

### SSHA Newsletter

February/March 2013

<http://ssha.ucmerced.edu>

#### UC Merced Events:

- 2/22 & 2/23 – Graduate Visitation Weekend

#### SSHA Events:

##### MTS Seminars:

- 2/11 – Fermin Moscoso Del Prado Martin
- 2/25 – YangQuan Chen
- 3/4 – Jennifer Trueblood
- 3/11 – Stephanie Huetten
- 3/18 – Jonathan Wallis

##### Psychology Colloquium:

- 2/13 – Fumiko Hoeft
- 2/20 – Amanda Adams
- 2/27 – Gregory Walton
- 3/13 – Joana Fanos
- 3/20 – Sean Laraway
- 4/3 – Carina Chan Monash

##### Sociology Seminars:

- 2/15 – Yasmiyn Irizarry

##### UCM Human Rights Film Series:

- 2/15 – Evan Grae Davis

#### Important Dates, Deadlines and Reminders:

- 2/15 - Summer 2013 Course Requests due to Megan Topete
- 2/18 – President's Day (UCM Closed)
- 3/1 – Deadline for Curriculum changes to UGC
- 3/12 – Spring Mid-Semester Grades Due by 12:00 p.m.
- 3/25 – 3/28 – Spring Break
- 3/29 – Cesar Chavez Day (UCM Closed)

### Message from the Dean

Colleagues,

Welcome to the first issue for the new SSHA newsletter. Each issue will include a message from me, an important notice and/or a highlight of a faculty or staff member.

This month, we are starting with a very important message from SSHA Finance regarding reimbursement expenses. If you are unclear about whether an expense is valid, I would encourage you to review the UC policy and/or speak with our SSHA finance staff. Our finance staff is very knowledgeable and a great resource.

Also, I would like to announce a few changes to our faculty. Shawn Kantor has resigned and will be taking a position at RPI, while Maurizio Forte has moved to Duke. I would like to thank them for their contributions to SSHA and to UC Merced and wish them well in their future endeavors.

All the best,

Mark Aldenderfer,  
Dean, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts



### Important Notice from Finance

Recently, there have been a large number of requests for an exception to policy and/or after-the-fact. Some of the major violations have included paying for someone else's travel expenses, purchasing items/services over \$500 in a single day, and entering into contracts without authorization from Purchasing. We would like to remind all of you that these are not allowed per UC policy.

Many of the requests for an exception to policy and/or after-the-fact are from long time faculty and those who repeatedly violate policy. Although we have authorized these exceptions and after-the-fact in the past, please note that we are going to be rejecting them in instances that appear to be abusive to the system.

Please refer to the following policies:

- Purchasing: [http://policies.ucmerced.edu/files/Purchasing\\_Policy.pdf](http://policies.ucmerced.edu/files/Purchasing_Policy.pdf)  
Especially note:  
VIII - Restrictions  
IX - Purchases Requiring Special Approval  
X - Unauthorized Purchases
- Business Meetings/Entertainment:  
<http://travel.ucmerced.edu/Data/Sites/4/media/bus79.pdf>
- Travel: <http://travel.ucmerced.edu/Data/Sites/4/media/g28.pdf>

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