



Sharing Research Experiences



Photo by Patrick Laboon

Over spring break, Dr. Charlotte Lee, a political science instructor in the Social Science Department, presented her research findings of northeast China at a conference hosted by the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University. From 2006 to 2011, Dr. Lee visited the county of Zouping, in the Chinese province of Shandong, to conduct interviews with Chinese officials and everyday Chinese citizens. She focused on understanding everyday life in Zouping, as well as how government officials in China adapted to globalization.

"China is a dynamic country in the midst of complex political, social, and economic transformations, and these changes affect us, here in Berkeley, in many ways," Dr. Lee commented. "I love bringing my research experiences into the classroom to help China come alive for my students."

Dr. Lee's research on Zouping was recently published in an edited volume, *Zouping Revisited: Adaptive Governance in a Chinese County* (Stanford University Press, 2018).

MMART's Tribute to Gerald Charles

Last week, 50+ people including students, alumni, faculty and staff from both BCC and Laney, gathered together to remember Gerald Charles. Charles, originally a student, was a teaching assistant, where he nurtured the work of his peers at both colleges.

At the memorial, MMART screened his films and photos and created an altar in his honor with photographs, notes and memories from people attending. Attendees at the memorial shared stories of his creative, compassionate and gentle spirit. He was a friend to many here at BCC and beyond.



International Center Now Open Full-time



The Berkeley City College Office of International Education (OIE) was officially opened April 11 by BCC President Dr. Rowena Tomaneng, Vice President for Student Services, Jason Cifra and Interim Director of International Education, Thomas Torres-Gil with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This was part of a week-long opening celebration where students were encouraged to explore the new office, enjoy food and music, and meet the OIE staff. The team comprises of International Program Manager Matt Jones, International Student Support Specialist Karla David, and International Program Specialist Mang-Ling Cho, assisted by a cadre of peer advisors.

The OIE manages admission of international students with non-immigrant visas, chiefly F-1 and J-1. They offer a plethora of support services for international students ranging from academic counseling to social activities, connecting students while introducing them to American culture.

Students who use BCC OIE also benefit from its multiple student work and study stations, features of its newly-renovated office. The center, at 2000 Center Street, Suite #100, is open for full-time service.

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Pres. Tomaneng Featured Speaker at APAHE Conference



12th Annual Region III CARE/CalWORKs Student Conference



On April 14, a few of BCC's CARE & CalWORKs students attended the 12th Annual Region III CARE/CalWORKs Student Conference at the College of San Mateo. This annual student retreat is an opportunity to validate and show appreciation for all of the hard work and sacrifice of our student parents.

This year's theme, *Validating Feelings, Healing the Pain, Trusting the Process*, was designed to help busy, overwhelmed, student parents realize the importance of self-care, breaking the cycle of repetitive traumatic practices, and offering suggestions and tools for doing such lifelong work. It was an remarkable experience had by all.

President's Award 2018 Recipients

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the President's Award and thank you to all those for supporting BCC's mission to "Transform Lives." Listed left to right in photo:

- **Alvin "Chris" Lebo-Planas**, Faculty, Learning Communities/PERSIST
- **Jeejun Bertuso**, Staff Assistant, Student Services
- **Anthony Abuan**, Student Employee, English, Curriculum, and Student Learning Outcomes
- **Susan Truong**, Faculty and co-Chair, Counseling
- **Gail Pendleton**, Coordinator, Assessment Center
- **Azul Lewis**, Instructional Laboratory Assistant, Chemistry
- **Shannon Penn**, Faculty, Learning Communities/PERSIST and UMOJA



Excerpt from "Women Share Career Ups, Downs at APAHE Conference," by Lydia Lum

The annual conference of the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) was held in Oakland last week. Since its 1987 inception, the organization has developed programs and addressed issues impacting Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs).

As one of very few Filipina college presidents nationally, Tomaneng shared some of her career ups and downs at the conference so that others, especially women, could learn from them and not feel alone when dealing with their own difficulties.

During the APAHE conference session featuring Tomaneng, titled "Women in Executive Leadership Positions," she encouraged participants to be brave in the face of adversity and opposition.

To read the full article, visit:
<http://diverseeducation.com/article/114408/>

calendar/deadlines

Bay Area Book Festival
 Sat, Apr 28, 8:00 am–6:00 pm
 Auditorium

Exploring Queer History Through Comics, with cartoonist Justin Hall
 Tue, May 8, 12:15 pm–1:15 pm
 BCC Auditorium

BCC Voice Spring Release Party
 Tue, May 8, 12:15 pm–1:30 pm
 Atrium

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