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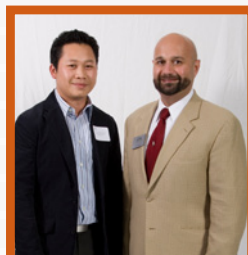
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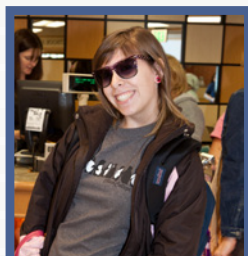
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Earthshaking News

Professor Charlene Montierth delivers an explosively informative Faculty Speaker Series lecture



"Everyone repeat after me," said Professor Charlene Montierth during her recent Faculty Speaker Series lecture in Foster Auditorium. "Beneath my butt ..."

"Beneath my butt," echoed the crowd dutifully, with a few giggles.

"... there is a *subduction zone*," Montierth finished, to even louder giggles. It was a light-hearted way to explain a very serious fact: Vancouver (and, in fact, the whole Pacific Northwest) is located in a region of immense seismic activity with the potential for all kinds of natural disasters. Hence the name of Montierth's lecture, "Volcanoes and Earthquakes and Tsunamis, Oh My: Living on a (Tectonic) Edge." Held on Thursday, November 4, Montierth's presentation gave a clear and level-headed summary of the hazards facing those living on the border between the Juan de Fuca and the North American tectonic plates. When tectonic plates like these interact, they can create such phenomena as volcanoes, earthquakes, or tsunamis, depending on how they move.

"We live in one of the most amazing places imaginable for trying to understand these processes," Montierth said. "Because what we have here in the Pacific Northwest is a little bit of everything."

Montierth went on to explain that several hundred kilometers off the Pacific Northwestern coastline, the Juan de Fuca and Pacific plates are pulling apart, creating the potential for tsunamis. Meanwhile, the Juan de Fuca Plate begins slipping under the North American Plate just a little ways offshore and continues sloping downward to about where the Cascade Ridge begins, creating the aforementioned "subduction zone" and creating the potential for both earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

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Professor and Teaching and Learning Center Associate Director Andrew Apter introduces Professor Charlene Montieth in Foster Auditorium during the Faculty Speaker Series.

With the help of series of Powerpoint slides, Montieth outlined some possible scenarios arising from that subduction zone, including the eruption of Mount Rainier (“the scariest volcano in the Pacific Northwest”) or Mount St. Helens (“what we saw in 1980 was actually small in comparison to what St. Helens has proven to be capable of”). She also showed a chilling video provided by the Washington State Department of Transportation of a computer-animated simulation of what might happen to the Alaskan Way Viaduct in Seattle if a magnitude 7 earthquake hit 20 miles outside the city. Audience members gasped as the Seattle waterfront crumbled and the Viaduct collapsed.

But Montieth’s presentation was hardly a gloomy littyany of doomsday predictions. “Volcanoes like this are generally pretty good at signaling their intent,” she pointed out, noting that modern seismology has become increasingly adept at tracking and predicting volcanic activity. And she also advocated strongly for each member of the audience to have a plan in place for themselves and their loved ones in case of an emergency. “Planning before,

during, and after an event is probably going to be key to your happiness if you experience an event like this,” she said. “The key to surviving these kinds of events is to ... know how to turn off the gas, know what to do if the electricity goes out, know who you are going to call to check in.”

Appropriately enough, members of the Emergency Management Planning Committee were on hand to pass out fliers with information about how to stay safe during an earthquake. More information about emergency preparedness is available at www.clark.edu/security.

The Faculty Speaker Series, established by Clark College with support from the Clark College Foundation, honors individual faculty members and celebrates academic excellence. The next faculty member to speak in the series is Economics Professor James M. Craven. His lecture, “International Education within and from China: Emerging Opportunities, Challenges, and Constraints” is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 4:00 p.m. in PUB 258.

Clark College becomes “Election Central”

Candidates and their families, friends and supporters gathered at Clark College on Tuesday, Nov. 2 to watch as election returns were unveiled by the Clark County Auditor's Office and as Clark-Vancouver Television (CVTV) presented its 2010 election night coverage.

Hosted by Donna Mason and Kim Kapp, CVTV's election coverage provided insights into the races and ballot measures in Southwest Washington and across the state.

Among the Clark College representatives at Gaiser that evening: Clark College President Bob Knight, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing Barbara Kerr, former Clark College Public Relations Director Bob Moser and students from Clark's Phi Theta Kappa chapter participating in their Honors in Action Project.

Top left: State Rep. Jim Jacks (D-49th) (center) celebrated his reelection, accompanied by his wife Brenda and his father.

Top right: State Rep. Jim Moeller (D-49th) (center) monitors election results.



Ensuring a Bright Future

Philanthropists meet their scholarship recipients at reception



The Scholarship Reception on October 15 in Clark College's Gaiser Student Center provided opportunities for students like ASCC President and scholarship recipient Samson Ramirez (*far left*) to meet their donors. When Ramirez spoke to the nearly 300 attendees, he thanked those donors for their generosity. "People like you inspire me," he said.

Clark College Foundation President/CEO Lisa Gibert also spoke at the event, offering stories of specific scholarship donors, including Jane Perkin, who established an annual scholarship award in memory of her grandson, and Vancouver Methodist, which since 2003 has awarded more than \$70,000 to nursing students through a scholarship endowment.

Now celebrating First Independent's first century in business, President Jeanne Firstenburg (*bottom center*) noted that the bank's founder, Ed Firstenburg, firmly believed in providing long-lasting learning opportunities. "I especially thank the students for all of your hard work, because you're building the fiber of this community," she said. "We need you to have jobs and raise families here. We need your business, and we want you to be well educated."

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Clark College President Robert K. Knight also thanked donors for making educational opportunities available with their support. He urged students to make the most of their education and to participate in the many activities that Clark offers in order to achieve a well-rounded experience.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, more than 300 students will receive scholarships exceeding a total award amount of \$500,000. Scholarship applications for 2011-2012 will be available in the Financial Aid office and online at www.clark.edu/scholarships in December. A scholarship workshop will be held in Gaiser Hall Student Center from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. following an open house from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. on February 1.

Previous Page (inset, far right): Jared Abraham, recipient of the Field Scholarship, entertained the audience with a vocal rendition of "The Roadside Fire" by Ralph Vaughn Williams.

Top left: The American Association for University Women award AAUW/Judith Metcalf scholarships to women who are returning to school after an absence. Three of the six student recipients were on hand to express their gratitude. (Left to right) Savenia Falquist, Sue Heise (AAUW), Carol Winters (AAUW), Felisa Neal, Devi Blackard, Beverly Doty (AAUW).

Top right: Standing with Clark College staff member Lori Jimerson (center) are soccer players Nathan Diaz (left) and Ricardo Garcia (right). They are two of five students receiving the Kalani Rodrigues athletic scholarship with funds raised through the K-Rod Run/Walk.

Bottom left: Arlene Scarpelli (center) stands with students Kim Stewart (left) and Leslie Dolence, who are recipients of the Antonio F. Scarpelli Scholarship.

Bottom right: Quang Le Nguyen is pictured with Clark College Foundation Vice President for Development Ara Serjoie, who established a scholarship for international students in honor of his parents, Reza and Mahin Serjoie.



Cram Session

Students get a chance to fill their backpacks with Bookstore goodies

On Thursday, November 4, in the Campus Bookstore, a young woman was shoving art supplies into her backpack as quickly as she could. But this was no sneaky attempt at shoplifting: Rather, Clark student Molly Meadows was surrounded by cheering fans as she participated in the Bookstore's annual "Cram It Jam It" shopping spree.

Now in its sixth year, the contest allows two lucky winners of a random drawing to fill their backpacks with as many goodies as possible from the Bookstore. There are a few catches, however. Chief among them: 1) students have just 60 seconds to grab items, and 2) they have to keep those backpacks on their backs, meaning they can't see where they're putting things. Hence the flying pens, as Meadows tried to drop a handful into her pack, and missed.

Meadows had better luck when she hit the art-supplies section of the store, however. She loaded in a rainbow of oil paints and several expensive brushes as well. Her strategy paid off with \$213.18 worth of merchandise. Meadows isn't currently studying art at Clark but, she said, she's "trying to start."

The second contestant was Becky Gilcrease (*right*), who chose to focus on office supplies like highlighters and adhesive notes. Afterward, she rang up \$124.58 worth of supplies. "That adrenaline gets to you," she said with a laugh. "I'm still kind of shaking."

Each contestant also won the backpack in which she "crammed" her winnings. The backpack, as well as about half the funding for this event, came from JanSport.

Bookstore Manager Monica Knowles said that Cram It Jam It has become a

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popular event with student, as well as with Bookstore staff. “It goes quick and fast, so it really is a great way to give students a quick reward,” she said. Knowles added that the event continues to evolve. This year, for instance, organizers handed out several smaller prizes after the main event through a random drawing conducted by Clark College President Robert K. Knight. This helped make the event fun for students who hadn’t won the main drawing, and prolonged the festivities a bit longer.

Nothing, however, could keep winner Molly Meadows from leaving as soon as possible. “I have to get going!” she said, bouncing on the balls of her feet with the energy that had helped her during her minute-long spree. “I have a class starting!” And with that, she ran out of the Bookstore, her newly filled backpack bouncing along behind her.

Clockwise from top left: Molly Meadows high-fives President Robert K. Knight after he calls her name in the random drawing for Cram It Jam It; Associate Director of Eligibility Programs Becky Merritt with student Rebecca Gilcrease; Meadows during and after her spree.



Gateways to Success

Students of color visit Clark College

On Thursday, October 28, the Office of Admissions hosted the fourth annual Gateways Student of Color Open House on campus. The event is for high school students and is designed to provide an opportunity for students to explore opportunities available to them after high school. This year more than 75 students attended from four local high schools. The students received a welcome message from Dean of Enrollment Services, Alex Montoya, then attended an Admissions and Financial Aid informational session. Next the students were able to visit either the Engineering department, or both the Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Education departments. Finally the event wrapped up with guest speaker Ed Esparza, site director for the Vancouver School District GEAR UP program, as well as a panel discussion with current students.



Top: Gateways students learning about the Culinary Arts program. Bottom: Dean of Enrollment Services Alex Montoya welcoming the students to campus.

Penguin Patter

News about people from throughout the Penguin Nation!

KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL

Our toques are off to Clark College Culinary Arts Director Larry Mains, who received the Chef Emeritus award on Saturday, November 6, at the Chef De Cuisine Society of Oregon's yearly Chef of the Year banquet at Columbia Edgewater County Club. Jack Elmer



presented the award to Larry stating, "This is in recognition of Larry bringing more chefs into our community than any other instructor." A culinary educator for more than 35 years at Clark College, Mains received the Chef of the Year award in 1985 and the Charles Altoffer Professionalism Award in 2005.

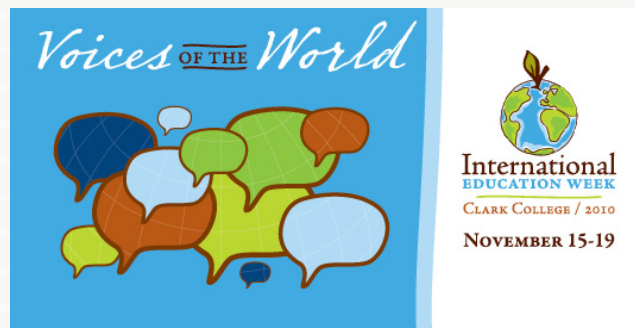


CYBERSAFETY AT CLARK

Dr. Rocky Termanini (seen here, at left, with Clark College DNET Professor Dwight Hughes) gave a presentation on Internet-based crime and terrorism on Friday, November 5, from noon to 1:30 in Foster Auditorium. Dr. Termanini is a certified information technology security professional and member of the American College of Forensic Examiners.

Upcoming Events

For additional information, see the activities calendar on the Clark College website: www.clark.edu/news_events/college_calendar/
(Unless otherwise noted, all events take place on the Clark College main campus. If you need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in an event, contact the Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-992-2835 (TTY), or visit Gaiser Hall Room 137.)



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Monday, November 15, 2010 – Friday, November 19, 2010
Individual events listed below.
Visit website for details.

A MODEL FOR MOTIVATING GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Monday, November 15, 2010
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presenter: Kendra Manton of The Portland Mercy Corps Action Center.
PUB 161

VOICES IN EXILE

Monday, November 15, 2010
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Presenter: Jody Shulnak with Narges Khademi of Iran.
PUB 161

“SHINING SPIRIT”

Monday, November 15, 2010
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Documentary on Tibetan musicians, followed by Q&A.
Gaiser Student Center

JAMYANG YESHI

Monday, November 15, 2010
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
GHL Student Center
Performance by the Tibetan musician who inspired “Shining Spirit.”
Gaiser Student Center

THESE NUMBERS HAVE FACES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presenter: Justin Zoradi of South Africa.
PUB 161

PARFAIT BASSALE

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Senegalese/Benin musician.
Gaiser Student Center

VOLLEYBALL NWAACC CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 – Saturday, November 20, 2010
More information can be found on the Check NWAACC website for details.
Gresham, OR

ASIAN INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT

Wednesday, November 17, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Gaiser Student Center

WORLD LANGUAGES ABROAD: JAPAN

Wednesday, November 17, 2010
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Clark students’ presentation of summer in Japan.
PUB 161

VOICES IN EXILE

Wednesday, November 17, 2010
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Presenters: Narges Khademi of Iran and Savuth Penn of Cambodia.
PUB 161

“TIBET: MURDER IN THE SNOW”

Wednesday, November 17, 2010
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Documentary followed by Q&A.
PUB 161

THE SLANTS

Wednesday, November 17, 2010
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Live performance by Portland-based Asian dance rock band.
Gaiser Student Center

30 CLICKS: TWITTER: MORE THAN YOU THINK!

Thursday, November 18, 2010
12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
LIB103

THE ANCIENT SILK ROAD IN THE INFORMATION AGE

Thursday, November 18, 2010
12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Presenter: Clark College Economics instructor John Bayer.
LIB 103

VOICES IN EXILE

Thursday, November 18, 2010
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Presenter: Cecilia Martinez of El Salvador and Jody Shulnak.
PUB 161

WORLD LANGUAGES ABROAD: QUEBEC

Thursday, November 18, 2010
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Clark students’ presentation of summer in Quebec.
PUB 161

WORLD LANGUAGES ABROAD: BERLIN

Thursday, November 18, 2010
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Professor Julian Nelson previews the Summer 2011 German Studies in Berlin Program.
PUB 161

EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT: CRASH COURSE IN DEAF CULTURE

Thursday, November 18, 2010
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Presenter: Nicole Ekle.
Visit [website](#) for details.
GHL 205



**EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT:
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT**

Friday, November 19, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Presenter: Rebecca Wale. Visit [website](#) for details.

TPC 105

“ALMOST, MAINE”

Friday, November 19, 2010 and
Saturday, November 20, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Winter play, directed by Mark
Owsley. Tickets are \$12.

Decker Theatre (FAC)

**MEN’S BASKETBALL AT
FRESNO CITY TIP OFF
TOURNAMENT**

Friday, November 19, 2010 –
Sunday, November 21, 2010

Fresno, CA

IGLOO INVITATIONAL

Friday, November 19, 2010 –
Sunday, November 21, 2010

Clark College hosts this women’s
basketball invitational.

O’Connell Sports Center Gym

**SOCCER NWAACC
TOURNAMENT SEMI-FINALS**

Friday, November 19, 2010

Check [NWAACC website](#)
for details.

Des Moines

INTERNATIONAL FRIDAY

Friday, November 19, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

An eclectic international fair
including art displays, non-
profit organizations, study
abroad opportunities and fair
trade products.

PUB 161

**CLARK COLLEGE JAZZ
ENSEMBLE CONCERT**

Friday, November 19, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Special guest artists: The
Falconaires Jazz Ensemble from
the USAF Academy Band.

Admission is free, but tickets are
recommended due to limited
seating. Tickets available in the
MUS 116.

Gaiser Student Center

**SOCCER NWAACC
ALL-STAR GAMES**

Saturday, November 20, 2010

Des Moines

**SOCCER NWAACC
TOURNAMENT
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Sunday, November 21, 2010

Des Moines

A JAZZ HARVEST

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Clark College Vocal Jazz
Ensemble concert featuring Tall
Jazz, Skyview High School Vocal
Jazz and Shahala Middle School

Jazz Choir. Admission is free and
open to the public

Gaiser Student Center

MEN’S BASKETBALL GAME

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Home game vs. Linfield JV.

O’Connell Sports Center Gym

**HOLIDAY AND WINTER
RETIREE RECEPTION**

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Gaiser Student Center

**CLARK COLLEGE
ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Featuring piano soloist Susan
Chan and guest conductor
Ovideu Balan. Admission is free.

Vancouver School of Arts and
Academics, 3101 Main St.,
Vancouver, WA

30 CLICKS: SKYPE

Thursday, December 2, 2010

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

LIB103

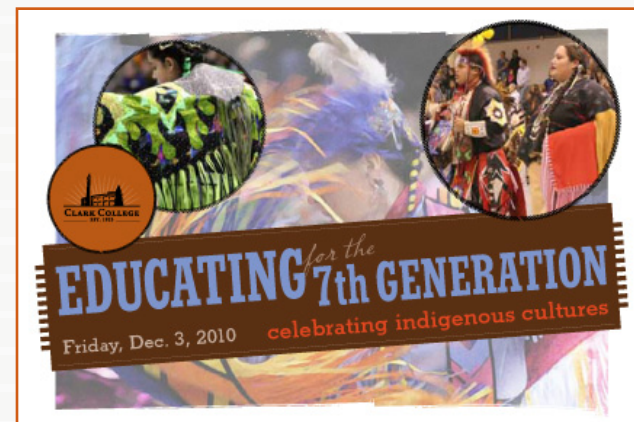
FALL CHORAL CONCERT

Thursday, December 2, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Featuring the Clark College
Women’s Choral Ensemble and
the Clark College Chorale.
Admission is free.

First Presbyterian Church, 4300
Main St., Vancouver, WA



**EDUCATING FOR THE
SEVENTH GENERATION:
CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS
CULTURES**

Friday, December 3, 2010

11:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Native American cultural festival
and powwow. Open to the
community and free for all.

Gaiser Student Center

**FALL CONCERT OF CONCERT
BAND AND CONCERT CHOIR**

Friday, December 3, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Vancouver School of Arts and
Academics, 3101 Main St.,
Vancouver, WA

MEN’S BASKETBALL GAME

Saturday, December 4, 2010

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Home game vs. Blue Mountain
Community College.

O’Connell Sports Center Gym

WPEA/UFCW Meeting Schedule



WPEA Membership meeting
will be held on November 17
at 12:00 p.m. in SHL 214.

From the HR Department

2011 OPEN ENROLLMENT

The 2011 Open Enrollment period for state employees' medical and dental coverage is November 1 through November 30. Open enrollment is an opportunity to make changes in plans and to reinstate previously waived coverage for yourself or your dependent(s) and add eligible dependents. Changes are effective January 1, 2011.

NEW 2011 MONTHLY PREMIUMS FOR MEDICAL:

KAISER CLASSIC	2010	2011
Employee	\$72	\$105
Employee & Spouse	\$154	\$220
Employee & Child(ren)	\$126	\$184
Employee & Spouse & Child(ren)	\$208	\$299
UNIFORM	2010	2011
Employee	\$41	\$60
Employee & Spouse	\$92	\$130
Employee & Child(ren)	\$72	\$105
Employee & Spouse & Child(ren)	\$123	\$175

SAVE ON GAS—TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

Automobiles are one of the most significant sources of air pollution in the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area. Reducing the number of people who drive to work alone may be the most important and most effective measure we can take to help preserve our environment.

There are a number of ways that Clark College employees can participate in the commute trip reduction program. Most options include the additional feature of a guaranteed ride home:

- Bike riders will find bicycle racks and bike shelters on the main campus. Bike riders may also receive a helmet.
- Walkers are eligible for an umbrella.
- Bus riders are eligible for subsidized transit passes (free for one-zone travel).
- Riders and van poolers are also eligible for the guaranteed ride home.

Other services in support of the commute trip reduction program include personal laundry pick-up and delivery on the main campus and use of lockers on the main campus.

For information about the C-Tran/Clark College bus pass program click on: http://intranet.clark.edu/departments/information/human_resources/c-tran_bus_program.doc

To sign up for the Commute Trip Reduction program feature that meets your commuting needs, call Laura Elwood-Klein in Human Resources, x2381.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLASSIFIED, ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXEMPT EMPLOYEES

A VEBA plan allows participating employers to transfer funds equal to a retiree's unused sick leave remuneration (paid at 25%) to a VEBA trust. The funds can then be used to pay medical premiums and other uncovered medical expenses incurred by that retiree and the retiree's spouse and qualified dependents. The primary benefit of a VEBA plan is that the compensable amount of a retiree's unused sick leave that would be transferred to the plan would be tax free, while the usual payout of unused sick leave to an employee would be taxable.

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Because of the “tax free” status, the plan is mandatory, unless your group votes not to have the plan for a particular calendar year.

Administrative and exempt employees who are retiring in 2011 must notify Human Resources by November 30, 2010 of their plans to retire, in order to participate in the voting for 2011.

If you have questions regarding VEBA or retirement, please contact Page Pallamouter, x2119.

WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM

The Whistleblower Act provides an avenue for state employees to report suspected improper governmental action.

Improper governmental action is defined as any action by an employee undertaken in the performance of the employee’s official duties which:

- Is a gross waste of public funds or resources.
- Is in violation of federal or state law or rule, if the violation is not merely technical or of a minimum nature.

- Is of substantial and specific danger to the public health or safety.
- Is gross mismanagement.
- Prevents dissemination of scientific opinion or alters technical findings.

The law prohibits retaliation against people who file whistleblower assertions. The Human Rights Commission investigates retaliation cases.

For further information, please visit the Human Resources page of ClarkNet at: https://www.sao.wa.gov/EN/Investigations/Whistleblower/Documents/WB_FAQ.pdf or the Washington State Auditor’s website at: <https://www.sao.wa.gov/EN/Investigations/Whistleblower/Pages/default.aspx>

OPEN POSITIONS

DIRECTOR FOR EQUITY & DIVERSITY: Full-time administrative position. Closing date: December 3, 2010.

PEDIATRIC NURSING INSTRUCTOR: Full-time tenure-track position. Open until filled.

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