May 13, 2013

Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

On Thursday May 9, 2013 the 53rd Riverside Community College District Distinguished Faculty Lecture was delivered by Dr. Alexis Gray (Associate Professor of Anthropology – Norco College 2006-date). The title of the lecture was “Oh, Dear, It's a Doe, a Female Doe”. In addition to her position at Norco College, Dr. Gray has been a forensic anthropologist for over ten years. A forensic anthropologist is called upon to examine deceased individuals who are otherwise unidentifiable. Dr. Gray uses her knowledge of human variation and applies it to the medico-legal context. Her lecture covered techniques as to how these determinations are made and several case studies were shown to illustrate the process.

The Faculty Lecture took place in the Salvatore G. Rotella Digital Library & Learning Resource Center Auditorium on the Riverside City College campus. The Distinguished Faculty Lecture, inaugurated in 1961, is one of the most important functions for the faculty, community and students
alike at Riverside Community College District. Each spring, RCCD’s faculty selects one of its own to present this prestigious lecture on a scholarly subject of interest. The first Distinguished Faculty Lecturer was Cecil E. Stalder (Associate Professor; History 1946-1967) and the title of his speech was “Reflections on Giambatista Vico”. In 1962 the second Distinguished Faculty Lecturer was Dr. Garnett Lee Gladden (Associate Professor; Philosophy & Psychology 1946-1977). The topic of his talk was “The Conquest of the Mind”. Below is an article from the February 22, 1962 “Tiger Times” student newspaper.

Dr. Gladden was in attendance at the 2013 Distinguished Faculty Lecture. Seen below (left to right) Dr. Alexis Gray (2013 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer), Dr. Gladden and his wife Vivian.
Also in attendance were a number of past Distinguished Faculty Lecturers. Pictured below are: (left to right) Joseph G. Eckstein (2010), Dr. Ronald W. Yoshino (1991), Dr. Sharon L. Crasnow (2003), Dr. Richard Mahon (2004) and Karin Skiba (2005), along with Dr. Alexis Gray (2013). Among the other Faculty Lecturers in attendance were Ronald Pardee (1992) and Jose Duran (2012).

It is 2 years and 43 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

Special thanks to Joan Rovan who designed the 2013 Distinguished Faculty Lecture poster and Anthony Rizo who took the photographs on the day of the lecture.

The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC’s 100th Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.

Our thanks go to the RCC Digital Library Archives and the District’s Office of Strategic Communications and Relations for allowing us to use their photo and newspaper collections. Thanks as well to all of the RCC students and Faculty Advisors that were a part of the yearbook and newspaper staffs. Thanks also to Tom Johnson and Gilbert Jimenez who wrote “the book” about RCC’s history. “Riverside City College 1916-1981- A 65 Year History” is available in the RCC Digital Library.
For copyright purposes, all images originating from Riverside City College publications and the District’s Office of Strategic Communications and Relations are the property of the Riverside Community College District.