Karen Watson, CC’s 2003 Teacher of the Year, Succumbs to Cancer

Services will be held on Saturday, February 11, at Eastside Christian Church in Fullerton. Students are encouraged to attend.

Karen Watson, a member of the Cypress College math faculty and the college’s 2003 Teacher of the Year, lost her long battle with cancer early this morning.

“Her body, but not her spirit, succumbed to a recurrence of the cancer she had fought so bravely against previously,” her dean, Richard Fee, wrote in an email to colleagues. In her last day, she was surrounded by her family and friends.”

“Karen lived her life as the embodiment of grace and love” Fee continued. “I met Karen as she was moving into her office the summer before her first semester. She greeted me with such warmth and enthusiasm, that I felt as though I belonged (even as an adjunct instructor). She made her students feel the same way. Each one of them was special in her eyes, and each semester she asked herself ‘How can I do more for my students?’”

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 11, at 10 a.m.; and, students are encouraged to attend — as emphasized by her husband Dennis.

“I need to make it known that students will be welcome at her memorial which will be on February 11, 2012, a Saturday (so as not to interfere with weeknight homework),” he said. “I would love to make a special invitation to any students of hers that would like to come. After the memorial service I am inviting everyone to our house after. It will be crowded, but we will give students and others a chance to talk about her if they wish. It is true that she cared for her students, she talked about it with me numerous times. I would love as many as wished to be there.”

The service will be held at Eastside Christian Church, where Karen and Dennis have been active. The church is located at the corner of State College and Yorba Linda Boulevards, just north of Cal State Fullerton.

In lieu of flowers, Watson’s family asks that donations be made for the Astronomy Program, the Hotel, Restaurant and Culinary Arts Program, and the Physical Education Division.
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construction of a water well in a village in India.

In 2003, a student-led committee selected Watson as the college’s Teacher of the Year recipient.

“The entire campus community extends congratulations to Karen for her excellence as an instructor,” then-President Dr. Margie Lewis said. “She is another example of the wonderful employees that we have at Cypress. It also speaks volumes about the depth of quality instruction within the Mathematics Department for a math teacher to be nominated yet again for this honor.”

Watson earned tenure in May 2002, four years after she was hired at Cypress College following a career that included employment by Hughes Aircraft as a software engineer, and as a civilian statistician for the U.S. Navy.

It was at Hughes that she realized teaching was her true calling. Having already earned a bachelor’s degree from Cal State Fullerton, she returned to the university to earn her master’s degree in mathematics.

Watson was particularly interested in training future K-12 teachers and developed two mathematics courses for what was then the college’s new Cypress College Teacher Preparation Program. She was also active in local mathematics organizations and regularly presented workshops at regional K-12 conferences and teacher in-service training.

She also served on the Academic Senate.

Away from work, Watson and her husband, Dennis, enjoyed ballroom dancing, and were actively involved at church.

If you’d like to share your memories of Karen Watson, please do so on our Facebook page. On the social media site, Karen’s daughter, Lani, posted that the comments there have been meaningful to the family. There is also a link there to Karen’s blog.

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an analysis of existing conditions, including: the regional/local community context; building occupancy; history; vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian circulation; parking; emergency access; zoning; and landscaping.

Covering this portion of the plan, Cant shared the planning principles, projects, recommendations, recommended site improvements, and future thinking.

Looking at a potential reconfiguration of the athletic fields, she noted the ties between the plan’s proposal and the needs articulated in the plan’s educational component.

“...a significant athletic field reconfiguration is necessary,” the report says. “The program cannot currently provide adequately for spectator seating and security of the athletic events without appropriately addressing entrance and egress. Consolidation and reconfiguring athletic fields would significantly address these issues.”

Likewise, the plan’s suggestion of a planetarium is not only a facility decision, but one driven by faculty input.

“Faculty indicates a need for an astronomy observation platform as well as a planetarium,” the plan says. “Such a facility would address a critical instructional need as well as providing the potential for becoming a major community attraction and a center for astronomy in Orange County.”

Vital to understanding the Educational Master Plan’s purpose is recognizing what it isn’t intended to provide.

“The Master Plan is the District’s long-term plan, which is to be used as a resource for making decisions.” Dr. Kasler said at Opening Day. “It’s not a decision-making manual. It’s not designed to be prescriptive. The Strategic Plans we develop over this period of time will be our ‘how to’ navigation documents.”

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Cypress College: Motivating Minds.
Cypress College today hosted the California Blackboard Users Group (CaliBUG) First Annual Meeting. It took place in CCCPLX-414, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

This is a newly formed organization intended to facilitate networking with Blackboard users throughout the state. We have 70 confirmed reservations (expecting about 50 to show) and will be conducting several featured activities which include a presentation by two Blackboard folks from New York who will discuss, “The Short- and Long-Term Direction of Blackboard,” and “Ways to Participate in Group and Research Activities Using Blackboard,” an accessibility session presented by Jaime Johnson from the CCCCCO High Tech Center, and a strategic conversation about the future of the CaliBUG organization.

Blackboard has paid for lunch and afternoon snacks and drinks.
In this video from the 2008-2009 academic year, Cypress College Mathematics Professor Karen Watson explains logarithms and works through solving them. This is a portion of a standard class, and was recorded by the college’s Supplemental Instruction program to assist SI leaders. Recorded in 2008-2009.”

Editor’s note: We are sharing the full video because of its value to those who want to comprehend logarithms, in tribute to Mrs. Watson, and in hopes that her exemplary teaching will live on. If you want to gain the sense of the impact of this lesson, you can watch the first 3.5 minutes of the video and the final 2 minutes or so (pick up at the 14-minute mark). The progression of the students is amazing.
I wasn’t deceived by the trip, I was traumatized:

Using archaeology and ethnography to understand the violence, suffering, and hope of undocumented border crossings between Mexico and Southern Arizona

A presentation by

Dr. Jason De León

Thursday February 9th
2:30 – 4:00 pm
at the Campus Theater,
Cypress College

About the Presentation:
In this presentation I present data from the Undocumented Migration Project, a long-term study of the contemporary migration of people from Northern Sonora to Southern Arizona. Using a combination of archaeological and ethnographic data collected on both sides of the border, I argue that the artifacts left by undocumented migrants in the deserts of Arizona are an important historical record of a violent social process created by institutionalized border enforcement practices. I also discuss what these artifacts can tell us about routinized forms of migrant suffering and why some desert conservation efforts may be destroying important American archaeological heritage sites.

About the Presenter:
Jason De León is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Michigan. Since 2008, he has directed the Undocumented Migration Project, a long-term ethnographic and archaeological study of clandestine border crossing between Northern Mexico and Arizona.

The artifacts of border crossings: Here, migrants discard their possessions prior to crossing into the United States.
Photo Credit: Mike Wells

Funding for this presentation provided by the Cypress College Diversity Committee and the Social Sciences Division
The Campus Service Center is located in the middle of the college grounds, as part of the Bookstore Building.

The following services are located inside the center:

- Production Center
- Extended Day Office
- Distance Education Office
- Mailroom
- Evening Administrator

While these services are all located jointly, the staff in each area is expert in their field — but not trained in the other specialized areas.

For the sake of both accuracy and productivity, it is important that the campus community understand what services are provided by each area.

This brochure introduces the services available and the staff who provide them.

Each service provided in the Faculty and Staff Service Center is distinct and non-overlapping. As you are aware, one of the services we provide is mail distribution.

This brochure provides an overview of the services available in the center and the staff who are able to provide these services.

In order for the staff to best serve the needs in their individual areas, your cooperation in directing inquiries to the appropriate employees is greatly appreciated and will facilitate our ability to serve your needs.
◆ Production Center

HOURS:
7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday

STAFF:
Anita Rogers (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F);
Greg Eng (4:00-9:00 p.m., M-Th)
(714) 484-7328

SERVICES:
Photocopying
Shredding
Laminating (additional cost; budget number required)
Binding (additional cost; budget number required)
Color printing (additional cost; budget number required)

SUBMISSION:
Projects can be submitted two ways. A project can be
sent via email, or physical copy may be delivered to the
Production Center. All projects must be camera ready.
Email submissions should be sent to production@cypress-
college.edu and should include project details such as the
quantity of copies, and color of paper.

PRIORITY:
Emailed projects are granted first priority. These proj-
ects are processed in the order they are received.

TECHNICAL DETAILS:
Documents submitted via email should be sent in
either PDF or Word format. PowerPoint, Excel and Pub-
lisher Files can also be accommodated.
Please do not submit “zipped” or compressed files.
Also, to ensure accuracy, please limit the number of attach-
ments to five or less.
The Production Center is unable to accept electronic
media, such as CDs and flash drives.

HARDCOPY:
Hardcopy requests must be accompanied by a work
request. Projects must be camera ready as the Production
Center is unable to make adjustments. These work re-
quests are located at the front counter of the center. There
is a drop-off slot located at the south counter underneath
the rolling steel window.

◆ Extended Day Office

HOURS:
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday

STAFF:
Melisa Barrios
(714) 484-7332

SERVICES:
The Extended Day Office provides support for Cy-
press College’s adjunct faculty and to all instructors teach-
ing courses meeting outside traditional business hours. In
addition, the office provides critical support to the Evening
Administrator.
At the Extended Day Office, adjunct faculty can
check-out and return essential items such as classroom keys
and parking hangers, access their physical mailboxes, get
assistance with MyGateway, and PIN resets.

◆ Distance Education
Office

HOURS:
10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

STAFF:
Melisa Barrios
(714) 484-7052

SERVICES:
The Distance Education Office provides informa-
tion regarding Distance Education courses. This primarily
consists of online, hybrid, and web-enhanced instruction
— and the primary instructional platform: Blackboard.
The Distance Education Office provides administra-
tive support for the faculty involved in providing Distance
Education instruction.
For additional assistance, you can email Jeanne Miller,
DE Coordinator at jmiller@cypresscollege.edu.

◆ Mailroom

HOURS:
Access to the mailroom is available during the fol-
lowing hours:
7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday

STAFF:
Miguel Miranda
(714) 484-7390 or
(714) 484-7342

SERVICES:
The Mailroom is Cypress College’s central location
for the distribution and collection of campus mail and
for correspondence destined for our colleague institu-
tions or the United States Post Office.
For assistance from mailroom staff, please call
(714) 484-7390 first.
The District mail is delivered and picked up at
9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please note that the mailroom
is staffed only during the drop off and pick up times.
FedEx, UPS, and DHL packages are delivered to
the division/department by the carrier.

◆ Evening
Administrator

HOURS:
5:00-9:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday

STAFF:
Rotates on a nightly basis among each of the col-
lege’s managers.
(714) 484-7333

PURPOSE:
The evening administrator is the manager desig-
nated as being responsible for oversight of the campus
during instructional hours held outside the general
operating hours of the campus.