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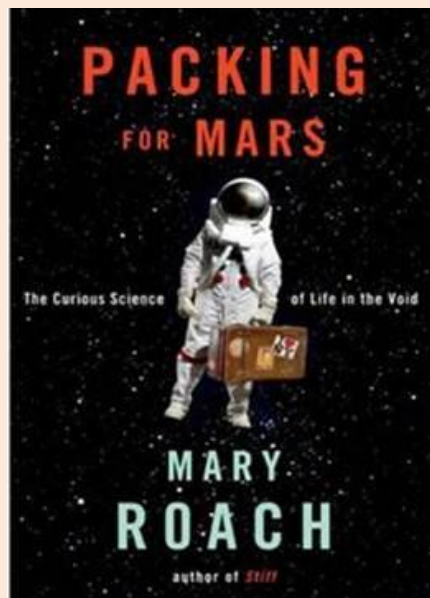
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BOOK DISCUSSION AT THE LIBRARY



We invite all students, staff and faculty to join us for a lively discussion of Mary Roach's New York Times Bestseller *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void* in the Library's Current Periodicals area at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12. Light

refreshments will be served at this lunchtime talk. You need not have read the book to enjoy the discussion. For more information contact Tom Hewitt at Hewitt@smccd.edu or ext. 4313

Thanks to Tom Hewitt for his contribution to this article.

Perseverance + MESA = Success



Former Skyline College MESA Student Luis Bill, who is currently finishing his undergraduate work in Electrical Engineering at San Francisco State University, is featured in the current issue of MESA NEWS. Luis has completed multiple internships with NASA working in the area of robotics, and has recently been awarded an internship with NASA's prestigious Intelligent Robotics Group. Luis is currently applying to graduate schools across the United States and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, with the dream of working in the field robotics for space exploration at NASA. Luis Bill was born and raised in Panama, is fluent in both English and Spanish, and he wears his Panama hat (seen in the photo) with great pride.

To read the article about Luis Bill and his involvement with MESA, the link to the on-line MESA NEWS is: <http://mesa.ucop.edu/news/connect.html>

*Photo by MESA Communications Coordinator Danielle Mcnamara
Thanks to Stephen Fredericks for his contribution to this article.*

Skyline College-Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) Delivers Services to Bayview/Hunters Point



True to its objectives of introducing entrepreneurship and/or removing barriers to entrepreneurship among young adults throughout the Bay Area, Skyline College's Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) has partnered with two strong community-based organizations in the Bayview/ Hunters Point neighborhood that target and provide services to young adults between the ages of 16 – 25: Hunters Point Family and Young Community Developers.

“This is a most unique partnership because it allows us to be part of the development of a community by introducing the youth to financial independence through entrepreneurship” says Richard Soyombo, Executive Director of the Youth Entrepreneurship Program.

The collaboration with both the Hunters Point Family and the Young Community Developers will allow local residents to partake in the specially created 8-week Entrepreneurship Training Program jointly developed by industry and community partners to focus on the primary stake-holders – the young adults. “This (YEP) is an alternative solution to urban issues”, says Lena Miller, Co-Director, Hunters Point Family.

Supported by several private-sector leaders, the 8-week Training Program includes in-class sessions, guest speakers comprised of local Bay-Area entrepreneurs, site-visits to various small- and medium-sized enterprises and con-current enrolment at local community colleges.

The Youth Entrepreneurship Program is funded through grants from the offices of the Chancellor for California Community Colleges and locally hosted by Skyline College. For more information on YEP and/or how to participate, contact: jacksonp@smccd.edu.

Thanks to Pcyeta Jackson for her contribution to this article.

Skyline College Participating at the Bay Area Science Festival November 6, 2011 at AT&T Park

On November 6, 2011 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the AT&T Park leading universities, professional research laboratories, world-class museums, innovative businesses, and an inventive populace like none other, will gather to engage the public in their exploration of the scientific frontier on the first annual Bay Area Science Festival. A three weeklong celebration of science and innovations around the Bay Area for students, teachers, scientists, non-scientists, that concludes with the science festival.

At the festival, Skyline College clubs SACNAS, SHPE and MESA are organizing a booth that will showcase the science and engineering ongoing at Skyline College. We are presenting "*The Science of Glowing and Aftershock!*" We need **Volunteers** the day of the event to work the booth! Students or faculty can participate. Shifts will be held for 1½ hour. Refreshments and snacks during shifts will be provided.

For general information or volunteering opportunities please contact Carmen Velez (Chemistry Instructor) at velezcarmen@smccd.edu or sign up on the sign-up sheet next to her office door (7-326B).

Please encourage your students to participate!



The poster features the Skyline College logo (40 Years of Achievement) and the MESA logo (Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement) at the top. The central text reads: "Volunteer at AT&T Park Bay Area Science Festival SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2011 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT AND REPRESENT THE SCIENCES OF SKYLINE COLLEGE!". Below this, contact information is provided: "Contact: Dr. Carmen Velez velezcarmen@smccd.edu Skyline College SACNAS Chapter skylinesacnas@gmail.com". Logos for SACNAS, SHPE, and the Bay Area Science Festival are also present.

Thanks to Carmen Velez for her contribution to this article.

Nutrition Students Tour SparkPoint Food Pantry



Photo by Adolfo Leiva

SparkPoint at Skyline College partners with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo County to host a Food Pantry for eligible students and other members of the community who need food assistance. Because of the unique advantages of hosting a SparkPoint Center at a college campus, our site provides a learning opportunity for our students completing coursework in nutrition.

Approximately 180 students attended one of eight SparkPoint Orientations designed especially for them. Orientations were led by SparkPoint's Yraes Guerrero, Glenda Benavides, Adolfo Leiva. The SparkPoint Food Pantry opened in January of 2011 triggered by the concern instructor Jennifer Merrill had for her students. By the end of June 2011, SparkPoint had distributed over 18,000 lbs. of food valued at over \$30,000. (All food is donated by the Second Harvest Food Bank.)

Food Pantry hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Closed when Skyline College is closed.)

Thank you to instructors Claire Muller-Moseley and Shawna Whitney for their work to make this happen. For more information about the Food Pantry, contact Dr. William Watson, SparkPoint Director, at 650-738-7035.

Thanks to William Watson for his contribution to this article

ON COURSE Professional Development Upcoming in January 2012

On Course 3-day Workshop will be held at Skyline College on January 11, 12, and 13, 2012. Online registration is now available.

On Course Professional Development Description

The On Course Workshop is a highly experiential professional development event designed to provide you with dozens of innovative strategies for empowering your students to become active, responsible and successful learners. This is the same workshop that is offered at conference centers across the country.

These learner-centered strategies—representing best practices from innovators in higher education, business, psychology, sports and personal effectiveness—help students become full and active partners in their own education. Strategies presented in this workshop improve both student academic success and retention.

View data from a number of college and universities at www.OnCourseWorkshop.com (click on DATA).



Join us for this major 3-day professional development event and learn proven methods for empowering your students to achieve their greatest potential in college... and beyond.

Target Audience

This workshop is designed for faculty across all disciplines, staff, and administrators.

Workshop Objectives

By the completion of this course, the participant will:

1. Recognize importance of learner-centered teaching strategies.
2. Explore best practices and innovation to assist students in their own education.
3. Demonstrate learner-centered strategies.
4. Practice strategies that improve student success.

Continental breakfast and lunch provided for each day of training.

Online Registration

To register online go to <http://skylineoncourse.evite.com>. Registration deadline is November 15, 2011.

The workshop will accommodate up to 40 participants. Full participation is required for all 3-days of the workshop.

For further information, contact Melissa Komadina at komadina@smccd.edu

Thanks to Melissa Komadina for her contribution to this article.

Revisiting the History of the Famed Flying Tigers of World War II



Photo, courtesy of Jim Wong, shows some attendees before touring the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier. Surviving members of the Flying Tigers are now octogenarians and nonagenarians. James, in white kneeling in the front row, offers his shoulders to the wife of a veteran.

Thanks to Social Science/Creative Arts colleagues covering his classes, James I. Wong, Professor History and Geography, was able to attend a conference and combined reunion in New York City of Chinese-American veterans of the famed Flying Tigers' 14th American Air Force, US Army Air Corps, 14th Air Service Group, ASG 987th Signal Company Special, US Army, units. They had served in the China-Burma-India (CBI) Theater of World War II. James's father had also served with the Flying Tigers. The conference was held at the Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA) in NYC. The Museum was designed by Maya Lin, who had also designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama.

The local Chinese TV station showed on its new program the Flying Tigers veterans presenting a memorial wreath for their fallen military brethren and as a 9-11 memorial. The farewell dinner banquet was held in Flushing, N.Y., where representatives of the Veterans Administration presented a memorial plaque of appreciation to the Flying Tigers for their contributions to the United States Armed Forces. The Harlem Marine JROTC Color Guard also presented the flags. James will henceforth serve as the academic advisor to the website of the Combined Units of the Flying Tigers.

Thanks to James Wong for his contribution to this article

Skyline College Hosts High School Teachers at Solar Workshop



Skyline College hosted a Solar Workshop for high school teachers on Saturday, October 1st. As part of the "Solar Instructor Training Network" (SITN) program at the Department of Energy, Skyline partnered with Stanford Transportation Group and Solar Schoolhouse to provide high school teachers with a chance to learn about solar technology and strategies to incorporate this topic into their curricula. Skyline College Professor Omer Thompson also led portions of the workshop. This workshop provided teachers with a basic understanding of solar technology principles, both how it works and how installations are designed and sited. The workshop was held in our electronics lab with portions of the course held outdoors. Teachers learned how to build a Solar ZipCharger – a portable solar charger for a cell phone or ipod/mp3 player, and they designed and built a Solar Musical Whirlygig as part of this workshop. The 20 teachers who attended all received "How To" books and manuals, and toolkits including small size solar panels to let them conduct experiments with their classes.



Skyline has created a high school teacher network around sustainability, including previous workshops around clean energy and green buildings. For more information on how Skyline College interfaces with high school teachers and their programs, contact Lindsey Virdeh at virdehl@smccd.edu.

Thanks to Lindsey Virdeh for her contribution to this article.

Skyline College Art Gallery News

Fans of **Malcolm Mooney** and his highly influential experimental band **Can** enjoyed meeting the artist and attending the art-opening, reception, and musical performance on September 15 at the Skyline College Art Gallery and Theater. Following the art reception, Mooney and his band **The 10th Planet** played a free concert at the Skyline College Theater. The 10th Planet players' lineup featured Marc Weinstein on drums, Peter Conheim (from Bay Area band Negativland) on bass, Dean Santomieri and Jim Hrabetin on guitars, and Malcolm Mooney performing vocals. There was a guest musical appearance by Skyline College student Olivia Asis, who played viola for the song 'She Brings the Rain'. Exhibition and Concert were both organized by Art Gallery director Paul Bridenbaugh. Theater director Alan Ceccarelli, assisted by his Skyline College Theater Club students, took care of the concert's technical production and handled the stage setup, sound, and lighting. We had a nice turnout for both events, and the concert was riveting.

Mooney's artwork is a key component of the Art Gallery's current three-artist exhibit. Along with Gregory Wiley Edwards and Fay Grajower, they make up the **3 Corner Symphony**, which runs until October 21 at the Skyline College Art Gallery. All three Artists were present for the opening and had a chance to meet and answer questions about their work with attendees. If you haven't yet seen the exhibit, be sure to do so before it closes. Check the Gallery website for current hours and exhibition information. <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery>

You can see pictures of the concert and art exhibit in the 3 Corner Symphony Photo Album at the Gallery's Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Skyline-College-Art-Gallery/102258493146760>



Malcolm Mooney in Concert at Skyline College Theater



Malcolm Mooney and the 10th Planet on stage at the Skyline College Theater.



Gregory Wiley Edwards, Fay Grajower, and Malcolm Mooney, in front of Grajower's painting, *Why not the Whole Kingdom*, at the Skyline College Art Gallery.



Skyline Student Olivia Asis, onstage playing viola with the 10th Planet band

Thanks to Paul Bridenbaugh for his contribution to this article.

Director of National Geographic's Genographic Project, Dr. Spencer Wells, discusses our "Deep Ancestry" at Skyline College

On Wednesday, September 21, 2011 Dr. Spencer Wells presented a very informative and enlightening presentation of our deep ancestry, beginning in Africa some 60,000 years ago up to about 10,000 years ago. Dr. Wells happened to be in the Bay Area, and graciously consented to give students in several social science classes who are testing their DNA samples with the Genographic Project an overview of the project. He also encouraged a question and answer session in which students and faculty could ask questions and discuss the scope of the Genographic Project. His presentation, his accessibility and his knowledge were most inspirational, rewarding and, in a most profound sense, liberating.

Currently, ten social science classes—Sociology 143, (Sociology of Migration and Immigration), History 430 (Early Asian Civilizations), History 104 (World Civilizations), History 240 (Ethnic Groups in California), History 420 (Survey of Latin American History), History 335 (History and Politics of Middle East), Psychology 100 (General Psychology, 2 sections), History 435 (History of the Philippines), and Anthropology 125 (Physical Anthropology)—are participating in the project at Skyline College by voluntarily submitting their own small DNA samples, which will trace their family's DNA migrations from Africa approximately 60,000 years ago to the five continents around the world up to about 10,000 years ago.

The Skyline College DNA testing project has been generously funded by a grant from the Division of Social Sciences' Rosemary Barker endowment fund and the Honors Society.



Dr. Wells, Professor Deamer, Patricia Lavallier, Professor Moynihan, and Irene Agasid who kindly took the pictures of the event after Dr. Wells presentation.



Professors Moynihan, Bell, Dr. Wells, and Professor Slicton after Dr. Wells' presentation



Dr. Wells discusses Professor Moynihan's paternal DNA migration out of Africa approximately 60,000 years ago.

Thanks to Mike Moynihan for his contribution to this article.

DIA de la Raza

Let's Celebrate Latino Culture



We want to share **LATINIDAD** and discuss the realities that the Latino Community faces

- Our Pride in our Culture and Heritage
- Our History and Values in Higher Education
- The Diversity of our Communities



Join us for Latino Food, Music, Poetry and a Panel on Education Concerning the Latino Community

**Dia de la Raza,
Wednesday, October, 12, 2011
11:00am – 1:00pm
Building 6 – ROOM 6202 - 6**



Sponsored by Associated Students of Skyline College, PUENTE, and TRIO

Organized by LASO and PODER  Find us on Facebook

On Dia de la Raza, October 12, 2011, as a closing event for Latino Heritage Month, thanks to TRiO, the Associated Students of Skyline College, and Puente of Skyline College sponsorship, LASO and Poder are hosting danzantes, music, poetry and a panel on education concerning the Latino community. Discussions will include Latino culture and heritage, the value of education, and diversity within the Latino community. We want to share Latinidad with the Skyline College community and discuss the realities confronting Latinos in higher education.

Aztec dancers will open the day's events at 10:20am in the quad. Immediately following at 11:00am for one hour in room 6202-6, a panel on education consisting of moderator Joe Madrigal, Skyline College Interim Vice-President of Student Service; John Ulloa, Skyline College professor of history; Luciana Castro, Skyline College Spanish language professor; and Andrés R. Connel, Executive Director of Nuestra Casa. Poet Naomi Quiñonez and Nerio De Gracia Mambo Jazz Quintet will collaborate on poetry and music afterward. Additionally, El Metate of San Francisco will provide fine Mexican food.

Thanks to John Saenz for his contribution to this article.

Skyline College Serves the Community With a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center

SparkPoint and the Business Division at Skyline College partner with the United Way of the Bay Area's [Earn It Keep Save It Program](#) annually to provide free IRS Certified Tax Preparation for qualified members of our community. Earn It Keep It Save It features more than 212 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites throughout the Bay Area where trained volunteer tax preparers help households making less than \$50,000 per year claim their maximum benefit and refund. Last year over 60,000 tax returns were processed. Eligible taxpayers claim the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (EITC) which can amount to as much as \$5,751 per family.

Because of the unique advantages of hosting a SparkPoint Center at a college campus, our site takes advantage of our instructional programs to provide excellent learning opportunities for our students. Accounting students may prepare for certification by completing Accounting 665. The course includes a lab requirement where IRS certified students assist tax filers under the supervision of their instructor, John Miller. The community benefits from a high quality tax preparation service and students acquire both certification and experience for their resumes. The wonderful service is supported by several individuals and organizations who attended the upcoming tax season's first planning meeting at Skyline College.



Pictured above are: Adolfo Leiva, SparkPoint Program Services Coordinator; John Miller, Skyline College Accounting Faculty & Instructor for Accounting 665; Linda Whitten, Accounting Department Coordinator; Kelly Batson (in front), Regional Director, [Earn It Keep Save It Program](#); Julie Lamson, SparkPoint Program Services Coordinator; Louise Carroll, Executive Director of [Tax-Aid](#); David Hall, Instructional Aid & Site Coordinator; Dr. Raymond Jones, SparkPoint Coordinator for Service Integration. Photo by William Watson

The VITA Site at Skyline College will be available during the upcoming tax season from:

- 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the
- Skyline College Accounting Lab (Building 8, Floor 2, Room 8209) on the following dates:
- February 4, 2012; February 11, 2012; February 25, 2012; March 3, 2012; March 10, 2012; March 17, 2012; March 24, 2012; March 31, 2012.
- Call Adolfo Leiva at 650-738-7035 for an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College VITA services, contact Dr. William Watson, Director, at 650-738-7035.

Thanks to William Watson for his contribution to this article.

Steinberg Architects Sponsor a Table of Women Leaders at Santa Clara YWCA Luncheon



Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, President of Skyline College joined a group of Bay Area's women leaders as guest of Steinberg Architects at the annual YWCA Luncheon in Santa Clara on October 4, 2011. Held at the Santa Clara Convention Center, the luncheon was attended by over 1,500 guests. Dee Dee Myers, former White House Communications Director for President Bill Clinton addressed the group as she shared the motivation for her book, "Why Women Should Rule the World."

The mission of the YWCA is to empower women and to eliminate racism. Ms. Meyers shared that like the mission of YWCA, her book is "...really about finding more ways to bring the perspectives and the skills and the strengths and the talents and the experiences of more people into the arena so we can move forward as effectively and as creatively as possible." Thanks go to Ernie Yamane and Mani Ardalan Farhadi of Steinberg Architects.

Coming Up...

October 7, 2011

- 1:30 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Ohlone @ Fremont
- 2:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Canada @ Skyline
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball vs. San Jose @ Skyline

October 8, 2011

- 9:00 a.m., Wrestling vs. Modesto Tournament
- 6:00 p.m., Skyline College Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Banquet, San Mateo Elks Lodge #1112 (220 W. 20th Avenue, San Mateo); Tickets available for \$35 at www.woodsidesathletics.org/SkylineHFD (pre-sale only - no tickets available at the door); for more information, please contact Joe Morello at 650-738-4293 or morelloj@smccd.edu

October 11, 2011

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Financial Aid Workshop: Income Adjustments – Building 2, Room 2117B (repeats again in the evening at 6:00 p.m.)
- 1:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Evergreen @ Skyline
- 3:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Gavilan @ Skyline
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Financial Aid Workshop: Income Adjustments – Building 2, Room 2117B

October 12, 2011

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Día de la Raza – a celebration featuring Latino food, music and poetry - Building 6, Room 6202
- 12:00 p.m., Book Discussion: *Packing for Mars* by Mary Roach (in conjunction with the *One Book One Community 2011* Program) – Library, Building 5
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Career Center Workshop: Impactful Interviewing – Building 1, Room 1218
- 2:00 p.m., Film Screening: *The Motorcycle Diaries* presented by the Honors Club to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month – Building 5, Room 5131 (free admission and free food!)
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA Workshop – Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball vs. CCSF @ San Francisco
- 7:00 p.m., Wrestling vs. Chabot @ Skyline

Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

October 18, 2011

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Financial Education Workshop: Pay Yourself First! – Building 6, Room 6202

October 19, 2011

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Career Center Workshop: Resumé Essentials – Building 1, Room 1218
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Financial Education Workshop: Pay Yourself First! – Building 6, Room 6202

October 20, 2011

- 10:20 a.m., The Great California Shake Out (Campus-wide event)
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Career Center Workshop: Resumé Essentials – Building 1, Room 1218
- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Free Workshop: Pathways to Your Future – Career and College Pathways in Early Childhood Education, Building 2, Room 2306 (for more information please contact Cece Rebelé at 650-738-4304 or rebelec@smccd.edu)

October 24, 2011

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Skyline College Transfer Day – Building 6, Dining Hall

October 26, 2011

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Career Center Workshop: Cover Letter/Thank You Notes – Building 1, Room 1218

October 27, 2011

- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Career Center Workshop: Impactful Interviewing – Building 1, Room 1218

October 29, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Skyline College ESL Registration Day – Building 5, Learning Center; for more information, please call 650-738-7089 or email skyeli@smccd.edu

November 2, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Holiday Job Fair hosted by the Skyline College Career Center – Building 6, Dining Hall

November 19, 2011

- 7:30 p.m., Third Annual Performing Arts Showcase at Skyline College – Building 1, Theater (tickets available at the door for \$10 or purchase online for \$5 by November 16 at <http://www.SkylineCollege.edu/bookstore/PAS>)

For the latest information on events and activities happening at Skyline College, please view our calendar at the following link:

http://www.skylinecollege.edu/current/calendarsandevents/news_events.html

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the information (event, date, time and location) to Christianne Marra in the Public Information Office via email at marrac@smccd.edu.