

# Emeritus Applications

## Greg Moloney

1985 - 2013: Student Assistant, Records and Reports Clerk, Satisfactory Academic Progress Counselor, Associate Director of Systems

Greg Moloney served Humboldt for twenty seven years working as a Financial Aid Administrator, assisting students through the complex processes in financial aid, specifically several years spent specializing in Satisfactory Academic Progress. For the last five years prior to retirement, he was the Associate Director of Systems and was the lead on the implementation of PeopleSoft in 2008. He was also a recipient of a Staff Recognition award in 1999.

Nominator: Peggy Metzger, Financial Aid Director

## Yvonne Everett

Professor of Environmental and Natural Resources Planning, Department Environmental Science and Management

Dr. Yvonne Everett has a long history of teaching excellence, scholarly productivity and service. During her 25 years at Cal Poly Humboldt, Dr. Everett has taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, primarily in the Environmental Planning and Policy concentration of the Environmental Science and Management program. She has worked with over 30 graduate students on thesis research and has consistently published over the course of her career. She has a long line of service credits including the ICC, CNRS CPC, UFPC, IRB Board, and CCAT Steering Committee. She has served on several Boards of local organizations and on the Editorial Board of a journal. I support this nomination fully and without reservation.

Nominator: Alison O'Dowd

## Mary I. Bockover

Professor of Philosophy

Mary has been an outstanding teacher, a serious and accomplished scholar, and has served on numerous committees at both the department and university levels (e.g., UFPC, college and department personnel committees). Her work is always extremely well done and complete.

Nominator: Michael F. Goodman

## Michael King

1990-1993, 1995-2015: Lecturer, Department of Biological Sciences

2001-2008: Collections Manager, HSU Vertebrate Museum

I knew Michael as a colleague and fellow Zoologist within the department of Biological Sciences, as well as serving as his supervisor in my role as Department Chair in the years 2009-2012. Michael was an excellent instructor, beloved by his students. He always had good stories to tell and a friendly easy manner, but also maintained high standards of rigor in his courses. He taught a very wide variety of courses, including Human Anatomy (for Kinesiology and for Nursing), Human Physiology, Elementary Physiology, Comparative Anatomy of the Vertebrates, Natural History of the Vertebrates, Mammalogy, General Zoology Lab, and General Biology Lab. One of the main goals he focused on was preparing students with a limited background for the rigors of a full university course load. He taught a General Biology course for the Veterans Upward Bound Program (1996-1999) to prepare veterans, who had long been out of academia, for university biology courses. He was also involved in the EOP Summer Bridge Program, teaching Environmental Science to "at-risk" inner city students who were transitioning from high school to university. And the Wetlands on Wheels program, he taught grade school teachers about wetlands, ecosystems and wastewater treatment while demonstrating ways of conducting field trips to maximize the benefit for participants.

In his role as Collections Manager of the HSU Vertebrate Museum from 2001-2008 he not only maintained the collections in excellent condition, but trained numerous students in museum techniques. One of his efforts that is readily visible to all is the rearticulation project of the beaked whale displayed in the Science B foyer. He took students to measure and collect samples from dead whales, some of which he had x-rayed at local hospitals. And he enlisted the aid of local companies to collect the Sperm Whale skull outside of Science C. He was also deeply involved in the American Society of Mammalogy meeting Held at HSU during the summer of 2004, preparing the museum for inspection and answering to a panel of questioners who recertified the Vertebrate Museum and its operational practices.

Outside of his academic commitments, Michael's volunteer work includes: presenting workshops for Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Math, presenting at the Redwood Environmental Education Fair, docent work at the Museum of Natural History, mentoring grad students in the Future Faculty Training Program, acting as presenter and panel member with Veterans Upward Bound addressing adult re-entry to HSU, working with the Humboldt Wildlife Care Center, and being a Life Science Resource Teacher at the Maple Creek Elementary School. He also received a Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant of \$4,000 for tutoring and mentoring Native American students in the Sciences (1997).

Nominator: John Reiss

## Sarah Whorf

Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor

Sarah Whorf has overseen the printmaking studio, curriculum and equipment for 18 years. When she began teaching at Cal Poly Humboldt, ARTB 100 was a lithography studio. Now it functions for all printmaking processes including lithography, relief, screen print and etching, with up to 74 students per semester.

Students have exhibited at print conferences such as at the annual Southern Graphics Council International conference in Portland, OR and Chicago, IL; The Print Fair at the International Printing Museum in Carson, CA and the Mid America Print Council Conference in Laramie, WY. Whorf has taken students on numerous field trips to Los Angeles and served as the Faculty Advisor for the printmaking club.

Several students that Sarah has taught have gone on to graduate school. Her former students are also the community of printmakers that now run or work at art and printmaking studios and businesses in Humboldt County, such as the Ink People's Ink Lab, The Sanctuary, Canvas + Clay Studio and Gallery and Just My Type Paperie and Letterpress. Former students run successful small businesses making screen printed t-shirts and other wear. The outreach she has done to local printmakers, as well as print alumni, have enriched the local art community, and created a group that supports each other by sharing technical knowledge and our love of printmaking.

The majority of Whorf's teaching has been to GE students, teaching two sections of ART 107 Printmaking I every semester. She values teaching majors and non-majors how to communicate through art and how to develop an appreciation for and development of basic skills in the art of printmaking.

In the upper division courses, Whorf has taught a rotation of printmaking topics including artist books, stone lithography, waterless lithography, plate lithography, collagraph, etching, intaglio engraving, drypoint, etched linoleum, woodcut, moku hanga (Japanese woodcut), wood engraving, monotype, and screen print. Whorf has also been proactive in changing the curriculum constantly to incorporate safer, non-toxic and sustainable printmaking practices.

She continues to actively exhibit her own printmaking work regionally and nationally and remains involved in her regional and national professional organizations.

Nominator: Nicole Jean Hill

## Robert C. McPherson

Lecturer and Research Associate

Dear Humboldt ERFSA,

This letter serves as a nomination of Robert (Bob) McPherson for Emeritus Status. Bob has been associated with the Geology Department of Humboldt State University, now Cal Poly Humboldt, since 1967, first as an undergraduate geology major and later as a graduate student (1984-1989), lecturer (1990-2012), research associate (2012-present), and volunteer instructor (2018-present).

Bob taught a range of geology courses during his time as a lecturer in the Geology Department, including those at the lower division, GE, upper division, and graduate-level. Bob's anonymous course evaluations – even in lower division GE courses – were very positive throughout his lecturer career. Students frequently complimented Bob on his engaging “inquiry-based” teaching style and his ability to challenge them to think critically and thoroughly about processes and concepts. I'll occasionally meet a former student of Bob's at the grocery store, beach, or on a hiking trail in the Trinity Alps, and they love telling me stories about how Bob's classes were filled with lively debate that sometimes echoed down the hallways. He certainly made an impact on hundreds of students as a lecturer at Humboldt! Since 2018, Bob has continued to volunteer his time as a guest instructor for certain topics in classes like GEOL 457 Engineering Geology and GEOL 555 Neotectonics.

Bob's research expertise spans the fields of seismology, tectonics, and earthquake hazards. He is an expert on the geological and geophysical processes that operate at the Mendocino Triple Junction, which is the region near Cape Mendocino in NW California where the Gorda plate, the North American plate, and the Pacific plate meet and interact. He has authored and co-authored over 20 peer-reviewed papers and conference abstracts since 1990 detailing results of collaborative research on Mendocino Triple Junction seismology, earthquakes, tectonics, and regional deformation. Bob's seismological research in the 1990's and early 2000's were particularly important for defining the seismic hazards facing PG&E's nuclear powerplant that used to exist at Buhne Point on Humboldt Bay. The data Bob and his team collected with the Humboldt Bay Seismic Network (HBSN) eventually led to the decommission of PG&E's Humboldt Nuclear Power Plant reactor. And, it established the foundation for our current understanding of the kinematics of the Mendocino Triple Junction.

Bob's current seismological work is focused on optic fiber research in and around Humboldt Bay. These buried optic fiber cables are rapidly proving themselves to be a valuable tool in the advancement of our understanding of regional tectonics, seismology, and our ability to strengthen Earthquake Early Warning Systems. Optic fiber experiments are a very large undertaking involving many scientists from the United States Geological Society, Cal Poly Humboldt, Caltech, University of Washington, Cal Berkeley Seismological Laboratory, and the California Geological Society. This project, spearheaded by Connie Stewart at Cal Poly Humboldt and many others is providing students with scientific field research as a once in a lifetime opportunity. We in the Geology Department are very grateful for Bob's continued collaboration and enthusiasm for involving undergraduate students in optic fiber experimental work.

Bob has a long history of engaging in community outreach with local organizations and volunteer teaching in local schools. He has collaborated on extramural grants that funded elementary school science activities in Hoopa and Covelo. He led an effort with teachers and students at Arcata High School to install a series of seismographs that recorded regional earthquake activity in real time. As an executive member of the Pacific Cell of the Friends of the Pleistocene (FOP), Bob has developed and led numerous field trips and taken hundreds of students, teachers, and geoscience professionals into the field to better their understanding of seismic hazards, geomorphology, watershed dynamics, and more. Bob is a lifetime member of the Seismological Society of America and the American Geophysical Union. He was also a 14-year public member commissioner of Humboldt County's Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO)

and is a current member of the Water Resources Advisory Committee for Humboldt County.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination of Bob McPherson for Emeritus Status. .

Sincerely,

Brandon Browne  
Professor and Department Chair  
Department of Geology  
Cal Poly Humboldt

Nominator: Brandon Browne

## Tamar Danufsky

Wildlife Museum Curator / IST III

Tamar, during her 20-plus years of service to the Wildlife Department, supported instruction of thousands of students in several of our core courses, while simultaneously re-organizing, caretaking, and expanding a regionally unique collection of research and teaching specimens in the museum. She further taught several cohorts of dedicated students to prepare and care for specimens. In short, the museum would not exist in its current state - an outstanding and growing resource for teaching and research - without her dedication and attention to detail over the decades she oversaw the museum. The public-facing portions of the collections, spread throughout the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, are an attraction to all visitors to the university, and the rest of the collection serves researchers and students alike. We are grateful for Tamar's service and we wholeheartedly request she be granted emeritus status.

Nominator: Daniel Barton, on behalf of the Wildlife Department

## Raymond "R.J." Wilson

01/82-8/2007: Manager of Academic Computing, Media Distribution & Smart Classrooms

11/73-12/81: Coordinator of Instructional Support

03/73-11/73: Computer Center Programmer

01/72-05/7: Institutional Research Project Programmer Analyst

10/70-06/71: Computer Center Programmer/Consultant,

"Mr. Raymond "R.J." Wilson is deserving of Emeritus Status. He retired as a dedicated and motivated manager of 15 professional, and technical staff (including 15-20 student employees) who managed computer laboratory facilities, smart classrooms, and media equipment distribution / checkout services and equipment repair facility for students and faculty. He was responsible for planning, procuring, installing, maintaining, and upgrading approximately 400 desktop computers with varied software applications and operating systems, and 16 file servers, 36 laser printers in 52 classrooms.

Accomplishments: Some of R.J.'s many accomplishments include ITS – Leadership role in installing and/or remodeling 74-computer classrooms and computer laboratories beginning in 1976. Academic Portion of Computing & Telecommunications Services Annual Report, 1990-1994; Academic Computing Portion of Information Technology Services Annual Report, 1995-2005; Academic Computing / Information Systems Program Plan for 1984-1990, Editor, 1984. Contributor and editor of Academic Portion of yearly 5-Year HSU Information Resource Plans, 1985-1990, 1987-1991, 1988-1992, 1989-1994.

HSU Committees: R.J. served on too many committees to include all of them, but a few are the Staff Council Representative, staff consulting group to University President, 1976-1980, 1986-1989, Chair, 1987-88. IT Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, Ex Officio Member, 2006; IT Service Model Task Force, Staff Representative, 2004-05, Information and Communications Technology-Literacy Assessment for Higher Education, HSU Coordinator, Spring 2005. Information Technology Council, Ex Officio Member 2003-06. Faculty Advisory Committee for the Center for Support of Instructional Technology, Ex Officio Member, 1997-2005. Instructional Technology Advisory Group, Chair, 1999-04. HSU Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation Self-study Committee, Computing & Telecommunications Services Representative, 1994. HSU Academic Computer Planning Committee, Ex Officio Member, 1988-1993. HSU Diamond Anniversary Committee, Staff Representative, 1988. HSU Resource Planning and Budget Committee Staff Representative, 1978-1981.

California State University Committees: Additionally, R.J. served on many CSU System committees including the CSU System wide Academic Computing Planning Committee, 1990-1992. Invitation for Bid for Local Timesharing Computer Replacement Feasibility Study Report, 1983-1984. CSU Operating Systems Committee, 1980-1982. CSU Local Timesharing Upgrade Criteria Task Force, 1979-1980. CSU Batch Computer Replacement Bid Specifications Committee, 1978-1979. CSU Batch Computer Replacement Feasibility Study Committee, 1977. CSU Central Timesharing Bid Specifications Committee, 1977.

Articles and references: Local Timesharing Replacement Enhancement (Feasibility Study Report and Sole Source Recommendation), Prepared by R.J. Wilson, 1988, 27 pgs. FORTRAN Conversion Guide, For Conversion of Programs written in the CDC MSOS FORTRAN IV Language to Programs Written in the CDC NOS FORTRAN Language, R.J. Wilson, 1981, 86 pgs.

Editor-in-Chief: HSU Academic Computing References and Guides including AC web pages, published continuously since 1997-2007. AC Information Packet, Editor Laurie Takao, Published Yearly, 1984-1994,

16 pgs. Introduction to VAX VMS, 2nd Ed., Editor Laurie Takao, 1993, 54 pgs. Using Kermit in The HSU Computer Environment (Mac & PC), 2nd Ed. by: M. Ferro & S. Netti, 1990, 24 pgs. EDT User's GUIDE; Introduction to the EDT Full Screen Editor, 1st Edition, Editor Laurie Takao, 1989, 31 pgs. Using Mac KERMIT In the HSU Computer Environment, 1st Edition by: Wade H. VanBuskirk, 1988, 21 pgs. CYBER Computer Atlas; A Road Map to the CYBER System, Editions 1-4, 1982-1987, 144 pgs. Academic Computing Guide, Editor R.J. Wilson, 1982-1986. Using Cyber Mail, Editor R.J. Wilson, 1986, 15 pgs. HSU's Microguide; A Guide to Microcomputers, by D. Calderwood and S. Dubickas, 1986, 45 pgs. Beginner's Guide to RSTS/E, 1st & 2nd Ed., Editor LAURIE TAKAO, 1984 & 1985, 60 pgs. Data Analysis at HSU, Editor Pat Collins, 1984, 134 pgs.

Summary: Mr. Raymond "R.J." Wilson is deserving of Emeritus Status due to his outstanding contributions to Cal Poly Humboldt in service and scholarship.

Nominator: Marshelle Thobaben, Humboldt-ERFSA President