

**PEPPERDINE ALUMNI SPEAKERS AT THE FACULTY CONFERENCE**

**How are We Doing and How Do We Know? Best Practices for  
Transformative Learning**

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008**

*All full-time Pepperdine faculty members are invited to support their alumni, who will be speaking at the Faculty Conference at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 4. This year marks the first time that graduates of Pepperdine will also attend. Join with colleagues from your school to hear several of your own alumni speak about their transformative learning experiences at Pepperdine. Each of the five, school level, and concurrent sessions will be followed by faculty dialogue and discussion, concluding at 11:00 A.M.*

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## ***Graziadio School of Business and Management***

### **GSBM ALUMNI TO SPEAK:**

#### **JIM COURT**



*After attaining his MBA from Pepperdine's GSBM, Mr. Court went on to become one of the top eight technology executives in the insurance industry by Insurance and Technology magazine. Currently, he is the Chief Operating Officer at First American's Property and Casualty Insurance Group. His professional background includes leadership positions in technology and operations at MGE UPS Systems and Printronix, Inc.*

#### **ADI RAZ**



*Adi Raz earned her MBA from Pepperdine's GSBM this year with a perfect GPA. At present, she is the senior statistician at the Retail Equation, a fraud detection and real time transaction optimization company providing services to top tier retailers. She is also the Vice President of Operations at Equity Decision Systems, a company working to bring the power of predictive models and data mining to mid-sized organizations. Previously, Ms. Raz was a manager in the credit modeling and analytics department at*

## ***Graduate School of Education and Psychology***

### **GSEP ALUMNI TO SPEAK:**

#### **FRANCES DIAZ**



*Dr. Diaz earned her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from GSEP in 2005. As a licensed clinical psychologist in California, she continues her clinical practice specializing in therapeutic interventions for children, families, and adults. Dr. Diaz also works part-time at Saddleback College where she provides personal and academic counseling to a diverse student population. In addition to her clinical work, she is an adjunct faculty member for the graduate psychology programs at both Pepperdine and Webster Universities. Dr. Diaz has been invited to present at several events, including American Psychological Association's Educational Leadership Conference and Medical Grand Rounds at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.*

#### **JANICE KEENER**



*Dr. Keener attained her doctorate in clinical psychology from GSEP this May. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where she*

*Washington Mutual, where she was responsible for coordinating the construction of models to approve home loans and manage the company's \$100 billion loan portfolio.*

#### **JEFF ROZIC**



*Jeff Rozic is a marketing strategist at Google Audio, a traditional media advertising unit within Google's global advertising sales organization. Jeff joined Google in 2006 after attaining his MBA in the one-year, full-time program at Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management. While at Pepperdine, Jeff co-founded the Values-Centered Leadership Lab and interned at Boingo Wireless. Prior to graduate school, Jeff was a marketing and business development analyst at Emergent Biosolutions (NYSE: EBS), a Maryland-based biotechnology company.*

#### **Seaver College**

#### **SEAVER COLLEGE ALUMNI TO SPEAK:**

#### **CHAD GOMEZ CREASEY**



*After graduating from Seaver College, Mr. Creasey went on to earn an MFA in film and television producing from the Peter Stark*

*conducted intensive psychotherapy and comprehensive assessments with children and their families in a pediatric setting. Dr. Keener is currently a Consult-Liason Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Children's Hospital of Orange County.*

#### **ROBERT MARTELLACCI**



*Mr. Martellacci attained his M.A. in Educational Technology from Pepperdine's GSEP last June. Following his attainment of a Pepperdine graduate degree, he launched MindShare Learning Report, Canada's Premier Educational Technology eMagazine whose mission is to inspire education and industry to embrace 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills and share successful practices. In addition, he is the president of MindShare Learning, a privately held, Toronto based company that provides strategic marketing solutions to learning technology companies in the K-12, higher education, and life-long learning markets to support new market expansion and revenue growth. Mr. Martellacci also serves on the board of CeLEA (Canadian eLearning Alliance) and the Institute for Technology Enhanced Learning at York University. His primary research interest involves investigating success factors of classroom technology integration.*

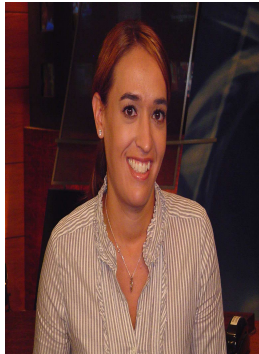
#### **MARIO NUNEZ**



*Mr. Nunez completed his organizational*

*producing program at University of Southern California. Mr. Creasey's debut feature film is Sydney White. He has written for Aaron Sorkin's critically acclaimed "Study 60 on the Sunset Strip," and is currently writing for the ABC drama, "Pushing Daisies."*

#### **THERESA DE LOS SANTOS**



*After attaining her B.A. in telecommunications with an emphasis in broadcast news and a concentration in political science in 2001, Ms. De Los Santos was named Seaver communication division's "most outstanding graduate." She began her professional career as a news producer, working for the ABC affiliate in Colorado Springs, CO. At present, Ms. De Los Santos has been a producer at the FOX station (KTTV) in Los Angeles for 4 years. On her return to Pepperdine, she attained a MA degree in mass mediated communications. She will be starting a doctoral program in media communication at U.C. Santa Barbara.*

#### **CHARLES PARK**

*Dr. Park is the Assistant Principal of the Engineering and Business Academies at John Muir High School in Pasadena, CA. While earning his doctorate in education from the University of Southern California, he was an English teacher and Dean of Students at a middle school.*

*leadership doctorate at Pepperdine's GSEP last year. Currently, he is a research project manager with Walt Disney Parks and Resorts in Anaheim. In addition to leading projects aimed at defining guest experience and advising managers and executives on the future direction of the Resort, he also periodically teaches at Mount Saint Mary's College. Mr. Nunez has a decade of expertise in automotive product planning and design in several Japanese organizations.*

### **School of Public Policy**

#### **SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY ALUMNI TO SPEAK:**

#### **ALMIS UDRYS**



*Mr. Udry attained his MPP from Pepperdine's School of Public Policy in 2001, specializing in American politics and international relations. He is the principal policy consultant of the Assembly Republican Caucus in Sacramento, where he has reviewed, analyzed, and provided voting recommendations on over 100 bills originating in the Health Committee. In his current role, Mr. Udry briefs members of the legislature on pressing issues and current legislation, as well as prepares floor talking points and opinion pieces for Assembly members. Previously, he has recommended performance measures related to California's Prison Industry Authority's statutory purposes of employing inmates, reducing costs, and rehabilitation. In his first year working at the California Bureau of State Audits, he was recognized by the California state auditor as "rookie of the year" for outstanding achievement as an employee.*

#### **GREGORY PEJIC**

*Mr. Pejic is the Inaugural 2008 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Fellow at the*





Currently, he is publishing his dissertation on minority teachers in AERA's SIG anthology. Dr. Park was one of the inaugural students of Pepperdine's three-year honors program at Seaver College. He served as a member of Pepperdine's Ambassador's Council and received his PADI license.

### **School of Law**

#### **SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI TO SPEAK:**

##### **DAVID BOATWRIGHT**



For the past 27 years, Mr. Boatwright has practiced law in the areas of transactional business and tax matters, including partnership and joint venture arrangements and limited liability companies. He is counsel for Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves, and Savitch LLP in San Diego. Prior to joining his current firm, Mr. Boatwright served as chair of the San Diego tax practice at Latham and Watkins for over a decade. Mr. Boatwright is certified by the California Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in taxation law. He attained his JD from Pepperdine's school of law in 1981, and has been recognized in the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th editions of Best Lawyers in America (published by Woodward/White Inc.) In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Boatwright runs a senior-assisted living community development consulting business and serves as the

RAND Corporation in Santa Monica. He is conducting research on the U.S. Air Force research project to develop framework and methods for using measures of combat effectiveness in decision making about programs. Mr. Pejic gained analyst experience at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he assisted in analysis, deliberations, and co-writing of program review decisions designed by the Deputy Secretary.



He was named a Forstmann Scholar and Presidential Management Fellow at Pepperdine's School of Public Policy, where he graduated 2 years ago with his MPP. In the past, Mr. Pejic has engaged in research for the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the American Enterprise Institute.

##### **EDYTA-CHRISTINA GRZYBOWSKA**



Ms. Grzybowska is currently a visiting, third year law school student at Pepperdine. She will attain her JD from George Mason University next May. She has been named a Diversity Scholar for the Washington DC Metropolitan Region. Recently, Ms. Grzybowska has conducted legal and legislative research on the meaning of "hardship" under the Immigration and Nationality Act and Circuit interpretations for the Board of Immigration Appeals. In 2005, she attained her MPP from Pepperdine's School of Public Policy. During her graduate

*President of the Board of Directors of the Monarch School Project, an organization that is dedicated to providing homeless and at-risk children with an accredited education while caring for their basic needs.*

#### **VIRGINIA MILSTEAD**



*studies, she conducted research on the Constitutional Convention for the Teaching American History project, and served as a teaching assistant for the Roots of the American Order class. She also conducted research on Cyprus's unification and its partial EU accession. Fluent in Polish and Bulgarian, Ms. Grzybowska interned at the Office of the Committee for European Integration in Warsaw, Poland.*

*Ms. Milstead attained her JD from Pepperdine's School of Law in 2004. 2 years ago, she joined the Los Angeles office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP as a litigation associate. Her practice is focused on securities litigation, director misconduct, and related claims. Ms. Milstead has represented clients in matters involving both federal and state securities laws and contests for corporate control. Her representation of corporations in litigation has related to stock options backdating as well as for issues arising out of the subprime mortgage industry. Previously, she has served as a law clerk to the Honorable Florence-Marie Cooper in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and to the Honorable Arthur Alarcon in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.*

#### **MICHELE MARYOTT**



*Ms. Maryott is a partner in Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher's Orange County office, where she has practiced for 11 years. Her work focuses*

*on complex business and commercial litigation. She has represented clients in a wide variety of cases including: consumer, wage, and hour class actions, employment litigation, and toxic tort litigation. Ms. Maryott has also worked on cases involving unfair business practices and other business torts. She earned her law degree from Pepperdine in 1997, graduating summa cum laude.*