Elizabeth Chan**, **Rodrigo Consuegra**, **Carlos Cordova**, **Brian Flowers**, **Nicholas Hansen**, **Natalie Iden**, **Tarna Kessler**, **Sean Kuylen**, **Jefferson Larkin**, **Myron Leung**, **Rocio Lopez**, **Tamika Luis**, **Lester Lum**, **Ross Lucas**, **Sarah Mansen**, **Virginia Martinez**, **Yukari Masuda**, **Claudia Montijo**, **Sirona Nixon**, **Candice Ng**, **Andrew Ok**, **Jonathan Olsen**, **Elizabeth Quinonez**, **Tom Tan**, **Jessica Wilson**, **Patrick Wong**, **Kazue Yamamoto**, **Steven Yan** and **Mikiko Yui**.

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George Rush is National Coach of the Year: 2006

George Rush, Head Football Coach of the CCSF Rams, has been named the National Community College Coach of the Year by the All-American Football Foundation. The award will be presented at the 82nd Banquet of Champions sponsored by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority on **Wednesday, December 20** at the Golden Nugget Hotel. Rush, whose team won the Northern California Football Championship, was also nominated at the Northern California Coach of the Year.



Photo by Marty Sohl

All female tango

City College of San Francisco Tango Instructor **Chelsea Eng** (far right) appeared in "Leading Ladies of Tango," the first all female Argentine Tango dance and music review December 13-16 in San Francisco's Herbst Theatre. Pictured above (left to right) are **Christy Cote**, **Debbie Goodwin**, **Pier Voukos** and **Eng**.



Sharon Turner, Wendy Fong, Josie Loo talk of career success

Sharon Turner of the Health Education and Community Health Studies Department, **Wendy Fong** of the Multimedia Studies Program in IDST and **Josie Loo** of the Learning Assistance Department presented their collaborative work at this year's *Career Scene Investigation: Cracking the Hidden Barriers to Student Success* held in Sacramento, December 6.

Thank you Heart & Sole givers

Thank you to all Classified, Faculty, Administrators and the Board Member who participated in the 2006 Heart & Sole Project of the CCSF Classified Senate. Fourteen people signed up and bought shoes and items of clothing for 24 children at the Ocean View State Pre-School. The children are aged 3 to 5.

"The Classified Senate's Heart & Sole Committee is most appreciative of the participation," said **JoAnne Bilodeau**, Chair. "It went really fast. I just put up the list of children and their needs on November 20, and was able to deliver everything to the pre-school on December 11."

The Heart & Sole Committee also includes **Susan Baker**, **Anna Soto** and **Ernest Werts**.



DR. ANITA GRIER

Dr. Anita Grier elected to ACCT Board

City College of San Francisco Trustee **Dr. Anita Grier** has been elected to the Board of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). She is one of 25 members of the Board. Membership in the organization includes more than 600 governing boards and more than 6,500 trustees who govern public and private community, technical and junior colleges across the U.S., Canada and U.K.

Dr. Grier has served on the CCSF Board since 1998, and served as its President in 2000 and 2003.

Happy Holidays

The Office of the Chancellor and the Office of Marketing and Public Information wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. *City Currents* resumes publication **January 16**; the deadline to submit copy for that issue is **January 8**. Spring 2007 Flex Day is **January 16**. Classes begin **January 17**.

Helen Zia undertakes the question of intersecting identities

By Tracy Burt

Multicultural Infusion Project

On a warm Friday afternoon in November, journalist and activist **Helen Zia** addressed a standing room only crowd in the Visual Arts lecture hall. Her task? To talk about struggles for equality based on race and sexual orientation, what they have in common, and challenges within each movement to include all. She engaged the audience with personal stories and examples of both allyship and invisibility across movements.

Zia humorously warned the audience that just being there at the talk meant we were in danger of being termed “evil,” and that her pro-choice beliefs, feminism, anti-war activism, support of immigrant rights, and support of human rights regardless of a person’s perceived gender or sexual orientation made her “evil.” She quipped that we are asked to “watch out everywhere for what doesn’t fit in—and when you find it, draw a circle around it and call the police!” Notwithstanding the warning, the audience all remained, even in the overflow room next door.

“The concept of intersections is based on the idea or assumption that our communities (people of color and LGBT communities) are not connected,” began Zia. She continued to explain that although this is an irrational concept and disappears the experience of queer people of color, it is a notion fostered by the media and activists alike. In fact, the co-existence of racism and homophobia is evident all of the time for queer people of color.

She quickly announced her intention to share “MIH” stories: Stories that are “Missing in History,” encouraging the crowd to uncover their own MIH stories and to share them with students. For example, in the 1880’s there was a vibrant and controversial debate in African American newspapers about the Chinese

Exclusion Act, and **WEB DuBois** spoke publicly against it. The act, which passed in 1882, was later expanded to other Asian groups and was not lifted until 1952. In addition, the movement of farm workers led by **Cesar Chavez** was multiracial—primarily Latino but initiated by Filipino farmworkers.

Connecting civil rights struggles and honoring the leadership of people of color, Zia explained that the same-sex marriage movement actually began in the 1990s in Hawaii, initiated by a multiracial group of three Hawaiian couples. Not accidentally, the movement grew from the context of a state with one of the most equal rights-oriented constitutions in the United States, deeply influenced by native Hawaiian communities’ struggles for civil rights. When national LGBT advocacy groups such as the Human Rights Campaign became involved their learning curve was steep as they initially dismissed the importance of the Hawaiian cultural context in that situation.

On the flip side, when Zia was working for racial justice for people of color in the late 60’s, she talked about her “lesbian trial,” when a multiracial group of community activists sat her down and asked her if she was a lesbian, which would mean they “couldn’t” continue to work together as it would compromise their work.

Zia also shared additional examples of alliances. In 1993, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) was considering rescinding the JACL National Board’s decision to support same-sex marriage rights. A controversial meeting ensued, until **Norm Mineta**, the first Japanese American to be elected mayor of a major US city (San Jose) and then a US Representative, spoke about the

redress movement for an official apology to the 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent who were imprisoned during WWII.

Mineta shared with the JACL national meeting, “For all the support we generated outside of Congress, the redress movement did not start moving until 1987” when **Barney Frank**, openly gay congressman from Massachusetts, became the co-chair of the House Administrative Law Subcommittee and made redress his priority. The JACL vote turned on Mineta’s speech and they supported same-sex marriage rights. The fall-out came later,

but the reality of these alliances—which were not based on self-interest but on a shared understanding of analogous struggles—remains.

You can read more about the Hawaiian struggle for marriage equality and other MIH stories in Zia’s first book, *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People*. She also co-authored *My Country Versus Me*, with **Wen Ho Lee**, the Chinese American Los Alamos scientist who in 1999 was accused of the high crime of espionage based on his ethnicity and was later exonerated.

The questions she left us with: How can we learn from the mistakes and successes of others? What are the possibilities that may emerge if we move “intersections” to the center, making them visible? What could we learn here, at our intersections?

The Multicultural Infusion Project and the Campus Change Network will sponsor **Tim Wise**, author of *White Like Me*, to speak at CCSF on **Thursday, February 1**. All students, staff and faculty are invited.



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