



# Alumni Link

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News and Information for CSUDH Alumni and Friends

## Women's Business Conference Enlightens and Empowers

Approximately 1,000 women (and a few brave men) from throughout much of Southern California—who already are or are interested in becoming small business owners — gathered at the 2012 Connecting Women to Power Business Conference held at California State University, Dominguez Hills on June 14.



*Yvonne and Jerome Horton*

The large crowd was treated

welcome speeches laced together by master of ceremonies and HOT 92.3 FM radio personality Josefa Salinas, who made a generous offer to help any woman in the audience to promote their business on air.

Among those that Salinas introduced was the husband-and-wife team of alumnus and chairman of the [California State Board of Equalization](#) (BOE) Legislative Committee Jerome E. Horton (Class of '79, B.S., business administration) and chair of the planning committee and city clerk of Inglewood Yvonne Horton, whose offices co-sponsored the event with CSU Dominguez Hills. The couple entertained and encouraged women business owners to tap into the resources that were provided through the conference and services that the event partners provide to start or advance their business while complying with California law.

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## Alumna Carmelita Jeter Now an Olympic Athlete

California State University, Dominguez Hills alumna Carmelita Jeter (Class of '06, B.A. physical education) is on her way to the London 2012 Olympic Games in August after winning the women's 100 meter race—her specialty—in 10.92 on

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*Carmelita Jeter is going to the Olympics*

June 24 at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials held in Eugene, Ore.

The 32-year-old Gardena resident was a star athlete while at CSU Dominguez Hills. Before graduating she had earned six All-America titles and set a number of campus

sprinting records.

Jeter holds the title "fastest women in the world," after posting a time of 10.64 seconds in the 100m at the Shanghai Golden Grand Prix in 2009 (only the late Florence Griffith-Joyner has a better time). She is now a three-time U.S. Champion in the 100m with this recent win, having also won in 2011 and 2009. She is a three-time gold medalist in the World Championships, winning for the 100m in 2011, and the 4x100m in 2011 and 2007. In addition to a silver medal in the 200 meter (2011) and two bronzes in the 100 meter (2009 and 2007) at the World Championships, Jeter has garnered podium finishes in countless other events in the 100m, 200m and 4 x 100m relay events. In 2011 U.S.A Track and Field presented Jeter with the 2011 Jesse Owens Athlete of the Year Award.

Carmelita will have a chance to race in a second event at the 2012 London Olympic Games if she wins tonight's semi-finals and Saturday's final round 200-meter races.

Go Carmelita, go!

## Alumni Notes

**Leticia Barajas (M.P.A. '00)** was named vice president of academic affairs and workforce development at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. Over the past year, she has served as the acting vice president and has worked to enhance the reputation of the college through the development of industry partnerships, cutting-edge academic programs, and numerous grant awards.



**Rick Fernandez (B.A. '83)** has written a book, *An Uncharted Desert Isle*, for mentally disable persons and the people who care for them. A collection of memoirs of Fernandez's own struggles and triumphs after suffering a massive head injury from a car accident at age 18, the book serves as a roadmap to overcoming great odds and a toolkit for the journey toward



### Upcoming Events

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)**, at CSU Dominguez Hills a program of education, cultural and social opportunities for retired and semi-retired individuals age 50 and above.

#### "My Favorite Movie" Series

Free to OLLI Members. OLLI needs your registration for grant award reporting purposes!

#### **Sherlock Holmes and The Speckled Band**

Wednesday, July 11

**Time:** 10:00am - 1:00pm

**Location:** EE-1213

**Presenter:** Frankie Stewart, OLLI Ambassador

#### **The Good Earth**

Wednesday, July 18

**Time:** 10:00am - 1:00pm

**Location:** EE-1213

**Presenter:** Eula Slater, OLLI Ambassador

#### **The No. 1 Ladies**

**Detective Agency** (first two DVDs of the PBS series)

Wednesday, July 25

**Time:** 10:00am - 1:00pm

**Location:** EE-1213

**Presenter:** Valerie Dingwall, OLLI Member

For more information about OLLI visit their [website](#) or contact Jim Bouchard at (310) 243-234-3729 or [jbouchard@csudh.edu](mailto:jbouchard@csudh.edu).

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rehabilitation.

**Kristine Kussman (B.A. '81)** is the court executive officer for the Imperial County California Superior Court. She has worked for the court in various positions since 1987, including as assistant court executive officer. The court has 10 Judicial Officers and 135 employees.

**Steven R. Silbiger (B.S. '88, M.B.A '94)** was elected as the new council commissioner for Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council. Silbiger is a dedicated volunteer for the Los Angeles Area Council and in his new position will coach and consult with adult leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews. In his professional career, Steve is a dispute resolution administrator with Toyota Motors Sales USA, Inc. located in Torrance, Calif. In 2011, he was recognized as one of Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.'s Volunteer of the Year -- one of nine selected in the country.

**Cathleen Yampolsky (B.S. '11)** has been recognized by Worldwide Who's Who for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in project management. Cathleen is the project coordinator for California Adaptive Rowing Program. She is an adaptive rowing specialist, a Level I rowing coach, CPR certified, and a visualization-verbalization reading lab tech at an inner-city high school.

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