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## OUR NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING

By now, I hope all of you have had an opportunity to visit the new Collaborative Studies Building. It takes only one walk-through to see that this facility is a major and significant addition to our campus, giving us 12 new classrooms and easing the demand for learning space in the Instructional Building. The classrooms are not only spacious and conducive to learning, but most contain views of either the Quad or the mountains that are beautiful. Four of the classrooms are divided by sound-proof partitions that can be opened to create two large meeting areas, one on each floor. The new building contains about 20,000-square feet of space, has a capacity for about 650 people, and includes faculty offices, a conference room, and two restrooms



True to our goal, we were able to open the facility on the first day of the Spring semester. This would not have been possible without extraordinary effort on the part of Roy Paulson, Julius Walker, Victor Renolds and the rest of the facilities staff. This group of hardworking individuals had, in effect, only one week between the time we were given possession of the building and the first day of the Spring semester to ready the facility for occupancy. By scrounging, improvising and through sheer determination and teamwork, they helped us meet our deadline.

If you have toured the building, you will have noticed that it remains a work in progress. Finishing touches are needed here and there; we are still awaiting the classroom furniture and equipment that will ultimately be used; and, most significantly, the faculty offices that are an important element of the new building are not yet complete. Ultimately, the Collaborative Studies Building will house nine faculty offices. Two will be located near the conference room that faces the Quad and should be ready soon; another seven will be housed in a faculty space that remains under construction. These offices will not be ready until the end of the Spring semester. It should be noted that the opening of the Collaborative Studies Building allowed us to convert two former classrooms in the Instructional Building into space for up to 12 faculty cubicles.



At this time, we have not set a date for a formal dedication of the building, but that event will occur in the Spring. As many of you know, the building will be named for the late Guadalupe Ramirez, our longtime friend and supporter known fondly as "the mother of Mission College" due to her efforts to bring a community college to the northeast San Fernando Valley. We look forward to that event. Were she alive today, I am certain that Ms. Ramirez would be as pleased and proud of the new building that will bear her name as are the rest of us.



## BLACK CULTURAL AWARENESS MONTH

Author Lillian Pegues Jennings spent the day at Mission College recently, signing copies of her books and reading from her works. Her visit was one of many activities held on campus to mark Black Cultural Awareness Month. Dr. Jennings is the author of the poetical and fictional works "Family Tales: Curse or Happenstance," "Reflections of a Native Daughter," and "My Solitude." A lifelong educator and clinical psychologist who spent much of her career in Virginia, Dr. Jennings now resides in Mission Hills. For a listing of continuing activities this month, see Calendar of Upcoming Events on back page.



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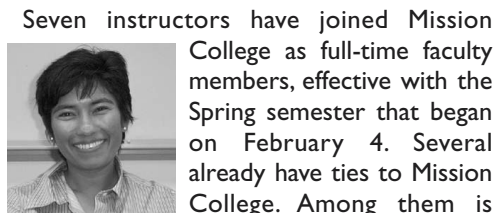
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## calendar of UPCOMING EVENTS

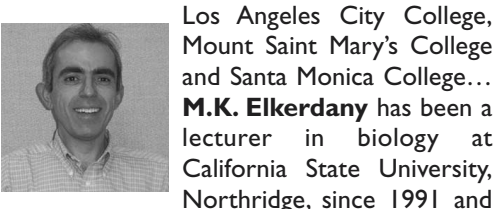
Date	Event
To 3/8	La Opinion 75th Anniversary
2/21	Photo Exhibition, South Atrium "African Americans in the Media," James Henry, noon, CC 5
2/21	College Council meeting, 1 p.m., CC 1
2/25	Book Review with Michael Datcher & Jenoyne Adams, 7 p.m., Library
2/26	Black Art Display, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., CC Lobby
2/27	"Taste of Soul Food" culinary arts demonstration, time & place TBA
2/27	Citizens Oversight Committee (Prop.A) meeting, 5:30 p.m., CC 4
3/15	Districtwide Citizens Oversight Committee (Prop.A) meeting, noon, Downtown Los Angeles
3/20	Foundation meeting, 8 a.m., CC 4

## focus on MISSION PEOPLE



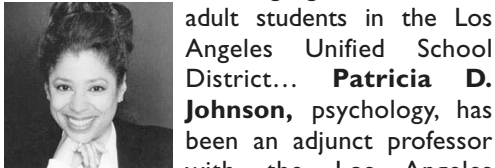
Seven instructors have joined Mission College as full-time faculty members, effective with the Spring semester that began on February 4. Several already have ties to Mission College. Among them is **Vilma Bernal**, new instructor in business. For the last two years, she has served as director of the college's Welfare to Work program. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Pepperdine University and a Master's degree in business administration from Woodbury University...

**Carolyn Daly** teaches English. She holds a Ph.D. in comparative literature from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor's degree in humanities from UC Berkeley. She has taught English at Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles City College, Mount Saint Mary's College and Santa Monica College...

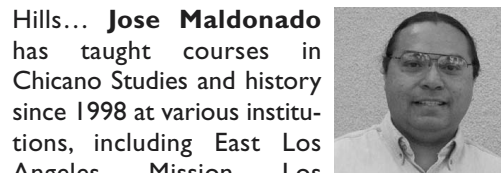


**M.K. Elkerdany** has been a lecturer in biology at California State University, Northridge, since 1991 and an adjunct instructor in the natural sciences department at Mission College since 1992. He holds a Ph.D. in craniofacial biology from the University of Southern California and a Master's degree in oral histology and pathology from Alexandria University in Egypt...

**Teresa English**, instructor in developmental communications, holds a Master's degree in education from California State University, Los Angeles, and a Bachelor's degree in liberal studies from California State University, Northridge. For the last 16 years, English has taught reading and language arts skills to adult students in the Los Angeles Unified School District...



**Patricia D. Johnson**, psychology, has been an adjunct professor with the Los Angeles Community College District for more than seven years, the last three at Mission College. She was a marriage and family therapist in private practice for nine years. Currently a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at Ryokan College in Los Angeles, she holds a Master's degree in clinical psychology from Antioch University and a Bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University, Dominguez



Hills... **Jose Maldonado** has taught courses in Chicano Studies and history since 1998 at various institutions, including East Los Angeles, Mission, Los Angeles City, and Pasadena City community colleges and California Polytechnic University, Pomona. He holds a

Master's degree in history from Arizona State University, where he is currently a Ph.D. candidate...

**Myriam Mekelburg** has taught sociology classes at several colleges, including Los Angeles Trade-Tech, Pierce, Valley, College of the Canyons, Moorpark and Ventura College. Since 1997, she also has served as director of Valley College's Independent Living Program, which prepares foster youth to live on their own. She holds Master's and Bachelor's degrees in sociology from California State University, Northridge.

The San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council has presented its Mayor Tom Bradley Award to Mission College student **Baltazar Martinez**, an ASO senator. The award was given to Martinez as part of Martin Luther King, Junior, ceremonies. Martinez was selected because of his commitment to serving others through his campus, community and church volunteer work.

**Victor Renolds**, facilities unit, has been promoted to general foreman at Mission College. Renolds will assist facilities manager **Roy Paulson** in the coordination of various maintenance projects and special events. Paulson also announced the hiring of **Mark Cupp**, a 16-year district employee most recently with Pierce College, as the new night custodial supervisor.

**Sonia Soto-Bair** has taken charge of the Cooperative Education program. **Bill Farmer**, vice president for academic affairs, said the college will conduct a search for a permanent replacement.

Those of you accustomed to seeing **Lisa Parker** in the mailroom will now find her staffing the information desk in Campus Center. She has begun her new duties as an information clerk.

Student **Jimmy Campos** has been selected to serve as ASO treasurer for the remainder of the school year. A business major, Campos hopes to attend Woodbury University in the fall.