



# Skyline Shines

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## Fall 2012 Lecture Series Featuring Dr. George Lakoff

You are invited to the Fall Lecture Series with Dr. George Lakoff on **Friday, October 5, 2012** at **11am** in Building 6. Dr. Lakoff is a Renowned Cognitive & Neural Linguist and a Political Researcher. The event is free and open to faculty, staff, students and the community. Please encourage your students to attend and bring your classes to hear this spectacular lecture.

The Center for Student Life & leadership Development Presents:



Fall 2012 Skyline College Lecture Series  
A CALL TO CONSCIOUSNESS...

The Language of Politics  
**Dr. George Lakoff**  
Renowned Cognitive & Neural  
Linguist, Political Researcher

Friday, October 5, 2012  
11:00am-12:30pm  
Room 6202, Building 6  
RSVP to (650) 738-4325



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## S.F. Munich Trio Performs Chamber Music Concert



On Wednesday, September 12, the S.F. Munich Trio performed a thrilling one-hour chamber music concert in the Skyline College Theater. Bassoonist Friedrich Edelmann, cellist Rebecca Rust, and pianist Vera Breheda treated more than 80 audience members to an enlightening and exciting lecture-concert, hailed by students as “inspiring,” “fun,” “amazing,” and “very educational.”

The program featured several pieces and showcased a wide variety of musical styles, from the standard repertoire of Beethoven to a modern composition written specifically for the trio. Following the performance portion of the concert, emcee Barbara Daley invited attendees to ask questions of the professional musicians on stage in a brief “Q&A” session. Students had insightful queries and received candid responses from the artists, enriching the musical and academic atmosphere in the theater. In the end, members of the student body, faculty, staff, and community in attendance showed their appreciation with a lengthy and well-deserved round of applause.



This event was free and open to the public, funded by the Social Science/Creative Arts Division with Skyline College's Vision Statement in mind: to inspire “learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic, and personal fulfillment.” An audio recording of the performance will soon be available online at [www.skylinecollege.edu/theatre](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/theatre), and Skyline College looks forward to hosting many more such concerts in the future.

*Article by Zack Bruno*

## **Skyline College Leadership Academy Fall 2012 Kickoff!**



The Skyline College Leadership Academy (SCLA) is looking for upcoming leaders for the 2012-2013 academic year! If you know a Skyline College student who would benefit from learning about leadership and making a difference on the campus and in the community, please invite them to join the SCLA for its Fall 2012 Kickoff in Room 6202 of Building 6.

Lunch will be provided and students who attend will also learn about the Seven C's of Leadership. Every student must complete an information sheet, which is available at the Learning Center in Building 5. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Ha at [hak@smccd.edu](mailto:hak@smccd.edu).

*Article by Katie Ha*

### **Accreditation Update**

We have carefully reviewed the letters to institutions that have recently undergone the accreditation process. We find that by October 2013, all institutions accredited by ACCJC are required to have assessed every course in their catalog at least once. Skyline College had previously thought that a thorough assessment of our core courses would meet the ACCJC requirement. Having found that this is not so, every division has been informed of the need to change our assessment time table and is being given the resources to do so. It is our expectation that all of our courses will have been assessed once, by the end of spring semester 2013.

Thank you very much to Karen Wong and the SLOAC Committee who have been fully supportive in this effort! Skyline College will be in full compliance with this standard, as usual. Thanks to all of you for stepping up and making this happen!

*Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis*

## First Year Experience Team Building Event

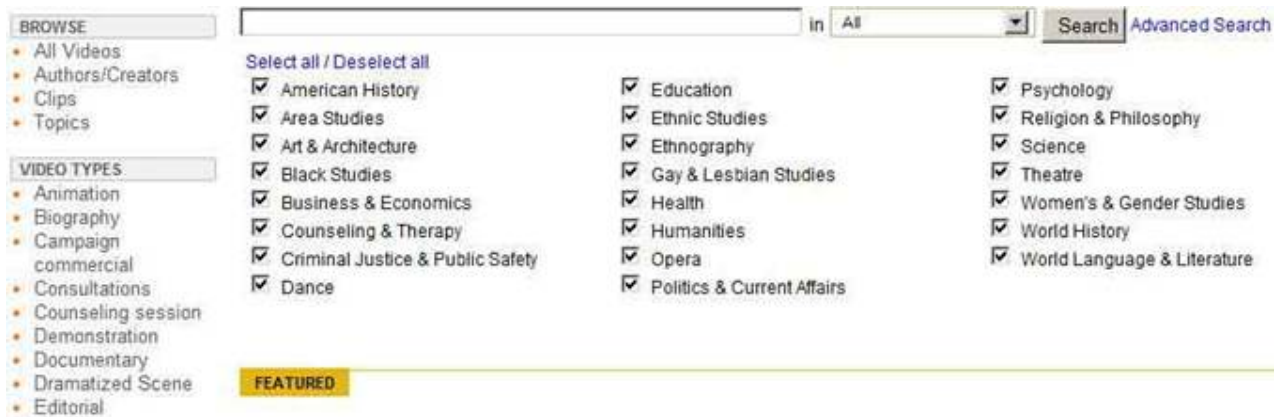


On Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the First Year Experience (FYE) program visited Fort Miley to participate in a ropes course. Over 30 students, including FYE mentors, attended. The purpose of the event was to build community, conquer fears, and strengthen peer and faculty relationships. Students will apply many of the lessons taught through the ropes course to their daily academic lives: provide support for fellow classmates and overcome fears of Math and writing. We are looking forward to a great academic year!

For more information about the FYE program, contact Vanson Nguyen – [nguyenv@smccd.edu](mailto:nguyenv@smccd.edu).

## Library Adds Second Video Database Plus Many New eBooks

Following the popularity of our [Films On Demand](#) database (provides instant access to thousands of videos from sources such as PBS, BBC, CNBC, Films for the Humanities & Sciences, Scientific American and much more), Skyline College Library has added a second video database to provide an even greater selection of videos to choose from. [Academic Video Online](#), provides online access to more than 20,000 video titles in a wide range of academic subject areas as shown on the database's search page below:



Videos in either database can be viewed at any time from any computer. A PLS library card is required to login. Instructors can also select sections of videos to assign for student viewing. The databases may additionally be accessed from the [Skyline Library Databases page](#). For more information or to request a demonstration, please call the library reference desk at x4312.

The library also has been increasing the number of eBooks in our collections. To begin to explore eBooks that may be relevant for your classes, we recommend that you try searching our [eBook Academic Collection](#) database, which provides a large selection of multidisciplinary eBook titles representing a broad range [Overdrive Digital Books](#), [Safari Tech Books](#) and [PLS Digital Book Library](#). For more information, see the [Skyline Library eBooks page](#) or call a Skyline librarian at x4312.

## 2012-2013 Learning Center Staff



Left to right, back to front: Félix Pérez, John Saenz, Nohel Corral, John Chávez, Manny Peix, Kamla Bucceri, Katie Ha, Mary O'Connor, Mary Gutiérrez, Jessica López, Judy Cheung, and Ira Lau.

The Learning Center (TLC) Staff is ready to empower Skyline College students to become successful, independent learners by offering a number of resources for students to use, from one-on-one tutoring, workshops, videotaping speeches, language learning, and computer use. We are open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., and Friday's, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Next week, Chris Gibson, English faculty member, will be offering a workshop on Writing a Unified Essay; Leigh Anne Shaw, ESOL faculty member, will focus on Parts of Speech, intended for but not limited to ESOL students; Lucia Lachmayr, English faculty member, will offer tips for Time Management; and Manny Peix and Félix Pérez will discuss Test Taking Strategies.

The TLC is also available for tours and orientations to show Skyline College students how to use our resources. Our tutors in the Math, Science, Writing, Reading and ESOL Labs are ready and waiting to assist Skyline College students.

Come on over to Building 5 and say, "Hello!" We look forward to seeing you!

**This Week's Learning Center Feature Focuses on Lara Kucera.**

This week, the TLC is proud to introduce Lara Kucera to Skyline College. Lara is one of our Writing & Reading Lab (WRL) tutors and has recently earned her TESOL degree SFSU. She is highly skilled in her area of academics where she is ready to help students learn how to master reading and composition skills.

Please see her short bio below.



**Lara Kucera**

I come to Skyline College with a diverse ESL background. I've taught Latino parents, Yemeni mothers and grandmothers, Mexican restaurant workers, and countless international students of college age. My primary goals as a teacher are to provide students with the confidence to communicate in English and the tools with which to do so. I try to encourage lifelong learning by fostering critical thinking skills and promoting problem-solving strategies in English. I hope that students are able to use English to think critically, advocate for their community, and discuss relevant, real-life issues that matter to them. I graduated with a Master's in TESOL in 2011 and I'm currently working at Intrax Institute in San Francisco, teaching high proficient general English, a speaking fluency class, and a pronunciation workshop. I look forward to contributing to the Skyline College community.



## Fall 2012 Lecture Series – Save the Dates!

The Fall 2012 Lecture Series presented by the Associated Students of Skyline College and sponsored by the President’s Innovation Fund brings to campus world renowned experts in politics, communications, global health and the arts.

All lectures are free to attend and open to faculty, staff, students and the community. Please encourage your students to attend and bring your classes.

				
<b>Dr. Pedro A. Noguera</b> Urban Sociologist Education Reform Scholar August 17	<b>Dr. George Lakoff</b> Cognitive & Neural Linguistics Political Researcher October 5	<b>Dr. Pamela Cox Otto</b> Multigenerational Communications Expert October 25	<b>Dr. J. Stephen Morrison</b> Global Health Policy & HIV/AIDS Authority November 16	<b>Natasha Trethewey</b> U.S. Poet Laureate 2012 Pulitzer Prize Winner 2007 November 30

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IN HIGHER EDUCATION	IN POLITICS	IN COMMUNICATION	IN GLOBAL HEALTH	IN THE ARTS
<p><b>Dr. Pedro A. Noguera</b> August 17, 2012 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM Theater, Building One</p> <p><i>Professor, Steinhardt School of Education at New York University, and Executive Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education</i></p> <p>One of America's most important voices for healthy public education, focusing on the ways in which schools are influenced by social and economic conditions in urban settings. He's an expert on school reform, diversity, and the achievement gap.</p> <p>Author of: <i>The Trouble with Black Boys... And Other Reflections on Race Equity and the Future of Public Education</i></p> <p><i>Creating the Opportunity to Learn: Moving from Research to Practice to Close the Achievement Gap</i></p>	<p><b>Dr. George Lakoff</b> October 5, 2012 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Room 6202, Building Six</p> <p><i>Richard and Rhoda Goldman Distinguished Professor of Cognitive Science and Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley</i></p> <p>Dr. Lakoff explores conceptual systems as revealed by language, particularly metaphor, and the application of cognitive linguistics to politics, literature, mathematics and other fields.</p> <p>Author of: <i>The Political Mind: A Cognitive Scientist's Guide to Your Brain and Its Politics</i></p> <p><i>Whose Freedom? The Battle Over America's Most Important Idea</i></p> <p><i>Where Mathematics Comes From: How the Embodied Mind Brings Mathematics into Being</i></p>	<p><b>Dr. Pamela Cox Otto</b> October 25, 2012 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Room 6202, Building Six</p> <p><i>Chief Executive Officer, Interact Communication Inc.</i></p> <p>Highly skilled, a brilliant strategist, and possessing a wild sense of humor, she brings a wealth of experience to meeting the communication needs of community colleges. Her all-time favorite review of her personal speaking engagements came from a college president at an AACCC presentation: "If Robin Williams were a woman, he would be Pam."</p> <p>Presentations: <i>Developing New, Sustainable, Successful Programs. It Can Happen!</i> 36th Annual Conference, ACCCA, Feb. 23-25, 2011 <i>The Power of Attitude Change</i> NASPA Western Regional Conference, Nov. 3-6, 2010</p>	<p><b>Dr. J. Stephen Morrison</b> November 16, 2012 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Room 6202, Building Six</p> <p><i>Senior Vice President of the Center for Strategic &amp; International Studies and Director of Global Health Policy Center</i></p> <p>Dr. Morrison writes widely, testifies often before Congress, has directed several high-level task forces and commissions, and is a frequent contributor in major media on U.S. foreign policy, global health, Africa, and foreign assistance. He served for seven years in the Clinton Administration.</p> <p>Hosted the AIDS-2012: XIX International AIDS Conference, June 22-27 in Washington D.C.</p> <p>Author of: <i>Africa Policy Beyond the Bush Years: Critical Choices for the Obama Administration</i> Co-Author Jennifer G Cooke</p>	<p><b>Poet Natasha Trethewey</b> November 30, 2012 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Room 6202, Building Six</p> <p><i>United States Poet Laureate, Consultant of Poetry, Charles Howard Candler Professor of English and Creative Writing at Emory University</i></p> <p>James Billington, the Librarian of Congress, said he was "...struck by a kind of classic quality with a richness and variety of structures with which she presents her poetry ... she intermixes her story with the historical story in a way that takes you deep into the human tragedy of it."</p> <p>Author of: <i>Thrall: Poems</i> <i>Beyond Katrina: A Meditation on the Mississippi Gulf Coast</i> <i>Native Guard</i> Pulitzer Prize for Poetry 2007 <i>Belloca's Ophelia: Poems</i></p>

## **New Student Assistants Marketing, Communications, and Public Relations Office**

The Marketing, Communications and Public Relations Office is pleased to welcome 2 Student Assistants.



**Keisha Ford** is back! Many of you know Keisha; she is currently working on a Visual Communications degree at San Francisco State University. She missed us too much to stay away and we are so fortunate to have her! She is working on designing portal ads, electronic tv ads, assisting with the Spring schedule production and much more!

**Raul Guerra** is a student at Skyline College who is interested in business and marketing. He comes to us with extensive experience in sales, customer service and social media management. Raul is working on designing electronic TV ads, managing our social media sites, photographing events and assisting with business card orders. We are fortunate to have his unique skill set, particularly in social media!



Please join me in welcoming Raul Guerra and Keisha Ford!

## **James I. Wong (History) and the Flying Tigers**

With the youngest attending Chinese-American veteran at age of 84 and the oldest attending veteran at the age of 97, Professor James I. Wong (History) attended this year's reunion and conference about the Chinese-American units of the Flying Tigers from World War II. This year was the 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Combined Units of the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Service Group and 987<sup>th</sup> Signal Company, including the component units of the 407<sup>th</sup> Air Service Squadron, 555<sup>th</sup> Air Service Squadron, Headquarters Squadron, 1157<sup>th</sup> Signal Company, 1544<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company 1077<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company, 2121<sup>st</sup> Quartermaster Trucking Company, 2122<sup>nd</sup> Quartermaster Trucking Company and the 987<sup>th</sup> Signal Company Special, US Army. Held from September 5 through September 8, The Portland, Oregon Public Library, the Northwest China Council, and Portland State University co-hosted the conference about the Chinese-Americans veterans and Chinese-American citizens of Portland during the war years (1942-1945). The Veterans Administration had estimated that nearly 20,000 Chinese-American men and women served the United States during World War II.



*Pictured is James I. Wong in front of the iconic P-40 Warhawk made famous by the Flying Tigers*

## Disability Resource Center Hosts Open House



You are invited to our  
**OPEN HOUSE!**

Learn more about the new Disability Resource Center and our upcoming events.

**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Building 5, Room 5132

*Refreshments will be served!*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Skyline College Asian Culture Week September 18 – 22, 2012

Skyline College in collaboration with China Dance School/Theater of San Francisco will host another Annual Skyline College Asian Culture Week. This is part of the Asian Culture Center's project supported by the President's Innovation Fund. We hope our Asian Culture Week will again help promote cultural exchange and international education.

This exciting event will include an Asian food festival and Asian film festival. The featured event, the China Dance School /Theater of San Francisco will perform on September 22 in the Main Theater.

*2012 Skyline College  
Asian Culture Week*  
亚洲文化周  
*September 18—22, 2012*



**Saturday, September 22 7:30 P.M.**  
China Dance School & Theater Performance

The featured event, the China Dance School /Theater of San Francisco will perform on September 22 in the Main Theater.  
Call (650) 738-4194 for tickets

**Film Festival (Main Theater)**

**Tuesday, September 18 1:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.**  
An American in China  
一个美国人在中国

This coming of age, fish out of water story is a journey to another world, yet a world that is in many ways just the same as our own. Politics, cultural differences and distances cannot change the fact that we all share the same common humanity and the same basic desire: to love and be loved.



**Wednesday, September 19 1:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.**  
Departures  
入殓师

When his orchestra disbands, Daigo Kobayashi (Masahiro Moriuchi) decides to start over and moves back to his small hometown. Desperate for work, he secretly takes a job as a "nikkankei," a funeral professional who prepares the deceased for burial and entrance into the next life. But while working with the families of the departed, Daigo embarks on a spiritual journey of his own as he finally experiences the joy and wonder of living.



**Asian Food Festival (in front of the Quad)**

9/18: Tuesday  
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

9/19: Wednesday  
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Food for purchase benefit Study Abroad Program





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**China Dance School & Theatre**  
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Article by Dr. Hui X. Pate

## Skyline College Art Faculty Exhibition

The Skyline College Art Gallery will open on Monday, September 10, with our new Art Faculty exhibit. The exhibit will feature paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, ceramics and mixed media works by Skyline College Art Faculty members. The show will run from September 10 – October 11, and will be open Mondays through Thursdays. Check the Gallery website for current hours and additional exhibition information.

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery>

You can view pictures of the exhibit in the Faculty 2012 show Photo Album at the Gallery's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/skygallery>



Ilana Crispi, *Scooter*, Watercolor on Paper



Arthur Takayama, *Electric Blue*, Photograph

## Coming Up...

### **Monday, September 17, 2012**

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Financial Aid Information Table, Building 6
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Financial Aid Updates, Building 2, Room 2117-A

### **Tuesday, September 18, 2012**

- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Financial Aid Workshop – Satisfactory Academic Progress and Income Adjustments, Building 2, Room 2117A
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Women's Soccer at Las Positas College, Livermore
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Financial Aid Workshop – Satisfactory Academic Progress and Income Adjustments, Building 2, Room 2117A

### **Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Career Services Workshop – Undecided about your Major? Let us Help, Building 1, Room 1219B
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball against Cabrillo College, Aptos

### **Thursday, September 20, 2012**

- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Financial Aid Updates, Building 2, Room 2117A
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., FAFSA Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

### **Friday, September 21, 2012**

- 10:00 a.m., Volleyball – San Jose Tournament, San Jose
- 1:00 p.m., Men's Soccer against Mission College (DH), Skyline College
- 3:00 p.m., Women's Soccer against Ohlone College (DH), Skyline College



## Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

### **Saturday, September 22, 2012**

- 9:00 a.m., Wrestling – Sac City Tournament, Sacramento
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., China Dance School & Theater Performance, Main Theater

### **Monday, September 24, 2012**

- 5:30 p.m., Volleyball, Monterey Peninsula College

### **Tuesday, September 25, 2012**

- 2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer, Mission College
- 4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer, West Valley College, Saratoga

### **Wednesday, September 26, 2012**

- 12:00 p.m., Career Conversational Series: Allied Health, Building 1, Room 1219B
- 1:00 p.m., Gay-Straight Alliance Meeting, Building 6, Room 6205
- 2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer against Los Medanos College, Skyline College
- 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball against DeAnza College, Skyline College

### **Thursday, September 27, 2012**

- 2:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

### **Friday, September 28, 2012**

- 2:00 p.m., Men's Soccer against Ohlone College, Skyline College
- 7:00 p.m., Wrestling against San Jose State, Skyline College

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

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/events/index.php>

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the event, date, time and location to Cherie M. Napier via email at [napierc@smccd.edu](mailto:napierc@smccd.edu).



## Guidelines for Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking to time to help me keep the college informed. Here are a few guidelines that will facilitate the publication of Skyline Shines each week:

### Send submission to [skylineshines@smccd.edu](mailto:skylineshines@smccd.edu)

- **Submit your article by 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays; articles received after this time will appear in the following week's issue**
- Place your submission in a Word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to ¼ or ½ of a page.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Don't forget to add a headline/title using 18 pt. bold font that is justified to the center
- Use the following commonly accepted abbreviations: a.m. or p.m. (i.e. "The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m." "The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. – Noon.")
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e., "Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses." And "I counted 176 records on the shelf.")
- If a sentence begins with a number, spell out the number or rewrite the sentence.
- Use the month, day, a comma and the year to indicate the date (i.e., "March 4, 2011" not "March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011").
- Add the word College when you refer to the name Skyline (i.e., Skyline College instead of Skyline).

### Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general **e-Suggestion Box**, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/generalinformation/esuggestionboxes.php>



### For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The California Community College Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

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