

## SVSU welcomes new Health & Human Services dean

SVSU has hired a distinguished nurse educator to serve as dean of the Crystal M. Lange College of Health & Human Services. Judy Ruland will begin her duties Monday, Oct. 3. She comes to SVSU from the University of Central Florida where she has been an associate professor and coordinator of UCF's Master of Science in Nursing nurse educator program.

"Judy has a successful track record in curriculum and program development," said Donald Bachand, provost. "That, combined with her strong leadership and communication skills, will provide valuable direction for a recently formed college."

In 2008 the departments of kinesiology and social work joined the health profession disciplines that had comprised the College of Nursing & Health Sciences to form the College of Health & Human Services.



**Judy Ruland**

Ruland is familiar with SVSU, having served as a consultant on curriculum development for the nursing department over the past year.

"I came away really impressed with what is happening at Saginaw Valley," Ruland said. "I see a spirit of excellence in terms of access to education, and a true community of learners with a commitment to the student-centered learning process."

Ruland intends to reinforce

the existing collegiality and is looking forward to working with community partners to further build the high quality programs in this new college.

"Faculty know each other and know their students, and teaching is paramount. That's what drew me. I welcome the opportunity to work across disciplines and build on the sense of excitement that is evident throughout the college. The new building is state of the art with outstanding opportunities for simulation and innovative teaching and learning."

Ruland oversaw the growth of UCF's nurse educator program, which has quadrupled in size since 2006. Prior to that, she developed an innovative concurrent program with Florida community colleges to increase the number of nurses with bachelor's degrees; that program has received notice as a national model. Ruland served

as the chair of the nursing department at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y. prior to going to Florida.

While at Bethune Cookman College in Florida, Ruland authored a grant for faculty development that was awarded \$300,000 from the Bush-Hewlett Foundation. She also has successfully submitted six other grant proposals that were competitive and peer-reviewed. Ruland serves on a number of national organizations including the National League for Nursing's Task for Curriculum Innovation and is an accreditation site visitor for the College Commission of Nursing Education. Her area of research is the scholarship of teaching and learning especially the impact of curriculum on student outcomes.

Ruland has received several awards during her academic career. At UCF, she received Excellence in Teaching Awards in 2007 and 2010, and the Excellence in Advising Award in 2006. Ruland also received an Excellence in Teaching Award from Bethune Cookman College in 2000 and the Outstanding Faculty Award from Hartwick College in 1992. SUNY-Upstate Medical Center presented her with its Outstanding Nursing Alumni award in 1995. She is a certified Nurse Educator through the National League for Nursing.

Ruland completed a Ph.D. at SUNY-Albany, and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Russell Sage College in Troy, N.Y.

All SVSU faculty and staff and their families are invited to the annual

## Back to School Picnic

Thursday, Aug. 25 • 5 to 7 p.m.

Owsley Grove

(Northwest of the Arbury Fine Arts Center)

The festivities follow the introduction of new faculty and staff, along with remarks by President Eric Gilbertson, at 4 p.m. in the Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts.



# Andretta Smith

Police Dispatcher • June 2011

SVSU students hear from Andretta Smith regularly. They just don't know it's her they are hearing from. Among her duties, Smith enters information to be used by the CampusAlert system and outdoor speaker systems to notify the campus community about severe weather and other potentially threatening situations.

"It keeps you on your feet, especially in an emergency," Smith said. "You have to really prioritize and know what you need to get done first."

Smith also is preparing to be on the receiving end of possible emergencies as SVSU implements a "Text 911" system that allows students and others to send an e-mail or text message if they observe something suspicious or dangerous.

"They're not always comfortable calling us and speaking out loud," Smith explained, adding that texting has become so commonplace that it can be done nonchalantly. "It comes instantly to our computer, and we can send a text back saying 'Thanks for the tip.'"

Smith also encourages students to take advantage of "Operation ID" to protect their property. "It's a program where students can register their valuables online," she explained.

Smith started with University Police as a student employee in 2006. In her routine dispatch role, she answers telephone calls and sends officers to provide medical or vehicle assistance, or whatever is

requested. Smith also is often charged with learning new technology as it is introduced to the department.

"It's really different from when I first started. We're now a 24-hour operation. I look back and think, 'I never expected all this.'"

Smith also is proficient in using SVSU's some 150 security cameras. She says students find it a welcome crime-fighting tool.

"It solves a lot of different cases," she said. "With hit-and-runs, they'll ask if it's on camera. They feel more comfortable in the dorms, too."

While technology is useful, Smith says "good communication, flexibility and teamwork" are the essential elements for law enforcement working within the department and with the campus they serve.

"I like working with the customers, especially with the new freshmen coming in. I like working with the community. It's really interesting work."

Already with a degree in international business, Smith will complete her M.B.A. in December, but she plans to stay in her current role for a while longer because she enjoys helping the few who go astray.

"They're students. They're here to learn, but they may get off track a little bit. We have to do our job, but at the same time, we try to rehabilitate them and get them back on the right path."



# Barb Cohen

Coordinator, Language Lab and Media Center • July 2011

Barb Cohen loves to share stories of her international adventures. Last winter, she was in Egypt just weeks before the uprising that ultimately toppled the nation's government.

"We were there at Christmas, which is a particularly tense time. We assumed it was the Christian-Muslim tension that exists there on an ongoing basis. We were with native Egyptians and they had no idea what was going on."

Cohen doesn't stop at telling her own travel tales, she encourages students to create their own, something she's been doing since 1986 when she started as a student employee in the International Programs office. "We had very few international students at that time," she recalled.

These days, Cohen's international responsibilities include assisting with arrangements for visiting international faculty and securing funding to attract foreign scholars to campus. "I write the Fulbright grant every year and bring in the Arabic foreign language teaching assistant," she said. This year's representative is coming from Jordan, and Cohen says students are pushing for more Arabic courses. Whatever their chosen language, many students hunger to master it. "The students I see have that appetite," she said. "They are very interested in learning languages."

In the language laboratory, Cohen works as a lab technician and software specialist, and staying on top of technology is more

important than ever. "The field of teaching foreign languages is changing quite a bit. A lot of our textbooks are going electronic. One of the main objectives is to get students to converse. Students now can record a conversation they have, and their exercises get dropped into a digital dropbox for faculty."

Cohen also enjoys the classroom; she has taught in the English Language Program and currently teaches in the English department, typically the Introduction to Language Studies course.

Along with her husband Lou, professor of psychology, Cohen regularly travels abroad with a group of SVSU students, alternating between Ireland and Scotland. Away from campus, the couple enjoys time together on the water. "We usually spend the whole summer sailing, living on the boat," she said.

The Cohens also do a fair amount of international traveling on their own. In addition to Egypt, they have visited Paris and Micronesia in recent years. Barb Cohen says the fun begins long before they depart.

"I think planning the trip, for me, is as much fun as going on the trip. I love doing the research and learning about the history of the place."

Especially if it's overseas. "I'm very much into anything international: language, culture, just connecting with people overseas. That's really where my passion lies."



# Tammy Bouza

Aramark Lead Associate in Starbucks • August 2011

Tammy Bouza's after school job has turned into a 30-year career. She began working on campus at age 15.

"When there was a campus event, I would waitress," she explained. "My last two years of high school, I would work four hours a day with the dessert and salad ladies getting the 'monkey-dish' things ready."

In those days, such items were wrapped in glass dishes. There was one cafeteria and a snack bar. Staff used an album with students' photos to verify they were on a meal plan.

"They were allowed their three meals a day," she said. "That was it."

Times have changed. These days, Bouza makes all variety of coffee concoctions in the campus Starbucks. She has worked there since its opening four years ago and has been in that location since it was a small sandwich shop, and when the nearest franchises were on Bay Road.

"I almost feel like it's my own little store," she said.

And with good reason.

"I do the ordering. I open it up. I make sure it's stocked. I train student employees," Bouza said when describing her duties.

The difference lies in the "three sets of rules" she must follow to meet standards for SVSU, Starbucks and Aramark, SVSU's dining services provider. Bouza prides herself on greeting customers with

a smile and friendly conversation, and she knows their preferences. "I can usually remember somebody's drink before I remember their name," she said. "I've had customers run into me in the mall and describe themselves by drink."

But that friendly, outgoing demeanor wasn't always present. Much like the campus itself, Bouza has grown and evolved.

"I used to hide in the kitchen when I was younger," she admitted. "I didn't like being in front of people."

That shyness has vanished. These days, Bouza volunteers to chaperone when her son, Kotey, 10, has school field trips. She spends much of her free time at his little league games and bowling matches. Along with her husband Terry, who works in Campus Facilities, the family enjoys boating and the occasional camping trip.

Tammy Bouza feels close to her campus colleagues and customers.

"It almost feels like family with the students after you've seen them for four years. You watch them go through the stages of their college life and all of a sudden you've got to say good-bye because they're graduating."

That turnover also produces part of the appeal that keeps Bouza at SVSU.

"It's like a new job every year, getting new students. I love the campus atmosphere. I like coming to work every day."



## Professional Profile

- **Geoffrey V. Carter**, assistant professor of English, presented “Participatory Publics: From MEMorials to MEMEmorials” at the Computers and Writing Conference at the University of Michigan May 20.
- **Jesse Donahue** and **Erik Trump**, professors of political science, gave an invited talk and participated in a panel discussion on “Zoos in Society: Historical Perceptions of Animal Welfare in Zoos” as part of a two-day symposium titled “From Good Care to Great Welfare – Advancing Zoo Animal Welfare Science and Policy” sponsored by the Detroit Zoological Society and held at the Ford Education Center at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, Mich.
- **Alan D. Freed**, Clifford H. Spicer Chair in Engineering, gave a talk titled “A Stroll Down Oberon Lane” at the 25th anniversary of the Oberon operating system (a powerful but minimalist graphical operating system designed by Niklaus Wirth and Jurg Gutknecht and programmed in the Oberon programming language, a successor to Pascal) at Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule in Zurich, Switzerland, May 27.
- **Phyllis Hastings**, professor of English, gave a presentation titled “Who’s in Prison? Contesting Images of Inmates and Incarceration” at a workshop at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Atlanta April 9. She also presented a paper “Moving In, Moving Out, Moving On: A Vision for Reshaping the Prison Experience” at the Experiencing Prison conference sponsored by Inter-Disciplinary.Net in Warsaw, Poland, May 20.
- **Kaustav Misra**, assistant professor of economics, had a paper titled “The Impact of Mortgage Securitization on Housing Bubble and Subprime Mortgage Crisis: A Self-organization Perspective” accepted for presentation at the 2011 KDI Journal of Economic Policy Conference, Korea, Development Institute, Seoul, South Korea. The paper was co-authored by Hong Y. Park, professor of economics, and Hyejung Chang, adjunct instructor of economics. In addition, Misra’s paper titled “The Wages of Religion” was accepted for publication in the International Journal of Business and Social Science (June 22, 2011, Vol. 2, No. 12).
- **Enayat Mahajerin**, professor of mechanical engineering, presented a paper titled “Analysis of Random Vibration” at the 2011 Annual Canadian Congress of Applied Mechanics, hosted by the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, June 5-9.
- **Paul Munn**, professor of English, presented a paper titled “The Lyric Sequence as Life Writing to Expose the Abuse of Human Rights: Nazim Hikmet’s 9-10 P.M. Poems” at the Life Writing and Human Rights: Genres of Testimony Conference. Munn also presented a paper titled “Artifice and the Representation of Emotion: The Case of George Herbert” at the Shakespeare and Early Modern Emotion: An International and Interdisciplinary Conference.
- **Evelyn Ravuri**, associate professor of geography, published a paper in the Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography (vol 32, pages 253-266) titled “Reviewing the Guayana Project: Lifetime migration to and from Bolivar State, Venezuela, 1950-2001.”
- **Kerry Segel**, professor of English, presented a workshop titled “Beyond Translation: Designing ELL-focused Professional

Development for Paraeducators and Mainstream Educators” at the 2011 National Resources Center for Paraprofessionals Conference in Harrisburg, Pa., May 12-14.

- **Stephen Taber**, associate professor of biology, discovered a new species – a fly from a western Michigan swamp. The finding will appear in The Southwestern Entomologist as “A New Species of Boletina Staeger Fungus Gnat (Diptera: Mycetophilidae) from Michigan.”
- **Matthew Zivich**, professor of art, has art works in the following shows: a painting, “Untitled,(Potemkin)” (2007, household caulk and shellac on canvas) was displayed in the “Stone Soup” exhibition at the University of Michigan’s WORK.DETROIT galley, Detroit, July 8-Aug. 12; a painting “Icarus” (2007-2010, acrylic on linen) was on view at the University of Michigan’s Fifth Annual Alumni Show, 2011, “Things That Move,” July 23-Aug. 5, for which Zivich has served as a member of the organizing committee for the past four years; and, two paintings, “Helter- Skelter” (2005-2011, acrylic on linen) and “Flu-like Symptoms” (2007-2011, acrylic on linen), were accepted for display in a joint exhibition of works by art faculty from SVSU and Delta College at the Midland Center for the Arts, Midland, Mich., June 11-July 24.

## Transitions

For complete directory information, including office numbers and telephone extensions, go to [svsu.edu/lookup](http://svsu.edu/lookup).

### New Hires

- Anthony DiRusso, Custodial Specialist, Campus Facilities
- Tony Hutchinson, Network Security Systems Admin
- Elizabeth Mueller, Senior Secretary-Level 4, ABS
- Jamie Pewinski, Head Women’s Basketball Coach, Athletics
- Daniel Williams III, Director of Facilities Operation, Campus Facilities Admin

### Promoted/Transferred/New Title/Reappointed

- William Bangert, Custodial Specialist, Campus Facilities
- Bob Bock, Custodial/Paint Crew, Campus Facilities
- Pamela Clifford, Special Project Coordinator for ABA, ABA
- Julie Coe, Associate Director of ELP, ELP
- Kristin Gregory, Special Assistant to the Provost, Academic Affairs
- Tom Grobaski, Custodial/Paint Crew, Campus Facilities
- Randy Julian, Custodial/Paint Crew, Campus Facilities
- Sharon Livernois, Grant Coordinator, Nursing
- Benjamin Moe, Custodial Specialist, Campus Facilities
- Grace Noah, Custodial Specialist, Campus Facilities
- Laura Peil, Project Coordinator & Info Specialist, Academic Affairs
- Angela Pohl, Associate Athletic Director-SWA, Athletics
- Melissa Popcocke, Administrative Secretary, OCEPD
- Alan Reisinger, Maintenance 1, Campus Facilities
- Monica Reyes, Associate Director of CBED, CBED
- Tim Rousse, Interim Head Softball Coach, Athletics
- Jennifer Rushton, Assistant Athletic Director of Compliance and Academic Services, Athletics
- Stephanie Sieggreen, Director of International Programs, International Programs

### Left/Leaving/Retired

- Darlene Deets, Custodian, Campus Facilities
- Herbert Haygood, Assistant Football Coach, Athletics
- Terence Moore, Executive in Residence
- Everett Roper, Softball Coach, Athletics
- Heather Sanders, Linux System Administrator
- Felicia Seals-Buchanan, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Athletics

## New Cardinals

- **Craig Aimar**, assistant vice president for enrollment management/director of retention, announced the birth of a son, Matteo James Aimar (7 lbs., 15 oz., 20 in.), July 29.
- **Andrew and Jennifer Chubb**, associate professor of chemistry and lecturer of mathematics, respectively, announced the birth of a son, Ajay Keegan Chubb (2 lbs., 8 oz., 14 in.), June 29.
- **Jackie Detrick**, head athletic trainer, announced the birth of a daughter, Gabrielle Faith Detrick (7 lbs., 8 oz., 20 in.), July 18.
- **Farid Hallouche**, associate professor of computer science & information systems, announced the birth of a son, Omar Moaath Hallouche (6.5 lbs., 18 in.), June 21.
- **Jennifer McCullough**, assistant professor of communication, announced the birth of a son, Henry Dane McCullough (9 lbs., 3 oz., 20.5 in.), June 10.
- **Benjamin Moe**, custodial specialist, announced the birth of a son, Aurelius Augustine Moe (6 lbs., 13 oz., 19.25 in.), July 5.
- **Brent Morrison**, event & theatre technology specialist, announced the birth of a son, Jesse Patrick Morrison (9 lbs., 4 oz., 20 in.), May 24.
- **Brian Thomas**, assistant professor of sociology, announced the birth of a son, Oliver Hayward Thomas (6 lbs., 12 oz., 20 in.), July 19.

## Condolences

- To **Craig Aimar**, assistant vice president for enrollment management/director of retention, whose mother, Rita “Kitty” Aimar, passed away June 30.
- To **Cyndie Bala**, associate director of human resources, whose mother-in-law, Mary Catherine Maxwell, passed away Aug. 18.
- To **Andrew and Jennifer Chubb**, associate professor of chemistry and lecturer of mathematics, respectively, whose infant son, Rogan Michael Chubb, passed away June 29.
- To **Joan Garant**, administrative secretary, whose mother, Barbara Frederick, passed away June 4.
- To **Trish Gohm**, administrative secretary, whose father, Thomas Arthur Welke, passed away July 23.
- To **Elizabeth Hansen**, professor of educational technology & development, whose mother, Mary Hornyak, passed away May 27.
- To **Holly LaRose-Roenicke**, assistant director of web communications, whose father-in-law, Franklin Roenicke, passed away Aug. 7.
- To **Debra Lively**, professor of teacher education, whose mother, Ruth Mills, passed away July 13.
- To **Keith Prueter**, groundskeeper, whose father, Gary “Gus” Prueter, passed away Aug. 6.
- To **Janet Ritter** and **Jonathan Kortz**, custodians, on the loss of Janet’s father, Robert Hayward, who passed away July 23.
- To **Laura Siminske**, senior secretary, whose mother-in-law, Doris Siminske, passed away July 7.



You are cordially invited to  
a reception honoring  
**Kizhakepat P. Karunakaran, M.D.**  
(Dr. Karu)

in appreciation of his eight years of exceptional service  
on the SVSU Board of Control

Tuesday, September 6, 2011  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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SVSU Campus

- To **Stephen Taber**, associate professor of biology, whose mother, Ruth Ann Taber, passed away May 25.
- To **Janice Thomas**, custodian, whose father, Napoleon “Pop” Reedy, passed away July 10.
- To **Tom Wisniewski**, maintenance, whose father-in-law, Legran Anthony “Lee” Grabke, passed away Aug. 13.

## Briefly Speaking

- SVSU faculty and staff are eligible for 2011-12 All Sports Passes, which allow the holder into all home, regular season football and basketball games. Contact Shelly Reminder in the Ryder Center at ext. 7306.
- Faculty/staff reserved parking permits for 2011-12 are available from Parking Services or the Cashier’s office for \$20. All 2010-11 permits expire Thursday, Sept. 15. For more information, or an order form, go to [svsu.edu/universitypolice/parking-information.html](http://svsu.edu/universitypolice/parking-information.html), or contact Joyce Payne at [jep@svsu.edu](mailto:jep@svsu.edu), or ext. 4140.

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