



### Representing Chaffey College Faculty in All Academic and Professional Matters

#### FACULTY SENATE HIGHLIGHTS



**Ardon Alger**

Full Time Faculty in Photography, VPA

Past Faculty Senate President, 2000-2018

Ardon has served Chaffey College as a faculty member for 43.5 years, as a staff member for half a year, and as Faculty Senate President for 18 years – the longest running president recorded in the state. On May 6 2020 Ardon announced his plan to retire at the end of May. In his announcement he stated “I will deeply miss you all and the students. Thank you all so very much for your friendship, support, and the great work that you have done and will do in these difficult times. It has been a privilege to work with you.”

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# Resolution in Honor of Professor Ardon Alger

**Whereas** Ardon Alger served generations of Chaffey College students as a full-time Professor of Photography, mentoring and inspiring them by both precept and example for forty-three years;

**Whereas** he empowered students to develop their talents and pursue their dreams;

**Whereas** he served for four decades as a department coordinator, committee member, and committee chair;

**Whereas** he reorganized an arcane, inefficient, and redundant committee system to serve students in a more efficient and dynamic manner;

**Whereas** he worked tirelessly as Faculty Senate President for an unprecedented eighteen years, during which time he was a powerful and fearless voice for faculty at the risk of his own career trajectory;

**Whereas** he mentored, supported, and empowered all faculty, new and tenured, adjunct and full-time, so that their reach might exceed their grasp;

**Whereas** he was a strong and consistent advocate for increasing faculty diversity and empowering the marginalized;

**Whereas** he took difficult stands to protect valuable programs that improve the lives of our students;

**Whereas** he brought a new level of communication and transparency to the campus community;

**Whereas** he served the College with integrity, inspiring trust and moral courage among his peers;

**Whereas** he freely shared his time, his knowledge, his energy, and even his home, encouraging collegiality among his colleagues;

**Whereas** his absence from Chaffey College will be deeply felt by all who know him;

**Whereas** a complete list of his accomplishments would rival *War and Peace*;

**Whereas** a true expression of the faculty's gratitude to him would unavoidably border on the maudlin;

**Resolved**, that the Chaffey College Faculty Senate honor Ardon Alger's more than four decades of service as a professor and peer leader for the students and faculty of the College;

**Resolved**, that we who remain will live by his example and emulate his service to students and colleagues;

**Resolved**, that Chaffey College wishes for Ardon Alger many more years of joy, fulfillment, and the pursuit of new horizons with his loved ones and the countless friends he has made along the way;

**Resolved**, that this Resolution be presented to Professor of Photography and Faculty Senate President *Emeritus* Ardon Alger and preserved in the official Minutes of the Chaffey College Faculty Senate.

**By Acclamation**  
**Chaffey College Faculty Senate**  
**May 12, 2020**

# Program and Department Accomplishments

## Photography Successes 2019-2020

### Content provided by Ardon Alger

Full Time Faculty

Photography, Visual and Performing Arts

- David Alekhuogle: In 2020 he will have an exhibition titled “New Photography.” It will be at MoMA in New York, and he will also have a solo show in a gallery in New York. He also will be in a traveling exhibition with the Smithsonian that will come to Los Angeles. He was included in the Time Magazine “photographers to watch Summer 2017.” He was a Chaffey student for 6 years, received AA in Photography, and an AA in Art History, before going on to the Art Institute of Chicago, and Yale. David is a male African American adjunct.
- Brice Bischoff installed a large permanent piece of his work in the San Francisco office of Facebook.
- Elaina Stocki had a solo exhibition in Paris, and LACMA purchased one of her prints for its permanent collection. The Paris show was made into a book.
- Teachers: Mark McKnight won the Aperture Magazine 2019 Portfolio of the Year Prize.
- Aperture Magazine has been one of the most respected photography magazines for 68 years.
- A big show at the California Museum of Photography featured a number of former students and current and past faculty. They are Kathy Bystedt, Sally Egan, Andrew K. Thompson, Thomas McGovern, Mark McKight, Robert Markovick, Ryan Perez, Lewis deSoto, Sant Khalsa, Tony Maher, and Julie Shafer. The exhibition was titled “In The Sunshine of Neglect: Defining Photography’s Radical Experiments in Inland Southern California 1950 to the Present. “There were 54 artists, from Ansel Adams to Aashanique Wilson.
- Other - We have a partnership with the Progress Gallery in the arts area in Pomona.
- Students: Michael Negrete, Photography, is on the Chaffey Vocational Photo Advisory Committee. Michael has an AA in Photography from Chaffey and has hired our students for 20 years. 2 students are working there now. We always have students who are in the photo program and working photography jobs, such as shooting portraits, events, weddings, babies portraits, cars, car parts, food, etc. Some are using their photo skills to shoot clothes and other things they have made.

# Program and Department Accomplishments cont.

## Journalism Successes

### Michelle Dowd

Full Time Faculty

Journalism, Language Arts

Nine of our Journalism students competed at the College Media Association's National Convention in San Francisco last month and are very proud to have placed nationally in 3 categories: 2nd place for The Chaffey Review literary magazine 3rd place for Breeze digital content (website), and 7th place for Breeze print editions Thank you so very much for your support!



## Continuing Education Efforts

The following faculty shared that they are pursuing a degree or taking courses that will enhance their professional service and growth as educators.

### TOMASZ STANEK

Part Time Faculty

History, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Tomasz is pursuing a PhD in History at Claremont Graduate University. His work focuses on modern Europe from 1870 to 1945.



# Professional Accomplishments

MARC MEYER

Full Time Professor, Anthropology  
Social and Behavioral Sciences

Along with two undergraduate students, Dr. Meyer published "Functional anatomy of the caudalmost sacrum in *Australopithecus afarensis*, *Australopithecus sediba* and *Homo erectus*" in the American Journal of Physical Anthropology, 171(S69):132. Current Chaffey College student Valeria Cortez and former Chaffey College student Samantha Jaye (now at CSU Los Angeles) worked along with Dr. Meyer on this research and were co-authors on the paper which compared the sacrum of extant hominoid taxa from 5 genera (N = 213) to fossil hominins. The research utilized PCA and linear regression to successfully partition *H. sapiens* from non-human apes using 11 landmarks on the S5 element of the sacrum. Analyses reveal a more medial position of the terminal cornua in non-human apes producing a transversely restricted sacral hiatus relative to *H. sapiens* and each fossil hominin. Despite some variation between *H. sapiens* and the fossil sample, all three hominins present an expanded attachment site for the gluteus maximus muscle relative to non-human apes, as well an expanded origin for the sacrotuberous ligament and perineum. These derived features are germane to understanding the evolution of human postural and locomotor behaviors and are diagnostic of an adaptation to bipedality at the caudalmost region of the axial skeleton.

In collaboration with Professor Michael Fong (Chaffey Anthropology) and Dr. Scott Williams (New York University), Dr. Meyer published "Anatomic extremes of the postcranial axial skeleton of *Australopithecus* and *Paranthropus robustus*" in the abstracts of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting. This research examines recent fossil discoveries and uses a geometric morphometric approach focused on understudied anatomic region of the axial skeleton across extant primate taxa (20 genera, N=518). This research finds a set of previously unrecognized functional signals that may be used to model extinct hominin postural and locomotor behaviors. For example, cervical uncinat process morphology in *Australopithecus sediba* provides an arboreal signature not observed in early *Australopithecus* from Ethiopia, and signals a stiffening of the cervical region function where the pectoral girdle mirrors the role of the pelvic girdle. At the opposite axial pole, the research identifies expansion for the gluteus maximus across fossil hominins, as well an expanded origin for the sacrotuberous ligament, preventing nutation and stabilizing the sacroiliac joint during bipedal locomotion. Moreover, expansion of the caudalmost sacral element (S5) in hominins provides greater insertion area for the perineum, which strengthens the pelvic floor in erect posture and bipedal locomotion. This last feature has special significance in pregnancy, where the pelvic floor is responsible for resisting gravity in bipedal hominins, replacing the supportive role of ventral structures such as the abdominals and pubis in gravid quadrupeds.