

ASL NEWS

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Campus & District News

A lot has been going on at BCC since the end of the spring semester! There have been a number of staffing changes on campus. To start, BCC has hired a large number of full-time faculty who have begun work this semester. The ASL department was one of those doing some hiring this summer. Jenny Gough, Ph.D. is our new instructor. She is teaching two sections of American Sign Language I and the Deaf Culture I course. Please give her a big welcome! Look for a profile on her in a future issue of the newsletter.

Other new full-time faculty are: Mary Clarke-Miller in multimedia, Charlottee Lee in political science, Carolyn Martin in art, Francisco Monsalve-Santa in physics, and Jenny Yap in the library.

New full-time counselors: Skylar Barton, Denise Jones, Catherine Nichols, and Christina Taing.

We are also expecting new staff to be joining us in the following positions: the transfer & career information center coordinator, financial aid specialist (2), EOPS coordinator, director of campus life and student activities, dean of instruction (2), and vice president of student services.

The Peralta Community College District also has a new chancellor, Jowel Laguerre, Ph.D., a native of Haiti.



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Wanna Get an ?

Use These 7 -mazing Tips From Instructor Iva Ikeda

ssignments and ctivities: Complete homework and other assignments on time to prepare you to participate in class activities. Not only will you benefit from the practice and prep which will help you be fully engaged in class, but it also shows respect to your classmates. If you come to class unprepared, it unfairly puts the burden on your fellow students to fill you in on what you missed. Meaning they can't take full advantage of the activity.

ttendance: Attendance affects your learning and sign skills. In other courses it may not be crucial to attend every class, but with ASL, you can fall behind quickly if you aren't present. Plan your schedule so that you will not have appointments or other commitments preventing you from being in class. If you **must** miss a class, check with your classmates to find out what was covered while you were out.

ttention: It might seem to go without saying, but I'll say it anyway: pay attention to what the instructor is demonstrating in class. Particularly, look for handshape, movement, palm orientation, structure, and facial grammar.

ssessment: Learn to assess your own signing skills in order to improve. Instructors will guide you in various way to learn how to assess your skills. Use these techniques when reviewing your work to

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Events & Announcements

Three Free Places to Park Your Bicycle in

Downtown Berkeley. 1. BCC Bike Room. Enter the building through the main doors and take the elevator on your left down to the ground floor. Do not bring bikes up or down on the stairs. 2. Across the street from BCC at the City Garage. **Also FREE vehicle parking for people with disabilities available here.** 3. At the Downtown Berkeley Bike Station at 2208 Shattuck Avenue, just beyond the intersection of Shattuck and Allston Way. Minimal fees may apply for night parking. (510) 548-7433 or bartbikestation.com.

Information about local Deaf events is available at DCARA's web site, dcara.org and click on "events". One-time and on-going events are listed as well as a captioned movie finder.

ASL COFFEE SOCIALS

Antioch. 1st Friday of the month 7-11 pm. Starbucks, 5779 Lone Tree Way #G in the Slatten Ranch Shopping Center (across from Target). For more information: melissachildcare@gmail.com.

Berkeley. 2nd Friday of the month, 7-10 pm. Royal Grounds Coffee & Tea, 2409 Shattuck Avenue. For more information: Daniel at pah_daniel@aol.com or Pam at pmbrawl@aol.com.

Livermore. Every Thursday, 5-6 pm at Panama Bay Coffee, 2115 1st Street. For more information: Elizabeth at eglaux@pacbell.net or check their facebook page.

San Francisco #1. 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month, 6:05-9:05 pm. Starbucks at 2727 Mariposa Street, near KQED. For more information: sanfransaslclub@gmail.com.

San Francisco #2. Every Thursday 6:30-9:00 pm. ASL Cafe by Project Insight. **New Location:** Mission Playground Clubhouse, 3555 - 19th Street. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, including changes, cancellations, etc.: contactpi@sfgov.org or projectinsight.org.

San Francisco #3. Deaf LGBT. 1st Friday of the month, 6-8 pm. Cafe Flore, 2298 Market Street, San Francisco (across from LookOut). For more information go to <http://sites.google.com/site/rlsdbayarea/calendar>. All hearing and deaf LGBTIQ and straight folks are welcome.

Santa Rosa. Meets every Sunday at 10 am at Aroma Roasters at Railroad Square on 4th Street.

Vallejo. 1st Wednesday of the month, 7-11 pm. Starbucks at 400 Lincoln Road East. Contact: tatobud@sbeglobal.net

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recognize your strengths and improve your weaknesses.

Assertiveness: Be assertive. Participate and practice in class activities, whether in pairs, groups, or whatever. Ask your instructor to repeat or for clarification if you have trouble following what is happening. Help your classmates as well. Helping others will help you to develop your ability to express yourself in ASL (instead of relying on finger-spelling).

Attitude: Try to maintain a positive attitude. We all have different backgrounds and life experiences. We don't learn at the same pace, so don't compare yourself to others. Focus on what you can do and try your best. Also, show respect to Deaf people and their culture in the classroom and when you are at events. This means no use of voice when Deaf people are present.

Have a great semester! 🙌🙌

Interested students can join the ASL listserv by sending an e-mail message containing your name, class that you are enrolled in, and instructor's name to bcc_vistaaslgroupp-subscribe@yahoo.com. If you join, you will receive information about Deaf events, articles of interest, job announcements, etc. You can also post information, find other students to form a study group, have discussions, to name just a few options. Membership is limited to current and previous Vista/BCC ASL students.

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ASL MEETUP GROUPS

Berkeley/Oakland. meetup.com/Berkeley-Oakland-ASL-Meet/

San Francisco. meetup.com/asl-294/

Vallejo Bible Church of the Deaf. Sunday and Friday services. 1640 Broadway Street, Vallejo. For more information: vallejodeafchurch@yahoo.com; vallejodeafchurch.org

Hands On Travel tours. Small group tours in ASL. Some 2012 tours have places remaining. Locations include: Thailand, Japan, Italy, Honduras, France & Spain, Costa Rica, China, Russia, Finland and the Baltics, and Peru. Hands On Travel has partnered with Aqua Hands to offer scuba tours! For more information and a listing of all tours go to handsontvl.com

Mozzeria. A San Francisco Italian restaurant and pizzeria owned by a Deaf couple opened on December 9. Restaurant features a huge wood-fired oven imported from Italy. Deaf and hearing diners welcome. 3228 16th Street (near Guerrero), SF. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. (415) 489-0963, mozzeria.com. See article at <http://blogs.kqed.org/bayareabites/2011/11/28/deaf-owned-mozzeria-shows-signs-of-great-pizza-coming-to-the-mission/>

California Deaf Wheelers Cycling Club. The club promotes the sport of cycling among deaf and hard of hearing people. Membership is open to all, no specific skills or experience is required. Casual coffee rides via bike trails, road rides and mountain biking. californiadeafwheelers.org

Sacred Circle, a gathering of Deaf native people. deaf-native.com

The Deaf Club Movie. October 9, 1:00 & 7:00 pm. Deaf Community Center, 1550 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro. Door opens a half hour before movie starts. For 1pm show, \$10 at the door; for 7pm show, \$15 at the door. Appetizers and drinks provided. rusticlanternfilms.com. More info or accommodations: Angelina O'Willow at dcc@dcara.org or (510) 343-6664. This event is a fundraiser for DCARA.

DeafNation Expo. October 10, 9 am-5 pm. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Young California Bldg, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton. Touring trade show (including exhibits & entertainment) for, by, and about deaf people. Free admission. <http://deafnation.com/dnexpo/pleasanton-ca/>

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Congratulations to the 2015 ASL Graduates!

Dana Aronson

David Clinton

Emily Fijat

Carol Hackler

Stacey Hooker

Katrina Hudson

Elisa Pasillas Campos

James Preston

Aaron Tworek

Nicole Watson

Wilhelmina Webb

Patience Winterton



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California School for the Deaf Homecoming.

October 17. California School for the Deaf, 39350 Galaudet Drive, Fremont (field and big gym). CSD Fremont plays CSD Riverside. Food and booths 12:30-5 pm. Volleyball game at 11 am. Football game at 2 pm. Homecoming royalty at half time. \$10 adults; \$7 senior citizens; \$5 students; 4 years old and under is free. More info: kevinkovacs@csdf-cde.ca.gov or csdathletics.com.

Enough Is Enough: Collaboration for

Change. October 23, 10 am-3 pm. Workshops for Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard of Hearing, Late-Deafened communities, and advocates. Part 1 "Captioning: Your Rights and Advocacy." Ed Roberts Campus, 3075 Adeline Street (at Ashby BART), Berkeley 94703. Register by Oct. 9. Presented in ASL. CART provided. CDI, Deaf-Blind interpreters, etc. provided by request. Register: <http://goo.gl/forms/QWPOXI087v>. Lunch provided. More info: contact Yesenia Roman at (510) 267-1200 or Yesenia.Roman@disabilityrightsea.org.

DeafOMCA: Days of the Dead Community

Celebration. October 25, 12-4:30 pm. Oakland Museum of California, Museum Gardens, Oak Street Plaza. Deaf artists lead arts and crafts activities, ASL storyteller, Deaf docent will lead a treasure hunt, and ASL interpreters at all events. Free admission for Deaf community members and their families **with advanced reservations**. RSVP to deafomca@gmail.com. All others \$15. More info: <http://museumca.org/>

Enough Is Enough: Collaboration for

Change. November 6, 10 am-3 pm. Deaf Community Center, 1550 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, 94577. Workshops for Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard of Hearing, Late-Deafened communities, and advocates. Part 2 "VRI: Your Rights and Advocacy." Register by Oct. 23. Presented in ASL. CART provided. CDI, Deaf-Blind interpreters, etc. provided by request. Register: <http://goo.gl/forms/QWPOXI087v>. Lunch provided. More info: contact Yesenia Roman at (510) 267-1200 or Yesenia.Roman@disabilityrightsea.org.

4th Annual Zumbathon. November 8, 2:30-4:30 pm. Led by Zumba instructor and ASL interpreter Bobbe Skiles. Bring a towel and water. All proceeds go to DCARA. Deaf Community Center, 1550 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro. More info: jennifer.spensieri@dcara.org or (510) 343-6673 (VP or voice).

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Discovering Your Inner Language Geek

Online Linguistics Courses at Monterey Peninsula College

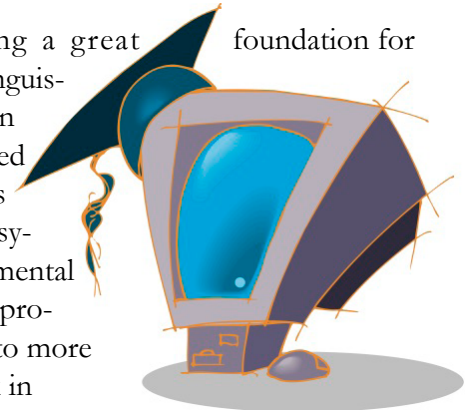
By Linda Selph, BCC ASL Student

Did you know there's a linguistics program offered completely online through Monterey Peninsula College (MPC)? There are nine courses to choose from, and you can earn a certificate of training in linguistics if you complete five courses. The courses are a great background for anyone who is studying another language, whether spoken or signed. Understanding more about language in general helps you understand any language you use. It provides the larger context for learning the specifics of any particular language. So while only one week in Linguistics 15 is focused specifically on signed languages, you can apply all the concepts in the rest of the course to ASL.

In addition to being a great foundation for learning languages, linguistics courses expand on information introduced in psychology courses like introduction to psychology and developmental psychology, and they provide an introduction to more advanced coursework in phonology and language development.

Therefore, students who are interested in becoming early childhood or elementary educators, speech language pathologists, or psychologists would especially benefit from linguistics classes.

I took Linguistics 15, Introduction to Linguistics, and had a great time in the class. This course is structured around textbook reading, weekly forum posts, and weekly quizzes. There are also many optional web links to explore for an enriched understanding of the topics. At the end of the course, you have the option to either take a test or make a short video that explains a topic covered in the course. I strongly recommend the video option, because it's a great way to learn the information more deeply. If you grant permission, the professor will use your video as a teaching resource for future classes. To be successful in this class, you will



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Open House at the California School for the Deaf. November 11. 39350 Gallaudet Drive, Fremont. More info: csdf.k12.ca.us/

Clerc and Gallaudet Week. December 6-12 (held the first full week of December to celebrate the birthdays of Laurent Clerc and Thomas H. Gallaudet). The program brings Deaf awareness to the public through libraries. Organized by the Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action.

Hearing Loss Association of America Convention & International Federation of Hard of Hearing People Congress. June 23-26, 2016. More info: hearingloss.org/content/convention.

2016 CODA Austin Conference. June 23-26, 2016. Austin, Texas. The conference is open to all Children Of Deaf Adults over the age of 18, hearing individuals who have one or both parents with some degree of Deafness. coda-international.org/

Deaf Nation World Expo. July 5-8, 2016. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://deafnation.com/dnwe/>

Support Services Available to All BCC Students

Undocumented Community Resource Center (UCRC)

Services: provide undocumented students with academic, legal, and emotional support, referrals to financial assistance, information on programs and services designed to improve retention and graduation rates, and a comforting environment where students can connect with one another. Opening in October. Contact Gabriel Martinez at gmartinez@peralta.edu or (510) 981-5036 for more information.

The Veteran's Resource Center (VRC)

Services: a meeting place for the veterans club, assistance for student veterans with education benefits, tutoring, a resource for veteran students who may not have education benefits available and may need assistance with housing and emergency shelter, food and clothing programs, and health and counseling services. Location: South Campus, 2070 Allston Way, Room 202. Contact Jennifer Lenahan at jlenahan@peralta.edu or bccvets@gmail.com for more information.



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need to be organized and schedule enough time to do the readings and practice exercises before taking the quizzes. You will also be required to write a post each week and comment on the posts of other students.

Each three unit class is \$138 for California residents. More information is available at the MPC [Linguistics Homepage](#) or by contacting Richard Abend at ra-bend@mpc.edu or (831) 646-4112.



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Laguerre comes to Peralta from the Solano Community College District. You can read more about the new chancellor on the [district website](#).

Berkeley City College's rapid growth in student population as well as an increasing number of faculty and staff requires that we find more space. In spring 2015, The Peralta Community College District's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to purchase 2118 Milvia St., a property located on the northwest corner of Center and Milvia streets, less than one-half block from our downtown Berkeley campus. Shirley Slaughter, Director of Business & Administrative Services, and Tram Vo-Kumamoto, Vice President of Instruction, will convene a Milvia Building User Group to develop ideas and work with the architects on use of the new site. Currently, it appears that we will be ready to move into the building in spring 2017.

In other news, BCC's International Student Office has moved to room 151. Thomas Torres-Gil, the International Program Manager, will be on hand to answer questions and meet with international students 9 am-6 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. For assistance, contact Torres-Gil at ttorresgil@peralta.edu or (510) 587-7835.

Also, BCC added an Economics Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) Degree to the other AA-T and AS-T degrees offered. AA-T and AS-T degrees allow students to smoothly transfer to the California State University of their choice. They are guaranteed admission into their lower division major or to a similar major at the California State University. Earning an AA-T or AS-T degree also means extra points on UC applications.



Acupuncture & Massage Therapy Expanded

Student demand for acupuncture and/or massage on campus was significant last year. As a result, appointments will now be available weekly rather than every two weeks. They will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the semester until December 15.

Services have moved from the main campus to room 203 in the South Campus at 2070 Allston Way. All health related services at BCC will now be provided at the South Campus.



Acupuncture and massage services are provided **free of charge**, done fully clothed, and are oil-free in the Tui Na style. Practitioners are from

Oakland Community Acupuncture. You can make an appointment online at ccwellness.info (under the Peralta tab). For questions, call (510) 879-7988.

Please note the cancellation policy: if you are a “no show” for your appointment, you will not be allowed to make more appointments.

These services are coordinated by the director of the Peralta Health Services, Indra Thadani, RN, MS. This service is paid for by the student health fee. 🙌🙌

Important Dates for the Fall Term

- Aug 24 First day of Fall 2015 semester
- Sept 6 Last day to add, drop without a W on transcript, and drop with a refund*
- Oct 23 Last day to petition for degree or certificate
- Nov 11 Veterans' Day holiday
- Nov 14 Last day to withdraw*
- Nov 26-29 Thanksgiving holidays
- Dec 14-18 Final exams and semester end
- Dec 24-Jan 1 Campus closed

Jan 25, 2016 First day of Spring 2016 semester

*Dates apply to regular, full-semester classes. Short-term and dynamically dated classes will have different dates; consult with the admissions and records office. 🙌🙌

Berkeley City College Library Fall 2015 Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-8:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday: closed

Be sure to get your BCC I.D. card and current semester sticker to use library resources and to check out materials.



Need to contact a librarian when you are off campus? Try LibChat. It is an instant messaging service that is accessible by clicking on the green “Ask Us” button on the library’s webpage at berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/library/. LibChat is active when the library is open. It is answered by the reference librarian on duty.

Library circulation desk: (510) 981-2824

Library reference desk: (510) 981-2821

Starting this semester: The Berkeley Public Library (BPL) On Wheels will be at the BCC library the first Wednesday of every month from 11 am-2pm beginning September 2nd to register new users and set them up with BPL library cards. 🙌🙌

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Results from a study on how genetic testing and counseling affect Deaf people.



Much more!