

"The World May Know Kindness:" a message from Schweitzer Award recipient Michael Belay



Michael Belay

Public safety officer Michael Belay received Chapman University's 2007 Albert Schweitzer Award of Excellence at Opening Convocation last month for his work with school children in Ethiopia. The following is a speech he wrote for the occasion but was unable to deliver due to time constraints.

"First, thank you so much. To be given this award is such a great honor. To me this award is recognition of many things.

First, it is appreciation for what we, as Hands Across the Planet to Poor Youth, have worked so hard to do in the last seven years. We have built, from nothing, a school for children who had no place to learn. We have given them chairs to sit, books to study, and clean

water to drink. We have given them knowledge and we have given them safety. We have given them hope, and for recognizing this, I thank you.

This award also recognizes the namesake, Dr. Albert Schweitzer. I walk every day at Chapman University where I am a security guard. As I walk by his statue, I read the inscription, "We must all share in the burden of pain that oppresses the world." In the life of Albert Schweitzer, I find courage in his words and knowledge. And when I look at his statue and his smile, I find kindness. Today we recognize Dr. Schweitzer, who held kindness above all else. For recognizing him, I also thank you. I believe this award is more than these things. For me, this award recognizes the need for such an honor to exist.

In my hometown of Tembien, Ethiopia, the life expectancy is 48 years. Who in this room is older than 48 years? There is little drinking water. Sometimes people walk very far, carrying children just to drink. Sometimes people drink from the ground. There is no medical assistance. There is little food. There is much sadness, and my town, my country is not alone. Today, the world is in great need of help, in great need of your kindness.

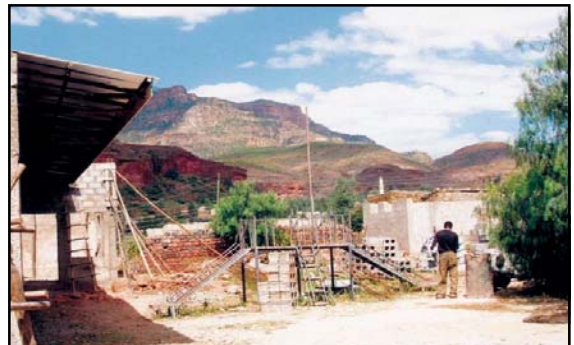
There is suffering in the Sudan, recovery in the aftermath of the Indonesian tidal wave and from the streets of India to the streets of L.A. and Orange County, people need our help. Today the world needs kindness more than ever before. For me, the greatest honor you can give is not to recognize what I have done and not to recognize the man for whom the award is named. For me, the greatest honor would be for you to recognize the need for kindness in our world and to find the strength in yourselves to provide it. To tell you this makes me so happy.

I would like to end with a quote about education because that is why we are here today at Chapman University. "There are people who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are people who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are people who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is love."

Today, my friends, let us strive to gain knowledge and let us use the knowledge we gain to serve others who have not been given opportunity. In this way the world may know kindness; in this way we may know love.

My name is Michael Belay and I am the founder of HAPPY, Hands Across the Planet to Poor Youth."

To more info and to help, visit happyinethiopia.org.



Construction on the school in Ethiopia.

Staff and Faculty Notes



Prof. Binder

Professors Denis Binder and Francine Lipman, and associate professor **Larry Rosenthal** from the School of Law represented Chapman at the 60th Annual Meeting of The Southeastern Association of Law Schools on Amelia Island in early August. Prof. Lipman was a panelist on Immigration Issues, Prof. Rosenthal was a panelist on the United States Supreme Court and Legislative Preview, and Professor Binder presented a paper on The Changing Paradigm in Public Legal Education.



Prof. Rosenthal



Prof. Lipman

Dr. Luis Ortiz-Franco, professor of mathematics, has accepted a request by Colombian student Jose Solorzano Movilla to serve as a thesis advisor for his master thesis in education, which involves an ethnomathematics investigation of the language, culture and mathematical thought of the indigenous group Ette Ennaka, or Chimilas, in Colombia. Their language is Ette Taara. This is a groundbreaking investigation on the mathematical thought of pre-Columbian groups in Colombia, and Movilla will be working with Dr. Ortiz-Franco and Prof. Ubiratan D'Ambrosio of Brazil, the founder of Ethnomathematics, on this multidisciplinary investigation. This project is one of many other ethnomathematics projects currently underway investigating the mathematical thought of indigenous groups around the Amazon region.



Prof. Ortiz-Franco

Dr. Gregg A. Payne, assistant professor of communication studies, has been invited to present a paper early next month in Glasgow, Scotland at the International Conference on Communication and Conflict. The conference is sponsored by and will be held at the University of Strathclyde. The paper addresses structural and associated social forces producing ideological, topical, and thematic content homogenization in mass mediated news, and the effects of homogenization on suppression of legitimate debate in the public arena. Dr. Payne has also been selected to serve on the communication and mass media editorial review board of Scientific Journals International, which he also serves on the editorial advisory board for.



Prof. Payne

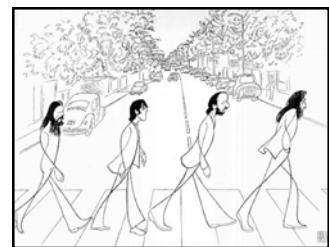
Dr. Joseph Runzo, professor of philosophy and religion, was invited to lecture this summer at the University of Frankfurt and at the University of Mainz on the international project he is directing to revise Just War Theory for the 21st Century. Before flying to Germany he spent a week at the Jerusalem Centre for Ethics consulting with experts in military ethics from NATO countries and from the Israeli Defense Forces, including former IDF Chief of Staff General Moshe Ya'alon. In Jerusalem, Dr. Runzo was able to add 10 more experts in international relations to the project to revise Just War Theory.



Prof. Runzo

A Message from Public Safety:

In a effort to protect pedestrians, the City of Orange and the Department of Public Safety have entered into a joint venture to reduce the dangerous mid-block crossing on Glassell between Palm and Sycamore. During summer, the city adopted an ordinance making this practice illegal. Signs have been posted on both sides of Glassell and enforcement has begun. If you cross Glassell for any reason, please use the crosswalk at either Palm or Sycamore to avoid violating the new ordinance. Violators are subject to a city-imposed fine. If you have any questions, please contact Public Safety at x6763.



This Week on *Dialogue With Doti and Dodge*:

"Strategies for Future U.S.-Iranian Relations," with **Sir Eldon Griffiths**, author of *Turbulent Iran: Recollections, Revelations and a Plan for Peace*. Airs Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m. on KOCE, Channel 50.

HAPPENINGS

Chapman University's Community Newsletter



Images from
*Missing/Las
Desaparecidas*

Panel and exhibition cast light on *Las Desaparecidas*

Since 1993, approximately 400 women and girls have been murdered in Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico. More than 70 are still missing. This issue will be addressed in a panel discussion titled "Women of Juarez" on Thursday, Sept. 6, in the Waltmar Theatre at 7 p.m., featuring **Father Rafael Luevano**, associate professor of religious studies, reporter Minerva Canto, and artist Deborah Koenker



In conjunction with "Women of Juarez" is an art exhibition in the Guggenheim Gallery coordinated by Koenker titled *Missing/Las Desaparecidas*. The exhibition has its opening reception 6 – 8 p.m. Sept. 6 and runs Sept. 3 through Oct. 6. It features textile and photo-based works from residents of the small town of Tapalpa, Jalisco, Mexico, who have added their "signatures" in protest against the brutal murders and disappearances of the women of Juarez. A secondary theme focuses on the anonymous machine work of production sewing which occurs in sweatshops in every city in Canada. It celebrates and honors the work of the hand but brings into question the issues of economy, consumerism, and human rights in a global culture.

New certificate program spotlights 21st century development

Chapman Extended Education and the Hobbs Institute for Real Estate, Law and Environmental Studies are teaming to offer a year-long certificate program called "Real Estate and Innovative Development for the 21st Century." Building on the Hobbs Institute's concept of "Green Both Ways™," the program offers professionals and community leaders the opportunity to better understand the challenges facing real estate and land development. Free information sessions will be held Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in Argyros 209, and Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. in Beckman 206. For more information, call **Dawn Sandie** at x6644 or go to www.chapman.edu/ExEd/RealEstate/

September events are stupendous, stellar and spectacular!

Friday, Sept. 7 – A workshop titled "Developing a Winning Business Plan" is presented in Beckman Hall (room TBA) from 1 – 4 p.m. Free with Chapman ID, \$4C for community participants. For more info, contact **Dr. P.K. Shukla** at x6817.

Monday, Sept. 10 – Student L.E.A.D.'s Community Partnership Series' first seminar of the year, "A Focus on the Environment" takes place from 4 – 6:30 p.m. in Beckman Hall 404. For more info, contact **Justin Koppelman** at x6999.

Thursday, Sept. 13 – Alumni and Parent Relations presents "Parents on Campus: Times to Handle 'Helicopter' Behavior," an audio conference and discussion about the increase in parent involvement in college students' lives and some of the difficult situations it creates for faculty and staff, at 10 a.m. in Argyros Forum 209 C. For more info, call x6681.

Thursday, Sept. 13 – Tibetan Buddhist meditation master Dzogchen Khenpo Choga Rinpoche speaks on "Integrating Buddhist Philosophy and Meditation in Your Daily Life" from 7 – 9 p.m. in Beckman Hall 404. For more info, call **Dr. Barney McGrane** at x6564.

Friday, Sept. 14 – Faculty artist Bridget Dolkas is featured as part of the California Quartet, part of the Peter Sprague Spring Consort, in "An Evening of Jazz Music" at 8 p.m. in the Salmon Recital Hall. Free with Chapman ID, \$10 general admission. For more info, call x6871.



Staff and Faculty Notes



Prof. Axelrod

Dr. Mark Axelrod, professor of comparative literature and director of the John Fowles Center for Creative Writing, recently returned from lecturing on screenwriting at both UNIACC and ARCOS universities in Santiago, Chile, and has been invited to teach a seminar on film adaptation in Finland at the University of Art and Design, Helsinki. In addition, his fourth book on screenwriting, *The Scene*, has been accepted for publication by Heinemann Publishing, with whom he has published his previous three books. His 10-minute play, *Chips, Falling Where They May*, will be staged in San Diego this November and his trilogy of one-act plays titled *Taxing Tales: An American Trilogy* is being considered by the Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis. His collection of short fiction, *Borges' Travel, Hemingway's Garage* is currently being evaluated for translation into Spanish with Norma Press, a major publisher in Buenos Aires.



Prof. Dehning

Dr. Bruce Dehning, associate professor of accounting in the Argyros School of Business and Economics, has published the article "The Financial Performance Effects of IT-Based Supply Chain Management Systems in Manufacturing Firms," in the *Journal of Operations Management*, the premier journal focusing solely on the field of operations management. The article was co-authored with Vernon J. Richardson of the University of Arkansas and Robert W. Zmud of the University of Oklahoma.



Prof. Guy

Donald Guy, assistant professor of theatre, will be designing the lighting for "*Master Harold...and the boys*," by Athol Fugard, at the Colony Theatre in Burbank. In this production, an ordinary rainy afternoon in 1950s South Africa turns into a profound and life-changing experience for young, white Harold and his beloved black servants. The Colony Theatre calls the work "a stunning masterpiece, one of the most powerful coming-of-age plays ever written, and still timely, still compelling, still unbearably moving." The show runs Oct. 17 to Nov. 18. Tickets are available by calling 818-558-7000 x15.



Prof. Kim

Dr. Christopher S. Kim, assistant professor of chemistry, recently returned from the 19th annual V.M. Goldschmidt international geochemistry conference in Cologne, Germany, where he was invited to give a talk to lead off a symposium titled "Speciation and Reactivity of Trace Elements in Natural Environments." His presentation, "Particle size effects on heavy metal distribution, speciation, and correlations in mine wastes," is based on work conducted with Chapman students at various mine sites in Southern California. Chris Lentini and Brian Reinsch, two former research students with Dr. Kim, also made the trip to present results of their own research projects and received positive feedback from the international geochemistry community.



Prof. Machan

Dr. Tibor Machan, The R. C. Hoiles Chair of Business Ethics and Free Enterprise, traveled around Europe this summer giving lectures at the University of Heidelberg, Germany; Leuven, Belgium; Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia; Armenia; and Baku, Azerbaijan. Dr. Machan's book, *The Georgia Lectures on Political Economy*, based on his seminar in summer 2006, was published this summer. He also gave a presentation on the anomaly of taxation in a free society at the Atlas Society Summer Seminar on July 10.



Prof. Shears

Dr. Connie Shears, assistant professor of psychology, and her students - Vanessa Miller M.A. '04, Megan Ball '06, Amanda Hawkins '07, Janna Griggs '06 and Andria Varner '07, recently published "Cognitive Demand Differences in Causal Inferences: Character's Plans are More Difficult to Comprehend Than Physical Causation" in *Discourse Processes*, one of the leading journals that addresses language comprehension. The series of experiments and data collection took nearly two years to complete. The findings in this paper have already been cited and Dr. Shears' lab is continuing investigations into comprehension processes for varying knowledge domains.



Prof. Tuggle

Dr. Francis D. (Doug) Tuggle, professor of information systems in the Argyros School of Business and Economics, recently led a planning retreat for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange attended by Bishop Tod D. Brown, the auxiliary bishops, the vicar general, and about 30 staff.