The news of Chancellor Timothy P. White’s departure — to serve as the chancellor of the California State University system — was bittersweet for many at UCR. The work of Chancellor White and his wife, Karen White, has so benefited the university and its surrounding communities that despite the honor of having the next leader of the largest public, higher-education system in the country come from UCR, it will be hard to imagine the campus without the Whites.

Tim White, who joined UCR in March 2009, proved his unusual leadership style when he willingly went on national TV to showcase the university in the reality show “Undercover Boss.” He established many traditions that connected with the students, such as handing out cookies during finals week and delivering weekly missives to the campus that were by turn humorous and touching.

During White’s tenure, UCR produced more than 18,000 graduates, completed a campuswide strategic plan, launched the new School of Medicine, established the new School of Public Policy, opened the downtown Culver Center of the Arts, attracted hundreds of new human resources jobs to the Inland Empire by housing UCPath, revitalized Highlander Athletics, contributed more than $1 billion per year in economic benefits to the state of California, laid the groundwork for a major comprehensive campaign, and successfully raised its national and international profile while navigating exceptionally challenging economic times.

As a tireless volunteer and partner to campus staff, Karen White led the establishment of Operation Education, an educational resource for injured military veterans, as well as helping to create the Riverside Citrus Classic cycling event along with her fellow Leadership Riverside volunteers.

Today, Dec. 12, the UCR Academic Senate, UCR Staff Assembly, Graduate Student Association of UCR and the Associated Students of UCR will host a farewell reception at the HUB, Room 302, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open to faculty, staff and students, the event will be held to thank the Whites for their leadership. Well-wishers have already begun writing farewell messages on the chancellor's farewell website (www.farewell.ucr.edu). Students, faculty and staff members have written about their experiences with the Whites — many of which have been life-changing and inspiring.

Priscila Chavez Lara, a music major who graduated last summer, wrote that after she received a scholarship and was recognized by the Citizens University Committee with the chancellor, White wrote a Friday Letter
that changed her life. “[The letter] fell into good hands, and now, I am pleased to inform you that I have been accepted to a master’s degree program emphasizing orchestra conducting.”

Connie Librenjak, executive director of Keep Riverside Clean, said she was delighted to learn that White would lead the California State University system, knowing he would lead with compassion, intellect and integrity, “like you did for all of us in the city of Riverside.”

Chuck Rowley, associate vice chancellor for finance and business administration and computing and communications, articulated what many of UCR’s staff felt about the Whites. “[You leave the campus] believing in the promise of UCR, and with tangible successes ranging from our strategic plan, to the schools of medicine and public policy, to a leadership team poised to grow our research mission while retaining our collective commitment to instructional excellence and student success. Thank you so much.”

Recognizing the contributions made to the UCR campus by the Whites, a special fund named the Tim and Karen White Endowed Scholarship Fund has been created to support scholarships for students at www.ucr.edu/giving.

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A Survey Will Help UCR Clear the Air About Tobacco Use

*Beginning Jan. 2, 2014, all UC property will be designated as smoke/tobacco-free*

By Kris Lovekin

All UC property will be designated as smoke/tobacco-free as of Jan. 2, 2014, part of a systemwide effort to make campuses safer and healthier.

The UCR Smoke/Tobacco-Free Policy Implementation Committee, chaired by Victor G. J. Rodgers, professor and chair of bioengineering, and co-chaired by Julie Chobdee, Wellness Program coordinator, will use the results of this campus survey, sent to all students, staff and faculty on Dec. 3, to better understand our current status and determine the best approach for moving forward.

“Our students, faculty and staff deserve a healthy place to live, work and learn,” Chancellor Timothy P. White wrote in the letter with the survey. “I look forward to your support in making health and well-being a priority.”

“As we begin to develop the UCR policy and implementation plans, we would like your input,” said Chobdee. “You are invited to take part in a survey to express your views related to tobacco use and second-hand smoke.”

Rodgers says, “The campus survey results will help guide our efforts to create a policy that is tailored to our campus community. The committee is already addressing issues relating to cessation, communications/marketing, education/training, enforcement, environmental issues, policy development and management, and special considerations. The direction for enforcement will be predominantly education and awareness.”

The UCR Smoke/Tobacco-Free Policy Implementation Committee includes a cross-section of campus, including students, staff and faculty members.

Nationwide, more than 800 colleges and universities have adopted smoke/tobacco-free policies.

Complete the campus smoke/tobacco-free survey by Dec. 14 to be eligible for a $50 gift certificate to the UCR Campus Bookstore. ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=9465
UCR Shows Fifth-graders What College is Like

By Sara Clausen

Brian Zubak teaches fifth grade at Salinas Elementary School in San Bernardino. Five years ago he decided that his students should be exposed to the different kind of future that college represents. Being an alumnus (‘00, B.A. business economics), he chose UCR and its Department of Physics and Astronomy as the destination for his students.

“Our overall goal was to give our kids an experience with college,” Zubak said. “It gets them thinking that this is the option you should take in life. And it’s enjoyable for them. Education is supposed to be fun.”

On Nov. 27, Zubak was back in the Physics Building shepherding a group of 40 excited kids into the Reading Room. They watched demonstrations of electricity and magnetism presented by Maria Simani, director of the California Science Project, and by members of the Society of Physics Students (SPS). The pupils also made small electric motors from simple materials.

“The activities we do are linked to the science that fifth graders learn in the California school system,” said Simani. “We have them do hands-on things that they can take home and show their parents.” Both Simani and the SPS make presentations to K-12 students throughout the year; the physics and astronomy department has a robust outreach program that includes the annual Physics Open House and a Summer Institute for teachers on campus as well as school visits.

Zubak’s program, named College Opportunities for All, has become more elaborate over the years. There are now 120 pupils participating each year, visiting a community college as well as UCR.

At UCR they are divided into three groups, rotating among the departments of entomology, earth sciences and physics, and they all take a campus tour. In addition, the pupils eat lunch with students from fraternity Phi Kappa Sigma and sorority Gamma Phi Beta, who answer a variety of questions from their young guests.

“It’s a growing-up experience for these kids,” said Zubak. “They love science.”

Entomologist Named Distinguished Scientist of the Year

Marshall Johnson receives high honor from the International Organization for Biological Control — Nearctic Regional Section

By Iqbal Pittalwala

Entomologist Marshall Johnson, a UCR Extension specialist and researcher, has received the Distinguished Scientist of the Year Award from the International Organization for Biological Control — Nearctic Regional Section (IOBC-NRS).

Only one individual is recognized annually for the award. Nominees must have spent most of their career in the nearctic region, which encompasses the United States and Canada, and have made significant contributions
to the area of biological control. Johnson has established an international reputation for outstanding contributions to the fields of biological control and entomology in research, teaching, extension, and administration.

During the past three decades, he has advanced entomology by developing and implementing successful integrated pest management programs in several cropping systems. He has elucidated the relationships between economically important pests and their natural enemies, and used this information to enhance biological control, thereby improving pest control and reducing reliance on insecticides. He has also been a leading contributor to understanding and mitigating negative effects of pesticides on pest control, including pesticide resistance, pest resurgence, and secondary pest outbreaks. Much of his work has focused specifically on the integration of natural enemies into systems where heavy pesticide use is common such as vegetable crops.

To date, Johnson has published more than 240 publications. Of these, more than 155 were refereed publications including journal articles, book chapters, and review articles. Nearly 100 of his articles specifically deal with some aspect of natural enemy biology or ecology. His published works have been cited more than 4,100 times in the scientific literature.

But Johnson’s impact on biological control extends far beyond the number of articles that he has published. He has served in a leadership role in several committees and organizations focused on coordinating and expanding the role of biological control. These include the Western Regional Committee on Biological Control; Customer Advisory Group, National Biological Control Institute; Experiment Station Committee on Policy — Biological Control Working Group; and the IOBC-NRS. He has served as an editor of the journal Biological Control – Theory and Application in Pest Management, and continues to serve on the journal’s editorial board. He has helped organize and coordinate several conferences on biological control.

His many awards and honors include being named a fellow of both the Entomological Society of America and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a recipient of the C. W. Woodworth Award from the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America and the Entomological Society of America Recognition Award for Contributions to Agriculture.

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**Two Researchers Receive National Recognition**

_Five UCR alumni also honored as fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science_

_by Iqbal Pittalwala_

Two researchers at UCR have been named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Including this year’s fellows, the total number of UCR faculty members who have been recognized with AAAS Fellow distinction is 196.

Election as a fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers. This year AAAS gave this honor to 701 of its members “because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications.”

The 2012 AAAS Fellows at UCR are:

Edith Bach Allen, a professor of plant ecology: “For distinguished contributions to research and outreach in restoration ecology, soil ecology, invasive species ecology, and impacts of anthropogenic nitrogen deposition on vegetation and soil.”

Pingyun Feng, a professor of chemistry: “For distinguished contributions to the field of porous inorganic
and materials chemistry, particularly for the rational design of semiconducting porous materials and chalco-
genide cluster chemistry.”

Five UCR alumni were named AAAS Fellows this year: Bruce A. Freeman (’74 B.S. biochemistry, ’78 Ph.D. biochemistry), a professor of pharmacology at the University of Pittsburgh, Penn.; Todd D. Little (’83 B.A. English literature, ’85 M.A. psychology, ’88 Ph.D. psychology), a professor of psychology at the University of Kansas; Lance C. Seefeldt (’89 Ph.D. biochemistry), a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Utah State University; Charles M. Thompson (’80 M.S. chemistry, ’82 Ph.D. chemistry), a professor of medicinal chemistry at the University of Montana; and George B. Witman (’67 B.A. zoology), a professor of cell and developmental biology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

New fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Feb. 16 during the annual meeting of the AAAS in Boston, Mass.

All the 2012 AAAS Fellows will be announced in the Nov. 30 issue of Science, a weekly magazine published by the AAAS.

The tradition of AAAS Fellows began in 1874. Currently, members can be considered for the rank of fellow if nominated by the steering groups of the AAAS’s sections; by three fellows; or by the association’s chief executive officer.

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**GETTING PERSONAL**

**John Cook: Fighting the Good Fight**

*The director of the Office of Sustainability believes that sustainability is all about good communication*

By Konrad Nagy

“I grew up in the South,” John Cook said as he gazed at the clouds from his office window in the University Village. “Everyone was fighting a Civil War in their minds.”

As a child whose consciousness was formed in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War and the Cold War, Cook’s perspective eventually transcended the daily hysteria and paranoia that people felt. Disgusted with what he saw as the “mentality of consumption” in America at the time, the young Cook, now UCR’s director of sustainability, left the country for long periods of time in the ‘80s and ‘90s to pursue his Ph.D. in performance studies from Northwestern University.

His studies brought him to Istanbul, Turkey, where he studied 20th century art and dance, and followed the diaspora of his favorite Russian artists in exile. That was also how Cook met his wife, a lecturer in anthropology at UCLA.

All along, there was something bigger on Cook’s plate: an intense desire to bring about global change. With that, Cook obtained an MBA in sustainable manage-
ment and has been working toward that goal ever since.

So what is sustainability to Cook?

“Sustainability is communication,” he said. “It’s changing people’s behaviors and ideas. It’s opening people’s minds up to other possibilities, to the possibility of a paradigm shift.

“We live on a planet with limited resources. People sometimes talk about the 3 Rs: ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.’ But we should add a fourth R to the list: ‘Restore.’ There needs to be a reinvestment from the population. People must invest in the planet so that we can find a balance in our consumption practices.”

Cook has many goals for UCR. He wants sustainability to be one of the first questions people ask when a problem or solution arises. He wants Highlanders to know exactly what sustainability is and how climate change works. That knowledge, Cook says, will make them more flexible and useful in the workplace and in society.

“Sustainability is becoming more important to businesses,” he said. “You risk avoidance and losing customers if sustainability isn’t on the agenda.

“The point is, it doesn’t make financial sense to be unsustainable. This [planet] is all we have and we have to take care of it,” Cook added.

The era in which Cook grew up was dominated by constant concern of annihilation by nuclear weapons. Ironically, he says, “now we are systematically annihilating ourselves.”

Ultimately, Cook’s goal is to engage with the mission of the university, implement the most beneficial sustainable practices, increase outreach to the community and make the absolute best impact possible.

“The beauty of this campus is that it’s a microcosm of society,” Cook said, his eyes lighting up. “If we can make it happen here, the implications are far-reaching.”

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**Tobacco Blessing Ceremony Held at the California Center for Native Americans**

By Bettye Miller

Native Americans from Inland Southern California gathered on the Interdisciplinary Building lawn Dec. 4 to perform a Serrano-Cahuilla ceremony blessing the structure that houses the California Center for Native Nations.

Students lined the upstairs balconies as more than 100 faculty, staff and Native Americans — including students from Sherman Indian High School in Riverside — arrived for the Tobacco Blessing Ceremony.

Tobacco is sacred to Native Americans, who view it as a gift from the Creator, explained Cliff Trafzer, Rupert Costo Chair in American Indian Affairs and director of the California Center for Native Nations.

The center, established in 2000, relocated to the Interdisciplinary Building from the Costo Library in the Tomás Rivera Library two years ago.
Kim Marcus (right), a Serrano-Cahuilla Indian, leads a group of singers in performing Cahuilla bird songs before the Tobacco Blessing Ceremony for the California Center for Native Nations. Among the singers are his son, Raymond (left), and grandson, Anthony (center).

Henry Vasquez, a Huachichil Indian and UCR alumnus, plays a Native American flute before the Tobacco Blessing Ceremony for the California Center for Native Nations on Dec. 4.

Kim Marcus (wearing gold shirt) leads dancing during the singing of Serrano-Cahuilla songs, including bird songs and mountain sheep songs, at the blessing of the Interdisciplinary Building, which houses the California Center for Native Nations office.
The Tobacco Blessing Ceremony asks for good things to happen to people associated with the building and for evil to stay away, said Kim Marcus of the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians. Marcus led other ceremonial singers in chanting in the Cahuilla language and blowing tobacco smoke through an owl feather in the four cardinal directions.

Henry Vasquez, of the Native American Community Council of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and a UCR alumni, began the event by playing Native American flutes. The Tobacco Blessing Ceremony followed, along with bird and mountain sheep songs, and the Coyote Dance, which is performed infrequently. The ceremony itself may not be photographed.

The California Center for Native Nations is a research center dedicated to preserving the history, culture, language and sovereignty of California tribes, and connects tribes with UC researchers whose expertise can help solve problems unique to native nations.

Who Says?

UCR staff and faculty weigh in on the issues of the day via media outlets at home and abroad

“The best thing I could say is, you do have to be a really good listener. If I go to a family reunion and there’s 400 people there, everybody comes up to tell me their story, right? And I think when you’re a good listener, then you can imagine how someone’s talking — dialogue is your key friend, is it not?”

— Susan Straight, professor of creative writing, on her writing process and advice to aspiring writers

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“What we offer is intended to help doctors polish what they’ve learned, build on it and keep up with the forefront of knowledge in medicine.”

— Phyllis Guze, senior executive dean of the School of Medicine, on UCR’s involvement with the American College of Physicians and how it intends to increase its membership in India by offering medical education lessons and knowledge-exchange workshops to medical students and practicing doctors

YAHOO!

“Evolutionary biologists believe that sexual variety is adaptive, and that it evolved to prevent incest and inbreeding in ancestral environments. The idea is that when our spouse becomes as familiar to us as a sibling — when we’ve become family — we cease to be sexually attracted to each other.”

— Sonja Lyubomirsky, professor of psychology, on studies that show newlyweds experience a happiness boost that lasts for about two years before wearing off

FORBES

“To build a pathway for creating the most successful students, all educators should be communicating about expected competencies as students transition from kindergarten to college. ... We have to think about this as a K-20 strategy.”

— Pamela Clute, professor of mathematics, on UCR’s partnerships with Riverside and San Bernardino school districts as a means of improving coursework requirements and increasing digital literacy to help col-
“The majority of Muslim scholars, leaders, and activists whose major concerns are ritualistic and the legalistic aspects of Islam, themselves have not seen the environmental issues and problems as their immediate concern. While they focus on the purity and validity of a ritual act, they lack understanding and awareness of the immediacy of the environmental crisis as a common problem. Besides, like other monotheists in general, they see human beings as superior over the natural world.”

— Muhamad Ali, assistant professor of religious studies, on how Muslim countries interpret debate over climate change

“Students really have equated the Therapy Fluffies to stress relief and finals. They know that they’re here to just be able to come and relax and calm the mood and the nerves before final exams.”

— Stacey Gradey, mental health educator, on how Therapy Fluffies, an event that brings therapy dogs to campus, helps students relax during finals week

“The last 40 years have witnessed the rise of Hispanic and Latino as umbrella identities — for example, the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. But these umbrella terms have not replaced specific national-origin identities. Rather they now co-exist ... U.S. Hispanic — or Latino — culture is relatively new and slowly evolving. The development of Hispanic identity and shared Latino culture (as differentiated from Latin American culture) is likely to be one of the fundamental stories of 21st century multicultural America.”

— Carlos E. Cortés, professor emeritus of history, on the difference between the terms heritage, identity and culture, and the importance of those terms to Hispanic and Latino identity

DID YOU KNOW?

Diversity Recruitment Incentive Program Announces Winners

Last year, Joseph W. Childers, the dean of UCR’s Graduate Division, announced a competition for programs that did the best job of recruiting domestic, underrepresented, minority Ph.D. students to UCR. To be as fair as possible in determining winners, various factors — such as the growing population of the campus and the percentages of the underrepresented minority population for the past three years — were taken into account.

This year’s winners were announced in November. They are:

CHASS: Psychology

CNAS: Math
BCOE: Materials Science and Engineering

Each of these programs will be awarded $32,000, which may be used to support graduate students in good standing in any cohort.

Two programs were very close runners-up:

CNAS: Chemistry

CHASS: English

These programs will be awarded $15,000 each, which may be used to support graduate students in good standing in any cohort.

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Research and Scholarship

Nov. 28 to Dec. 12, 2012

Susan Ossman Publishes New Book

Susan Ossman, professor of anthropology and director of the Global Studies Program, has published a new book, “Moving Matters: Paths of Serial Migration” (Stanford University Press, December 2012). The book presents a portrait of serial migrants — people who have lived in several countries and learned to negotiate borders and legal restrictions each time they move.

Stanford University Press writes that Ossman “follows this diverse and growing population not only to understand how paths of serial movement produce certain ways of life, but also to illuminate an ongoing tension between global fluidity and the power of nation-states. Ultimately, her lyrical reflection on migration and social diversity offers an illustration of how taking mobility as a starting point fundamentally alters our understanding of subjectivity, politics, and social life.”

David Swanson Appears as Expert Witness on Enrollment Trends

David Swanson, a demographer and professor of sociology, appeared as an expert witness about enrollment trends in Tennessee counties in a U.S. District Court trial regarding the creation of new municipal school districts and school boards. The federal judge cited Swanson’s population forecasts and testimony in his Nov. 27 ruling against a 2012 state law that permitted the creation of new municipal school districts.

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Awards and Honors

Nov. 28 to Dec. 12, 2012

Uta Barth Wins Anonymous Was A Woman Award

Uta Barth, a professor of art emeritus, is one of 10 artists to win the 2012 Anonymous Was A Woman Award, a no-strings-attached grant of $25,000 to enable female artists 45 and older to continue to grow and pursue their work.
The award, announced in late October, is the second significant recognition of Barth, who is known for her photographic work in visual perception. She won a $500,000 MacArthur Fellowship, one of the most prestigious awards in the country, on Oct. 1.

Anonymous Was A Woman Awards “provide important recognition in artists’ personal and artistic development,” said Lauren Katzowitz Shenfield, director of the program. “The financial gift helps artists buy time, space, materials, and equipment, often at early stages of a new project, as well as important emotional support. In itself, the award helps artists feel recognized and honored by other distinguished women who seek no credit for the role they play.”

The name of the grant program refers to a line in Virginia Wolf’s “A Room of One’s Own.”

Barth, who was born in Berlin, Germany, received a B.A. from UC Davis and an M.F.A. from UCLA. She was a professor in the UCR Department of Art from 1990 to 2008. Her photographs have been exhibited at such national and international venues as the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Modern Art, the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, and the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.

David Eastmond Reappointed to the EPA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

David Eastmond, a professor of cell biology and a toxicologist, has been reappointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to the Carcinogen Identification Committee of the California Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. Eastmond, who also chairs UCR’s Department of Cell Biology and Neuroscience, has served on the committee since 1999.

The committee identifies chemicals for addition to the list of chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, and determines whether a chemical has been clearly shown, through scientifically valid testing according to generally accepted principles, to cause the disease.

As a member of the Carcinogen Identification Committee, Eastmond is responsible for reviewing the scientific studies performed on chemicals that have been nominated for listing and determining whether the evidence shows that the chemicals have been clearly shown to cause cancer.

Eastmond, 56, has been a member of the Environmental Mutagen Society since 1989 and served as its president in 2003-2004. He is a member of the Society of Toxicology and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has been elected a Fellow of the Collegium Ramazzini and served as a Jefferson Science Fellow. He earned a master of science in entomology at Brigham Young University and a doctorate in environmental health sciences at UC Berkeley.

His reappointment to the Carcinogen Identification Committee does not require Senate confirmation, and there is no compensation.

English Professor Wins Warhol Foundation Award

Jennifer Doyle, professor of English, has won a $35,000 Arts Writers Grant from the Warhol Foundation. She is one of 21 writers selected from an international pool of applicants — and one of only four from California.

The Arts Writers Grant program is designed to “encourage and reward writing about contemporary art that is rigorous, passionate, eloquent, and precise, as well as to create a broader audience for arts writing,” the foundation said in announcing the winners. Grants ranging from $8,000 to $50,000 were awarded in four catego-
Doyle’s grant will support her work on a book, “The Athletic Turn: Contemporary Art and the Sport Spectacle,” which will explore how sports and contemporary art interact. Chapters include analyses of artists working in India, South Africa, Europe, Mexico, Brazil and the United States.

“Where much scholarship emphasizes the differences between art and sports, Doyle will consider the affinities between these two modes of cultural expression as social practices and practices of the self,” foundation officials said. “Her book aims to expand our sense of the sports world to consider how artists like Juergen Teller, Miguel Calderon, Charles Fairbanks, Jennifer Locke, Saatch Hoyt, Heather Cassils, Tracey Rose, and Zanele Muholi engage sports in experimental cinema, sculpture and installation work, contemporary photography, and performance art. ‘The Athletic Turn’ is an experiment in arts writing and, equally, an experiment in sports writing.”

Doyle is the author of “Hold It Against Me: Difficulty and Emotion in Contemporary Art,” due to be published next year by Duke University Press, and “Sex Objects: Art and the Dialectics of Desire” (University of Minnesota Press, 2006), which was a finalist for a Lambda Award for writing in art and culture. She writes a soccer blog, “From a Left Wing” (fromaleftwing.blogspot.com), and provides commentary on the cultural politics of sports for media outlets such as KPFK-FM, the New York Times, the Guardian and Fox Soccer.

Her research focuses on American literary and cultural studies, visual and performance studies, contemporary art history, and gender studies.

**David Biggs Awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship**

David Biggs, associate professor of history, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for 2013-14, one of 79 scholars selected from among 1,169 applicants. The $50,400 award will enable Biggs to complete research for a book that considers how militarization shapes historic relationships between people and their environments by examining the environmental history of one war-impacted area in central Vietnam.

The book combines archival sources with site-based research and an historical geographic information system to examine changing how cultural perspectives underlined different military operations, and how legacies of military occupation challenged communities after the conflict, Biggs explained.

“It draws from Vietnamese, French and American sources as well as memoirs and locally published texts for examination of differing military views,” he said, “and it relies on a wide variety of historic imagery, such as maps, air photos, and satellite images.”

One NEH reviewer described Biggs’s proposal to work the history of war into environmental history as “wonderfully innovative, as is the idea of situating the Tet Offensive in the background of prior centuries of war and occupation in the area.” Another, describing Biggs as “almost unique among historians of Southeast Asia” in focusing on environmental history, said the research will move discussions of the environmental impact of the Vietnam War beyond the use of Agent Orange to a larger interest in the environmental impact of war, and will connect the histories of premodern Vietnamese war with the French and American war.

Out of the fellowship will come a book manuscript, an environmental history of militarization, and two essays: one studying land cover changes and the other the role of air photography in shaping military visions of Vietnamese landscapes.
Richard Cardullo Elected to American Association for the Advancement of Sciences-Pacific Division

Richard Cardullo, a professor of biology, has been elected to both the council and the executive committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) Pacific Division. The appointments run through June 30, 2017.

The executive committee and council are responsible for the general welfare of the division. They make policy decisions affecting the division, oversee the nomination process for the president-elect of the division, and create sections and programs for the division as needed. The executive committee also is involved in site selection for the annual meeting, which will be held in Las Vegas in 2013 and Riverside in 2014.

The AAAS Pacific Division is the oldest and largest of the four divisions that comprise AAAS. It was established in 1912.

Jonathan Ritter Awarded the Richard Waterman Prize

Jonathan Ritter, an associate professor of music, was awarded the Richard Waterman Prize of the Society for Ethnomusicology for the best article on popular music published in the prior year. His article, “Chocolate, Coconut, and Honey: Race, Music, and the Politics of Hybridity in the Ecuadorian Black Pacific,” was published in the journal Popular Music and Society in 2011. Ritter was awarded the prize at the Society for Ethnomusicology annual meeting held Nov. 1 to 4 in New Orleans.