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## School of Extended Education

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- San Francisco's New College students turn to SSU for help in crisis.
- OLLI reaches out to Oakmont.
- SSU Wine Business Program gets better with age.
- SSALI and School of Education provide language program for Korean teachers.
- SEE program growth expected to continue.

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## New Special Session Masters Degree in Spanish Announced



A new M.A. in Spanish program begins this summer, sponsored by the Modern Languages and Literatures Department in partnership with the School of Extended Education. The program allows students to take at least three courses in literature, two in linguistics, and one in pedagogy, and provides a mentored teaching practicum experience or internship. All of the graduate courses may be taken during three summer sessions; the academic year course load will be relatively light and students will be able to finish the courses within a 26-month period while maintaining full employment. Dr. Jeffrey Reeder, Chair of Modern Languages and Literatures, Associate Professor of Spanish, is the Graduate Coor-



**Dr. Jeffrey Reeder and Carol Tremmel go over a few last minute details on the proposed SSU Masters Degree in Spanish.**

ordinator; Carol Tremmel, Program Manager, serves as program coordinator in Extended Education. Final approval from the Chancellor's Office is anticipated in April.

Applications are now being accepted with a priority deadline of April 1. All completed applications received by this date will be considered; those received after April 1 will be considered on a space-available basis. For a full program description and to download an application form, visit our website at:

[www.sonoma.edu/exed/degrees/spanish](http://www.sonoma.edu/exed/degrees/spanish)

## First SSU Online Course Development RFP a Success

The School of Extended Education is providing multiple grants of up to \$3500 in financial and development support to encourage the building of SSU Online (WebCT) courses to be delivered to non-campus based distance education students. The goal of the grant is to put in place the infrastructure and resources to assist faculty and departments

with creating high quality SSU online courses to be extended to students who can not participate in traditional campus courses. In collaboration with the SSU Teaching and Technology Center, IT, the Web Team, Media Services, and the departments, Extended Education is moving forward with a new model to design and develop SSU online

courses according to national best practices and the same high standards as SSU's face-to-face courses.

Extended Education has received 7 unique proposals from faculty and departments to develop online classes. Proposal reviews and selection will take place in April and online course development will start in early May.



## New College of California Closes and Students Turn to SSU for Help



SSU helps “New College” students faced with closure crisis.

The exceptional staff and faculty at SSU have done it again. Crunching into weeks what usually takes months to get done at a university. Guided by the dedication and leadership of Beth Warner, Coordinator of the Special Session Liberal Studies degree program, a plan to facilitate a “teach out” for the students who were stranded when WASC’s revoked accreditation of the New College of California and subsequent closing was formulated. Twelve BA Humanities students and five MA Humanities and Leadership students needed only one semester of classes to complete their degrees.

With the assistance of SSU Admissions, Financial Aid, and the School of Extended Education, Beth worked with Roshni Rustomji-Kerns and Genny Lim of the New College to help these 17 students fulfill their New College degree requirements. Because of SSU’s willingness to collaborate and provide the needed help, these “stranded” students gratefully resumed their coursework on the Sonoma State campus in April. The “teach out” is being facilitated as a partnership between the School of Extended Education and the Hutchins School of Lib

eral Studies. Our hats are off to Beth and all those who helped make the “teach out” happen even with an incredibly short timeline. For showing the caring spirit of Sonoma State University and making a difference in the lives of 17 important individuals...THANK YOU ALL!



**Beth Warner leads the SSU “teach-out.”**

*“We are truly proud to be a part of the excellent Osher Lifelong Learning program offered by Sonoma State University.”*

*Anne Cobb, Co-Chair  
Oakmont Lifelong  
Learning Committee*

## SSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Continues to Reach Out



**Dr. Bruce Elliott in full teaching regalia.**

Sonoma State University’s OLLI program has extended its outreach to Oakmont Village.

The first Oakmont Open House was held at the Berger Auditorium on March 11. Over

200 residents came to enroll in OLLI and to get a first-hand preview of the programs that are being offered this Spring.

Anne Cobb and Sally Risberg, Co-Chairs, Oakmont Lifelong Learning Committee kicked off the event and made the introductions of the SSU team. As a special presentation, Dr. Gardner Rust introduced his Spring program, Mozart: His Life, His

Letters, His Music.

The second presenter was Dr. Bruce Elliot who introduced his wonderful and energetic course on “Europe in an Age of Exploration.” The Open House was considered a big success. Anne Cobb stated, “We are truly proud to be a part of the excellent OLLI program offered by Sonoma State University.”

## SSU Wine Business Program Gets Better With Age

Linda Nowak leads this unique partnership between SSU and the wine industry.



The SSU Wine Business Program is now enjoying its 10<sup>th</sup> successful year. So far, we are proud to say that over 2000 people have attended our Professional Development classes. Our half-day Professional Development courses cover a variety of topics, such as: working with

distributors, accounting and finance for wineries, tasting room management, winery entrepreneurship, brand building, legal compliance and permitting for wineries. The Wine Business Program also offers an undergraduate degree and now has recently added a new Wine MBA. For more information about any of these

programs please contact Renee Thompson at: [thompren@sonoma.edu](mailto:thompren@sonoma.edu) or call 707-664-2260.



## Sonoma State American Language Institute (SSALI) and the School of Education Work

### Together to Provide English Language Training for Korean Teachers



**President Arminana and SSU leaders meet with Gyeonggi delegation to plan 2008 program.**

For the second summer, SSALI and the School of Education are hosting a group of English teachers from Korea. SSU is able to provide this program with support from Dr. Hee-Bang Noh, Education Director, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in San Francisco and SSU's

schools of Education and Extended Education, with particular assistance from SSU's Professor Hee-Won Kang. The group of 20 middle school and secondary school English teachers from the Gyeonggi Provincial Office of Education will arrive in July for a four-week training. The program will focus on the methodology of Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Educational Technology for TEFL, increasing

fluency and improving pronunciation and lesson modeling. The courses are being taught by Professor Hee-Won Kang and several faculty from SSALI. In addition to field trips to enhance the groups' understanding of American Culture, they will visit the Sonoma County Office of Education, interact with a panel of Sonoma County English teachers, and visit a local high school to observe ESL classes.

"This program is a perfect example of the kind of collaboration and partnership with the School of Education that Extended Education hopes to expand upon," said Dean Merickel.

*"The School of Extended Education is a 21st century organization dedicated to serving diverse learners..."*

## New Vision and Mission for Extended Education

The new vision, mission and values are designed to align the School of Extended Education with the overarching strategic plan of Sonoma State University.

**VISION:** The School of Extended Education is a 21<sup>st</sup> century organization dedicated to serving diverse learners by providing access to Sonoma State University's intellectual, cultural, and educational resources.

**MISSION:** The mission of the School of Extended Education is to support and complement the overarching institutional goals of Sonoma State University. The rapidly changing educational needs of life-long learners has focused the mission of Extended Education on three critical elements: develop sustainable infrastructure and relevant inventory of programs that will serve and support the needs of the diverse SSU student population; enhance collaborative relationships

with the local communities and the surrounding region to foster educational, social, cultural, and economic development; and provide essential services to extended education students and our academic partners.

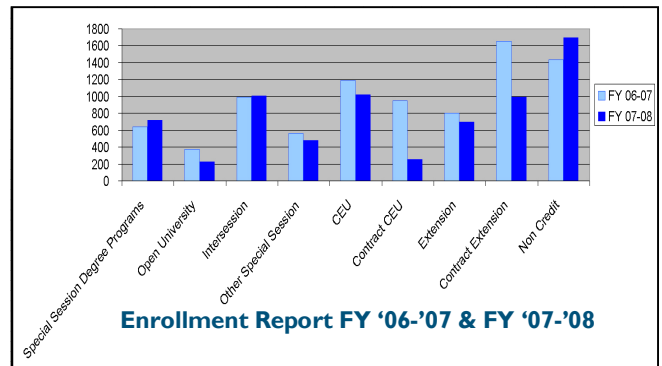
**VALUES:** Educational Excellence • Student-Centered • Lifelong Learning • Respect • Diversity • Access • Creativity • Entrepreneurship • Partnership • Responsibility • Sustainability

## More Growth Expected in SSU Extended Education

Although enrollment figures are not complete for '07-'08 until June 30, we plan to periodically keep you up to date on program growth and shortfalls. Extended Education provides programs in both credit and non-credit formats. You will see from the graph at the right that non-credit is growing and also in the Special Session Degree Programs and Intercession. These en-

rollment figures are now guiding the School as to where we will concentrate our enrollment energy and resources.

The three SSU programs that are experiencing the most significant growth are the OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), the special session degree programs, and American Language Institute.





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*"Providing Access to Lifelong*

## Welcome to the SSU Community

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the exceptional programs that Sonoma State University offers through special sessions, certificate programs, the American Language Institute, Open University, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

You will find that the SSU instructors who teach classes through Extended Education are simply the best! If you are thinking about continuing your education to earn your degree or to extend your knowledge and skills in a subject...don't wait any longer. Register today at your university...Sonoma State.

On behalf of the "new" School of Extended Education, let me welcome you to the SSU Community and E-News. If you have any questions about the courses or programs offered through Extended Education, just give us a call or send us an email. The Extended Education staff is here to help you access the extended programs of Sonoma State University.

Let Sonoma State University become a part of your future...and let that future begin today!

*Mark Merichel*  
Dean



We're on the Web!  
<http://www.sonoma.edu/exed/>

## Movers and Shakers

Julie Barnes has been appointed the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the School of Extended Education. Julie's background in education covers over twenty-five years. She holds a Licentiate'ship and is recognized as a Senior Fellow with the City and Guilds Institute of London, England. Julie earned her bachelor's degree in Public Administration and is currently completing her Masters degree also in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

Her experience in U.S. public administration began in the early 1990's when she worked for the Healdsburg Unified School District. This position lent itself to coordination of community liaison and volunteer programs for local elementary schools, where she discovered and developed many programs invaluable in helping children succeed in ever-complex life situations. After almost ten years of helping children in need she looked to



**Julie Barnes takes over the role of Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the School of Extended Education.**

an organization where she could be involved in training professionals to help these kids. This led Julie to working for the California Institute on Human Services (CIHS), at Sonoma State University. CIHS worked in concert with the SSU faculty, staff, and students allowing Julie an opportunity to get to know and work with many people on the SSU campus.

After 6 years with CIHS she accepted a position as an Administrative Analyst for the School of Extended Education at Sonoma State University, which has afforded her the opportunity to learn the nuances associated with furthering a career in public administration and branch out into the academic world.

Please join Extended Education in congratulating Julie Barnes on her new appointment.

