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Lecture focuses on life experiences

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On Thursday in the Ludwick Center Sacred Space, Kristal Rodriguez-Campos, director of the Justice and Immigration Clinic, gave an emotional lecture on her experience as an immigration attorney, her family life and her opportunity to return to the University of La Verne to teach law in her “What Matters to Me and Why” presentation.

In a room of about 25 people, Rodriguez-Campos’ presentation went in depth on her personal journey of learning about her passion to help others with their immigration status. She drew a lot on her past and ancestry, discussing her ethnic roots and how listening to her parents’ stories and clients’ stories of coming to the United States has affected her.

Guests were completely moved by the stories Rodri-guez-Campos told of clients she helped and how those experiences have shaped her teaching at UVU. “It’s difficult and challeng-ing as it’s been to work on these types of cases, it’s been so re-demptive to be able to have an impact on my client’s lives,” Rodriguez-Campos said.

Gathered under a halo, the light and airy space was the perfect setting to hold a lecture with a prompt rapid question round. “I would say the rapid questions, it was different then just the normal questions we usually hear and the open discussion and the types of questions people come up with,” Anaya said.

Students saw the value in the “What Matters to Me and Why” series and asked to be able to meet and greet new people, learn more about the faculty. Continued on page 6

Speaker visits death row weekly

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Bill Breeden, Unitarian Universalist minister and former candidate for the Indiana House of Representatives, spoke on Campus Tuesday in the La Feria Auditorium. His lecture was titiled, “Bearing Witness: An Afternoon with Minister Bill Breeden.”

Now a spiritual advisor for people on death row, Breeden spoke about his life experiences and how and he has got to where he is today, before an audience of about 50 people.

During a late night at work in the early 1970s, he was in charge of going to the executioner, across the alley, to burn anything left behind in the store. This is when Breeden met a woman whom he calls “Black Female Jesus.” She asked him to leave everything there so she could feed her children, she would light the fire for him once she was done.

“I saw a woman who was not sleeping at all, but a woman who was courageous enough to stand down a white guy in an alley and demand the right to the cheese that I was going to burn,” Breeden said.

Growing up in Indy, Indiana, Breeden’s family was very religious and attended church three to seven nights a week. This experience changed every-thing he thought he knew about his religion, and helped him realize that he was a racist.

“A People’s History of the United States” by Howard Zinn is a book that Breeden hopes students will read.

If we don’t know our history, we have no way of determining our future,” Breeden said.

Each week for the last 16 years, Breeden has visited death row. After receiving a letter from inmate Chadwick Fulkis who was looking for a minister, Breeden said that he could help him get over his fear of hell because there is no hell worse than where he already was, in solitary confinement.

Alessandro Morosin, assistant professor of sociology and criminology, brought Breeden to speak. Morosin said he felt Breeden’s knowledge and experience would be meaningful to the La Verne community.

With a speaker like Bill, students can start putting their own lives in a larger social and his- torical context,” Morosin said.

“Where are we at, and what can we do about it?”

Breeden shared that he spent about 30 hours with Corey John- son, an intellectually disabled inmate at the Federal Correction- al Complex in Terre Haute, Indiana, before he was executed by lethal injection in 2021. Peo- ple aren’t built to witness some- one get murdered, Breeden said.

Ernie Thomson, emeritus professor of criminology who attended the talk, said that while teaching his class they never covered the “endpoint” in an inmate’s time. He said that lis- tening to Breeden’s first-hand point-of-view was meaningful.

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Professor talks interfaith, health care

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Megan Granquist, director of the athletic training program and professor of kinesiology, presented “Interfaith and Health Care” on Tuesday in the Quay Davis Board Room before roughly 30 people. The presentation was about the value of interfaith concepts in the world of health care. Inter-faith concepts, in her view, can help a health care provider and patient, as better knowledge of them will improve patient care vastly.

“It is to reach across bridges of difference,” Granquist said. Granquist moved on to her story of discovering interfaith concepts and relationship to health care.

She said she was inspired to look into the relationship between the two by a student who asked about the effects of inter-faith concepts on health care practices.

Granquist found that after doing a search, there were only a handful of papers and a blog about the mixing of faith concepts and health care. She also found that these papers all stemmed from a purely Christian worldview.

She said that her goals have been to describe concepts related to interfaith care, help health care officials include interfaith concepts, and to include secular identities for patients.

Granquist found that health care providers and athletic train- ers may not need to agree with interfaith identities, but regardless they should understand the patients identity in order to acknowledge them. She described the interfaith triangle refers to relationships, attitudes and knowledge to help measure suc-cess of interfaith cooperation.

“As people have more knowl-edge of different worldviews, they seek out relationships with people of different worldviews,” Granquist said.

Granquist continued by pro-viding examples of acknowledg-ing other worldviews being helpful within patient care.

“Patients are their own best experts on themselves in relation to worldviews,” she said.

She found that patient commu-nication was a large part of the link between interfaith con-cepts and health care.

Granquist also stressed the importance of not bringing per-sonal worldviews into patient care, as it can limit that care.

“Put your uncomfortableness aside for high quality patient care,” Granquist said.

She said that acknowledge-ment of interfaith concepts can affect how health care officials take care of their patients.

They can be important with aspects of attire, diet, fasting or even different medical considerations relating to treatment.

“Perhaps for that patient, there is a difference if something is a preventative or treatment modality,” Granquist said.

Granquist then opened the floor to questions, receiving one about the incorporation of interfaith concepts into what is taught to kinesiology majors and other health students.

“Cultural competence (may amount to) checking the box, whereas this move to cultural humility is recognizing that we are learning and on this learning journey, which is important for interfaith,” Granquist said.

She said that incorporating interfaith concepts is both a choice and a process due to the limited resources in the field.

Granquist said that there is room for improvement in this realm. She said she is open to obtaining better understanding of interfaith patients.

“I think it is important to help a patient,” Danielle Bennett, a graduate student in athletic training, said.

“It adds to that learning as it is and it’s important to take their faith and spirituality into ac-count so that you are giving the best care.” Others agreed.

Athletic trainers are patient centered, and with older stu-dents or someone on a gender scale, or of a different faith, it’s better to get to know our patients so we don’t reduce them to just an ankle sprain,” said Paul Al-varaz, professor of Kinesiology and athletic trainer.

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The Haven hosts
Screamo lineup

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Screamo and midwestern emo bands played Saturday at The Haven music venue in downtown Pomona.

The bands were Love Letter, Maybe It’s Best, Just Let Me Go, What You Once Were, Walk Me Home in the Morning and Close and Personal.

The venue was at capacity with 200 people in attendance. There were people at the entrance checking backpacks for weapons and drugs to make sure that everyone was safe inside the concert.

Tickets were sold for $5 at the door and online. Fans lined up outside before the venue opened.

The bands allowed their fans to buy their merchandise outside of the entrance, t-shirts for $15 and stickers for $2. There was no alcohol being sold, only water. Guests also had the option of buying earplugs for $1.

The decorations inside The Haven had moldings on the roof that were reminiscent of the 1920s. Hanging over the ceiling were two medium crystal chandeliers, which gave the atmosphere a more emo look and feel.

There was also an exposed brick wall on both sides, decorated with in-gram, @thehavenpomona.

Frank Velasco, a fan of screamo and midwest emo, and his friends found the concert through Instagram.

“I’m in the scene through the IG of the venue,” Velasco said. “The bands playing are similar to the ones I follow on social media.”

Quite a few stragglers walked by the venue and heard the music, so they decided to buy a ticket to come to the concert. Some of the attendees simply liked the music genre and are always looking for new upcoming bands to support.

“I like being part of the experience of listening to music and being with fellow fans of the genre,” said Sam Muro, a fan of screamo and midwest emo. “I like the bands and the songs they write.”

The Haven holds concerts from Thursday through Sunday. They welcome bands from all kinds of musical genres.

Aydan Vargas, The Haven box office manager, talked about how busy they can get on the weekends.

“She also mentioned how emo and hardcore punk are very popular this year.

“We do different genres, really whatever people are willing to book,” Vargas said.

“I think every genre has its own up-bringing. I think in the summer other music genres will grow and come out. This concert it’s a really good bargain for this price. During the summer we are fully booked. We even booked some shows on Thursdays.”

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Vendor Faire sells handmade crafts

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Small businesses gathered at the fourth annual Heritage Orange Blossom Vendor Fair to lower off home-based and handmade items to the La Verne community on Saturday at Heritage Park. The event took place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with 30 vendors for guests to browse and shop from.

Lonnie Scutella, owner of Lonnie Scutella Jewelry, started her business 25 years ago after retiring from the education department at University of La Verne.

Scutella and her husband took trips to Pennsylvania every summer after retiring to stay in his family’s cottage. It was there she learned to make jewelry, inspired by the antique stores in Pennsylvania to make her own, one-of-a-kind pieces out of vintage watches and brooches. Scutella added her own flare on the antique pieces, sometimes adding more glamour with the addition of more rhinestones or diamonds, other times by taking what was originally meant to be a brooch and turning into a necklace.

Her favorite piece was a large diamond brooch from the 1950s that her aunt gifted to her. She turned it into a necklace, adding what was originally meant to be a brooch and turning into a necklace.

“Each item has its own story behind it,” she said. “Every rhinestone there is a story behind it. I just think it’s a beautiful art form.”

She explained that a big part of the festival is to hold the hand of someone you’ve had disagreement with.

“And you jump “over the fire” together to get over the disagree-ments that may have taken place during the cold winter months.”

Evette Yousef, director of operations, external relationships and administration for the College of Law, who was born in Maat, Egypt and raised in Teh- ran, attended the Tuesday event. She talked about the holiday, making memories with family, and enjoying the food, drinks, and “haft-seen,” an arrangement of seven symbolic items, whose names start with the letter “ω,” pronounced “seen,” the 15th letter in the Persian alphabet; “haft” is Persian for seven.

Each item symbolizes something different: The mirror symbolizes reflection. Families sit around the table and read poetry, Yousef said.

“Celebrate, love, one another; respect one another because this is today,” Yousef said, adding that Nowruz is about “enjoying every day of your life and feeling blessed and being grateful.”

“I think it means so much to people on campus who’ve felt like they’ve never been seen,” said Alesha Knox, associate director of multicultural affairs. “They have had an opportuni-ty to celebrate something from their home on campus.”

In the back row Jeneva Black, senior biology major, soaked in the knowledge of a new culture.

“I thought that this would be a great opportunity to celebrate one of my favorite seasons and to celebrate a festival (and) custom of a culture that I’m not fa-miliar with,” Black said.

“Events like this, help to create a culture between us, a larger sense of inclusion and belonging, while also offering learning opportunities about different cultures for the whole community,” Mahdavi said.
Students’ spring break plans vary

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Spring break is often a studen-
time of the semester and an opportunity to have a week off completely free from the stresses of school.

Some students prefer to take that time off to stay in and relax, while others prefer to go out and have different experiences.

According to an informal sur-
vey, nine out of 20 University of La Verne students preferred to go out, while seven out of 20 students said they prefer to stay in this year.

Four students said they would like to both stay in and go out for spring break.

“For spring break in particu-
lar I like to take that time to rest so I usually stay in because it’s kind of like having this hectic semester around it so I kind of take it as my time to reenergize,” Del Bentley, junior political sci-
ence major, said.

Jazmin Avendano, junior edu-
cation major, has always pre-
ferred to go out and do some-
thing ever since she was young.

“I like going out on adven-
tures and stuff like going to the beach,” Avendano said. “Even if it’s by myself, I just always like being outside.”

For some students, the deci-
sion was not so clear-cut, and they plan to do both on their break this year.

“Staying in because I always have to go out because I com-
muter from here so it’s kind of draining to always commute to and from,” Jlyn Bituin, junior kinesiology major, said. “But I like going out and doing stuff and kind of don’t like being at the house.”

As for Trevor Tedesco, a sopho-
more biology major, the decision to stay in or go out is easier to make.

“If there’s plans, going out, but I’m ready to stay home and sleep,” Tedesco said.

Five students said they would be going on vacation this year, four would be going on a re-
search trip to Mexico. The other student will be going to Miami.

Florida was a popular spring break destination spot this year, particularly for cruises.

AAA, an insurance compa-
nny that also provides travel re-
sources, saw a 60% increase in bookings out of South Florida this year compared to March and April of last year. Despite Miami’s strict measures to curb spring breakers, it is not stop-
ing some students from party-
ing in the sunshine state.

But not all students who are traveling this year are going on vacation, many students are traveling home over the break.

“I’m going back home to Ar-
izona and just hanging out with my friends and have a couple parties lined up,” Ethan Ball, junior kinesiology major, said. “So just kind of relaxing and en-
joying spring break.”

At its core spring break is a time to relax and not think about school.

Sabin Gabra, a sophomore communications major, said she plans to use it as a time to rest.

“Just catching up on some sleep honestly, it sounds boring but it’s so real,” Gabra said.

Spring break runs March 25-29.

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“We as the administration are still having conversations about moving adjunct faculty onto campus. University Presi-
dent Pardis Mahdavi said in an emailed statement Monday.

“We are supportive of this move. However, we recognize that this is a process that takes some time, and therefore we are engaging this ADP system as a way to ensure efficiency of time keeping in the interim, while we work toward a contract system.”

Rick Hasse, instructor of ac-
counting and finance and chair-
man of the Faculty Budget and Compensation Committee, said adjunct professors are severely underpaid.

“It’s a tough system,” Hasse said.

“We’re trying to work it out and make it feasible where the faculty get paid, and they can do it without all those dumb timesheets because it’s very dif-
cult to do this.”

According to the Univer-
sity human resources office’s published rates, adjunct faculty hourly compensation is deter-
mined by their rank and highest degree as follows:

• Adjunct instructors with “no terminal degree” earn $27.59 per hour;
• Senior Adjunct instructors with “no terminal degree” earn $28.12 per hour;
• Adjunct professors with “terminal degree” earn $28.65 per hour;
• Senior Adjunct Professors with “terminal degrees” earn $28.71 per hour.

Adjunct faculty are expected to put in roughly 160 hours per semester for a four-unit under-
graduate class or a three-unit graduate class.

For a one-unit course, they are expected to put in roughly 60 hours.

An adjunct teaching a four-
unit undergraduate class is expected to earn between roughly $4,414.40 and $4,753.60.

For one-unit courses, they earn between roughly $1,655.40 and $1,782.60.

Walton said when adjuncts began reporting their hours with Kronos, he began a study with the help of the provost’s office, to investigate the equity of this process.

He said he saw a curve where people were “wildly underpay-
ing” themselves.

“It opened out for a little bit where people were paying them-
selves correctly and then there was a spike, a very short spike, of a few people who were being overpaid,” he said.

“In the middle, you’ve still got the massive number of peo-
ple who are being underpaid, and that’s when it was easy to track the number of hours we’re working,” Walton said. “That’s just not going to be the case go-
ing forward.”

Marcia Godwin, director of part-time faculty affairs and pro-essor of public administration, said she is assisting with anal-
yses on how reporting of work hours is happening now and the variations and types of hours be-
ing reported.

She is also looking at other private universities that have hourly systems along with uni-
versities that have gone to con-
tracts to compare those differ-
ences.

Mosawad added that she hopes questions regarding con-
tracts can be answered before the fall.

“We are working as effective-
ly as we can,” Mosawad said. “I don’t think I can make any promises or speculations…We are definitely involved with the working group that are looking into everything and we want to do a good job.”

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University of La Verne celebrates commuters

Sophomore communications majors Lexi Giacobbe, Tafi Four and Sabin Gabra, sophomore photography major Byler Fournier and sophomore biology major Trevor Tedesco decorate rubber ducks at the Lucky Trails Commuter Day event March 14 in the Quad.

Commuter students received Campus Activities Board sweatpants and sweatshirts, funnel cake and decorated rubber ducks. The event highlighted the majority population of students on campus being commuters.

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on campus and different inte-
grul parts that students are not always familiar with and learn more about different majors on campus that they could become interested in one day. These as-
pects attracted students to con-
tinue attending the lectures se-
ties.

“Take time to attend events around campus because you never will know what you can take away and learn from different things, but you never will know until you put yourself out there,” Okumura said.

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Late inning runs cost the Leopards

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The Leopards narrowly lost the second game of their doubleheader against the Redlands Bulldogs on Saturday at Campus West, 6-5.

The first game of the doubleheader turned into a hard fought win for the Leopards as they put together an impressive victory against the highly touted Bulldogs, who sit at the top of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings.

The Leopards were down 3-1 heading into the bottom half of the inning, but they put together an impressive offensive performance to take the lead on a sacrifice bunt from junior outfielder Erika Garcia dings the ball into center field as the La Verne softball team goes up 3-0 against Redlands in the first inning of the second game, the first game of their doubleheader Saturday at Campus West. The Bulldogs came back to defeat the Leopards, 6-5.

And that is all...
Leopards before halftime. Together to sneak one in for the tacker Maddie Grove came to vantage. lack of connection to their ad scored five using the Leopards’ game in the second quarter and goal of the quarter to tie, 1-1. utes later Burton scored the final of Leopards’ junior attacker Jamie Chin from the exclusion play assisted by junior attacker goal of the game on a power Kendall Pappan tallied the first ters resulted in few shots. Leopards in the first three quar season. sively with 31 goals so far this continues to prove herself offen ence play. Intercollegiate Athletic Conference record in Southern California which snapped their early 3-0 against the Chapman Panthers on Saturday morning at the Matt M. Axelrod Pool in Claremont, which snapped their early 3-0 loss. The Leopards could not recover after the Panthers’ second Chapman junior attacker Jamie Chin on Saturday at Axelrod Pool in Claremont. The Leopards could not recover after the Panthers’ second attacker Alyssa Fricker on a power play to extend the Panthers’ lead to 7-2. Three La Verne goals in a row opened up the fourth quarter. Graduate utility player Sumi Rudisky found the back of the net on a power play, as well as Grove and Reiley Burton to make the score 7-5. Rudisky said this was a mentally tough. Chapman’s goalkeeper, se Georgina Burton, had 13 saves on the day. With about three minutes left in the third quarter, Chin set up the only goal of the quarter for junior at-tacker Brooklyn Young attempts to block Chapman junior attacker Jamie Chin on Saturday at Axelrod Pool in Claremont. The Leopards could not recover after the Panthers’ second goal. "We were able to overcome the panicked style of play we used in the first 24 minutes of the game and came back to score enough to get within a two-point gap, but unfortunately it wasn’t enough to bring us to 4-0 in SCI-AC,” junior attacker Reiley Burton said. “I think that speaks volumes to who we are as a group.” Burton scored five goals and continues to prove herself offensively with 31 goals so far this season. The unbalanced play by the Panthers in the first three quarters resulted in few shots. Chapman freshman attacker Kendall Pappan tallied the first goal of the game on a power play assisted by junior attacker Jamie Chin from the exclusion of Leopards’ junior attacker Maya Garcia-Hale. A few minutes later Burton scored the final goal of the quarter to tie, 1-1. The Panthers took hold of the game in the second quarter and scored five using the Leopards’ lack of connection to their advantage. Burton and sophomore at-tacker Maddie Grove came together to sneak one in for the Leopards before halftime. Sophomore attacker Brooklyn Young attempts to block Chapman junior attacker Jamie Chin on Saturday at Axelrod Pool in Claremont. The Leopards could not recover after the Panthers’ second goal. "We looked really unorga-nized, panicked and frantic today, which is not typical of this group, which makes it more frustrat-ing,” head coach Pat Beemer said. “Our shot selection was as bad as could be…I do not know how many saves their goalie had but it feels like we hit her right at the body like 10 times.” Chapman’s goalkeeper, se-nior Georgina Burton, had 13 saves on the day. With about three minutes left in the third quarter, Chin set up the only goal of the quarter for junior at-tacker Alyssa Fricker on a power play to extend the Panthers’ lead to 7-2. Three La Verne goals in a row opened up the fourth quarter. Graduate utility player Sumi Rudisky found the back of the net on a power play, as well as Grove and Reiley Burton to make the score 7-5. Rudisky said this was a mentally tough game but the team was able to come together in the end no mat-ter what the demeanor was in the pool. “We communicated real-ly well on defense and played a good game defensively,” Rudisky said. “It was just unfor-tunate.” Fricker followed with back-to-back retaliation goals for Chapman’s final points of the game. In the final two minutes, the Leopards drew three penal-ties with Reiley Burton convert-ing two of the three five-meter penalty shots for the final score of 9-7. Junior goalkeeper Kelly Jackson said she is excited to play Chapman again because she believes the team can perform bet-ter than what was shown in this game. “Defensively or defensively, I don’t think we were prepared,” Jackson said. “We have a lot of good pieces and we will be able to put something together next time we see them.” The Leopards will travel to Pasadena to play the Caltech Beavers at 7 p.m Wednesday for a SCIAC match-up. Sarah Van Buskirk can be reached at sarah.vanbuskirk@laverne.edu.