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Lecture by David Ross:
Subversive and Educational Goals of Diderot's Encyclopédie, Masterpiece of the Enlightenment,
April 30, 7:30 PM, CSUF Smittcamp Alumni House

Dr. Ross began teaching French at California State University, Fresno in 1968, while completing a doctorate dissertation at UCLA concerning Etienne de Silhouette. He has taught French language, literature and civilization courses at all levels as well as beginning courses in Spanish and Portuguese. He served as Associate Dean, Division of Graduate Studies, from 1979 to 1997, and Chair, Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures from 2000 to 2004. In 2007, Dr. Ross was awarded the French National Ministry of Education's rank of *Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques* from a representative of the French Consulate in San Francisco, in recognition of his involvement in teaching French language and culture, and for his accomplishments as président of the Board of Directors, *l'Alliance Française de Fresno*, 2000-2006. Dr. Ross' scholarly interests include the period of the Enlightenment: Anglo-French, Franco-English relations, and the image of Portugal in the Encyclopédie. His edition of Voltaire's *Candide, ou l'optimisme* (with an introductory essay, cultural notes, glosses and a glossary), published in 2007, received a favorable review in *The French Review* last December. His 2007 article, *Madame Souza's Casa Portuguesa in France: The Portuguese Element in Sylvain Chomet's Multicultural, Animated Film, Les Triplettes de Belleville* (2003), was published in a Portuguese Heritage Foundation *Festshrift*. See <http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~davidro/> for further details on Professor Ross.

The *Encyclopédie ou Dictionnaire raisonné des sciences, des arts et des métiers* is the most representative work of the 18th Century Enlightenment, a modern, rational, secular reference work of incalculable influence. A *machine de guerre* against the *Ancien Régime*, it provided the intellectual preparation for the 1789 French Revolution, as confirmed in Philipp Blom's *Enlightening the World: Encyclopédie, the Book that Changed History* (2004). Diderot's goal was to reeducate humanity, *changer la façon commune de penser*, by attacking traditional authority and various religious, political and juridical abuses. The *Encyclopédie* was published between 1751 and 1772, in 17 in-folio volumes of text plus 11 volumes of plates. It contains 72,000 articles (20 million words) written by more than 140 contributors. Its full text is available via ARTFL at <http://encyclopédie.uchicago.edu/>. There is an original copy of the *Encyclopédie* in the Special Collections Research Center in the Madden Library at CSUF.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Once again the World Language Fair will be held in Fresno at McLane High School on Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The organizing committee desperately needs French speakers to serve as judges, referees, and helpers. Please volunteer to help by contacting Gao Her, the chair of this year's World Language Fair, at Gao.Her@fresnounified.org.

CAFÉS DE L'ALLIANCE, Jeudi, 9 avril, 14 mai de 16:30h à 18h à la Boulangerie.
 Votre rendez-vous mensuel avec vos amis francophones. (Occurs each 2nd Thursday).



The Alliance Française is pleased to announce the selection of 8 recipients for our scholarships this year. Our college student scholarship for \$1000 goes to Maypalig Yang, an outstanding student of Dr. Rose Marie Kuhn and Dr.Kao-Ly Yang. The 7 High School students who will receive scholarships of \$500 each are:. Buchanan High Students Alexandra Rhodes and Salish Harrison (teacher Sally Babcock); Sunnyside High Student Anita Rosas (teacher Blandine Vu), Golden West High Students Laura Ceballos, Mariela Sanchez, and Jesus Chavez (teacher Sandy Dana-Kildow), Sanger High Student Laura Centeno (teacher Bruce Babcock). Congratulations to all of our recipients!

Fresno Filmworks Film Festival, April 17-19

Fresno Filmworks presents the fifth annual Fresno Film Festival, at the Tower Theatre. This year's festival will feature nine programs of award-winning short and feature-length films from all over the world. The lineup includes the American independent comedy *Skills Like This*, the French drama *Entre les Murs* (The Class), the Israeli animated documentary *Waltz With Bashir*, and more. Advance tickets for individual programs cost \$10 general and \$8 for students and seniors; festival passes cost \$50. Tickets and passes can be purchased by check or cash at the Tower Theatre box office, 815 E. Olive Ave., and at JA Photography, 2003 N. Van Ness, and via PayPal at FresnoFilmworks.org. For details, visit FresnoFilmworks.org or call (559) 221-0755. *Entre les Murs* (The Class),the French drama, directed by Laurent Cantet, won the Golden Palm Award at the 2008 Cannes Film Festival. L'Alliance is a screening sponsor of the film festival. Drop by the table in the lobby for more information on Alliance Française de Fresno.



Spring French Classes are Forming

Courses are offered at all levels and for all ages. All instructors are native French speakers. Proposed schedule is given below; additional classes will be added to meet demand.

For information on adult French classes contact School Directress Odette Cohen at 435-3285.

Beginners I: Thursday 5:30 – 7:30 PM	Intermediate I: Friday 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Beginners II: Tuesday 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Intermediate II: Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Beginners III: Monday 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	Intermediate III: Thursday 9:00 – 11:00 AM
	Advanced: Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30AM

For information on children's French classes contact Micheline Curnyn at 435-5532.

All classes are for eight weeks, during the weeks of April 14 – June 4

Beginners 4 (6-9 yrs old)	Tuesday 4:15-5:15 PM
Intermediate 3 (9-11 year-old)	Thursdays 4:15-5:15 PM
French 2A (Junior HS, HS) (12-14 yrs old)	Thursdays 4:15-5:15 PM

Tutoring and private lessons are also available.

Alliance Française Calendar

April 3	Pascal Rogé, Philip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concert, CSUF Concert Hall, 8:00 PM
April 30	David Ross, <i>Subversive and Educational Goals of Diderot's Encyclopédie, Masterpiece of the Enlightenment</i> , CSUF Smittcamp Alumni House 7:30 PM
May 21	Christophe Laudamiel, <i>Fact and Fiction of French Perfume</i> Woodward Park Library, 7:00 PM
July 12	Bastille Day Festivities, 5:00 PM

