



Join us May 20 for the Scholarship Awards Ceremony  
Some of the 2008 recipients pictured (left-right) are Radnoosh Aminirad, Ariel Yeh, Professor Mike Johnson, Luke Campbell, John-Peter Cabanis

## Veterans Outreach Planned

Beginning in August 2009, veterans' benefits for college will increase. Moorpark College recognizes the sacrifice of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces and have begun planning to raise awareness of Veterans' Services and ensure those services are readily available to those who wish to make use of their GI Bill education benefits.

Currently, Records and Registration staff provide assistance to help veterans complete the paperwork necessary to receive the proper entitlement pay. By August, Moorpark College plans to guide veterans toward a variety of campus resources ranging from tutoring to career and personal counseling.

## Events of Interest to President's Circle Members

### SPRING SPECTACULAR AT AMERICA'S TEACHING ZOO

Three weekends of super family fun including behind-the-scenes tours, face painting, wild animal shows on three stages, and a fun & games kids zone. See some of Hollywood's favorite animals. Food and vendors.  
www.moorparkcollege.edu/zoo  
DATE: March 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29  
TIME: Open 10 am - 5 pm.

### FACULTY LECTURE: DEMOCRATIZATION IN JAPAN

Professor Steven Pfeffer.  
A Year of Democracy event.  
www.moorparkcollege.edu/yearof  
DATE: March 18  
TIME: 12 pm  
LOCATION: TV Studio, Comm. Bldg.

### BUILDING DEMOCRACY AROUND THE WORLD

Professor Eleonora Pasotti, Ph. D. discusses how cities like Naples, Bogata and Chicago can transition from poor government, entrenched patronage, and social conflict to a new form of governance. A Year of Democracy event.  
www.moorparkcollege.edu/yearof  
DATE: April 13  
TIME: 10 am  
LOCATION: Campus Center

### FACULTY LECTURE: THE "NEW DEAL" TODAY

Economics Professor Ray Zhang.  
A Year of Democracy event.  
www.moorparkcollege.edu/yearof  
DATE: April 15  
TIME: 12 pm  
LOCATION: TV Studio, Comm. Bldg.

## PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS

Ted Bagley\*

Stan and Joann Benson

Dan Brown

Debi\* and Mark Cassar

Tom Cessario\*

Eva Conrad and Mark Rafter

Elad Goren\*

Ruth Hemming

Debbie Heaslip\*

Roberta Isaeff\*

Allan Jacobs

John Lindsey\*

James Meznik

Alex and Sylvia\* Sullivan

James and Nancy Walker

Tim Weaver\*

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## PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE News

### Benson is Artist and Benefactor

The show at Ventura College's New Media gallery through February is "The Tourists are the Attraction" paintings by Stan Benson, a Moorpark alumnus.

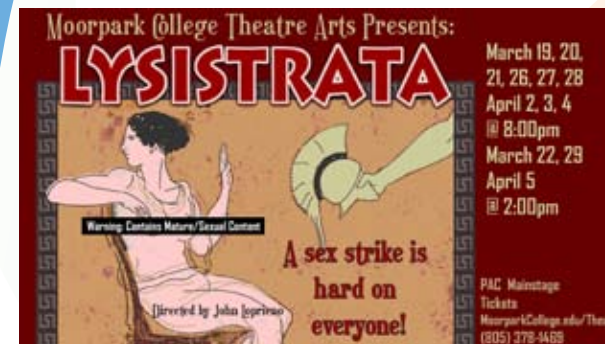
After a successful career, Benson retired and became an art student. He earned an associate degree at Moorpark in 2004 and transferred to CSU Northridge where he earned a bachelor's degree in 2007. He finishes work on his masters degree in art next month. He and his wife Joann are President's Circle members, generous donors to the Moorpark College Foundation and have endowed a scholarship for students transferring to CSU Northridge.



President Pam Eddinger attended the opening of Benson's show and is pictured with Joann and Stan Benson.

### Political Comedy Planned

The Theatre Arts Department will stage the controversial and classic Greek comedy *Lysistrata* March 19-



April 5. *Lysistrata* tells the story of the women of Greece who take an oath to withhold sexual contact until the men stop warring. Director John Loprieno chose *Lysistrata* to coordinate with the Year of Democracy theme. Loprieno found a contemporary translation of Aristophanes 4th century BC play that he hopes will easily convey the stinging satire that Aristophanes intended. "You'll be surprised how many of his comments on sexual and governmental politics still hold up," he says.

### Petrello Wins International Award for Instructional Videos

For some students, math is the hardest class they will take. Professor Rena Petrello is working hard to make sure every student, whether they can attend traditional classes or not, can do well in math.

Petrello has been teaching at Moorpark since 2004 and has spent the last several months working with Cengage Learning developing instructional math videos.

In January Cengage and Petrello won the Platinum Award- Best of Show at the Aurora Awards in Salt Lake City.

The Aurora Awards is an international competition for independent, corporate, and freelance film and video producers. Entrants come from across the US, Russia, Denmark, Hong Kong, Germany, Australia, Mexico, and more.



## Foundation's *Bat Boy* Event Raises Friends and Funds

More than 50 friends of Moorpark College attended the Foundation's fund-raiser on October 25 held at the Performing Arts Center. Guests were invited to a private Halloween party before the performance of *Bat Boy*, a quirky off-Broadway comedy, and enjoyed a meet and greet with the cast after the show. Nearly \$9,000 was raised. The college received many compliments from guests about the theatre, the set design, and the great student actors. Professor Kathy Lewis produced the show. "It is important for our community and supporters to know that the college is an educational resource for our area and our region...and to be in support of our students," she said.



## 2008-2009 is The Year of Democracy at Moorpark College

In this historic and ground-breaking political year, college staff, faculty and students are engaging in dialogue to develop a deeper understanding of the democratic process in the United States and around the world. During the Fall semester, the Year of Democracy focused on the American democratic process. This spring the focus is international. See "Events of Interest" for more information.

## Scholarship Fundraising Challenge Could Net \$950,000

Encouraged by the chance to build a nearly \$1 million endowment over the next two years, the Moorpark College Foundation is embarking on the largest campaign in its 28-year history. The Bernard Osher Foundation has pledged up to \$50 million to the 110-campus California Community College system to help low-income students. The first \$25 million has already been paid, of which Moorpark College's share is \$237,730. If Moorpark can raise double that amount (\$475,460) between now and 2011, the Osher Foundation will pay Moorpark's second share of \$237,000.

This grand total \$950,920 endowment will permanently fund 50, \$1,000 scholarships per year for low income students continuing their studies at Moorpark College. Details will be available soon at [www.moorparkcollege.edu/foundation](http://www.moorparkcollege.edu/foundation)

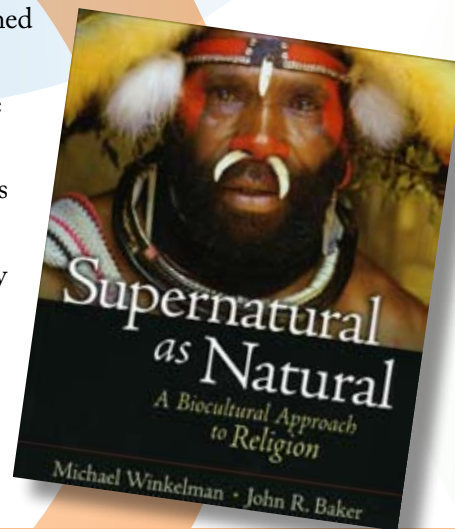
## Alumnus Makes His Mark

Moorpark College 2008 photography graduate Forbes Conrad is in China. Forbes is interning at *Destination Macau* magazine. During Forbes' internship he produced an eight-page photo spread and photographed several upscale restaurants for DM's new magazine called *The Guide*. "From the moment I stepped off the plane, the entirety of the magazine's creative operations has been laid open for my examination and participation. Thank you for this opportunity," Forbes said.



## Baker Publishes Anthropology Text

Anthropology Professor Dr. John Baker is the co-author of a new textbook just published by Prentice Hall called *Supernatural as Natural... a Biocultural Approach to Religion*. Baker, who has been a faculty member since 1990, is a nationally recognized authority in the field of biocultural anthropology. He has published more than 40 articles in academic journals, sits on the executive board of several Anthropological Associations and is the President of the Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness. In 2007, Baker was named the 11th Distinguished Faculty Chair at Moorpark College.



## Third Endangered Butterfly Comes to Zoo

The Butterfly Project at Moorpark College is now studying the Laguna Mountain Skipper, to develop captive rearing strategies. Established in 2007, the Butterfly Project is a partnership between college biologists, the staff and students of America's Teaching Zoo and The Urban Wildlands Group, with funding and logistical support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the US Defense Logistics Agency, the US Navy, and the California Department of Fish and Game. The partnership has already returned Palos Verdes blue and Lange's Metalmark butterflies to their native habitats in California.



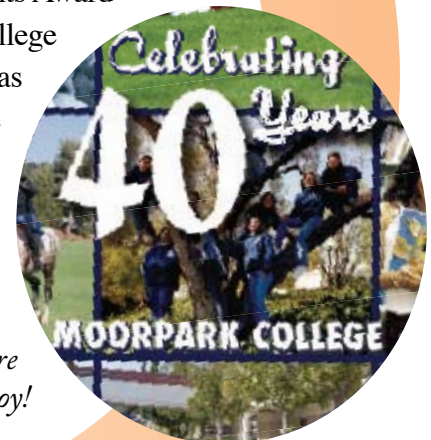
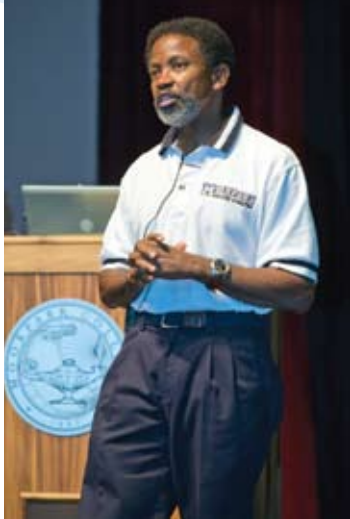
## Tortoise's Origin Discovered

America's Teaching Zoo recently learned that its 82-year-old Galapagos tortoise, Clarence, was one of 100 collected during a heroic expedition to save the endangered species in 1928. The information came from a representative of the Houston Zoo who provided Moorpark with a copy of a 1928 *New York Times* article about the expedition led by Dr. C.H. Townsend director of the New York Aquarium. The tortoises were distributed to zoos in California, Texas, Arizona and Florida. Clarence, along with some 150 other exotic animals, can be seen every weekend and at the zoo's upcoming event called Spring Spectacular. [www.moorparkcollege.edu/zoo](http://www.moorparkcollege.edu/zoo)



## Hopkins is Distinguished

This fall History Professor Ranford Hopkins was named the 12th recipient of Moorpark College's annual Distinguished Faculty Chair (DFC) award. Criteria for the award are excellence in teaching as well as service to the college and community. Potential recipients are nominated by a faculty member and nominations are voted on by former award holders and members of the Academic Senate. Each year the Moorpark College Foundation inaugurates a \$500 scholarship to honor the DFC. Hopkins will establish his scholarship's criteria and it will be awarded in May, 2009. Hopkins, a professor of history, is Chair of the Social Sciences and Philosophy Departments and teaches African-American History, Social and Political History of the US, and History of the US- an honors course for highly motivated students. He has a master's degree from UC Santa Barbara and has been teaching full-time at Moorpark since 1989. His research interest continues to be in the progressive Era of US History. He has three oral histories published under the UCLA Oral History Program. Hopkins has served the community by being a founding member of the Multicultural Committee- which inaugurated Multicultural Day in 1990. Hopkins was the first to conceive of this alternative teaching day that takes place each April with more than 100 lectures, performances and seminars with a global theme. The 2009 event is April 15. He has served on numerous campus committees and received the Associated Students Teacher of the Year Award in 1995 and was twice a recipient of the Academic Senate Presidents Award for Outstanding Service to Moorpark College in 1990 and 1996. Additionally, Hopkins has served as staff diversity facilitator for more than 40 academic hirings.



*The 40th anniversary book and DVD are included in your packet, enjoy!*