



# NEWS

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## Fall 2007

As we approach the end of the Fall 2007 semester, it is amazing to reflect on all that has been accomplished in this first semester on our new campus! From the hectic first days of class to the dangers posed by the October fires, we have worked together to create a rhythm and routine to our new home in Canyon Country and to continue to develop the campus.

The rate of physical change and facilities development around us is indeed impressive. What is most impressive, however, is the persistence of you, our students, as you work to achieve your academic goals.

A campus only comes to life when dedicated faculty and committed students work together to pursue academic excellence. Thank you for breathing life into our new campus – and through your presence, making it a special place for student success.

Dena P. Maloney, Ed.D.  
*Founding Dean*



## What's New for the Spring Semester?

### ANTHROPOLOGY

The Anthropology Department is setting up an anthropology lab in room 310, bringing the total number of anthropology lecture and lab offerings to 6 sections in the spring.

### ART

We are creating an art classroom to allow a full selection of drawing and painting classes at CCC.

### BIOLOGY

The Biology Department is offering a brand new course in the Winter-session: BIOSCI 132 CONCEPTS IN EVOLUTION. This 3-unit course is UC and CSU transferable. It is associated with the travel education trip to the Galapagos Islands in summer 2008. This course explores the emergent concepts of evolution by natural selections, elementary population genetics, concepts of fitness and adaptation, genetic and developmental basis for evolutionary change, speciation, micro and macro evolution, human evolution, evolutionary science, creationism and society.

### DANCE

In addition to yoga and dance appreciation, the Dance Department will be offering Dance -107, Dance Conditioning in the spring. This course is CSU transferable and focuses on dance conditioning, including practice of dance exercises to build muscle development conditioning, strength and flexibility.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

We will be holding the ECE classes in the new ECE building (rooms 200 and 201) in the spring semester. Also this spring, we will complete the Child Development Center and submit our application to license the center. When this process is completed we will have a preschool for children 3 and 4 years of age for CCC stu-

dent parents and an on-site laboratory experience for our CCC Early Childhood Education students. The Center will open once we receive state licensing, a lengthy process.

### PARALEGAL

The Paralegal Studies department is offering its cornerstone course, Civil Litigation (PARALGL 110). If you are interested in studying for the legal profession, this course will give you a taste of the excitement and the varied opportunities inherent in legal studies. In addition, several other paralegal classes will be offered at CCC during the spring. College of the Canyons is working toward accreditation by the American Bar Association (ABA) for the paralegal program. We anticipate full ABA approval for our program by the summer of 2009.

### PSYCHOLOGY

In addition to its full spectrum of weekday course offerings, the Psychology Department is offering a Saturday section of Introduction to Psychology (PSYCH 101) in the spring semester.

### Many More

The Modern Language department will offer one class of Italian in the spring. Also in the spring, the Physical Education Department will be offering mountain biking, Budoshin Jujutsu, step aerobics, and stretching for the first time. In non-credit, we will have classes in art, computers, health science, and ESL. Finally, look for new real estate, recreation, and photography classes that have never been offered on the Canyon Country campus before.

Be sure to go online for the latest updates and new additions to the winter and spring schedule information, [www.canyons.edu](http://www.canyons.edu)

## What's Happening with...

### Parking

- Parking lots have been numbered and signage will be installed
- Overflow lots have temporary lighting
- Lots will be paved within the next four months
- Fire zones, visitor parking, and a drop-off zone have been created
- Bike racks and motorcycle parking are now available
- Bus stop is posted and a "Stop" sign has been installed

### Additional classrooms, labs and Library/TLC

- Science labs, rooms 405-406, are complete and are now in use
- Classroom 202 is complete and now in use
- PE activity room, 203, is complete and in use
- Student Health Center in Quad 1 will open by November 29
- Library and TLC, room 411, are now complete and in use
- Early Childhood Education rooms, 200-201, are nearly complete

### Food Services, Bookstore and Campus Gathering Places

- Market Place Café is open and vending machines have been installed in Quad 1, Quad 2 and Quad 5
- Bookstore is open and now has evening hours until 7 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Permanent benches, tables and shade structures have been installed

### Walkways, Stairs, Landscaping

- Stairways and ramps have been installed or are under construction
- Landscaping continues to be developed throughout the campus

## What is next...

- Amphitheater construction will begin soon
- Student lounge will be developed in room 204
- Faculty center will be developed in room 205
- Campus renumbering and signage project will occur during winter break
- Outdoor BBQ will be installed in Quad 3 near Market Place Café
- Sand volleyball courts will be installed for physical education classes

**Remember, you can register for classes, pay fees, buy parking permits, and receive other services on the campus in Quad 1!**

# Faculty Spotlight



### MR. STEPHEN BRANCH

Mr. Branch has been teaching at COC since 2000, specializing in courses in United States History, Western Civilization, World History, and American Indian History, and he has equivalency standing to teach English. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of South Florida and a master's degree in American Studies from the University of South Florida. In addition, he has accumulated an additional 31 post-graduate credit hours in history from the

University of Florida and California State University, Fullerton and a Graduate Certificate in Community College Teaching from the California State University, Dominguez Hills. In addition to teaching at COC, Mr. Branch has taught college courses at the University of Florida (Gainesville), El Camino Community College, Cerritos College, and Rio Hondo College.

Mr. Branch has already signed on to teach at CCC in the winter, spring, and summer terms. He said that "All of my classes are at night. I am pleased with the relaxed campus atmosphere and the close professor-to-student ratio that I've encountered. Moreover, the in-class technology is indeed impressive."



### MR. FRED D'ASTOLI

Coming to COC in 1999, Mr. Fred D'Astoli is an easily recognized leader on campus. Not only has Fred been teaching all levels of English classes for the past 9 years, he has served the college as English 081 coordinator, a division representative on the Academic Senate, a member of the Academic Standards Committee, and as interim Department Chair.

Mr. D'Astoli started his higher education at the Los Angeles Valley College where he earned his A.A. degree. He then earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from California State University, Northridge. Fred also taught high school before coming to COC.

Mr. D'Astoli said that he volunteered to teach full-time at the new Canyon Country campus because he "likes the challenge of starting a new adventure." Now that we are halfway through the inaugural semester, Mr. D'Astoli says that he finds the students are "have been eager to advance themselves, and they are cooperative in class. They have been patient with our "growing pains" here; also, they can see the future growth unfolding right in front of them. I think the students will show us that having a campus in this part of the valley is the absolute right thing to do."



### MS. COLLETTE GIBSON

COC alum, UCLA graduate (bachelors and masters degrees) Collette Gibson is now in her 9th year as a full-time Math professor at COC. After finishing her master's degree in mathematics, Collette was an academic advisor for the UCLA mathematics department.

Ms. Gibson is very active at COC. She has taught a variety of courses from arithmetic through calculus and has served COC as the coordinator for intermediate algebra and as a curriculum committee member. She is a faculty sponsor for the MESA program, and she is participating in a pilot program called Gateway which provides supplemental instruction to students in many of the math classes.

Ms. Gibson says that she "volunteered to teach my full load at CCC because I enjoy new opportunities. I wanted to take part in designing new buildings. I'm flexible. I live between the two campuses." In addition, she feels that she has connected better with her students this semester at CCC. This could be due to the e-mail distribution list she has used through the school which is available to faculty whether they teach at Valencia or Canyon Country.

Ms. Gibson particularly likes to use the in-class computer and internet connection. She says, "I frequently refer to my lecture schedule and homework assignments on my webpage. Recently I showed a class how to look up the class schedule online or where the counseling office is at CCC by finding the map of CCC online. I have posted quiz questions to my arithmetic class using the computer and the LCD projector. I have used the document camera to display a diagram in the arithmetic book directly on the white board."



**DR. GREG NISHIYAMA**

Before joining COC eight years ago, Dr. Nishiyama earned a Bachelor of Science in Biological Science from the University of California, Irvine, a Master of Science degree from USC in Biological Science with emphasis in Mathematical Modeling, and a Ph.D. from USC in Biological Science with emphasis in Chemical Ecology.

Dr. Nishiyama is a noted scholar in his field. He has an impressive litany of scholarly studies and published scholarly works to his name. Some of those include the following:

1. Development of rapid environmental assessment techniques (USC-COC)
2. Discovered and named two new species of sponges (USC)
3. Discovered three new toxins from sponges (USC)
4. Determined the influence of sponge toxins in determining coral community (this was the first time such a study was ever conducted) (USC)

Dr. Nishiyama plans to continue to conduct research, and he is excited about continuing to teach at CCC. He said, "I was very excited when I first heard about the new CCC campus being built. To be there during the first week of classes, and to have the chance to watch the campus evolve through the years seemed to me to be a fantastic opportunity. You are not just experiencing the campus, but you will become a part of the campus."

He also added that, "It has been simply amazing to watch the campus develop not week to week but day to day. Any problems which arose quickly disappeared solutions were found. I think it is wonderful that all the staff, faculty and students have this feeling that we are all in this together and together we are developing something wonderful. These are not just words. Take a walk on this campus and you will see actions which express what is happening."



**DR. BRADLEY REYNOLDS**

Having been a full-time History professor at COC since 1975, Dr. Reynolds brings a wealth of experience to the Canyon Country campus. Dr. Reynolds first earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from UCLA. Then he went on to earn his M.A. and Ph.D. in History from USC. He has also taught at Cal State Northridge and the Univer-

sity of Vienna at various times over the years. As a scholar and historian, Dr. Reynolds has published several books on American history, although his specialty is Caribbean history, which is why he has taken students on tours of the Caribbean every year since 1980. Look online to sign up for the Caribbean trip this January.

For over twenty years, Dr. Reynolds was the HITE and Honors Program faculty coordinator at COC, and he is currently serving as the chair of the history department. He volunteered to teach at the CCC because he "felt it was important to have some senior faculty at the new campus. I also thought it would be exciting to be part of something new."

Dr. Reynolds noted that "the students at the CCC are excited to be there and are happy to have a college campus closer to their homes. I think for some of the students it is an opportunity for a new start at a new campus." When asked about his plans for the future, Dr. Reynolds added, "I do plan to continue teaching at the CCC, and I look forward to seeing its continued growth."



**MR. MATT TEACHOUT**

Mr. Teachout has been teaching Math subjects at COC since 2001, and he wanted to be part of the inaugural year at CCC because he saw a need and wanted to make a contribution to the successes of the new campus. His background includes both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in mathematics from CSUN, and teaching experience at CSUN, CSU Channel Islands, LA Valley College, and Moorpark College in addition to COC.

Mr. Teachout finds a great deal of satisfaction with being a part of the COC team and with working at the Canyon Country campus. Matt says that "The faculty, administrators and staff have all worked really hard to make the campus a success. It has been challenging at times, but everyone has really risen to the occasion. I have been particularly impressed with our Dean, Dena Maloney. She has done a great job of helping us work together and especially keeping our spirits up."

The campus has really blossomed these last couple months. The construction crews have done a fabulous job. I think the college community will be really pleased when the campus is completed. The rooms are really nice and the technology in the classrooms is fabulous. The continued expansion of the parking areas has made it easier for students to find parking. I think the students are also benefiting from taking classes here. Having a smaller campus gives the students more opportunities to interact with the faculty and feel connected to the other students."

These full-time faculty have all made tremendous contributions to the life and to the energy of the first class at CCC. While we owe a great debt of gratitude to all of the instructors who have contributed to the Canyon Country campus, special thanks goes out to the instructors who had the optimism and the passion to commit to the adventure of teaching all or most of their assignments at the Canyon Country campus. In particular, we want to recognize the following full-time faculty for their substantive contribution in this campus's first semester by teaching at least 50% of their classes at CCC: Ron Dreiling, Leong Le, M. McCaffrey, Mary Peterson, Mark Rafter, and Diana Stanich.

## Canyon Country Campus Important Dates

<b>December 14</b>	Cougar Mentor Coffee and Scantrons – Quad 2
<b>Fall 2007 Finals</b>	The final will be held the last day of your class. Please see your instructor for the exact date
<b>Winter/Spring 2008 Registration</b>	See College of the Canyons website at <a href="http://www.canyons.edu">www.canyons.edu</a> for all details and dates
<b>November 29</b>	Flu Shot Clinic – Quad 1
<b>December 3-15</b>	Buy Back textbook program at Canyon Country campus bookstore – Quad 3
<b>December 19-January 1</b>	Winter Break – Campus Closed
<b>January 2</b>	Winter 2008 Intersession Begins
<b>January 21</b>	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
<b>February 2</b>	Winter 2008 Intersession Ends
<b>February 4</b>	Spring 2008 Semester Begins
<b>February 11&amp;19</b>	American Red Cross Blood Drive – Parking Lot
<b>February 14</b>	Body-Mind-Wellness Challenge – Location TBD
<b>March 26</b>	Cougar Mentor Scholarship Workshop – Location TBD

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## Canyon Country Campus Directory

### Admissions & Records

Quad 1-C 476-3900  
 M-TH 8 am-7 pm  
 Friday 8 am-4 pm

### Assessment Center

Quad 1-B 476-3817  
 M,T,W 2 pm-5 pm  
 TH 9 am-12 noon

### Bookstore

Quad 3, Rm 300 476-3850  
 M,TH 7:45 am-1:30 pm  
 T, W 2 pm-7 pm  
 Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday

### Career Center

Quad 1-B, Rm 111 476-3816  
 Wednesday 10 am-6 pm

### Student Services Computer Lab

Quad 1-B 476-3818  
 M-TH 8 am-7 pm  
 Friday 8 am-4 pm

### Campus Safety

476-3800

### Counseling

Quad 1-A, Rms 106 & 108  
 L. Shaker 476-3807  
 M,W 8:30 am-4 pm  
 J. Visner 476-3809  
 TH 12 noon-7 pm  
 Fax: 476-3810  
 Call 476-3900 to make an appointment

### DSPS

Quad 1-B, Rm 110 476-3813  
 Monday 1 pm-5 pm

### Early College High School (ECHS)

Quad 5-502A 476-3860  
 M-TH 7:30 am-4 pm  
 Friday 7:30 am-3 pm

### EOPS

Quad 1-B, Rm 110 476-3814  
 Wednesday 9 am-1 pm

### Financial Aid

Quad 1-A, Rms 104 & 105 476-3804  
 T,TH 8 am-4 pm  
 W 11 am-7 pm

### Founding Dean's Office

Quad 1-A 476-3800  
 M-F 7:30 am-4:30 pm

### Market Place Café

Quad 3-300 476-3851  
 M-TH 7:30 am-3:30 pm  
 Friday 7:30 am-1:30 pm  
 Closed Sat & Sun

### Library

Quad 4, Rm 411 476-3854  
 M,TH 9 am-2 pm  
 T,W 9 am-7:30 pm  
 Closed Fri-Sun

### Student Business Office

Quad 1-C 476-3819  
 M-TH 8 am-7 pm  
 Friday 8 am-4 pm

### Student Health Center

Quad 1-B, Rm 109 476-3812  
 Monday 8 am-12:30 pm  
 Thursday 2:30 pm-6:30 pm

### Student Development

Quad 1-B, Rm 111 476-3815  
 Thursday 2 pm-5 pm

### Service Learning

Quad 1-B, Rm 109 476-3812  
 Wednesday 10 am-12 noon

### Transfer Center

Quad 1-B, Rm 111 476-3816  
 Thursday 10 am-1 pm

### Tutoring, Learning, Computing Lab (TLC)

Quad 4-411 476-3857  
 M,TH 9 am-2 pm  
 T,W 9 am-7:30 pm  
 Closed Friday & Saturday