Courses

Sleep and Dream--taught by Tracey Kahan
Have you ever wondered what happens while we sleep and why we sleep at all? Do you wonder what dreams mean and why they may occur? Are you aware that many people carry a large sleep-debt which may be responsible for memory lapses, automobile accidents, and other problems? If you find these topics intriguing, then this class is for you.

Sudan and Darfur--taught by Michael Kevane
Sudan and Darfur have been much in the news. A 30 year war that pitted various regimes in Khartoum against rebels from the south of the country came in an end in January 2005. Meanwhile, a genocide was taking place in the country in the Provence of Darfur. This class will explore the roots of these conflicts and the role of the U.S. and the international community. The class will combine lectures, discussion, documentaries and slide presentations for a lively but rigorous experience. Professor Michael Kevane has spent a year living in a small village in western Sudan, and recently completed a term as President of the Sudan Studies Association.

Da Vinci Code--taught by Joseph Morris
As Dan Brown's immensely popular suspense novel, The DaVinci Code is soon to be released as a Hollywood film, a multitude of questions persist about the truth of many of its claims. This course will examine many of these questions in hopes of shedding light on the probability and/or possibility of their truth. A few of these areas that will be examined: How does what we know about the origins of Christianity cohere with Brown's re-visioning? What do we know about the relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene? How do art historians understand and interpret Da Vinci's work. How and why were codes and secret messaging used? This examination will provide will provide a challenging discussion about art, literature, faith, and religion.

Discovering the Bay Area II--taught by Russ Skowronek
In this course we will explore the San Francisco Bay Area's rich culture and natural history as revealed by anthropologists, biologists, historians, and Native Americans. That class will learn when and how the first people arrived and survived in the area for ten thousand years. We will learn about the arrival of the Spanish and their legacy at local missions and presidios. This class will visit four new sites in Santa Clara and San Francisco Counties (Chitactac-Adams County Park, Morgan Hill; San Francisco- Mission Dolores, Crissy Field, and Presidio.) Requirements for this course include access to an automobile and the ability to walk on uneven surfaces. Recommended readings include *Telling the Santa Clara Story* and *Sesquicentennial Voices*. Both books are available at the campus bookstore or from the professor.

Representing Innocence--taught by David Popalisky
In this course, participants will have an opportunity to learn about the issue of wrongful convictions, through the primary medium of the visual and performing arts. Students will have a chance to view and reflect upon the performance Barred from Life (created collaboratively by SCU Director of Dance Program
David Popalsky and Director of the Northern California Innocence Project Kathleen Ridolfi), the exhibitions The Innocents: Head shots, Photographs by Taryn Simon and A Life Reclaimed: The Journey of Recent Exonerate Alan Crotzer Photographs by Vance Jacobs, as well as in-person testimonials of the exonerated. Discussions with visual and performing artists involved in creating artworks about their struggles will provide a perspective into ways that art can be used as an important tool to explore and communicate the complex experiences of the exonerated. Students will also learn about the important work of organizations such as the Northern California Innocence Project, based at Santa Clara University.

P.O.W.E.R. Time Management Seminar--taught by Susan Spittler J.D.
Why master time management? Because time applies to every area of your life: business, finance, family, relationships, health, leisure, personal growth, and the on and on. Once time management is mastered, it can optimize your productivity and success as well as increase and maximize your return in not only management in essence equals and overall balanced life.