

**Berkeley City College  
News for the Board  
Tue., Apr. 12, 2011**

**Dr. Laura Ruberto Awarded Summer NEH Grant**

Dr. Laura Ruberto was awarded a National Endowment in the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute Scholar Grant. Ruberto will spend July 2011 at the Bard Graduate Center in Manhattan, developing a grant related to, “American Material Culture: 19th Century New York.” She will:

- develop portions of the courses she teaches at BCC and will further enhance the “cultural studies” strand of Humanities with regard to digital technology;
- report back to BCC colleagues as it relates to incorporating digital culture into the classroom;
- develop theoretical models for “California’s Encounter with Italy: Italian Americans and the Transnational Imagination of Culture,” a long-term book project authored by Dr. Ruberto.

NEH Summer Institutes aim to prepare NEH Scholars to return to their classrooms with a deeper knowledge of key fields in the humanities.

**2011 Truman Scholarship for BCC alumna Tenzin Seldon**

BCC alumna Tenzin Seldon, a junior at Stanford University, is a recipient of the 2011 Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation award. The highly competitive award was presented to only 60 out of several hundred applicants nationwide. The award provides up to \$30,000 for graduate study to students committed to careers in public service. For her Stanford honors thesis, Seldon will focus on intergenerational differences in diaspora communities. She plans to use her scholarship pursue a doctorate in sociology and social policy. While at BCC, Seldon served in the college’s Student Ambassador Corps.

## **BCC Civic Engagement Club demonstrated “How The Big Banks Stole Our Money” at Tue., Apr. 12 BCC Teach-In**

BCC’s Civic Engagement Club sponsored “How the Big Banks Stole Our Money” a Teach-In, which took place today in BCC’s Auditorium. Participants showed how education budget cuts were linked to the misdeeds of the major banks. Presenters included: Catherine Austin Fitts, founder, Solari Investment Advisory Services, LLC; Dennis Bernstein, radio host for KPFA’s Flashpoints; and Joanne Gifford, spokesperson for US Uncut.

Tomorrow at 12:15 p.m., the Club will hold a “Move Your Money” Community Day. For details, you can visit their Move Your Money web site at: [www.bccmoveyourmoney.blogspot.com](http://www.bccmoveyourmoney.blogspot.com).

## **BCC instructor Clifton Ross featured Thur., Apr. 14 in BCC’s “Readings Underground”**

English instructor Clifton Ross, author of *Translations From Silence*, (Freedom Voice, 2009) will present his work at 7 p.m., Thur., April 14, in the college’s Teaching and Learning Center (3rd floor). “Readings Underground” is part of a spring lecture series presented by noted Bay Area authors at Berkeley City College. The event is free and open to the public.

## **BCC students participate in Sat., Apr. 16 Cal Day, and Sun., Apr. 17 Hands Across California**

BCC students will participate in Cal Day, UC Berkeley’s Open House, Sat., Apr. 16 and will join their Peralta classmates in Hands Across California at 2 p.m., Sun., Apr. 17. This is BCC’s 21st year as a Cal Day participant. BCC Student Senator William Snell and Peralta Student Trustee Jurena Storm are working with PCCD students and community groups to organize Hands Across California. For details, access [www.handsacrosscalifornia.org](http://www.handsacrosscalifornia.org).