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Campus News



John Cotton Dana Library

R-N Exhibit Offers Best of Both Worlds for Lovers of Ceramics, Art Deco

An art exhibit at Dana Library features an intriguing combination of Portuguese ceramics and the Art Deco Movement. “Portuguese Ceramics in the Art Deco Period,” which opened March 31, will be on display through June.

The pieces are porcelain, pottery and Parian Ware, and range from expensive and unique objects, such as sculptures and a 1930 Vista Alegre vase, to everyday tableware. The exhibition and the reception are open to the public; admission is free.

The ceramics exhibition is the latest example of Dana’s ongoing support of R-N’s Portuguese studies program, notes Lynn Mullins, library director. Dana Library is home to the Portuguese Language Center-Camoes Institute, and has hosted previous exhibitions, talks and film festivals showcasing Portuguese Culture. R-N offers both a major and a minor in Portuguese studies.

Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick

Philanthropic Leadership and Business Ethics Centers Both Receive Awards

The Center for Nonprofit and Philanthropic Leadership (CNPL) and the Prudential Business Ethics Center (PBEC) have each been awarded \$100,000 by The Prudential Foundation to support programming.

The CNPL, which official began operation March 15, is dedicated to improving and strengthening executive leadership of nonprofit and philanthropic organizations. It offers symposia, workshops and other activities. The center also sponsors research and is developing a certificate in Nonprofit and Philanthropic Leadership, as well as a consulting unit to serve executives and board members in the sector

The PBEC, which was established in 2002, fosters a continuing dialogue with executives, students and consumers in the theory and practice of ethics in business.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

English Professor Jack Lynch Gives First Annual Hosford Scholars Lecture

Jack Lynch, professor of English, presented the inaugural Hosford Scholars Lecture April 11 with a talk titled “The Truth, the Whole Truth and Anything but the Truth: What Can You Say About Henry Ireland?” The lecture addressed

the works of 18th-century forger William Henry Ireland, who falsely claimed to have discovered the “lost” works of Shakespeare.

The Hosford Scholars program was established in 2004 in recognition of former FAS-N Dean David Hosford’s commitment to academic excellence. Hosford Scholars are chosen annually from members of FAS-N who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, teaching and service.

Hosford currently serves as director of Rutgers-Newark’s Study Abroad program in Great Britain and Ireland, and he most recently served as chair of the university’s Department of History.

Lynch, who continues to focus his research on 18th-century literature, earned his B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He was appointed an assistant professor of history at R-N in 1998 and an associate professor in 2004.

Hosford Scholars serve for one year, receive a research stipend and are provided the opportunity to devote a significant portion of their efforts to scholarship. In the spring semester of the academic year for which they are chosen, Hosford Scholars are invited to present a major address relating their scholarship to the campus-wide community.

Rutgers-Newark Marks 25th Anniversary of Historic Urban Literature Conference

Rutgers-Newark celebrated the 25th anniversary of a landmark urban literature conference April 22 when it held “The Future of Urban Literature” program.

The original 1980 conference of scholars, activists, poets, corporations and the Rutgers community focused on the impact and importance of literature devoted to relating the urban experience, and it included literary luminaries that included Toni Morrison, Nikki Giovanni, Bruno Bettlheim, Leo Marx, Amiri Baraka, Joyce Carol Oates and Rutgers-Newark’s own Clement Alexander Price. The event featured a keynote speech by the esteemed James Baldwin.

The 2005 theme addressed the future of urban literature and the role that scholars, writers and poets of color play in preserving cultural heritage. The conference also examined how their work impacts urban communities.

Free R-N Programs Teach Viewers to Be More Media-Savvy

The Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience (IECME) is offering a free public educational series of programs called “Watch Carefully.” The programs are aimed at “increasing media literacy in a world increasingly saturated with complex media messages” on television and at the movies, notes Miriam Petty of the IECME. The programs will be offered every Thursday night from April 21 through May 26, at 6 p.m., at the Newark Public Library auditorium.

The IECME is collaborating with the Newark Literacy Campaign to present the series of six innovative films and presentations that examine the ways that Americans interact with a variety of electronic media.

College of Nursing

Book Addresses Nurses’ Role in Intellectual, Developmental Disabilities

Wendy Nehring, associate dean for academic affairs at the College of Nursing at Rutgers, has co-authored a book that addresses the role of the nurse who specializes in intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

“Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practics” is the second edition of a joint American Nurses Association (ANA) and American Association on Mental Retardation (AAMR) publication that captures changes in nursing practice in this specialty. It also emphasizes the scope of practice for nurses, advanced practice nurses and specifically nurses who practice in this specialty.

The information included in the book helps specify the responsibilities of nurses in different settings who care for persons with I/DD.

Rutgers School of Law-Newark

NJ Supreme Court Oral Arguments Viewable on Rutgers Law Web Site

A collaboration between Rutgers School of Law-Newark and the New Jersey Judiciary has made Webcasts of New Jersey Supreme court oral arguments permanently available on the Rutgers Web site. The Oral Arguments Project, part of Rutgers Law Library’s New Jersey Digital Legal Library project, was initiated by Carol Roehrenbeck, associate dean for library and information services.

Webcasting of Supreme Court arguments, which began in January, enables members of the public, students, attorneys, reporters, and other interested viewers to watch the oral arguments live on the New Jersey Judiciary’s Web site. Once each day’s arguments are completed, they remain viewable for 30 days on the Judiciary Web page, after which time they are transferred to the Rutgers-Newark law school archives.

To access the digital collection, which includes New Jersey administrative reports, attorney general opinions, executive orders and other items, go to <http://njlegallib.rutgers.edu>. The *Star-Ledger* carried a story (April 1) on the new collaboration).

Law School to dedicate Foosaner Reading Gallery within Law Library

Rutgers School of Law-Newark will dedicate the Samuel J. Foosaner Reading Gallery of the Rutgers Law Library on May 20.

Foosaner, a member of the class of 1934 who died in 1988, was a prominent tax and estate-planning attorney and businessman for more than 50 years. In January 2004, the Foosener Foundation, headed by his daughter Dione Negroni-Hendrick, awarded a \$500,000 challenge grant to the Rutgers Law Library as a memorial to Samuel Foosaner.

The list of distinguished guests expected to join the Foosaner family and Stuart Deutsch, dean of the Rutgers School of Law-Newark, for the dedication of the reading gallery includes N.J. Attorney General Peter Harvey, Rutgers University President Richard McCormick, Rutgers-Newark Provost Steven Diner and Marc Berson (NLAW '68), chairman of the Fidelco Group.

Reading to Kick off 'Friends of the Law Library' program April 28

Associate Professor Mark Weiner will read from his critically praised new book, *Black Trials: Citizenship from the Beginnings of Slavery to the End of Caste* (Knopf, 2004) at a special event scheduled for April 28, 6 p.m. The reading is intended to launch the law school's Friends of the Library program, which will give individuals an opportunity to help benefit the law library's collection.

School of Criminal Justice

R-N Report Questions Use of 'Stop Data' as Measure of Racial Profiling

A new report by the Police Institute at Rutgers-Newark and the Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice questions the value of "stop data" as a diagnostic tool to measure whether racial profiling still occurs on the southern end of the New Jersey Turnpike. It also raises questions about the use of traffic stops as a police instrument to enhance public safety in New Jersey.

In 1999, New Jersey State Police (NJSP) admitted to the practice of racial profiling and entered into a five-year consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice. The agreement, among other things, mandate the NJSP collect and make public certain records, including information from traffic stops. Researchers do not question whether racial profiling has occurred; troopers have admitted to it. The report examines whether stop data is an accurate gauge of whether it still occurs.

The report, titled "New Jersey State Police and Stop Data: What Do We Know, What Should We Know and What We Should Do," offers alternative hypotheses to racial profiling. For example, the report concludes that a disproportionate number of traffic stops involving African-Americans could be due to other factors, such as the fact that black drivers are a slightly greater proportion of all drivers on the southern segments of the turnpike, compared to other segments.

Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience

Almost Half-Million Students Across Nation Improving Reading Skills Due to R-N Researcher

About 450,000 children spread among 2,700 in 25 states all have something in common: They've used educational Fast ForWord software products developed from research that began in the lab of R-N Board of Governors Professor of Neuroscience Paula Tallal.

Working at Rutgers-Newark's Center for Molecular and Biological Neuroscience, she has brought a neuroscientist's perspective to the concept of learning, convinced that developing brains are much more plastic than has been generally believed by educators. Independent tests at Stanford University have demonstrated that developmental skills in language and reading can be dramatically improved through the intensive use of these six- to eight-week programs involving computer-based suites of exercises.

There are Fast ForWord products that address language and reading from pre-school through high school. Additional use in the PALS program (Program in American Language Studies) at Rutgers are currently underway to assess the potential of using Fast ForWord with adults engaged in learning English as a second language.

Tallal is actively involved in developing and expanding the line of Fast ForWord learning products as a member of the board of directors at the Oakland, Calif., company she co-founded, Scientific Learning Corporation.

Rutgers-Newark Co-sponsors Brain Research Meeting in Jerusalem

Rutgers-Newark will co-sponsor an international brain research conference in Jerusalem, Israel, this coming June in cooperation with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Al-Quds Palestinian Medical School.

The conference will focus on inter-disciplinary approaches to understanding the brain regions damaged in Parkinson's disease, and will include speakers from the United States, Canada, England, France, Israel, the West Bank and Jordan. The meeting was initiated and organized by Mark Gluck, professor of neuroscience at Rutgers-Newark, and co-director of the Rutgers Memory Disorders Project (<http://www.gluck.edu>). The meeting was motivated not only to promote international cooperation in biomedical research on brain disorders, but also as a response to a growing movement among European scientists and academics to boycott and isolate Israeli scientists.

The conference will take place at both Hebrew University and at the Al-Quds Palestinian Medical School in East Jerusalem. By having the meeting co-hosted by Israelis and Arabs, the organizers seek to catalyze and facilitate greater cooperation in biomedical research and clinical care between Israel and its Middle East neighbors. This conference is the inaugural event of a new Rutgers program, the Rutgers-Israel Biomedical Research and Education Exchange, which will promote and support Rutgers students and faculty to study and conduct research in Israel, and to bring Israeli scientists and students to Rutgers for training and research collaboration.

Additional information on the meeting can be found at <http://basalganglia.huji.ac.il/meeting.htm>.

For other information on the conference, or about the Rutgers-Israel Biomedical Research and Education Exchange, contact Gluck at gluck@pavlov.rutgers.edu.

Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies

Bush-Baskette Chosen to Help Select Good Housekeeping Award Winners

Cornwall Center director Stephanie Bush-Baskette has been asked to serve on the selection committee for the two *Good Housekeeping* awards. The first award, the Good Housekeeping Award for Women in Government, is a program sponsored by *Good Housekeeping* and the Center for American Women in Politics, and supported by the Ford Foundation and Wyeth Corporation.

The second award, the *Good Housekeeping*/Wyeth Award for Women's Health, includes a prize of \$25,000 for a woman in government whose program or achievement advances the status of women's health.

Cornwall Center Hosts Roundtable on Public Policy

The Cornwall Center was the setting for a public policy roundtable March 23 called "Should Land and Buildings be Taxed Differently?" The forum was the third in the series "Fundamental Property Tax Reform: Land Use, Regulatory and Fiscal Reform." Co-sponsored by the Regional Plan Association and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the series investigated ways to reform New Jersey's property tax system.

Bush-Baskette Serves as a Keynote Speaker at Women's History Month Observance

Stephanie Bush-Baskette was one of three speakers invited to discuss the role of women in New Jersey politics March 15 at a Women's History Month celebration titled "Women in Politics: Extreme Makeover" and hosted by Friends of the State House. Bush-Baskette tackled the question of why New Jersey ranks 48th in the nation for the number of women legislators.

Faculty and Administration News

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

Patricia Bender, English, had a paper published in the *Journal of International Learning*, Volume 11, titled "Tshepang (to have hope): Life Long Learning Transformed by Programme Participants," co-written by Fiona Bulman.

Guenther Knoblich, psychology, received the 2005 American Psychological Association Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology in the area of perception/motor performance.

Jonathan Lurie, history, has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Senior Lectureship at Sweden's Upsalla University. Lurie will lecture in legal history, military history, military justice and constitutional law to Upsalla's students and faculty.

Sara Markowitz, economics, recently received the second Adam Smith Award in Mental Health Policy and Economics.

Clement Alexander Price, history, was recently selected as one of three honorable mentions for the New England Resource Center for Higher Education's Ernest A Lynton Award for Faculty Professional Service and Academic Outreach.

Mara Sidney, political science, had her book *Unfair Housing: How National Policy Shapes Community Action* (University Press of Kansas, 2003) recognized by *Choice Magazine* as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2005.

Rutgers School of Law-Newark

The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) will honor **Ester Canty-Barnes** as a distinguished graduate of an historically black college or university. The ceremony will take place at NAFEO's Leadership Summit on Blacks in Higher Education, scheduled for April 20-23 in Washington, D.C.

The *Michigan Law Review* published an article by **James Pope** in its December 2004 issue titled "How American Workers Lost the Right to Strike, and Other Tales." Pope also presented "Next-Wave Organizing: A New Paradigm?" at the Jan. 28 Conference on Next-Wave Organizing at New York Law School.

At its annual meeting this April, the American Society of International Law awarded **Sabrina Safrin** the Deak Prize for her article "Hyperownership in a Time of Biotechnological Promise: The International Conflict to Control the Building Blocks of Life." The piece was originally published last fall in the *American Journal of Business Law*.

The article "Derivative Suits in Bankruptcy" by **Keith Sharfman** was published in the autumn 2004 *Stanford Journal of Law, Business & Finance*.

The third issue of the 2004 *University of Illinois Law Review* included "History's Lesson for the Right to Counsel" by **George Thomas**.

The Institute on Education Law and Policy (IELP), of which **Paul Tractenberg** is the founding director, has received a \$70,000 Academic Excellence Fund award from Rutgers for its project on the relationship between property tax reform and a "thorough and efficient" education.

Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick

Patricia Kettinger, director of the Business and Arts Program, received a Rutgers Human Dignity Award on April 13, for her work teaching courses in business and entrepreneurship to students interested in pursuing arts careers and for founding the Glass Roots Project, in which young city residents create glass art projects while working with Rutgers students, faculty and staff to sharpen the skills needed to market the artwork.

Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience

Kenneth Harris was recently awarded a Sloan Research Fellowship. He is one of 116 scientists, mathematicians and economists selected nationwide to receive the prestigious fellowship.

Paula Tallal was invited by *Discovery* magazine to contribute to their 25th anniversary special "think tank" issue *Neuroscience*. The issue features the views of top neuroscientists about the most significant advances in the past quarter century, and will be published in May.

Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies

Stephanie Bush-Baskette, director of the Cornwall Center, has been selected to participate on a nine-member ad hoc Government Review Task Force created by Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo Jr. The group will study how county municipalities and school boards can work together to control costs.

Newsmakers

Office of the Provost

Provost Steven Diner taped a *Caucus Up Close* program on nonprofit and philanthropic leadership with the co-directors of Rutgers' new Center for Non-Profit and Philanthropic Leadership, Alex Plinio and James Abruzzo. Check www.caucusnj.org for the broadcast date.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

Rachel Hadas, English, was featured in a *Star-Ledger* (Feb. 24) column about her poetry.

Alex Hinton, sociology and anthropology, was quoted extensively in an article about Rutgers-Newark's new Khmer Rouge archive in *The Star-Ledger* (March 20). The archive and Hinton's work with DC-CAM also was the subject of a news reports broadcast on WMBC (March 23).

Timothy Raphael, visual and performing arts, was taped April 14 for an upcoming special edition of *Caucus Up Close* on health issues in urban communities. The broadcast date and time will be announced shortly at www.caucusnj.org.

Mary Segers, political science, commented on the relationship between the pope and American Catholics in the *Star-Ledger* (April 5). She was also quoted about the pope's legacy in the *Asbury Park Press* (April 3).

Robert Snyder, journalism, noted the importance of New York City's subway system in a *New York Times* (March 27) op-ed piece.

Leo Troy, economics, commented about the decline of unions in a *Washington Post* article (March 7).

College of Nursing

Charlotte Thomas Hawkins, nursing, will appear on an upcoming special edition of *Caucus Up Close* concerning health issues in urban communities. Broadcast date and time will be posted shortly at www.caucusnj.org.

Rutgers School of Law-Newark

Associate Dean Bernard Bell participated in an episode of the New Jersey Network program *Due Process* devoted to charitable immunity. The broadcast aired on March 20 and again on March 22.

Associated Press (March 3) and *Star-Ledger* (March 1) articles on two U.S. Supreme Court cases challenging the display of the Ten Commandments on government property quoted **Frank Askin** and **Associate Dean Ronald Chen**, respectively. Askin and his wife, **Marilyn Askin**, also served as co-editors of the April issue of *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*, which was built around the theme "Civil Liberties – New Jersey Style." **Chen** was interviewed by National Public Radio's *Here and Now* about the Colorado Supreme Court decision throwing out a death penalty sentence due to jurors' discussion of Bible verses. *Time* magazine (April 11) and the *Denver Post* (March 30) quoted him on the decision. In addition, Chen was quoted about nighttime business curfews as a means to fight crime in the *Asbury Park Press* (March 27).

A number of media outlets sought comments from **Norman Cantor** on the Terri Schiavo case, including *USA Today* (March 21); the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Detroit News*, *Home News Tribune* and *Press of Atlantic City* (March 22); and the *Asbury Park Press* (April 1). Cantor also participated in a debate on the case on Mitch Albom's nationally syndicated ABC radio program out of Detroit.

Jack Feinstein was quoted by the *New York Times* (Feb. 20) in an article about a squatters' encampment in Woodbridge Township.

An interview with **Gary Francione** on an animal rights issue was broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (March 26).

Randi Mandelbaum was quoted in the *Star-Ledger* (April 9) about lawsuits directed at the N.J. Division of Youth and Family Services.

Howard Latin was quoted by the *Star-Ledger* (Feb.23) about an FDA panel's recommendation concerning the Merck drug, Vioxx.

The *Trenton Times* (Feb. 24) interviewed **John Payne** about proposed legislation to require economic impact study for any application to build a store larger than 130,000 square feet.

The "Industry Insider: Business of Law" column in the *Star-Ledger* (March 4) featured a Q&A with **Assistant Dean Andy Rothman**.

A *Herald News* article (March 5) on a proposed law on state takeover of failing school districts included a comment by **Paul Tractenberg**.

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Dean Howard Tuckman was quoted in a *Monterey County Herald* article (March 11) about the ethics of students who try to hack into university admissions records to see if they got in.

School of Criminal Justice

Candace McCoy was quoted in a *New York Times* piece (March 25) about sentencing guidelines.

A report issued by the **Police Institute** was the subject of *Star-Ledger* (March 24) and *Home News Tribune* (March 25) articles. (March 25). The report noted that while black drivers are more likely to be stopped by troopers on parts on the New Jersey Turnpike, there is no evidence that this is due to racial profiling.

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Junius Williams was quoted in a *Star-Ledger* article (March 18) about curbing teen violence. He also wrote an op-ed piece about school vouchers for the *Star-Ledger* (March 16).

John Cotton Dana Library

Dan Morgenstern commented about “West Coast” jazz in the *Star-Ledger* (Mar. 28). **Morgenstern** also was quoted about musician Dave Brubeck in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (Mar. 16).

Upcoming Events/Conferences

For more events: www.newark.rutgers.edu/events

Dean’s Gala – A 75th Anniversary Celebration of Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick, April 27, Reception: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7:30 p.m., The Hilton at Short Hills. Admission: \$125 per person. For more information, please contact Angie Tsung at 973/353-1651 angiet@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

Blanche and Irwin Lerner Center for Pharmaceutical Management Studies celebrates the fifth year of the Rutgers Business School pharmaceutical management program. The dinner program is scheduled to feature Lester Crawford, commissioner, U.S. Food & Drug Administration. Time and location to be announced.

Rutgers Business School Annual Scholarship and Awards ceremony, May 16, time to be announced, Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. **For more information, please contact Angie Tsung at 973/353-1651 or angiet@andromeda.rutgers.edu.**

Student News

Faculty of Arts and Sciences-Newark

Kehinde Togun, political science and economics, was recently named a Paul Robeson Scholar for his social activism, community service and record of academic distinction.

Rutgers School of Law-Newark

Brian Burlew, Pieter Droppert, Chehrazade Chamchan (all ’06) and **Andrew Lettington** (’05) represented Rutgers in the 2005 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, advancing to the second round.

Danielle Carmona and **Syrion Anthony Jack** (both ’07) have been selected as the first two recipients of the Lowenstein Sandler Fellowship Scholarship Program. Jack and Carmona were among 35 applicants from Rutgers-Newark and Seton Hall law schools.

Elizabeth Harris ('05) has received the 2005 Martin Luther King Jr. Leader of Tomorrow Award from the New Jersey Division of the Ratepayer Advocate. Harris won the award in recognition of her work in advancing Dr. King's legacy of promoting social justice and equal opportunity.

The Environmental Law Moot Court Team of **Uzoamakan Okaye** ('06), **Adam Phelps** ('05) and **Gary Reilly** ('05) advanced to the quarter-final round and won best oral advocate in tow the three preliminary rounds at the 17th Annual Environmental Law Moot Court, held at Pace University.

College of Nursing

Kate Mabach ('05) received first prize for the Baccalaureate Nursing Student Research post at the Eastern Nursing Research Society meeting in New York for her poster titled "A Comparison of Field Methods to Assess Cardiorespiratory Fitness Among Neophyte Exercisers."

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