Regents Approve Appointment of Kim Wilcox as UC Riverside Chancellor

Former Michigan State University provost will begin his tenure as the ninth chancellor of UCR on Aug. 19

By Kris Lovekin

The UC Board of Regents appointed Kim A. Wilcox, former Michigan State University provost, executive vice president and professor of communicative sciences and disorders, as the ninth chancellor of UCR. The appointment was made on Aug. 8.

Selected by UC President Mark G. Yudof after a nationwide search, Wilcox, 59, succeeds Chancellor Timothy White, who left the post in late 2012 to become president of the California State University system. Jane Close Conoley, dean of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education at UC Santa Barbara, has served as UCR interim chancellor for the past seven months.

“Becoming chancellor of UCR is a dream come true,” Wilcox said. “I’m immensely honored to join the thousands of great individuals who have helped shape the university over the past decades. I look forward to helping make this great institution an even greater one in the years to come.”

Wilcox will begin his tenure, which also includes an academic appointment, on Aug. 19. The regents approved his selection during a special meeting in Riverside and other locations, with regents connected by telephone.

“As UCR’s ninth chancellor, Kim Wilcox promises to be a dynamic leader, both on campus and in the larger community,” said Board of Regents Chair Bruce D. Varner, who lives in Riverside and served on the search committee. “I look forward to working with him.”

As provost of Michigan State from 2005 to July 2013, Wilcox had oversight responsibilities for more than 200 academic programs, nearly 49,000 students, and almost 5,000 faculty and academic staff. During that time, he implemented major institutional restructuring and strategic positioning initiatives, and helped lead a capital campaign that raised $1.4 billion. He added 100 faculty positions, expanded the university’s two medical colleges and created the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities and the College of Music.

“Kim Wilcox is particularly well-suited to become UCR’s new chancellor,” said Yudof. “He’s a hands-on
teacher, scholar and researcher with an exceptional record of leadership, a forward thinker who greatly values diversity and an administrator devoted to broad access to public higher education.”

While serving as Michigan State’s chief academic leader, Wilcox, a first-generation college graduate, oversaw an increase in the percentage of students from underrepresented groups, a rise in the academic credentials of entering freshmen, a decrease in the average time to degree, an increase in the graduation rate, and a decrease in the percentage of students graduating with debt.

UCR’s student body is among the most diverse in the nation. Nearly 60 percent of undergraduate students are the first in their families to earn college degrees. The campus offers 80 bachelor-degree programs, 46 master’s programs, 38 Ph.D. programs and 17 California teaching and administrative credential programs; roughly one of every eight students is involved in faculty-mentored research.

Founded in 1907 as the UC Citrus Experiment Station, UCR today has almost 22,000 students and a faculty of 700 scholars recognized internationally for teaching, research and public service in a wide variety of fields. The campus has launched a new school of medicine – California’s first new public medical school in four decades – and announced a new school of public policy.

Wilcox announced late last year that he would step down as Michigan State provost and executive vice president on July 1 after serving in those positions since 2005. Previously, he was dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas, from 2002 to 2005, and president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Board of Regents from 1999 to 2002.

The UC regents approved an annual salary of $354,000 for Wilcox, which represents an increase of $29,000 (8.9 percent) over the previous chancellor’s salary. The increase of $29,000 will be paid with non-state funds. Like his predecessor, Wilcox will receive an annual auto allowance of $8,916. Consistent with past practice, the university will provide him with a house on campus that is suitable for duties such as fundraising. This residence is maintained with non-state funds. Because Wilcox will join the university after July 1, 2013, his post-retirement benefits will fall under the new tier of the UC Retirement Program.

Wilcox began his academic career as a faculty member at the University of Missouri. His subsequent years on the faculty of the University of Kansas included 10 as chair of the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing. From 1991–99, he directed the Native American Training Program, which he created in collaboration with the Haskell Indian Nations University, whose students and alumni represent indigenous nations from across the United States and its territories.

He graduated from Michigan State with a bachelor’s degree in audiology and speech sciences in 1976. He earned master’s and doctoral degrees in speech and hearing science from Purdue University in 1978 and 1980, respectively.

Since early 2013, Wilcox has been on leave from Michigan State, serving in Washington, D.C., with the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, a nonprofit organization focused on contributing to a more sustainable agricultural future for African countries. He and his wife, Diane Del Buono, have been married for 36 years.

Chancellor Wilcox spent Aug. 8 and 9 visiting UCR and getting acquainted with the campus community. For a detailed account, as well as a series of video interviews, photos and first impressions from staff, students and faculty, go to ucrtoday.ucr.edu/16780.
White Coat Ceremony Celebrates UCR’s Journey to Establishing a Medical School

Seven hundred people cheered the School of Medicine’s inaugural class of 50

By Kris Lovekin

An admiring crowd of 700 people cheered on the inaugural class of 50 students in UCR’s School of Medicine on Friday, Aug. 9. Each student slipped into a doctor’s white coat, held by a faculty member, to mark the beginning of four years of hard work.

The live string quartet, floral arrangements, beautiful programs and colorful lights are not typical for UCR’s Student Recreation Center — the home court of UCR basketball — but the campus needed its biggest room to fit the students, their families, the faculty and community supporters of this new kind of medical school, designed to increase the supply of primary care doctors practicing in the Inland Empire.

“I’ve been telling the students this is a once-in-a-lifetime event, like the sighting of Haley’s comet,” said Kendrick A. Davis, director of medical education for the UCR School of Medicine. “It is rare that you are in the right spot and you can take advantage of it. It is beyond a milestone. You are talking about embarking on something that hasn’t really been done, the way that we are doing it,” he said. “Every person involved in this is a pioneer, so you have to be excited about it, and be willing to put in all the work to make this successful.”

The mission of the UCR School of Medicine is to improve the health of the Inland Empire by producing culturally diverse, primary care doctors who will stay and practice medicine in the area, which has a chronic shortage of doctors. UCR has had the first part of a medical school program for more than 30 years, but the students always finished their work at other medical schools, including UCLA. Now medical school students can stay to finish their M.D. UCR is also developing residency training programs in partnership with regional hospitals.

The effort to establish the school took a concerted community effort over many years, capped off recently with a state budget deal that included $15 million in annual funding, thanks to the successful advocacy of the Inland Empire Caucus, the Monday Morning Group and Inland Action.

“We are at the end of a long relay,” said Dr. G. Richard Olds, the founding dean of the School of Medicine. “Each time we had a roadblock, our community doubled down on their effort. I want to thank everyone for that effort.”

Five people earned honorary white coats for the heavy lifting in the last stretch of a 10-year long relay race: State Sen. Richard Roth; Assemblymember Jose Medina; Interim Chancellor Jane Close Conoley; and two leaders from the University of California Office of the President, Dan Dooley and Patrick Lenz.

The goal is a healthier California, at a time when Obama’s Affordable Care Act is creating more opportunities to get medical insurance for the uninsured.
Olds thanked all the organizations and individuals who supported the medical school, such as the Riverside Chamber of Commerce, the California Medical Association, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, the Desert Healthcare District, the Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens University Committee, the Vines Society, and the medical associations in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, among many others.

Friday’s ceremony served as a reminder of the important role doctors have in our communities.

“We need to include the patient, as well as the families, in the decisions about their health,” said Dr. Phyllis A. Guze, the executive dean for the school and the keynote speaker at the ceremony, challenging the incoming students to “be the doctor that you want to go to, if you get sick.”

Janel Gracia, one of the members of the first class, said the event was inspiring, adding that receiving her own coat “makes it feel 100 percent real.” She did her undergraduate work at UCR and currently serves as a mentor in the outreach programs that build a pipeline of culturally diverse college students qualified to go to medical school. The week of orientation has convinced her that she made the right choice for medical school. “We are all becoming good friends,” she said. “In four years we will be best friends.”

Gracia and all the members of the first class have what it takes to launch the school on the right foot, said Davis, who has a Ph.D. in educational psychology and got to know the students during orientation. “I’m an evaluator, I’m the data guy for the UCR School of Medicine, for evaluation, measurement and assessment. “I was blown away,” he said. “I think they are a stellar class.”

UCR Listed Among the Best 378 Colleges by Princeton Review

Guide helps many college-bound students with early decisions on schools to attend.

By Ross French

UCR has been included in the 2014 edition of the Princeton Review’s annual college guide, “The Best 378 Colleges.”

About 15 percent of the nation’s 2,500 four-year colleges are profiled in what the Princeton Review calls its “flagship college guide.” The profile includes rating scores for all schools in eight categories. It also lists the top 20 schools in 62 categories, based on surveys of 126,000 students attending the said colleges. The 378 schools recognized in the book are not ranked in a particular order.

“We base our selections primarily on data we obtain in our annual institutional data surveys. We also take into account input we get from our staff, our 35-member National College Counselor Advisory Board, our personal visits to schools, and the wide range of feedback we get from our surveys of students attending these schools,” Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s senior vice president, publisher and author of the book said in a statement. “It is their opinions that college applicants often value the most, particularly on — or in the absence of — campus visits. We also work to keep a wide representation of colleges in the book by region, size, selectivity and character.”

contribution to the public good in the categories of social mobility, research and service.


Farewell to the Conoleys

A luau-themed sendoff party at the Chancellor’s residence helped thank Jane Close Conoley and Collie Conoley for their time at UC Riverside. Peter Hayashida, vice chancellor for advancement, presented a framed portrait of the bell tower. Well-wishers gathered to say goodbye. A scrapbook will help them remember the ups and downs of campus life during the seven months Jane Close Conoley served as interim Chancellor.

Sharon Duffy Named Dean of University Extension

Popular intellectual disability expert had served as interim dean since 2007

By Ross French

Sharon Duffy has been appointed dean of University Extension, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Dallas Rabenstein announced in an email on Aug. 1.

“Sharon stood apart from other well-qualified candidates based on her unmatched combination of academic and administrative experience,” Rabenstein said. “She is an innovator in the expansion of international education programs and online instruction.”

Duffy earned her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at UCR and has worked as a professor of education in the Graduate School of Education (GSOE) since 1990. She spent a year as interim dean and four years as associate dean at GSOE before becoming interim dean of University Extension in 2007.

“Under her leadership UCR Extension outperforms most of the other UC campuses in both noncredit and degree-credit enrollment, which is vital to our service mission and to our local community,” Rabenstein said. “She is also an effective partner working with the campus faculty and administration in reaching our interna-
tional undergraduate enrollment goals in a manner that preserves our high academic standards.”

She is a fellow of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and co-author of the AAIDD definition of intellectual disability as well as an author of the AAIDD authoritative manual on terminology and classification in intellectual disability. She has served as associate editor of *The American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* as well as on the editorial boards of several other journals, and as a NICHD study section member.

Prior to joining GSOE, Duffy worked as a research psychologist on intellectual and developmental disability research projects with the UCLA-UCR Lanterman Research Group in Pomona, Calif.

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**Jim Smith in His Own Words: 42 Years at UCR**

*From an undergraduate to associate director of student housing, Jim Smith has seen a lot of changes since arriving on campus*

By Ross French

*For the last 42 years, Jim Smith has been a familiar face on the UCR campus. He is easily recognizable in a motorized wheelchair, whether people-watching at University Village or reading a book while sitting under a tree near the bell tower.*

*But while Jim’s face is familiar, his life story may not be. And that is a shame, since he is a bastion of knowledge about the campus, having been here as part of the UCR community as an undergraduate, graduate student, employee and retiree since the early 1970s. We asked him to share his story and his memories of the campus, in his own words.*

**The Injury**

I was in my 20s, living in Southern Indiana with aspirations of becoming a commercial pilot. With only 14 hours of commercial flight training remaining before graduation, that hopeful career ended on a hot summer afternoon in 1967. An accident while diving into a swimming pool left me with a broken neck and immediately paralyzed from the neck down.

After hospitalization and intense physical therapy, in which I was still optimistic of at least some recovery, I was transferred to the FDR Rehabilitation Center in Warm Springs, Georgia.

On the morning following my arrival, the doctor said, “I am sorry but I know of no way to easily present this to you. You have had three fractured cervical vertebra with irreversible spinal damage. You’ll never walk again, and it is unlikely you will ever recover any additional physical movement. You will always need assistance with your daily needs and activities.”

“I hope you did not come here expecting miracles, because we cannot perform those,” he added after a moment of hesitation. “What we can do is provide you with arm splints and some adaptive equipment which will allow you to feed yourself, do a few simple grooming tasks and drive your wheelchair.”

It didn’t seem like much of an offer. I was numb from what I had just been told, and the remainder of what the doctor had to say seemed far off in the distance.
But the doctor continued and gave me some sage advice.

“Do not waste your young life chasing miracle cures, for they do not exist,” he continued. “There are a lot of good people on this earth that can help you with your physical needs, and there is no reason you cannot get a good education, hold down a job, and live a fairly active and normal life.”

Many days and sleepless nights followed as I pondered what kind of a life would be possible for someone who could do little more physically than feed himself and brush his hair. Not much of a life at all, I concluded, and at times I wasn’t sure if it was a life I wanted to live.

**Coming to California — and UCR**

The doctor’s advice seemed the only sensible course, but I felt totally unprepared and fearful of any such academic pursuits. I had done well in flight ground school, but my earlier school days had mostly been spent majoring in girls and recess, studying occasionally and receiving little more than passing grades. However, I decided that with little alternative, I would give college my best try.

My older brother and sister each lived with their families in the Los Angeles area and they encouraged me to move here and attend El Camino Community College. Earning my associate degree gave me the confidence I needed to seek out a four-year college.

In the early '70s, UCR was one of the few colleges in the nation that had a program designed specifically to accommodate students with disabilities. Funded by a federal grant, UCR’s Project Hope was aggressively eliminating architectural barriers and providing transportation, counseling and other supportive services to accommodate the needs of a large number of students with disabilities.

I remember my first day on campus in 1971. As I arrived to move in, I inquired about the location of the dorm, and was directed to Lothian Hall. However, at the check-in desk I was informed that it was an all-girls dorm. My momentary hopes of residing in paradise were dashed when I was sent to Aberdeen-Inverness, which for the most part still had single-sex halls.

I immediately felt a close connection to UCR and became involved in extracurricular activities, as a tour guide with the group then known as the Tam-O-Shaners, and an internship with what was at that time the Personnel Department. I was a member of various interview committees, and later the Registration Fee Committee and the Campus Grievance Committee.

After earning a bachelor’s degree, I was inspired to continue on for my master’s degree, and was so fortunate that a staff position became available at UCR just as I received an M.B.A. in December 1977. I applied and was accepted in January 1978. I would work as the associate director of student housing for the next 20 years, before retiring.

**Over the Years**
I started at UCR during the tail end of the hippie counterculture movement; long hair, Roman sandals and anti-establishment attitudes were still in vogue. I recall the year Lothian Hall was closed due to low occupancy, and when co-ed halls were first introduced at A-I; the excitement on campus when the biomedical sciences program was first established; and the controversy over a recruiting poster stating, “The Only Thing We Have to Offer Is A Damn Good Education.”

I recall areas on campus being roped off and the tight security for a visit of a California governor — Ronald Reagan. At the time, his signature appeared on UCR diplomas.

I remember when graduation took place on a single Sunday afternoon, and the big end-of-the-year celebration was the Chancellor’s Ball; when the national fad hit campus and laughter roared as small groups of students, wearing nothing but a smile, streaked across campus and through lecture and dining halls.

And I remember when the campus began to grow and gained new buildings. The Bourns College of Engineering was one of the first, but new ones appeared almost annually. I remember when Highlander Hall was a Ramada Inn, University Extension a Holiday Inn, and the area known as University Village was occupied by a Howard Johnson’s Inn, a Ford dealership and a few gas stations.

Looking Back, Looking Forward

I feel fortunate to have been a part of a developing UC campus. UCR was good to me, and I hope in some small way I contributed to its mission as well. I still feel rewarded when someone reminds me that I interviewed them for the job they have or had, or when an alumnus thanks me again, from so many years ago, for arranging an extended payment plan which allowed them to remain in school and graduate.

There is no doubt I have had a lot of luck along my journey. I have not been plagued with recurring health problems so many quadriplegics suffer from. I have had a supportive family, a dependable wheelchair and care providers (most of the time), and an opportunity to acquire an education and employment.

My trek began nearly a half-century ago when a doctor’s few words of advice pointed me in the direction I would ultimately follow. I am grateful to so many people, without whose help my future would not have been possible, and to UCR for my education and career. The future I had feared so much so long ago, despite the hardships that came with it, would culminate in a future I believe was not only worthwhile, but rewarding and enjoyable as well.

Sweeney Gallery Celebrates 50 Years of Art at UCR

Exhibition of selections from permanent collection continues through Sept. 28

“ESSENTIAL: Selections from the Permanent Collection Celebrates UCR Sweeney Art Gallery’s 50th Anniversary” continues through Sept. 28. The exhibition brings attention to the gallery’s growing permanent collection, alongside the deep photographic collection at UCR/California Museum of Photography, which celebrated its 40th anniversary earlier this year with an exhibition based on its permanent collection, “Around the World in Forty Pictures.”

A closing reception is planned at Sweeney on Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

The art gallery was established on UCR’s main campus in 1963. In 2007, after moving to downtown Riverside, it became a component of the newly established ARTSblock. Selected works in the exhibition come from artists, collectors and galleries given to Sweeney since 2007. Many of the artists represented have been featured in past exhibitions at the gallery. “ESSENTIAL” emphasizes work that has been acquired since the gallery
joined UCR ARTSblock.

The works are organized in loose groupings that include Abstraction, Animals, Body, Borders, Photography Into Painting, UCR MFA student work, and work from Inland Empire-based artists and UCR Faculty. The artworks cover a variety of media including video installations, drawing, photography, painting, sculpture, books, postcards, posters, and prints.

Artists represented include Marsia Alexander-Clarke, Tom Allen, Judie Bamber, Edward Beardsley, Tad Beck, Margarita Cabrera, Albert Contreras, Edgard De Souza, John Divola, Sean Duffy, Peter Edlund, Reanne Estrada, Fritz Haeg, David Leapman, Gabriela Leon, Peter Lodato, Jason Lutz, Rachel Mayeri, Christopher Russell, Dan Torres (El Daino), Rubén Ortiz Torres, Ann Phong, Perry Vasquez & Victor Payan, Alison Walker, Stephanie Washburn, and Yoram Wolberger.

“ESSENTIAL” is curated by Tyler Stallings, director of the gallery and artistic director of the Culver Center of the Arts. UCR’s College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences and the city of Riverside provided support.

The exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Marilyn Sweeney, who died May 10. The university art gallery is named for Marilyn and her husband, Jack, who survives her.

“It is clear to me that Jack and Marilyn Sweeney viewed their philanthropy with UCR as a way to help the campus make an impact in the local community and Southern California,” Stallings said. “They did this by supporting programs that would help faculty, students, and artists connect more deeply with the world.”

Sweeney Legacy

Jack Sweeney, who was founder, chairman and CEO of First Regional Bank in Century City, served as a trustee of the UCR Foundation board from 1989 through 2007. Marilyn Sweeney served as a trustee from 2006 to 2011. Together, they touched nearly every corner of the campus through their dedicated service and enduring philanthropy, Stallings said. “Their sensitivity to the needs of the campus and their remarkable generosity provided health, stability, and vitality to many UCR programs,” he said.

Along with the art gallery, the Sweeneys also supported the California Museum of Photography (CMP) for nearly three decades, said Jonathan Green, UCR ARTSblock executive director.

“When the Kress Building was being transformed to the California Museum of Photography, Jack and Marilyn generously supported this reuse and renovation project,” Green said. “CMP’s main gallery is still designated in their name. They were instrumental in bringing to CMP the entire collection of 6,700 ‘Fiat Lux’ negatives of famed photographer Ansel Adams to CMP. ‘Fiat Lux’ was commissioned by the University of California to mark the university’s centennial anniversary.”

“Seeing the value of connecting the campus with the larger community, Jack and Marilyn Sweeney also supported an annual Sweeney Arts Day from 1999 to 2009, which offered a chance for high school students to see opportunities in the arts that await in college,” said Stephen Cullenberg, dean of UCR’s College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. The event usually involved about 200 Inland Empire students who would explore dance, creative writing, film, and other performing and fine arts at UCR.

The Sweeneys also supported the Jack and Marilyn Sweeney Granite Mountains Reserve and the related Desert Research Center in eastern San Bernardino County, which UCR manages for the UC system.

“Jack and Marilyn were incredibly proud to have been associated with the Sweeney Art Gallery, ARTSblock and UCR,” Steve Sweeney said on behalf of the Sweeney family. “In particular, they were proud of the great
work that the curators and directors of the Sweeney Art Gallery and ARTSblock have done, including assem-
bling such a fine permanent collection. It is an honor for our family name to be associated with such fine work
and innovative art.”

**Permanent Collection**

The permanent collection at Sweeney Art Gallery has evolved over the decades. But, with its move into the
Culver Center of the Arts building, it has a climate-controlled storage area, which allows the gallery to develop a
strategic vision and policies for future acquisitions, Stallings said.

One of the core strengths of the collection is a large acquisition of fine art prints several years ago. They had
been part of an art lending library program through the Associated Students of UCR since 1967. Fifty-three
prints comprised the core of the graphic arts collection with several significant, international artists represent-
ed, such as George Bellows, Marc Chagall, Honoré Daumier, Jean Dubuffet, Francisco Goya, John Paul Jones,
Käthe Kollwitz, Rico Lebrun, Pablo Picasso, and James Whistler, among others. Additional significant works
on paper include a Man Ray portfolio, “The Wadsworth Athenaeum: Ten Works by Ten Artists” portfolio, along
with editions by Susan Rothenberg, Kara Walker, and June Wayne.

Building on its strength with works on paper, in 2011 the gallery acquired a trove of nearly 500 political
art posters, including an extensive selection of posters from the Organization of Solidarity with the People of
Asia, Africa and Latin America (Organización de Solidaridad con los Pueblos de Asia, África y América Latina,
OSPAAAL). This is a Cuban political movement with the stated purpose of defending human rights. “The acqui-
sition of these political graphics builds on past exhibitions that have focused on political and social themes, and
have featured artists from Latin America, such as Cuba and Mexico,” Stallings said.

More jewels in the permanent collection include works of sculpture by Ron Cooper, Takashi Murakami, Ro-
land Reiss, and Dewain Valentine. Other acquisitions since 2007, but not included in the “ESSENTIAL” exhibi-
tion as several are on loan to other institutions, include those by Center for Land Use Interpretation, Richard
Clar, Sean Dockray, eteam, Desiree Hollman, Lisa Jevbratt, Jason Middlebrook, Carrie Paterson, Bradley Pitts,
Alison Ruttan, Connie Samaras, Michael Shroads, Jim Trainor, Hong-An Truong, and Julie Thi Underhill.

“Gifts to the collection and purchased acquisitions have been made possible only with the beneficence of
major individual supporters, such as Jack and Marilyn Sweeney,” Stallings said. “The fact that so many people
now and in the future will benefit from their support is a testament to their generosity and commitment to
making art accessible to the public.”

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**UC Implements Changes to Benefits in Response to Supreme Court Rulings on Prop. 8, DOMA**

*Administrators working to implement new policies as quickly as possible.*

By Ross French

Last July, the University of California Human Resources and Benefits Office announced that the university was
reviewing the legal, policy and operational implications of the Supreme Court rulings on California’s Proposi-
tion 8 and the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) for the university and its employees and retirees.

The post detailed two immediate changes that resulted from the rulings:
• Employees in same-gender marriages are no longer subject to taxes on the “imputed income” for UC’s contribution to the cost of health insurance coverage provided for a same-gender spouse enrolled in UC-sponsored benefits; and

• The employee’s portion of the cost of health insurance coverage for his or her spouse may be deducted on a pretax basis rather than on an after-tax basis.

The rulings do not affect same-gender domestic partners.

“We know employees and retirees are eager to see these changes go into effect, and we are working as quickly as possible to make them,” said Dwaine Duckett, vice president of human resources. “Unfortunately, implementation is more complicated than it may seem, and it will take more time than we would like.”

The immediate priorities for UC are:

• Making programming changes to payroll and HR systems necessary to implement the tax changes;

• Encouraging faculty and staff who were married prior to the rulings to self-identify as soon as possible to ensure they benefit from the changes;

• Getting guidance from federal agencies on the effective date of the change;

• Assisting employees when that guidance becomes clear.

Work has begun on the programming and administrative details to implement the changes, and UC expects them to be ready by mid-September.

Duckett said that retroactivity is of critical importance to those affected, and federal guidance has not yet been issued. “It is understandable that people want equitable tax treatment to the fullest extent,” he said. “We will be prepared to support them and help navigate retroactivity issues when the guidelines become available.”

Employees and retirees who currently have a same-gender spouse will need to self-identify in order to ensure the taxes on imputed income are not withheld once the programming changes have been completed. Employees should submit the UPAY 850 form to their local benefits office while retirees should submit the UBEN 100 form to the UC Retirement Administration Service Center. There is no need to complete the entire form, but be sure to include employee or retiree name, employee ID number, spouse’s name and marriage date.

**Special Enrollment Period**

The university has also opened a special enrollment period to allow UC employees and retirees to enroll their same-sex spouse in UC health benefits or, in some instances, to change the plans in which they are enrolled.

If an employee or retiree marries his or her same-gender domestic partner who is not currently covered by UC’s health and welfare programs, the employee or retiree may enroll in and/or add his/her new spouse and eligible family members to health and welfare plans within 31 days of the marriage. Coverage is effective on the date of marriage.

If a same-gender spouse married prior to the Supreme Court rulings is not currently covered by UC’s health and welfare programs, the employee/retiree has a period of eligibility to enroll in and/or add his/her same-sex
spouse and eligible family members in health and welfare plans due to changes in tax treatment. Coverage is effective on the date of receipt of the enrollment form.

If same-gender spouses married prior to the Supreme Court rulings, or same-gender domestic partners married after DOMA, are currently covered by UC’s health and welfare programs, the employee or retiree may change plans now and/or add eligible family members due to changes in tax treatment. This is a limited eligibility period applicable only to medical, dental, vision, Health and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts. Coverage is effective on the date of receipt of the enrollment form.

In all of these cases, taxes on imputed income will be deducted until payroll system programming changes have been completed. Benefits and payroll offices will retain copies of the enrollment forms so that once the system is updated the employee or retiree record can be changed to allow for accurate tax treatment.

To enroll an eligible same-gender spouse, employees should submit a completed UPAY 850 enrollment form to their local Payroll/Benefits Office, and retirees should submit a completed UBEN 100 enrollment form to the Retirement Administration Service Center.

Per UC’s family member eligibility verification (FMEV) process, newly married couples will be required to submit proof of their marriage. UC is working with Secova, FMEV administrator, in an effort to prevent the need for previously verified couples to resubmit documentation.

Other Issues

There are several other outstanding issues related to taxes and benefits to be resolved either through guidance from the federal government or through changes in UC processes. These include whether the federal law will apply for employees and retirees who live in states that do not permit same-gender marriage, whether the tax changes will be retroactive, and what additional operational and policy changes UC will need to make to address benefits enrollment and eligibility changes needed as a result of the Supreme Court rulings.

“Those affected by these changes can feel confident that UC will make the adjustments necessary to be consistent with the law as quickly as we are able,” Duckett said. “UC will assist anyone in understanding their rights and obligations going forward.”

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Early Member of the UCR Faculty, Donald Johns, Has Died

He remained active at UCR, continuing his interest in jazz on radio station KUCR

By Kris Lovekin

Donald C. Johns, professor emeritus of music at UCR, died on July 14 at his home in Riverside. He was 87.

“Dr. Johns contributed enormously to the development and recognition of the Department of Music, and in fact to UCR as a campus,” said Professor Paulo Chagas, the current chair of the Department of Music. “He embodied the belief that music carries out cultural values that are crucial for society, and that people have to be musically educated in order to understand these values and benefit from music.”

Johns was a music theorist and composer, and authored numerous articles of music analysis and a large body of original compositions. He was the first director of UCR’s Collegium Musicum in the late 1950s, which
included piano trios, quartets, and quintets, recorder consort, and brass ensemble.

Born in Chicago, he came to UCR in 1957 and moved through the ranks as a faculty member. He was a full professor by 1971, a position which he held until his retirement in 1991. He was called back to teach two years beyond that, so achieved a total of 36 years of distinguished teaching.

He also served as chair of the department between 1969 and 1975, and worked closely with other music department founders Williams Reynolds and Edwin J. “Ted” Simon. He liked to think of himself as the “third man” in the music department.

“His death marks the passing of the founding generation of UCR music faculty,” said Professor Emeritus Fred Gable, who worked closely with Johns.

Johns earned graduate degrees from Northwestern University in Illinois. During his life he studied in Vienna, and was best known for composing melodic and emotionally evocative music. He liked to say, “Good music does not have to be complicated.”

He composed sacred works for church choirs and for organ, many of which became standard repertoire in churches around the country. He also composed secular works, mostly music for chamber ensembles, piano, and small orchestra. All his published compositions are still available commercially.

He also left in manuscript a repertoire of big band arrangements in which he first displayed his compositional skills as a young man in Des Plaines, Ill. Many of those arrangements are familiar to fans of the UCR Jazz Ensemble because former director Bill Helms was Johns’ student.

Postretirement, and calling himself “Dr. J,” he hosted a regular jazz show on KUCR 88.3 FM, revealing an encyclopedic knowledge of jazz musicians, musical styles, compositional and arranging techniques, and the connections between the elements. He recently celebrated 20 years on the air. After his death, station director Louis Van Den Berg aired a tribute.

“He was obviously in declining health in recent months, and he saw my concern and sadness. ‘Don’t cry for me, Louis,’ he said. ‘I’ve had a great life. I loved being a professor. I loved UCR. It’s a great place, a great school. I loved doing the radio show. I’m dying with no regrets.’”

Johns leaves his wife, Jorun; daughter, Alessa; sons, Karl and Andy; son-in-law, Christopher Reynolds; and grandson, Gabriel. The family has arranged a private burial and hopes to have a larger memorial in the coming months. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to support the Department of Music.

An interview with Johns held on May 28 can be heard at the KUCR archive page.
For Margy Crowley, lab assistant III for the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, avocados are so much more than a tasty fruit — they're her entire job.

“My lab works with avocado breeding. ... Hass is the best-known avocado, but it is ripe only from January to June. What we want to do is to find an avocado that fills up the rest of the year,” Crowley says.

The method of avocado breeding starts off with planting thousands of trees in UCR’s orchard located in Irvine. Next, the seedlings are taken and grafted onto a root stock (Crowley has a root stock named after her) and these root stocks are then placed in different regions around the world to see how they grow according to different climates and environments. UCR’s orchard has more than 150 avocado varieties — all distinct in their seed shapes, sizes, textures and colors. Crowley’s office calendar shows a photo of a different avocado breed each month.

“When you plant an avocado seed, you don’t get the same plant, so you have to plant thousands of trees. What’s really surprising is you don’t get that many seedlings from a thousand seeds. You might get three or four that have all the rights: the right taste, the thin skin, the small seed and the right tree shape. It’s good to have all these varieties because you never know what is going to happen,” Crowley explains.

Crowley’s favorite part about her job is the last step of the avocado breeding process, the taste panel.

“We’ve been doing this for a year and a half. We see how these avocado plants have grown and we like it, but we want to see if the customer actually likes it. So we started doing a taste panel with selections that we’ve found,” says Crowley.

Aside from her lab work, Crowley is also active in the University Professional and Technical Employees union. She serves as the president of the organization, which she proudly represented by wearing a button that read, “UPTE: unity button for quality UC jobs.”

Even when she’s not working, Crowley cannot get away from avocados. In her free time, Crowley enjoys cooking.

“I make a lot of guacamole, and I like to put avocados on pizzas. My daughter puts them in scrambled eggs. Every once in awhile, I’ll do something wild like put it in a cake, but for the most part, we eat them raw on toast and in bagels. We’re sort of stuck [with avocados],” Crowley says with a chuckle.
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The Top: Staffers’ Best Moments From the Search for Health Scavenger Hunt — so Far!

Welcome to Inside UCR’s newest feature, The Top!

Each issue, we’re presenting a list of UCR staff and faculty favorites — from restaurants to Zen gardens to events. This week, we’re highlighting staffers’ favorite moments from the ongoing Search for Health Scavenger hunt, organized by UCR’s Wellness Program Coordinator Julie Chobdee. Participants looking to improve health and reduce sedentary time at work walk to healthy UCR destinations, such as the Botanic Gardens, the Barn and the 14 hydration stations, during the eight-week challenge to earn rewards. It’s not too late to join the scavenger hunt, either; the last day is on Sept. 1, so Chobdee encourages everyone to take part by contacting her at julie.chobdee@ucr.edu.

“I took part in the scavenger hunt because it seemed like it would be a lot of fun, plus I love a challenge. The best part of the scavenger hunt was getting out of the office and bonding with my staff.” — Julie Salgado, business operations manager, Aberdeen-Iverness

“The best part of the scavenger hunt was when my walking partner Bonnie and I stopped and asked a fellowman to take our photo at the bell tower. He laid on the ground to capture the best amazing photo! He definitely went out of his way!” — Shante’ Morton, operations assistant, CNAS Undergraduate Academic Advising Center
“The scavenger hunt offered me a challenge and at the same time I could visit places on campus that I hadn’t been to before. I enjoyed visiting destinations with a friend and met new friends along the way, too. I hadn’t expected this but it was like a mini get-a-way vacation in less than one hour each day. We had fun taking photos of our destinations, and it’s become a very memorable summer for me here on campus!” — Bonnie M. Maynard, administrative coordinator, Department of Physics and Astronomy

“I recently became a wellness ambassador for our department. This was the first event to participate in and it sounded fun. We organized and gathered over 10 people to walk with us. It has been great to walk and talk and get to know co-workers better. It has brought some of us together and the camaraderie is building. We plan to continue walking once a week after the hunt is over.” — Jack Fitzgerald, ergonomics specialist
“The Scavenger hunt was a great way to get me to get out of the office more. ... I don’t do any exercise normally and although I have been trying to take lunch time walks around campus as often as I can, I’ve gone entire weeks without going outside for some walking time. It helps my mind to be refreshed and for my muscles to stretch, and I feel good about my health.” — Hak S. Lee, systems specialist, Enrollment Management Systems

“The scavenger hunt helped give me a purpose to visit new places on campus. I have not had the chance to keep up with new buildings and changes. The best part was making new friends/colleagues and discovering great things of interest that we were not aware of on this campus, such as the viewing displays in geology. We found shells, fossils, rocks, the saber tooth cat and woolly mammoth displays.” — Wendy Mello, financial and administrative assistant, CHASS
“I took part in the scavenger hunt to support the Wellness Program efforts of my colleague Julie Chobdee. It is also such an innovative way to get people out of their offices, help them learn more about where they work and benefit their health all at the same time. That’s a lot to pack into an hour. The best part is being with my HR colleagues outside of the office walls. It gives me an opportunity to interact with them in a different way and as you can see from the photos, we have a little bit of fun too!” — Sue Anderson, co-interim associate vice chancellor, Human Resources

UCR Boasts Highest Accessibility Ranking Within UC System

By Konrad Nagy

Following the results of a recent UC systemwide report, UCR has emerged as the campus with the highest overall accessibility ranking within the UC system.

The report, which ranks the accessibility of certain websites, was the result of an initiative by President Mark Yudof to improve accessibility across UC campuses. A universitywide committee, the Electronic Accessibility Leadership Team (EALT), was formed in April 2010 and tasked with creating a more welcoming and responsive electronic environment for visitors.

The initiative was particularly focused on improving website accessibility for disabled people, such as those who are blind, deaf, handicapped, color blind or those with impaired motor skills. Two scans, a year apart, of frequently visited, “external facing” websites provided the results for the report.

A note taken from the final report reads, “in 2012, while there was an average improvement of .9 percent between scans, the results indicate that there was little engagement and that much more needs to be done. Nevertheless, two campuses should be highlighted for their success in increasing the accessibility of their sites: UCR and UCSC. Both campuses began with an initial average scan in the 90s and raised it about 4 percent to 96.5 percent and 95.4 percent respectively.”

“This is an important achievement for UCR,” said Chuck Rowley, associate vice chancellor for finance and business administration and computing and communications (C&C). Rowley singled out Bob Bottomley, a senior web architect at Strategic Communications, and Michelle Tabula, a web analyst from C&C, for their efforts. Rowley said, “[They] deserve special recognition for reaching out and collaborating with campus departments and units whose websites were part of this exercise.”
UCR staff and faculty weigh in on the issues of the day via media outlets at home and abroad

“Our students are not only great students, but they really wanted to come to this medical school because they really believed in our mission. ... It has been a herculean effort to get the school not only open but funded. There’s a tremendous joy on the part of everyone associated with the medical school.”

Dr. G. Richard Olds, founding dean of UCR School of Medicine, on the opening of the medical school following the establishment of continued state funding

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“Wherever there is very old chaparral, we’ve got a tremendous threat.”

Richard Minnich, professor of earth sciences, on California wildfire season and speculations that it will worsen with the arrival of Santa Ana winds

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“It is a visible celebration for all of us. For those who are already physicians, it’s a reminder, kind of like a renewal of your wedding vows. It gives you a moment to reflect.”

Paul Lyons, senior associate dean of education for the UCR School of Medicine, on the white coat ceremony, which honored and welcomed the school’s inaugural class

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“I like to go back and forth. I get easily bored. The reason there’s been so much suspicion about my credentials is because academics tend not to do that. For the life of me, I can’t understand why there’s so much controversy.”

Reza Aslan, associate professor of creative writing, on his new book and the controversy surrounding it following an interview on FoxNews.com with Lauren Green

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“It doesn’t have to be bungee jumping. It could be meeting new people, going out dancing, learning a foreign language, or volunteering together — anything you don’t normally do delivers this boost.”

Sonja Lyubomirsky, professor of psychology, on how variety in a marriage through new and different activities can make married couples happier

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“Consumption of tuna, salmon, canned goods, sugary desserts, fast foods, and drinking of tap water, caffeinated beverages, and alcoholic beverages during pregnancy have been deemed unhealthy due to the appearance of environmental toxins found to have harmful effects in the developing offspring.”

Sarah Santiago, Ph.D. student of psychology, on how the consumption of certain foods by pregnant women poses health and developmental dangers for fetuses
“There were predictions that our culture would become extinct, that we were going to die out. But our radio program is a small part of resistance to eradication. It’s a place for Indians to go, a way of thinking about the old ways, a way to participate in the culture. A place where out-of-state Indians who relocate to Southern California find a voice that conjures a sense of home.”

Robert Perez, assistant professor of ethnic studies, on “Indian Time Radio,” a radio program on KUCR that he has hosted for the past 19 years. The show attempts to preserve cultural traditions of the Native American community

“The wasp is going to be our No. 1 weapon to control Asian citrus psyllid. We have no other choice except to use this natural enemy or do nothing. And the ‘do nothing’ option is unacceptable.”

Mark Hoddle, director of the center for invasive species research, on the use of Tamarixia radiata, a parasitic wasp and natural predator of the Asian citrus psyllid, to control the spread of Huanglongbing, a disease that devastates citrus crops

UCR’s Michele Renee Salzman has been elected as chair of the Advisory Council of the Committee on the School of Classical Studies of the American Academy in Rome (AAR).

Salzman, a professor of history and former UC presidential chair who also serves as the chair of the Tri-Campus Classical Studies Executive Committee, will serve a three-year term and will be responsible for running the annual meeting of the Committee on the School of Classical Studies that takes place every January at the American Philological Association Annual Meetings, as well as regular business meetings in Rome.

“It is a great honor to be elected to chair the Advisory Council,” Salzman said. “The American Academy in Rome is one of the most important sites for humanistic scholarship and artistic creation.”

The AAR supports the creative arts and humanistic scholarship and oversees The American School of Classical Studies, which offers fellowships in all phases of Italy’s history and culture, from the ancient world to modern times. The school will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2014.

The School of Classical Studies sponsors conferences and lectures during the course of the year, organizes a series of trips and tours of Rome and Italy for scholars, and participates in a range of archaeological projects.

Salzman has been involved with the AAR since 1986, when she received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship to work on what was her first book, “On Roman Time: The Codex-Calendar of 354 and the Rhythms of Urban Life in Late Antiquity” (Harvard, 1990). In 2008 she was the Lucy Shoe Merit Scholar in Residence, and in 2010 she directed an NEH Summer Seminar for College teachers at the AAR.
Derek Burrill Takes Part in Gotland Game Conference

Derek Burrill, associate professor of media and cultural studies, lectured and sat as a juror of student presentations at Gotland Game Conference 2013 in Sweden June 3-5. He was one of 14 scholars and game industry representatives invited to present at the conference, which was hosted by Gotland University in the medieval city of Visby. The event focused on feminism, gender and inclusiveness in games.

Burrill’s lecture — “Watch Your Ass!: Masculinity, Play and Games” — examined performance and movement in digital games, as well as the cultural and artistic impact of video and computer gaming.

“It seems clear that video games and masculinity are intimately linked – the players, games and industry itself work to produce a gendered space and an erotic imaginary often centered around men and maleness. But why? And why is this seen as ‘natural’?” he said in describing the lecture. “By theorizing masculinity as inherently unstable and performative, we can begin to unpack the logics of ‘proving’ – the constant and inherent need to demonstrate masculine behavior through competition, mastery and domination. And where better to do this than in the virtual, prosthetic and cultural space of videogames?”

Millar Elected Fellow of ESA

For his outstanding contributions to entomology, Jocelyn Millar, a professor of entomology, has been elected a fellow of the prestigious Entomological Society of America (ESA), the largest organization in the world serving the professional and scientific needs of entomologists and people in related disciplines.

This year, Millar and only nine others were elected to this honor. They will be recognized in November, at the annual meeting of the ESA in Austin, Texas.

Awards and Honors

Razak Receives NSF Career Award

Khaleel Razak, assistant professor of psychology and neuroscience, has received a $866,902 Career Award from the National Science Foundation. The five-year grant will fund Razak’s research project, “Cortical Mechanisms of Sound Localization.”

Razak said his lab studies how the auditory brain processes behaviorally relevant sounds, and the mechanisms through which such processing is altered by developmental experience, and aging-related and communication disorders. The grant will support a project on how the auditory cortex processes information about sound locations.

“Precise sound localization can be a matter of life and death,” he explained. “The auditory cortex is necessary for sound localization, but our understanding of the relevant neural processing is rudimentary. Sound localization is also interesting from a computational perspective because we explore how neurons integrate inputs from the two ears.”

The NSF funding will allow Razak’s lab to investigate the neural computations that generate cortical maps underlying sound localization behavior in the pallid bat.

The project will provide fundamental insights on how intra-cortical networks shape feature detectors and sensory processing, the psychologist said, and allow him to continue community outreach programs such as seminars at the bat exhibit in the California Science Center in Los Angeles, instruction to federal and state park employees on bat survey methods and conservation, and K-12 programs in the Inland Empire on bat biology and behavior.
Grad Student Receives NIH Fellowship to Study e-Cigarettes

A UCR graduate student has received a National Institutes of Health (NIH) fellowship of more than $90,000 to study the cytotoxic effects — effects that are toxic to the body’s cells — of e-cigarette use. The three-year competitive award will cover tuition and living expenses for the remainder of her tenure in graduate school.

“I will be studying aerosols produced by electronic cigarettes, using refill fluids,” said Rachel Behar, the recipient of the NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award. “I will isolate chemicals in the most cytotoxic aerosols and test them on human embryonic stem cells to mimic exposure during early stages of development.”

Specifically, Behar, who is currently a third-year student in the Cell Molecular and Development Biology graduate program, will collect a variety of refill fluids representing different flavoring agents such as sweet, fruity, and even savory. She will then heat these fluids to generate aerosols that can be applied to different cell cultures to test their cytotoxic effects.

Trio of BCOE professors receive $360,000 grant from the NSF

Three Bourns College of Engineering professors at UCR have received a three-year, $360,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to further study the thermal properties of graphene, which is expected to lead to new approaches for the removal of heat from advanced electronic and optoelectronic devices.

Alexander A. Balandin, a professor of electrical engineering and founding chair of the materials science and engineering program, Roger Lake, a professor of electrical engineering, Ashok Mulchandani, a professor of chemical engineering, will be cooperating on the project called: “Two-dimensional performance with three-dimensional capacity: Engineering the thermal properties of graphene.”

Balandin will serve as principal investigator and be responsible for materials characterization and thermal measurements. Lake will perform theoretical and computational studies while Mulchandani will conduct material synthesis and characterization.

The unique properties of graphene — a single atomic plane of carbon atoms — were discovered in Balandin’s Nano-Device Laboratory at UCR in 2008. In recent years, the attention of the research community was focused on the properties of twisted bilayer graphene — a special form of graphene bilayers where atomic planes are rotated against each other by some angle.

The objective of this grant is to investigate the effect of rotation angle on the thermal conductivity of twisted bilayer graphene. The UCR team will study the possibility of suppressing the phonon coupling in twisted graphene layers, allowing for the transfer of extraordinary large heat fluxes. The phonons are quanta of crystal lattice vibrations that carry heat in graphene.

Five elected to UCR Foundation Board of Trustees

Five people have been elected to new two-year terms on the UCR Foundation Board of Trustees. Their terms began on July 1.

The 50-member volunteer Board of Trustees oversees UCR’s affiliated foundation, receiving and managing the investment of a $110 million endowment that supports the long term strength of UCR’s research programs, colleges, and scholarship funds. Trustees advocate for UCR and advance its mission by seeking and securing private support for all of its programs.

The chair of the board of trustees is currently S. Sue Johnson, a UCR graduate. The chair-elect is Dr. Thom-
as Haider. The board works closely with the foundation’s president, Peter Hayashida, who also serves as UCR’s vice chancellor for advancement.

Those recently elected to the board of trustees are:

- Darin Anderson, chairman and CEO of Salas O’Brien LLC
- Brian Hawley, chairman and chief technical officer of Luminex Software Inc.
- Wing Lau, chief financial officer for Landtec North America Inc.
- Agenor Mafra-Neto, founder and chief executive officer of ISCA Technologies Inc.
- Corky Mizer, founder and president of Corky’s Pest Control.

**Haibo Yu a finalist of 2013 World Stage Design Exhibition**

The design for a dance production by theater professor Haibo Yu is one of 100 finalists selected to participate in the 2013 World Stage Design Exhibition in September in Cardiff, Wales.

“Impression of Mongolia” is an epic piece intended to visualize the Mongolian culture and history through music, dance and visual power, said Yu, who is known internationally for his innovative set designs.

Mongolian warriors march in front of the horse head, which symbolizes the spirit of the nation, in Scene 2 of “Impression of Mongolia.”

The World Stage Design Exhibition, held every four years, is organized by OISTAT/International Organization of Scenographers, Theatre Architects and Technicians and is one of the most prestigious events in the world of theatrical design. This year’s exhibition, scheduled on Sept. 5-15, will display productions performed between 2009 and 2012.

**Eight win UC’s 2013 information technology awards**

Eight teams representing six locations won the University of California’s 2013 Larry L. Sautter Award for using information technology to make university operations more efficient and better serve faculty, staff, students and patients.

The annual award, which is sponsored by the UC Information Technology Leadership Council, recognizes innovations in IT that advance the university’s missions of teaching, research, public service and patient care, or that improve the effectiveness of university processes. The award encourages sharing these solutions across the UC system.

The 2013 award winners and honorable mentions are:

**Golden Awards**

- **UCSF Profiles (UCSF)** is a Web application that allows people to search for UCSF researchers by expertise and experience. This vital tool, managed by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), enables research networking, collaboration and faculty-student mentoring.
- **UCPATH Data Dissemination Operational Data Store (UC Office of the President)** culls human resources and payroll data from a complex software package containing 20,000 tables, analyzes that data and
securely relays consistent information to campuses and medical centers.

- Tethered Meta Registry (UC Davis Health System) consolidates more than 2.1 million patient records and provides a central data source for research and projects aimed at improving services. Faculty, researchers, administrators and other staff no longer have to manage their own separate spreadsheets and databases.

Silver Awards

- Privacy and Protected Health Information Surveillance Technologies (UC Davis Health System) improved the medical center’s ability to manage the privacy and security of more than 2 million patient records and thousands of people who access health records.

- Risk Assessment Determinations in Clinical Academic Laboratories (RADiCAL) (UC Davis) promotes laboratory safety by identifying the risks involved with a project and the oversight required based on specific information the researcher provides, such as what chemical components they plan to use.

Honorable Mentions

- Google Apps @UCSC (UC Santa Cruz) allowed migration of all campus email and calendar data to Google. The project not only resulted in better, more reliable email and calendar services, but also allowed faculty, staff and students to communicate, connect and contribute in ways that were not available to them before.

- The Cancer Genomics Hub (UC Santa Cruz) is a large data repository and user portal for the National Cancer Institute’s cancer genome research programs. It provides cancer researchers with efficient access to a rapidly growing store of valuable biomedical data.

- UCLA Events Online 2.0 (UCLA) is the official application for producing and communicating extracurricular campus activities. It consolidates all event reservations into a central database and features a user-friendly interface that coaches event organizers with key event planning instructions, “to do” lists and required administrative approvals. It also facilitates communication between various departments.

The award was established in 2000 and is named after Larry L. Sautter, a UCR associate vice chancellor for computing and communications who died in 1999. Under his leadership, a modern data network, client server computing, and improved technical support services were developed and implemented at Riverside.