This issue of USC College Highlights focuses on some of the outstanding achievements of our faculty, students and alumni during the 2008-09 academic year. We celebrated and acknowledged many of these achievements as they occurred. Still, we know that it is easy to lose track and perspective in the flurry of our daily activities. We will better appreciate the strength and vitality of our community if we take the time, once a year, to collect and share this information.

The diverse members of our community have distinguished themselves in many ways: receiving awards and accolades, producing important new scholarship, making new scientific discoveries, finding new support for exciting research initiatives, creating new centers of study, developing innovative academic programming, and promoting community outreach. Collectively these achievements tell the story of a lively, diverse, engaged and extremely accomplished College community.

These highlights illustrate the strength of our community. Given our size it is not possible, in this type of publication, to express all of the many and varied accomplishments of our faculty, students and alumni. For additional examples and ongoing updates, please visit USC College’s newly redesigned Web site at college.usc.edu, which acknowledges and honors in stories, images and videos the numerous compelling stories within the College.

Sincerely,

Howard Gillman, Dean
USC College of Letters, Arts & Sciences
FRANK ALBER (biological sciences) was named a 2009 Pew Scholar in the Biomedical Sciences.

T.C. BOYLE, USC Distinguished Professor of English and professor of English, was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

LAURIE BRAND (international relations) was named a Carnegie Scholar to study the relationship between Arab nationalism and Islam.

KARL CHRISTE (chemistry) was elected a fellow of the European Academy of Sciences.

MAIA K. DAVIS CROSS (international relations) was selected as a Fulbright scholar to the European Union Affairs Research Program.

RICHARD EASTERLIN, USC University Professor and professor of economics, was awarded the 2009 Prize in Labor Economics by the Institute for the Study of Labor, based in Bonn, Germany.

RUTH WILSON GILMORE (American studies and ethnicity) was elected president of the American Studies Association for a three-year term starting July 2009. She is the fourth USC faculty member to hold the title.

KAREN HALTTUNEN (history) earned a Guggenheim Fellowship to support her book about 19th-century New Englanders and their sense of identity in relation to place.

SAORI KATADA (international relations) was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Advanced Social Science Research on Japan Fellowship, which will help her to complete her book *Fragmented Regionalism*.

Below: Professor of English Margaret Russett, Professor of English Lawrence Green, Associate Professor of English Anthony Kemp, Dean’s Professor of English Bruce R. Smith, and Assistant Professor of English Emily Hodgson Anderson
CAROL MUSKE-DUKES (English) was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as California’s Poet Laureate for 2009–12.

GEORGE OLAH, USC Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Engineering, and holder of the Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Chair in Organic Chemistry, was elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

NICOS PETASIS, holder of the Harold and Lillian Moulton Chair in Chemistry and professor of chemistry, was awarded the American Chemical Society’s 2009 Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award.

SURYA PRAKASH, holder of the George A. and Judith A. Olah Nobel Laureate Chair in Hydrocarbon Chemistry and professor of chemistry, will receive the CRSI Medal from the Chemical Research Society of India.

SIMON TAVARÉ, holder of the George and Louise Kawamoto Chair in Biological Sciences and professor of biological sciences, preventive medicine and mathematics, was named a fellow of the United Kingdom’s Academy of Medical Sciences.

ARIEH WARSHEL (chemistry and biochemistry) was elected to the National Academy of the Sciences.

MICHAEL S. WATERMAN, USC University Professor, holder of the USC Associates Chair in Natural Sciences, and professor of biological sciences, computer science and mathematics, was named a 2009 fellow of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM). Waterman was also named an International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB) Fellow in their inaugural Fellows Class of 2009.

MICHAEL ARBIB, SARAH BOTTJER and MYRON GOODMAN were named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in recognition of their outstanding contributions in science and engineering. Arbib is USC University Professor, holder of the Fletcher Jones Chair in Computer Science, and professor of computer science, biological sciences and psychology. Bottjer is professor of biological sciences and psychology. Goodman is professor of biological sciences and chemistry.

FRANK ALBER and TANSU CELIKEL of biological sciences were named 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellows. The Sloan Research Fellowships support the work of young researchers early in their academic careers in the fields of physics, chemistry, computational and evolutionary molecular biology, computer science, economics, mathematics, and neuroscience.
THORSTEN BECKER (earth sciences) was a visiting fellow in Princeton University’s Department of Geosciences for spring 2008.

JOSEPH BOONE (English, gender studies and comparative literature) was named a fellow at the National Humanities Center for the 2009–10 academic year.

DOUGLAS CAPONE, holder of the William and Julie Wrigley Chair in Environmental Studies and professor of biological sciences, was elected to the California Academy of Sciences.

LYNNE CASPER (sociology) was elected president of the Association of Population Centers.

ANTONIO DAMASIO, holder of the David Dornsife Chair in Neuroscience and professor of psychology and neurology, was featured in an article titled “Speed Freaks” in Discover Magazine’s special Winter 2009 publication, The Brain. The article addresses Damasio’s role in expanding the field of neuroscience to include the connection between the brain and the body. He is director of the USC Brain and Creativity Institute. Damasio also received the first Richard Wollheim Memorial Award from the British Psychoanalytic Council and an honorary doctorate in economics from the Copenhagen Business School.

KELVIN J.A. DAVIES, professor of molecular and computational biology in USC College and holder of the James E. Birren Chair of Gerontology at the USC Davis School of Gerontology, was awarded an honorary doctoral degree by Semmelweis University of Budapest, Hungary.

BILL DEVERELL, professor of history and director of the Huntington-Usc Institute on California and the West, was appointed the 2009–10 Frederick W. Beinecke Senior Fellow in Western Americana at Yale University’s Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Below: Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Martin Levine (left) and Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Jackson (right) present Professor of Biological Sciences and Psychology Sarah Bottjer with a USC-Mellon Mentoring Award for faculty-to-faculty mentoring. Photo by Lee Salem.
STEVEN FINKEL (biological sciences) was selected as an American Society for Microbiology Branch Lecturer.

ALFRED FISCHER (earth sciences) was awarded the National Academy of Sciences’ Mary Clark Thompson Medal.

SUSAN FORSBURG (biological sciences) was appointed to the American Cancer Society’s Council for Extramural Grants.

SUSAN FRIEDLANDER (mathematics) was invited to serve on the National Academies’ Board on Mathematical Sciences and Their Applications.

MARGARET GATZ (psychology, gerontology and preventive medicine) won the American Psychological Association’s 2009 Developmental Health Award.

RUTH WILSON GILMORE (American studies and ethnicity) was awarded the Lora Romero First Book Publication Prize for the best first book in American studies that highlights the intersections of race with gender, class, sexuality and/or nation for her book titled *Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California* (University of California Press).

ROBERT GURALNICK (mathematics) was appointed G.C. Steward Visiting Fellow at the University of Cambridge’s Gonville and Caius College.

KO HONDA (mathematics) was appointed Simons Visiting Professor at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute for the program in Symplectic and Contact Geometry and Topology.

PIERRETTE HONDAGNEU-SOTELO (sociology) received ¡Adelante! California’s ¡Adelante! Award at the group’s March 2009 awards dinner. Hondagneu-Sotelo was also elected to the American Sociological Association’s executive council.

PATRICK JAMES, professor of international relations and director of the USC Center for International Studies, along with Politics and International Relations Ph.D. program doctoral student Abigail Ruane, received the Deborah “Misty” Gerner Innovative Teaching in International Studies Award from the International Studies Association for developing effective new approaches to teaching in the discipline. James also received the Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration section of the International Studies Association’s 2010 Distinguished Scholar Award.

THOMAS JORDAN, USC University Professor, holder of the William M. Keck Foundation Chair in Geological Sciences and professor of earth sciences, was appointed to the executive committee of leadership council governing the National Academy of Sciences and to the National Research Council’s governing board.

ROBIN D.G. KELLEY (American studies and ethnicity, and history) was appointed the Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford University for the 2009–10 academic year.

MALCOLM KLEIN (sociology) received the 2008 August Vollmer Award of the American Society of Criminology.

DANIEL LIDAR (chemistry and electrical engineering systems) has been named an Outstanding Referee of the *Physical Review* and *Physical Review Letters*. 
PETER MANCALL, professor of history and anthropology, and director of the USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society.

MICHAEL MESSNER (sociology and gender studies) received a 2008 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title for his book Out of Play: Critical Essays on Gender and Sport (State University of New York Press, 2007).

RICHARD MEYER, associate professor of art history and fine arts, and director of The Contemporary Project at USC, was selected for the College Art Association’s 2009 Art Journal Award for his essay titled “Artists sometimes have feelings.”

GERALDINE PETERS (physics and astronomy) served on the NASA 2008 Senior Review Committee evaluating the portfolio of the Astrophysics Division in Washington, D.C.

MARY ELISE SAROTTE (international relations) received the American Academy in Berlin’s 2009–10 Berlin Prize.

CARMEN SILVA-CORVALÁN (Spanish and Portuguese, and linguistics) was appointed a research associate at the United Kingdom’s Economic and Social Research Council’s Centre for Research on Bilingualism, Bangor University, and was awarded a grant to be a visiting researcher there.

A radio program based on BRUCE SMITH’s (English) The Acoustic World of Early Modern England won the 2009 Marulic Prize for best radio documentary devoted to the world’s culture heritage.

KEVIN STARR, USC University Professor and professor of history, was presented with the Distinguished Leadership Award by the American Ireland Fund at the California chapter’s annual fundraising gala.

JOHN STRAUSS (economics) has been renewed as the editor of Economic Development and Cultural Change.

WILLIAM THALMANN (classics and comparative literature) was selected as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study to pursue his book The Production of Space in the Argonautica of Apollonius of Rhodes.

BOSCO TJAN (psychology) was appointed to serve on the Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies Panel of the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, China.

KAREN TONGSON (English and gender studies) was appointed visiting assistant professor of performance studies and distinguished guest faculty in New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts.

RACHEL WALKER (linguistics) joined the Executive Committee of the Linguistic Society of America for a three-year term.

GIDEON YAFFE (philosophy and law) was awarded a New Directions Fellowship from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

LAWFORD ANDERSON (earth sciences) and AL FISCHER (earth sciences) were presented Distinguished Alumnus Awards by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Geology and Geophysics.

Supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and administered by the USC Center for Excellence in Teaching, the USC-Mellon Mentoring Awards honor individual faculty for helping build a supportive academic environment at USC through faculty-to-faculty and faculty-to-student mentoring. SARAH BOTTJER of biological sciences and psychology received an award for faculty-to-faculty mentoring, EUGÈNE COOPER of anthropology, MARK IRWIN of English, and VANESSA SCHWARTZ of history received USC-Mellon Mentoring Awards for mentoring graduate students. FRANK MANIS of psychology and JOHN ODELL of international relations received USC-Mellon Mentoring Awards for mentoring undergraduates.
OSCAR APARICIO (biological sciences), Analysis of Replication for Restart and Checkpoint Regulation After DNA Damage, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, $326,000

DONALD ARNOLD (biological sciences), Genetically Encoded Probes for Visualizing Neuronal Structure and Function, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, $301,550

MICHEL BAUDRY (biological sciences), Simulation of Learning: Models and Biological Validation, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, $561,095

ANTOINE BECHARA (psychology), Changes in Addictive Behaviors After Brain Lesions, National Institute of Drug Abuse, $464,162

SAMANTHA BUTLER (biological sciences), Regulation of Axonal Outgrowth in the Developing Spinal Cord, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, $356,563

XIAOJIANG CHEN (biological sciences), Understanding the Structural Basis of APOBEC Functions, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, $338,225; Structural Studies of MCM Complex, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, $334,150

LINDA DUGUAY (biological sciences), Sea Grant, USC W. O. Harris Marine Science Institute, $818,400

SUSAN FORSBURG (biological sciences), Genetic Analysis of MCM Protein Function in S. Pombe, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, $456,524; Checkpoints and Double Strand Breaks in S. Pombe Meiosis, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, $326,000

MYRON GOODMAN (biological sciences and chemistry), DNA Polymerase Fidelity Mechanisms: Theory and Experiment, National Cancer Institute, $1,151,687

DENNIS HEDGECOCK, Paxson H. Offield Professor in Fisheries Ecology and professor of biological sciences, GIGASNP: Genetic and Physical Mapping of the Pacific Oyster Genome in Support of an International Sequencing Initiative, U.S. Department of Agriculture, $711,884

KAREN HENNIGAN (psychology), Moving Forward on Gang Prevention: Knowledge and Application, U.S. Department of Justice, $399,882

KYUNG WOON JUNG (chemistry), Acquisition of a 500 MHz NMR Spectrometer for USC, National Center for Research Resources, $500,000

PEGGY KAMUF, Marion Frances Chevalier Professor of French, and professor of comparative literature and English, Translation of the Seminars of Jacques Derrida, National Endowment for the Humanities, $180,000

DAVID KANG (Korean Studies Institute), The Strategic Initiative for Korean Studies, Academy of Korean Studies, $600,000

DONALD MILLER (religion), Spirit in the World: A Global Pentecostal Research Initiative, John Templeton Foundation, $6,981,455; Gang Violence Intervention Project, California Department of Justice, $493,419

JAMES MOFFETT (biological sciences, earth sciences, and civil and environmental engineering), Collaborative Research: Grazing and Iron Controls of Diatom Blooms in the Arabian Sea, National Science Foundation, $344,047

JOHN ROBERT MONTEROSSO (psychology), Neural Recruitment During Self-Control of Smoking: An fMRI Paradigm, National Institute of Drug Abuse, $359,415; Effect of Anticipated Delay on Neural Response to Signal of Future Reward, National Institute of Drug Abuse, $348,413
KENNETH NEALSON, holder of the Wrigley Chair in Environmental Studies, and professor of earth sciences and biological sciences, Chromium Remediation and Recovery Using Microbial Fuel Cell Technology, National Science Foundation, $316,466

SERGEY NUZHDIN (biological sciences), GEPR: Community Genomics of Local Adaptation in Medicago truncatula, National Science Foundation, $798,770

GEORGE OLAH, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering and Materials Science and holder of the Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Chair in Organic Chemistry, Conversion of Natural Gas (Methane) and Carbon Dioxide to Methanol: The Methanol Economy, U.S. Department of Energy, $1,913,000

MANUEL PASTOR (geography, and American studies and ethnicity), The Color of Change: Inter-Ethnic Organizing and Youth Leadership for the 21st Century (revised), Gates Foundation, $155,000; Shaping Policy for Climate Justice: Bridging Scientific Analysis with New Policy and Regulation, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, $185,000

STANLEY ROSEN (East Asian Studies Center), Undergraduate Asian Studies Funding Initiative II, Freeman Foundation, $400,000

LOWELL STOTT (earth sciences), Acquisition of a New Continuous-Flow Stable Isotope Mass Spectrometer and Two Elemental Analyzers for Support of the University of Southern California Stable Isotope Facility, National Science Foundation, $321,095

MARK THOMPSON (chemistry), Center for Advanced Molecular Photovoltaics, Stanford University, $423,881; MRI: Acquisition of a 600 Mhz NMR at USC, National Science Foundation, $538,270

JOHN TOWER (biological sciences), Aging-Specific Gene Expression, National Institute on Aging, $1.5 million (5 years)

ERIC WEBB (biological sciences), The Role of Iron (Fe) in Controlling Situ Distributions and Activities of Marine Synechococcus, National Science Foundation, $416,063

BRUCE ZUCKERMAN (religion and linguistics), Emergency Rescue Project to Record and Distribute the Persepolis Fortification Archive, II: The Uninscribed and Elamite Tablets, University of Chicago, $299,838

USC College and the USC Viterbi School of Engineering faculty teamed up to establish an Energy Frontier Research Center with a $12.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. P. Daniel Dapkus of the Viterbi School will direct the EFRC for Emerging Materials for Solar Energy Conversion and Solid State Lighting. MARK THOMPSON, professor of chemistry in USC College, will serve as associate director of the newly created Center for Energy Nanoscience and Technology.
SELECTED Books

BOOKS

LISA BITEL (history and gender studies), *Landscape with Two Saints: How Genovefa of Paris and Brigit of Kildare Built Christianity in Barbarian Europe* (Oxford University Press)

JOHN BOWLT (Slavic languages and literatures), *Moscow & St. Petersburg 1900–1920: Art, Life & Culture of the Russian Silver Age* (Vendome Press)

T.C. BOYLE (English), *The Women* (Viking)

ROBERT CAMPANY (religion, and East Asian languages and cultures), *Making Transcendents: Ascetics and Social Memory in Early Medieval China* (University of Hawai‘i Press)


PERCIVAL EVERETT (English), *Abstraktion und Einfühlung: Poems by Percival Everett* (Akashic Books)

MACARENA GÓMEZ-BARRIS (sociology, and American studies and ethnicity), *Where Memory Dwells: Culture and State Violence in Chile* (University of California Press)


MARK IRWIN (English), *Tall If* (Western Michigan University Press)

MALCOLM KLEIN (sociology), *The Street Gangs of Euroburg: A Story of Research* (iUniverse)

ABRAHAM LOWENTHAL (Robert F. Erburu Professor of Ethics, Globalization and Development, and professor of international relations), *Global California: Rising to the Cosmopolitan Challenge* (Stanford University Press)

NANCY LUTKEHAUS (anthropology, gender studies and political science), *Margaret Mead: The Making of an American Icon* (Princeton University Press)

PETER MANCALL (history and anthropology), *Fatal Journey: The Final Expedition of Henry Hudson* (Basic Books)

MARÍA ELENA MARTÍNEZ (Latin American history), *Genealogical Fictions: Limpieza de Sangre, Religion and Gender in Colonial Mexico* (Stanford University Press)
MICHAEL MESSNER (sociology and gender studies), *It’s All for the Kids: Gender, Families, and Youth Sports* (University of California Press)

RICHARD MEYER (art history and fine arts) with Anthony W. Lee, *Weegee and ‘Naked City’* (University of California Press)

MANUEL PASTOR (geography, and American studies and ethnicity) with Chris Benner and Martha Matsuoka, *This Could Be the Start of Something Big: How Social Movements for Regional Equity Are Reshaping Metropolitan America* (Cornell University Press)

MARGARET ROSENTHAL (Italian) with Ann Rosalind Jones, *The Clothing of the Renaissance World* (Thames & Hudson)


APICHAI SHIPPER (political science and international relations), *Fighting for Foreigners: Immigration and Its Impact on Japanese Democracy* (Cornell University Press)

BRUCE SMITH (English), *The Key of Green: Passion and Perception in Renaissance Culture* (University of Chicago Press)

SCOTT SOAMES, director of the School of Philosophy, *Natural Language: What It Means & How We Use It* (Princeton University Press)


STEVE SUSSMAN (psychology and professor of preventive medicine and psychology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC) with Susan L. Ames, assistant professor at the Keck School’s department of preventive medicine, *Drug Abuse: Concepts, Prevention and Cessation* (Cambridge University Press)


PUBLICATIONS


LIN CHEN (biological sciences and chemistry) coauthored “DNA Binding Site Sequence Directs Glucocorticoid Receptor Structure and Activity,” which appeared in the April 17, 2009, issue of *Science*. 
PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

ANTONIO DAMASIO, director of the USC Brain and Creativity Institute, coauthored the opinion essay “Behind the Looking-Glass,” which appeared in the July 10, 2008, issue of Nature.


ERIC WEBB (biological sciences) coauthored “Phytoplankton in the Ocean Use Non-Phosphorus Lipids in Response to Phosphorus Scarcity,” which appeared in the March 5, 2009, issue of Nature.

MYRON GOODMAN (biological sciences and chemistry) and XIAOJIANG CHEN (biological sciences) and their coauthors published “Crystal Structure of the Anti-Viral APOBEC3G Catalytic Domain and Functional Implications,” which appeared in the November 6, 2008, issue of Nature.

Undergraduate

16 FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS (2008 & 2009)
17 MCPP SCHOLARSHIPS
1 CORO FELLOWSHIP
1 ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
1 BOREN SCHOLARSHIP
1 BOREN FELLOWSHIP

Glamour magazine selected senior Pauline Yang as among the most impressive female students in America in its 51st annual “TOP 10 COLLEGE WOMEN COMPETITION.” The political science major and accomplished pianist will travel to the Middle East with Music in Me, a nonprofit organization bringing music to refugee children.
The total number of **FORD FOUNDATION DIVERSITY FELLOWS** currently in the American Studies and Ethnicity Ph.D. program has increased to 10 students, a record number for any Ph.D. program in any field in the nation.

Four Master of Professional Writing program students won scholarships to attend the **NEW YORK STATE SUMMER WRITERS INSTITUTE**’s 23rd annual program at Skidmore College.

Four College graduate students were selected to receive **HAYNES FOUNDATION DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS**. They received $20,000 awards from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation to support their dissertation research.

Four students from the Master of Liberal Studies program attended the **GRADUATE LIBERAL STUDIES JOINT SYMPOSIUM** held at Stanford University.

Graduate students in the Department of Art History were awarded an **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP**, **HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION/AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS IN AMERICAN ART**, a **PATRICIA AND PHILLIP FROST PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP** at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and a **CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIP**.

Politics and International Relations (POIR) Ph.D. program graduate Amy Below ’08 and international relations doctoral student Jenifer Whitten-Woodring won the **BEST PAPER AWARD** from the **INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION**’s International Communication section for their paper titled “Climate Change in the News: Media and U.S. Environmental Foreign Policy.”

Glenda Flores (sociology) received the **AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**’s (ASA) Latino/a Sociology section’s **CRISTINA MARIA RIEGOS DISTINGUISHED STUDENT PAPER AWARD** as well as the ASA’s Race, Gender, and Class section’s **GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**.

Jennifer Black (history) received three fellowships: a **KECK FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP** at the Huntington Library, a semester **DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP AT THE WINTERTHUR MUSEUM** and a semester **FELLOWSHIP AT THE SMITHSONIAN** in Washington, D.C. Her paper, “Corporate Calling Cards: Advertising Trade Cards and Logos in U.S. c. 1876–1890,” was selected for the National Conference for the Popular Culture / American Culture Association’s **WILLIAM M. JONES AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER IN AMERICAN CULTURE**.

Emily Schoenhofen Sharp (psychology) received the **ELDERHOSTEL K. PATRICIA CROSS DOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANT** for the 2009–10 academic year.
CHRIS ABANI (Ph.D., literature & creative writing, ’06) was named a 2009 Guggenheim Fellow in Fiction.

CELIA AYALA (B.A., Spanish & sociology, ’76) was appointed by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee.

THOMAS C. BRUICE (B.S., chemistry, ’50; Ph.D., chemistry, ’54) was awarded the 2008 Linus Pauling Medal, which is given annually by the Oregon, Portland and Puget Sound sections of the American Chemical Society.

DAVID S. CUNNINGHAM III (B.A., ethnic studies, ’77) was appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to a judgeship in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

MIKE DONLEY (B.A., international relations, ’77; M.A., international relations, ’78) was reappointed Secretary of the Air Force by President Barack Obama.

GEOFFREY A. GOODMAN (B.A., political science & speech communication, ’73) was appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to a judgeship in the Sacramento County Superior Court.

GUY R. GRUPPIE (B.A., political science & journalism, ’88) was named 2009 Southern California Super Lawyer in a vote of his peers conducted by Law & Politics Magazine.

KRISTIN HANGGI (MPW, ’02) was nominated for a 2009 Tony Award for best direction of a musical for the Broadway show Rock of Ages.

JOHN W. HOUSE (B.A., biological sciences, ’64; M.D., ’67) was elected secretary/treasurer of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.
ALEXANDRU IFTIMIE (B.A., international relations and global business, ’07) was named a Paul and Daisy Soros New American Fellow for 2009.

RICHARD KEELOR (Ph.D., physical education, ’74) received the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award.

MITCHELL LEW (B.S., biological sciences, ’83; M.D., ’87) was elected president of the USC Asian Pacific Alumni Association.

MERCEDES MÁRQUEZ (B.A., political science, ’82) was appointed Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development in the Department of Housing and Urban Development by President Obama.

KEVIN O’CONNOR (Ph.D., English, ’95), who serves as dean of Saddleback College’s Liberal Arts and Learning Resources, has been named Administrator of the Year of the South Orange County Community College District.

ANTHONY ONG (Ph.D., psychology, ’02) was awarded the 2008 Springer Early Career Achievement Award in Research on Adult Development and Aging from the American Psychological Association’s Division of Adult Development and Aging. He also received the 2008 Margret M. and Paul B. Baltes Early Career Award in Social and Behavioral Gerontology from the Gerontological Society of America.

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS (Ph.D., religion, ’89) was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for the Second District.

NIEN-LING WACKER (M.S., chemistry, ’73), president and CEO of Laserfiche, a leading provider of enterprise content management (ECM) software, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College’s Department of Chemistry for her entrepreneurial career.
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Two new interdisciplinary programs were established: the BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND LAW; and the BACHELOR OF ARTS IN NARRATIVE STUDIES. Each includes coursework from more than one College department and other USC schools.

An interdisciplinary minor in EARLY MODERN STUDIES, which brings together courses in English, history, art history and music history, was submitted for approval.

An interdisciplinary minor in COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY AND BIOINFORMATICS, which includes courses in biology, mathematics, computer science and bioengineering, was approved for fall 2009.

Two new degrees in ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES were approved: a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science, with courses from several College departments and the USC Marshall School of Business.

Two new majors were approved in kinesiology: a BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY and a BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMAN PERFORMANCE.

A second course was approved toward a MINOR IN ARMENIAN STUDIES.

PROBLEMS WITHOUT PASSPORTS expanded from three program destinations in its inaugural year to nine in 2009, including Brazil, Belize, Cambodia, Catalina Island, Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands, Los Angeles, Mexico, and Washington, D.C.

Fifty new (individual student) progressive degrees were approved.

The FRESHMAN SEMINAR PROGRAM offered 34 seminars this year, including new sections on the Book of Genesis (taught by Sol Golomb), and political humor (by Tim Gustafson).

The CRITICAL THINKING ASSESSMENT PROJECT progressed along two fronts: the process of refining the rubric advanced with a discussion among writing instructors and other interested faculty and staff; and the electronic environment necessary to gather, store, and review essays was developed in collaboration with ITS and College Technology Services.

Eight new courses were added for general education credit — three in religion and one each in classics, East Asian languages and cultures, history, psychology, and political science.

More than 100 undergraduate papers were presented at the THEMATIC OPTION CONFERENCE. In addition, the program held a program-wide debate for the first time on election eve.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The new MASTER'S PROGRAM IN VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY carries out a research and teaching program established with the founding of the Center for Visual Anthropology in 1984, but reformulates its goals within the structure of a progressive degree program that can be completed by USC students majoring in visual anthropology within a single year. Taking
The U.S. Coast Guard approved passenger travel on a boat owned by USC and operated by the **USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies** in April. The *Zephyrus* is 45 feet long and is approved for up to 20 passengers and two crew members. Its primary service is to offer daily roundtrips between its homeport in San Pedro and the Wrigley Marine Science Center on Catalina Island.

Don Miller, executive director of the **Center for Religion and Civic Culture**, established the Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative (PCRI), funded by a $6.9 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation.

The Strategic Initiative for Korean Studies (SIKS) at the Academy of Korean Studies selected David Kang, director of the **Korean Studies Institute** (KSI) and professor of international relations and business, to receive a $600,000, five-year grant. This is the first grant SIKS has awarded to Kang and USC.

USC College and the **Korean Studies Institute** also signed a memorandum of understanding with the Academy of Korean Studies to establish a program of academic exchange and cooperation including exchange of faculty members, graduate students, and educational resource materials, as well as credit transfer.

The **Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics** has established a partnership with the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs to help create a global, interactive network with educational institutions around the world. Carnegie Ethics Studio partners contribute original content to share with the network, and host interactive discussions across continents. In the process, a cross-cultural dialogue develops and educational activities take on deeper, richer dimensions. USC College Technology Services will act as the technical center for the network.

The **USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education** was featured in an HBO documentary, *In Perpetuity: The Story of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute*, which followed select HBO airings of Steven Spielberg’s *Schindler’s List*.

Leading advocate for Holocaust education and prevention Dr. Stephen D. Smith was appointed executive director of the **Shoah Foundation Institute**. Kim Simon, who served as interim executive director this past year, became the new managing director of the institute.

The **Institute of Modern Russian Culture** formally opened in the Shrine Auditorium near University Park Campus in April.

In fall 2009 the **Neurobiology Ph.D. Program** re-opened. The program’s faculty conduct research to elucidate basic principles of neural function from molecular function to animal behavior, spanning the levels of genes, cells, neural networks, and whole nervous systems.
Community

The USC CENTER FOR URBAN YOUTH (CUY), directed by Gayla Margolin of psychology, was established to improve the lives of urban youths in myriad ways — from assessing and treating learning and behavioral problems to counseling victims of violence to addressing obesity. Working with local Inner City Education Foundation Public Schools, USC professors and students conduct and implement research based on the most pressing needs.

Partnering with Quiksilver, Inc., a well-known international producer and distributor of surfing apparel, and the Quiksilver Foundation, the USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies created the QUICKSCIENCE CHALLENGE, a competition for teams of middle school and high school students who create projects and portfolios on an ocean science subject. This team competition is designed to spark the students’ interest in science and the ocean and their capacity for leadership.

The EDISON CHALLENGE is a joint project of the USC Wrigley Institute and Edison International, the electric utility that serves much of southern California through its subsidiary, Southern California Edison (SCE). The Edison Challenge gives middle and high school students in the SCE service territory a chance to improve K-12 science education through “hands on” projects. It brings together teams of teachers and students in grades 6-12 to create environmental science projects and to compete for prizes that include trips to Catalina Island and the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Two faculty members of the College Writing Program created a new version of Writing 340, Advanced Writing, in collaboration with the Joint Education Project and the Institute for Multimedia Literacy. This class, THE WRITER IN THE COMMUNITY, places writing in a real-world context by partnering USC students with community groups to identify local problems and use rhetorical tools to address them.
In 2008–09, USC College raised $46,219,159 (as of July 31, 2009) in cash and pledges. Our fundraising effort is at an all-time high. This year’s achievements were highlighted by the following gifts:

- A gift of $660,000 from NANCY AND ALFRED GUENTHER to support the USC College neuroscience program.

- A $1 MILLION gift to the Joint Educational Project from an anonymous donor who challenged USC COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF to reach at least 50 percent participation in the Good Neighbors Campaign.

- A bequest of $1 MILLION from the estate of EVELYN BRIER to the Half Century Trojans Endowed Scholarship Fund, which provides support for children, grandchildren and other descendants of USC alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago.

- A gift of $1 MILLION from PEGGY AND ALLAN KWONG to establish the Kwong Family Endowed Fellowships and the Kwong Family Research Fund at the USC Brain and Creativity Institute.

- A gift of $1.4 MILLION from BARRON AND LINDA YANAGA to support the USC Department of Economics.

- A $2 MILLION gift from ANDREW AND ERNA VITERBI — made through the Viterbi Family Foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation — to the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education to endow the institute’s Web site.

- A lead gift of $6 MILLION from DANA AND DAVID DORNSIFE to support a new facility that will house the USC Brain and Creativity Institute on the University Park campus.

- USC College’s Class of 2009 had 79 percent participation in the SENIOR GIFT CHALLENGE, totalling more than $4,700.